CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589 Manassas, Virginia November 2014



Pete MacLeod and Terry Bursey distribute Trick or Treat bags at the 2014 Manassas Fall Jubilee on October 4. We distributed over 1200 McGruff safety tips bags.

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Auxiliary President's Report



I want to express my sincere Nov 8 thanks to the ladies that assisted 4th. We had a great turn out the basket that was raffled off thank the ladies for a fantastic job setting up and working the Yard Sale on October 18th. They **Dec 1** were: Carol Cullen, Elanor

Doczi, Nancy Dazzo, Patsy Gough, Nicole Johnson, Dec 7 Cindy McIntyre, Janet Raskin, Yvonne Sullivan and Dec 7 Kay Yeager. A special thanks to Diane Husch and Janet Taylor from Bingo, Kylie Spicer (Air Force ROTC from **Dec 11** Stonewell) and Lyle Stever (Navy ROTC from Osbourn Park) for their assistance. Everyone working as a team Dec 13 made the yard sale a great success. Again, thank you.

We are again working with the not-for-profit Wreaths Across America ("WAA") organization. We are working to place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at Quantico National Cemetery. We ask for your and support services to struggling military and veteran support because this is a major fundraiser for us. Spon- families. Please save the UPC code and give them to sorships are \$15 per wreath. Sponsorship forms are at- any member of the Auxiliary or bring them to the Post. tached to this newsletter and can also be printed from Thank you in advance for your participation. our website at www.vfw7589.org. To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, As always, for individuals or family members who are please visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.com and re- ill or hospitalized, you are in our prayers. member to include our Sponsoring Group ID No. VA0040P and Cemetery ID No. VAQNCT. **DEADLINE** for the Auxiliary is **November 24th**.

The Auxiliary will be having a Buddy Poppy drive on November 8th at the Giant at Wellington Shopping Center from 9am-2pm. Please come and assist Janet Raskin and Yvonne Sullivan. On November 11th, we will be at the Manassas Veterans Memorial for the Veterans Activities. After this event, we will be going over to the Manassas Cemetery to lay flags on the Veterans graves. Please come and join us.

Just a reminder of the 8th District meeting on **Saturday**, November 22nd at the Southern Fauquier (7728) Post at 1pm. If you need transportation, please let me know.

The schedule for the next two months is as follows:

Nov 3 Post/Auxiliary Meeting-7:30 pm Nov 6-9 Southern Conference - Charleston, WV Nov 8 **Buddy Poppy Drive for Auxiliary** Wellington Giant - 9 am-2 pm

Veterans Day Parade 11:00 am - Line up 9:00 am

in the Fall Jubilee on October Nov 11 Veterans Day Activities - 8:30 am - Manassas Veterans Memorial

from the public. Congratula- Nov 21 Youth Committee Mtg. - 7 pm

tions to Carol Cullen for winning Nov 22 District 8 meeting, Southern Fauquier (7728) 1:00 pm

during this event. I also want to Nov 24 Wreaths Across America Fundraiser **Deadline**

> Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 pm (at a restaurant TBD)

Pearl Harbor Day

VOD/Patriots Pen/Teacher Awards/

Refreshments - 4:00 pm

Assisted Living (Gifts for Veterans Day or Christmas) (TBD)

Wreaths-Across-America - Quantico Cemeterv - Noon

Dec 19 Youth Committee Meeting – 7 pm

We are collecting Campbell's soup labels for the National Home for Children. This home provides housing

The Respectfully, Mary Corkhill Ladies Auxiliary President



Service Officer's Report



few days away. special day only comes once a Lets make the most of it shall think about it! we?

sister with whom you have never done so and just 659-0849 or just pull one of us aside and tell us a sugask.... How are you doing today? Reach out to someone who you do not know in your neighborhood and say... Can I help you? Or perhaps on your own behalf Our number one goal is providing the best service to our reach out to one of our Service Officers and say ... May I speak with you...I have a question? We will be glad to give you our time and listen.

As dedicated Service Officers our role is to listen and you! They are myself and: help. Just this month alone we have assisted veterans both young and old. We recently assisted a female Ar- Stephen Meade 1-703-408-0875 my reservist veteran who has now just received her dis- Email: SO2-7589@hotmail.com charge rating from the Army and also her VA rating. She will be receiving 70% retirement rating from the Our goal is simple. We want to take care of all our vetyears of work by our Team to help her. She still will be will allow. Thank you for your service! receiving extensive medical assistance when she fully retires this month, but it is long overdue and she will If you have any questions please feel free to reach us at need long-term care.

This is one of the many examples of what can be done to help you.

Our Veterans Service Officer Team works hard for you Steven M. Botello to bring all the resources that we can to assist our Post Post Service Officer and all the veterans we can. We would like to add to Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #7589 our Team. If you would like to join us please feel free (Office) 1-703-659-0849 to reach out and let us know if you would like to be- (FX) 1-703-991-0677 come a Service Officer. We need your help. We will Email: SO7589@verizon.net

Veterans Day 2014 is just a provide free training and you will get to meet lots of This one interesting people from all walks of life.

year but it represents a life- It is a great job where you get to work with and help time of commitment to our veterans from the Prince William County region with freedom and to our Nation their VA claims, housing, vocational rehab, benefits and whom we all have served. provide much needed help to those in need. Please

Please feel free to contact our Service Officer Team at Please take the time to reach any time for questions, suggestions or other needs you out to a veteran brother or may have at: so7589@verizon.net or call us at 1-703gestion of service that we can provide.

veterans and their families.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of our Veteran Service Officers and find out just what they can do for

Army and 100% rating from the VA after almost two erans with the greatest level of service that our resources

our VSO phone line: 1-703-659-0849 or Email: SO7589@verizon.net.

Virginia Department of Veteran Services Agent Services at Post 7589 has been suspended due to staff shortages.

We will notify on our website, via email and Cannon News when service is to be resumed.

In the interim you may contact our service officer team at 703-658-0849.

Youth News and Notes

By Pete MacLeod—Youth Committee Chair



our Nation's History and

VFW instructions.

For Voice of Democracy we give between 0 and 30 points for Originality which means the treatment of this Judging can be a blurry eyed job but it is always fun and Last year's Post 7589 winner Gabriel Helms of Bristow scored a perfect 100 points.

For Patriot's Pen, the scoring is slightly different since there is no audio component and the students are young-Between 0 and 30 points are given for Theme Knowledge and research. Between 0 and 35 points for developing the theme and answering the who, what, where, when and why questions. Finally between 0