

CANNON NEWS

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Pete MacLeod

On Memorial Day Warren Ewell and Ed Fishpaw explain the significance of the VFW Buddy Poppy to Cub Scouts from Pack 1355.

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Commander's Message



Pete MacLeod

Some observations on a busy Memorial Day Weekend:

The hit of the weekend may have been our red explainer sheets giving the history of the Buddy Poppies! Comrade Warren Ewell and myself gave out

about 25 of the sheets at Caton Merchant House in Manassas as we conducted a Memorial Day service for the residents. Many had no idea of the rich history that goes with the Buddy Poppies dating back to World War I. We gave the approximately 30 people in attendance a Buddy Poppy too! We showed the sharply produced DVD of the "Ruptured Duck Tour" when Post 7589 gave a bus ride into the World War II Memorial in Washington to dozens of World War II veterans. Steve Meade was Post 7589 Commander at the time, Rick Raskin had a big part in it and Pat Templeton, a former member of the Post now a member of the Winchester, Va. VFW Post, was the main organizer. Of course our late comrade Joe Dazzo shows up everywhere on the 15 minute video. One of the residents recognized an old Army buddy and was going to try and get

in touch. As an added surprise, a sixth grader from Parkside Middle School and her mother arrived and gave out a poem and homemade chocolate chip cookies to all the veterans in attendance. Caton Merchant has more than its share of male and female veterans of World War II. Two of the female veterans spoke up and told us what the U.S. Navy training was like during World War II for nurses.

Earlier on Memorial Day we were pleasantly surprised at the large turnout of Scouts for our Memorial Day service at the Manassas Veterans Memorial. They also made the trip to the Manassas Cemetery for our Francis Cannon service and for the placing of flags at the graves of veterans. Cub Scout Pack 1355 from Manassas had the biggest contingent but there were also Girl Scouts, Brownies and Daisies from the Bennett School and Boy Scouts from Troop 670 at Grace Methodist Church and a group of Scouts from Pack 1412 in Fairfax who called the Post looking for a Memorial Day service to take part in. Judy Ratcliffe, niece of Francis Cannon was in attendance and overwhelmed at the large numbers of young people there to hear of her uncle's heroism on Saipan during World War Two. I want to thank Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, Auxiliary member and my wife Jean MacLeod, Comrades Rod Gillette, Ed Fishpaw, Warren Ewell, Rod Burr, Roger Nicol, Kelly Williams and former Commander Ron Knowles for all of their help on a wet but uplifting Memorial Day morning.

A big task on Memorial Day Weekend at our Post is the distribution of Buddy Poppies and we were aided this year by some very generous customers at Manassas Tractor Supply. Let's just say there were several big bills deposited in the jar. We also met a Post 7589 comrade from Douglasville, Georgia: Retired U.S. Navy Captain Layne Smith who stood for two hours in the sun with us. Captain Smith, who spent 30 years in Navy aviation as a pilot, was in the Manassas area to visit children and grandchildren and came out to help. Altogether we raised close to \$1500.00 for our Relief Fund from the people at Tractor Supply and the Centreville Giant. Thanks to former Commander and current District Commander Ron Link and comrades Eric Cruz, Ed Fishpaw and Warren Ewell for their help with the Poppies and thanks to all the people we met over the weekend who showed their support for the VFW!

A reminder to all veterans, but especially those of the Vietnam War. PBS is about to show a new documentary on the Vietnam War which has been a decade in the making. Ken Burns is in charge so you know it will be of high quality. A preview was shown on the "Salute to Veterans" Memorial Day concert on PBS and it looked like there might be some new perspectives to the familiar arguments about the war and more focus on the members of the U.S. military who actually had to go in there and fight the war. Let's hope that is the case!

Youth News and Notes

Pete MacLeod
Youth Committee Chair

It was a great honor to present Navy Junior ROTC cadet Woo Jung with the VFW Bronze Medal at the Change of Command and Awards Ceremony on May 11, 2017 at Osbourn Park High School.

Cadet Woo Jung was selected for the award from Post 7589 because of his positive attitude toward Navy Junior ROTC, his outstanding appearance and his officer potential. In addition the award goes to a

cadet who shows leadership both in and out of uniform and has maintained at least a "B" average in NJROTC subjects.

I was pleased to meet Cadet Woo Jung's family. His father is a veteran and eligible for the VFW and promised to "sign up" soon. Osbourn Park had a reception afterwards and we were able to get photos, etc. The ceremony itself is impressive with plenty of marching and military protocol.

Earlier in April, our Post presented a VFW Bronze Junior ROTC award to William C. Engleman, a cadet with the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Battlefield High School in Haymarket. Trustee Lou Filippone and Auxiliary President Mary Cork-

hill did the presentation.

What a seamless transition at Cub Scout Pack 1355 in Manassas. The new leader Brian Albers picked up where Will Sedmark left off and continued the tradition of working with our Post on the maps of Manassas cemetery and the flag placements. A big thanks to the Scouts for some terrific work on Memorial Day!

The Youth essay contests are just ahead. The new brochures for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen usually come out about the time of the National Convention (in New Orleans this year in late July).

(See *Youth* on page 6)

Auxiliary President



I would like to thank the Comrades and Auxiliary members for a successful 2016-2017 year. We have accomplished a lot this year from Wreaths Across America, Snow-

ball Express, the Yard Sales, special events with the Veterans, our Community, and the Youth with their different educational programs. To all the individuals that participated, your dedication to this organization allowed us to complete our mission for Veterans and their families. Again "THANK YOU".

On May 8th, the installation of 7589 Auxiliary Officers for 2017-2018 was held at the joint session before our meeting. On behalf of the Auxiliary, I would like to thank the Department Judge Advocate, Rick Raskin, for installing the new Officers. The new Officers will take their positions after the Department Convention in June.

A special thanks to Commander Pete MacLeod, Mr. Jim McIntyre, Mr. Michael Water, Mr. Lyle Stever, Mr. Thomas and Ms. Kylee Corkhill for all their hard work in assisting the Auxiliary with setting up and putting items in the shed and at the rented Public Storage after the Yard Sale. We, the Auxiliary members: Marie Arthofer, Cookie Cullen, Elanor Doczi, Jan Germain, Patsy Gough, Cindy McIntyre, Ann Mitchell, Janet Raskin, Yvonne Sullivan, Diane & Bob Zalenski, and myself, want to thank you for your assistance in making it a very successful day.

The Post will be celebrating its 71st anniversary on June 5, 2017 with a dinner before the monthly meeting. The meal will be provided by the Post and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Please come and join in the celebration. Our meeting will start at 7:30pm.

Our Buddy Poppy Hat and Display were completed at Elanor Doczi's house with the assistance of Cookie Cullen, Cindy McIntyre, Ann Mitchell, Yvonne Sullivan and myself. Since the Buddy Poppy display is to be a surprise before Saturday, June 17th, we will provide pictures in next

month's news article.

Also, I want to thank Debbie Baxter, Jan Germain, and Patsy Gough for assisting me with the Buddy Poppy drive on Saturday, May 27th and Sunday, May 28th. Thanks ladies, you are awesome. The Memorial Day ceremony at the Manassas Veterans Memorial was attended by several Boy, Cub, Girl and Daisy Scout troops. After the wreath laying ceremony, the group traveled to the Manassas cemetery to lay a wreath at Francis Cannon's grave site and replace flags on other veterans graves throughout the cemetery.

Again this year, the not-for-profit Wreaths Across America (WAA) organization has provided us the opportunity to have a fundraiser for our organization's needs along with helping WAA gather sponsorships for wreaths. We are working to place more wreaths than ever before on veterans' graves at Quantico National Cemetery on **December 16, 2017**. There were over 2,000 wreaths distributed at Quantico last year. We ask for your support because this is a major fundraiser for us. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath. Sponsorship forms can be printed from our website at www.vfw7589.org or contact Ginger Harvey at 571-641-5350 or gchl130@aol.com. To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit www.wreathsafteramerica.com and remember to include our **Sponsoring Group ID No. VA0040P and Cemetery ID No. VAQNCT. DEADLINE is November 30, 2017.**

The Department Convention will be June 14th – 18th at Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg. This annual year-end event is held to celebrate the achievements of the Department Auxiliaries & Posts by accepting awards for the 2016-2017 year. I wish 7589 Post and Auxiliary the very best at the upcoming Convention. The Department President's Luncheon will be on Friday, June 16th. There **will not** be an Early Bird drive for members paying their dues early. In lieu of a banquet, we will have a reception/dance from 6-10pm with music provided by a DJ. Free admission to all members attending the Convention. **Note:** Fred Jennings is a candidate for Department Guard. He needs your support.

A year ago, I put the following infor-

mation in the news article about the National Flag. I feel this is worth repeating. On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation deeming **June 14th** as National Flag Day. President Wilson stated that he selected this day because "It is the anniversary of the day upon which the flag of the United States was adopted by the Congress as the emblem of the Union" and he wrote, "On that day we rededicate ourselves to the nation, 'one and inseparable' from which every thought that is not worthy of our fathers' first vows in independence, liberty, and right shall be excluded and in which we shall stand with united hearts." So please don't forget June 14th as a special day for our National Flag. Our independence and unity, as a nation, is represented by our flag. The flag has become a powerful symbol of Americanism and is flown proudly. Please fly your flag to show your patriotism. I would also like to thank all the individuals who have flown the flag this year.

Time is running out to make your reservation for the National Convention in New Orleans, LA from July 22-26, 2017. The National Sr. Vice Dee Guillory (from Virginia) will be installed as the new National President at the end of the Convention. Please mark your calendar for the 5th Annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) at Yorktown Battlefield in Yorktown, VA on Thursday, October 19, 2017. Please come and participate. Thank you to all the individuals who participated in our coupon drive this past year. We have started collecting coupons again this year. Please bring your coupons to the Post so we can send them to our veterans overseas. Thank you so much for your support.

Please keep Ann Mitchell and Yvonne Sullivan in your prayers. They are having some medical issues. Also for any individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized, please keep them in your prayers as well. If you know of anyone who needs some assistance, please let us know. We truly care.

Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President

Thanks a Million

Aluminum Tab Collection tops 1,000,000

By Paul Chase



Rick Raskin

Pictured above is the second contribution of a total 1,000,000 aluminum can tabs for the Shriners Hospital system collected by VFW Post 7589 Manassas Virginia.

In April 2014 our Post leaders became aware that one of our stalwart comrades Pete Slusher (WWII and Korean War Vet) was collecting handfuls of aluminum can tabs. The recycling proceeds will go to the Shriners Boston Center and other Shriners Hospitals to provide cost free medical services for needy individuals. We saw this as an opportunity to show what dedicated veterans can do when motivated beyond our own vested interests.

Soon over 50 collection jugs were distributed to hospitals, pubs, hardware, furniture, farm implement, and grocery stores; churches, hotels, schools and more. Tabs started appearing from as far away as Nebraska and Chicago. The community became energized from our own infectious desire to do good for those in need throughout our Nation.

Pete served as our "Quality Control" manager by weeding out iron tabs with a magnetic wand from the mountains of weekly donations. There is hardly a better example of how our Post looks to find and lead in ways to support those who need from those of us lucky, proud and able to provide it! The program is here to stay.

The following is a list of the major contributors of tabs who deserve special recognition:

Molly's Irish Pub, Rankins Hardware, Manassas Host Lions Club, Independent Empowerment Center, St Marks Church, InterService Club Council, Hampton Inn, Giant Food Stores,

Additional major contributors include:

- * The Home Depot, Streamwalk Lane, Manassas, Va.
- * Tractor Supply Co., Balls Ford Rd., Manassas, Va.
- * Walmart Store, Trading Square, Haymarket, Va.



Rick Raskin

Pete Slusher who was instrumental in starting the program uses a homemade magnetic wand to check for steel tabs which would contaminate the batch.



Larry Clance

(L-R) Wayne Moore, Warren Ewell, Ron Link, Rick Raskin, Paul Chase and Joel Chase; a few of the comrades who helped with the program.

- * BB&T Warrenton, Lee Highway, Warrenton, Va.
- * St. Timothy School, Chantilly, Va.
- * Ms. Helen Walker, Manassas, Va.
- * Mr. Phil Jones, Dumfries, Va.
- * Brown's Hyundai, Manassas, Va.
- * Ms. Anne Marie Studio, Woodstock, Va.
- * PetSmart, Gainesville, Va.
- * Mr. Louie Walker, Warrenton, Va.
- * Ms. Patty Thrift, Manassas, VA
- * Nelson Dental Practice, Manassas, Va.
- * Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Winchester, Va.
- * General Moore Country Chevrolet, Warrenton, Va.

Post 7589 achieves All State status

Once again due to the hard work of our members the Post achieved All State status in the Department of Virginia. All State is awarded to the top performing Posts according to the following criteria:

2016-2017 ALL STATE TEAM

- For a Post to be eligible, it must have reached 100% plus of their Membership Quota by June 30, 2017
- The Post Quartermaster must be bonded.
- The Post must have been inspected and the Inspection Reports must be received by State Headquarters no later than December 16, 2016.
- The Post Commander must attend each District Meeting or have an authorized member attend.
- The Post Commander or designated Post Officer must attend a Department or District School of Instruction.
- All Audit Reports must be turned into State Headquarters as required by Section 218 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
- Posts with less than 50 members are not eligible for the All State Team. To be eligible the Post must increase their membership to 50 members. The Post will then be classified as 100%.
- The Post must participate in the following programs.
- Buddy Poppy Program purchase minimum of 5 poppies per member
- Department Map Fund (must make a \$100.00 donation to Department MAP)
- Have a Post Service Officer appointed.
- The Post must have submitted the following reports at least once during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and once during the second half (November 1 thru April 30)
 - Hospital Report
 - Americanism Report
 - Community Activities Report
 - Safety Report
 - Youth Activities Report
- The Post must participate in at least 2 of the 3 following programs:
 - Voice of Democracy Program (must submit a student to the District level for District judging)
 - Patriot's Pen Program (must submit a student to the District level for District judging)
 - Teacher of the Year Program (must submit at least one Teacher to the District Level for District judging)

ALL STATE TEAM AWARDS

The All State Post Commanders that have met all the criteria including membership by May 12, 2017 will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; and an All State pin. A check in the amount of \$300.00, **to assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention**, will be presented. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander. The All State Commanders that met the criteria except for membership by May 12, 2017 and meets the membership criteria by June 30, 2017 will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; and an All State pin.

The All State Post Quartermasters that have met all the criteria including membership by May 12, 2017 will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; and an All State pin. A check in the amount of \$300.00 **to assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention** will be presented. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander. The All State Quartermasters that met the criteria except for membership by May 12, 2017 and meets the membership criteria by June 30, 2017 will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; and an All State pin.

Many thanks to all of our members who worked so hard to help us achieve this prestigious award.

Virginia teacher wins National Teacher of the Year award

VFW — Tuesday, May 16, 2017

The final judging in the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award program has been completed.

Congratulations to the following three National winners:

Grade Level K - 5 Theresa Early Laurel Ridge Elementary School Fairfax, Virginia — VFW Post 8469 & Auxiliary – Fairfax Station, Virginia

Grade Level 6 - 8 Jeffrey Benes Antioch Middle School Gladstone, Missouri — VFW Post 10906 & Auxiliary – Kansas City, Missouri

Grade Level 9 - 12 Steve D. Johnson Churchill County High School Fallon, Nevada — VFW Post 1002 & Auxiliary – Fallon, Nevada

These winners will be at the VFW National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Please take time to congratulate them at the Convention.

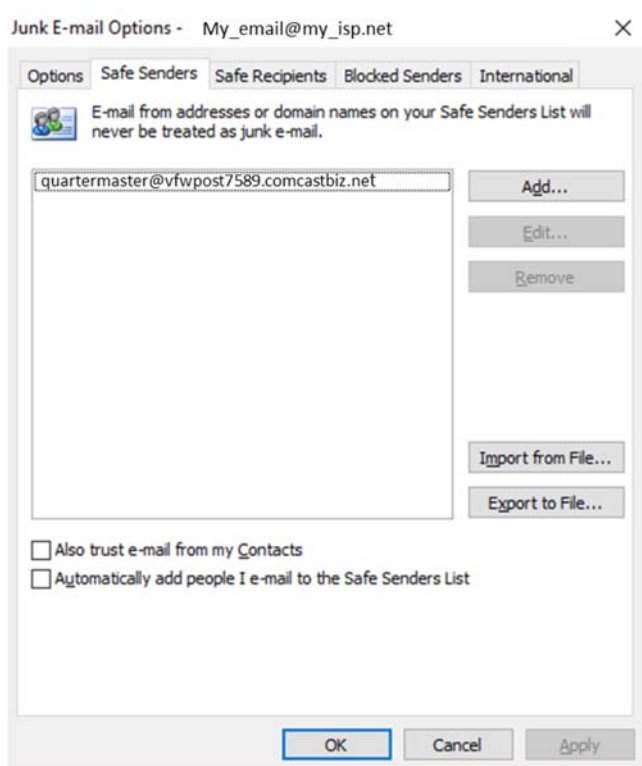
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Stan Hunter

The Post/Auxiliary "Teacher of the Year" in the Grade 6-8 category is Ms. Erin Merrill, a 7th and 8th grade social studies teacher at Pennington School in Manassas. She received her award as District 8 Teacher of the Year on April 29. District Commander Ron Link and Department Senior Vice Commander Mike Bohme made the presentation.

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They are usually available at the VFW Store in early August. If you want a head start, you can print applications from the national website, www.vfw.org

The next meeting of the Youth Committee will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 17 at the Post. At that time we should be ready to go with the new brochures. We can start bringing the brochures to the teachers and students in Manassas City Schools and Prince William County schools in addition to the private and religious schools and home schooled students who take part in the essay competition.

Any Virginia private or public school student or home schooled student can enter the contest by submitting his or her essay to our Post.

The new themes are:

Patriot's Pen (Grades 6-8): *"America's Gift to my Generation"*

Voice of Democracy (Grades 9-12): *"American History: Our Hope for the Future"*

Deadline for entries is November 1, 2017

Deadline for Teacher of the Year nominations: Feb. 15, 2018.



Pete MacLeod

Warren Ewell, Ron Link and Ed Fishpaw distribute Buddy Poppies at Centreville Giant. The Post had nearly \$1500 donated to our Relief Fund.

Memorial Day Weekend



Pete MacLeod

Scouts attended Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Manassas Veterans Memorial and assisted in placing flags on veterans' graves at the Manassas Cemetery.



Rick Raskin

Auxiliary 7589 Senior Vice President Janet Raskin rides the Grand Marshall Float at the Memorial Day Parade in Marion, Virginia. She and Department Judge Advocate Rick Raskin were guests of Marion Post 4667 and represented the Department of Virginia.



Pete MacLeod

Marion Virginia goes all out for Memorial Day weekend

Post 4667 sponsors weekend events

By Rick Raskin
Department Judge Advocate

My wife Janet & I were privileged to be invited to attend the Memorial Day Weekend celebrations in Marion, Virginia as representatives of the Department of Virginia. Post Commander Sam Rosenbaum and many others from the Post and Auxiliary made us feel more than welcome. In fact, we were treated like we were long standing members of the community.

The town goes all out for Memorial Day where over 1000 flags grace the courthouse lawn in commemoration of the fallen.

Festivities began with a patriotic concert on Saturday night by the "Governor's Own", the Virginia National Guard band, at the historic Lincoln Theater. The concert opened with a presentation of the colors by the Post color guard and introductions by Mayor David Helms and Herbert (Turk) Johnson, the Post's event coordinator. Following a rousing presentation by the band we were treated to an intermission concert by the band's rock unit. A finale of patriotic music culminated with "The Stars and Stripes Forever" in which the piccolo player nailed the solo.

The following day was an afternoon concert by "Letters From Home" [<http://lettersfromhomesingers.com>] which began with some fantastic Bluegrass from two local teachers. Their students joined them onstage to present some Bluegrass classics.

"Letters From Home" a song and dance ensemble featuring Erinn Diaz and the accompanying group "Finale" performed a production of 1940s period music and patriotic songs. The performance ended with "I'm Proud to be an American" which brought the audience to their feet.

Monday was the big parade. We were invited to ride on the Grand Marshall's float from which we greeted the crowds lining the street and also had an excellent view. The parade route was several miles long and the streets were crowded with enthusiastic viewers. Mayor Helms walked the route shaking hands with many of them.

A program at Post 4667 followed with a presentation of memorial wreaths, a welcome by Mayor Helms, an inspirational speech by Army SFC Kenneth Bradford and a performance by Erinn Diaz of "Letters From Home". Reverend Emily Edmonston provided the opening and closing prayers. Taps and a 21-gun salute culminated the event after which lunch was provided by the Post.

Mayor Helms' says his goal is to make Marion the most patriotic town in the US. We think he is well on the way to achieving that goal, and may have already succeeded.



Over 1000 flags were displayed at the Smyth County courthouse; each one signifying a veteran who has passed on.



Erinn Diaz of "Letters From Home" performed at the Lincoln Theater on Sunday afternoon.



SFC Kenneth Bradford addressed the gathering at Post 4667 on Monday afternoon.

From the



TRICARE Formulary Change:

Nexium, a popular drug used to treat gastroesophageal reflux disease, will be removed from TRICARE's formulary list. Effective June 28, 2017, the drug will no longer be available in military hospitals and clinics and those patients who choose to remain on the drug will pay increased fees. The change comes because the drug's producer, biopharmaceutical company AstraZeneca, cancelled the Department of Defense's 10-year Nexium preferred pricing agreement on April 1. The increased

Supreme Court Clarifies Property Rights in Military Divorce Settlements:

VFW has long advocated for clarity and consistency of the law

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (May 17, 2017) – On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court presented a unanimous ruling on the case of *Howell v. Howell*, establishing clear guidance for military divorce settlements under the Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act (USFSPA), and was in line with the Amicus Curiae brief filed in the case by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

USFSPA authorizes state courts to treat veterans' military retirement pay, in addition to other benefits, as community property divisible upon divorce. However, lower court interpretations have led to a lack of consistency in applying the law from state to state. The VFW, which filed its Amicus Curiae (friend of the court) brief on this case in January 2017, has long advocated for reform to the law's language in order to provide clarity and consistency in hopes of establishing a uniformed system.

In *Howell v. Howell*, Sandra Howell was awarded half of Air Force veteran John Howell's military retirement set to begin the year following their divorce in 1991. More than a decade later, the Department of Veterans Affairs determined John had a 20 percent disability rating at which point he elected to waive a portion of his retirement pay in order to begin collecting disability benefits. This reduced the funds awarded to Sandra each month under the original decree, leading her to successfully petition the Arizona Supreme Court to reinstate the original monthly amount awarded.

Monday's unanimous ruling reversed the decision, citing state court may not order a veteran to pay a divorced spouse for the loss in the divorced spouse's portion of the veteran's retirement pay caused by the veteran's waiver of retirement pay to receive service-related disability benefits.

"We're pleased with the Supreme Court's ruling in this case,"

said VFW National Commander Brian Duffy. "This will, hopefully, provide some much needed consistency across the country and ensure some certainty for veterans."

The VFW will continue to monitor the implementation of this decision among the individual states. price is costing the DOD an additional \$1.6 million per day. The almost 338,000 TRICARE patients currently prescribed Nexium are advised to contact their doctors to determine if Nexium is medically necessary or if they can safely be switched to an alternative drug. Patients taking Nexium should receive letters from the Defense Health Agency with more details.

Senate Introduces VFW-Supported VA Health Care Bill:

Senators Tammy Duckworth, Susan Collins and Richard Blumenthal introduced bipartisan legislation to expand cost-free preventive health care and medicine to veterans using VA. The VFW learned last year that while preventive health care and medicines are provided cost-free by law to all other insured Americans — whether it be with the Department of Defense or private sector insurance — VA is required by law to charge for these services and prescriptions. "There is no excusable reason why every other American can receive breast cancer prevention medicine cost-free, but veterans must pay. It is unsatisfactory that every other American prone to falls and breaking bones can receive cost-free vitamin D supplements, but our warriors with TBI must pay," said VFW Adjutant General Robert E. Wallace. The VFW urges its members and supporters to contact their members of Congress and tell them to support S. 1161 and H.R. 1100, the Veterans Preventive Health Coverage Fairness Act.

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"POT O' GOLD" Member Drawing

Three (3) winners will be drawn and accompany the Commander-in-Chief on an all-expense paid trip to Ireland (Fall 2017) along with their spouse or guest.

For any new/reinstated member recruited between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017:

- You will receive one (1) chance for every five (5) new/reinstated members recruited
- You will receive ten (10) chances for every increment of 25 new/reinstated members recruited

➤ **Attention Post and District Commander:**

- ✓ You will receive ten (10) chances in recognition of 85%+ post and district retention

Drawing will take place **July 1, 2017**

- **All awards are non-transferable**



Upcoming Events

June 1	Executive Board meeting—7:30pm
June 5	71 st Post Anniversary — Light supper before Post Meeting—6:30pm
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm
June 15-18	Department Convention, Williamsburg, VA
June 20	Youth Committee - 7:00pm
June 26	Americanism Committee - 7:00pm
June 29	Executive Board meeting—7:30pm
July 3	Post/Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm
July 4	Independence Day — Celebrate with your families!
July 22-26	National Convention-New Orleans, LA
August 3	Executive Board meeting—7:30pm
August 7	Post/Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm
August 13	District 8 Meeting & School of Instruction at Post 7589 (Hosted by Post 1811) - 9:00am - 3:00pm
August 31	Executive Board meeting—7:30pm

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Please provide email or "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor, (if you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email"

Mailing

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: **Quantico National Cemetery VAQNCT**

Fundraising Group ID: **VA0040P**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

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WreathsAcrossAmerica.org



SPONSOR A WREATH FOR A VETERAN'S GRAVE

Since 2007, Wreaths Across America carries out its mission **REMEMBER** the fallen, **HONOR** those that serve and **TEACH** our children the value of **FREEDOM** in part by placing wreaths on veterans graves during the holiday season.

The **Francis Cannon Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589** is working with Wreaths Across America to help place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at **Quantico National Cemetery**. **Deadline Date is November 30, 2017.**

On **Saturday, December 16, 2017**, Wreaths Across America ceremonies will take place at over 1200 locations in the USA and beyond.

Sponsorships are \$15 each. We are participating because we think it is a great program and \$5 of every sponsorship will support the Francis Cannon Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589 directly so we may continue to assist veterans and families as well as our community.

PLEASE JOIN US -- All wreaths will be placed by volunteers on **Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 12 Noon at Quantico National Cemetery**. This is a moving experience that you should make part of your holiday tradition. With your help our local heroes will be remembered this Holiday Season. **How many sponsorships can we count on you for?**

For more information visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, or call 877-385-9504.
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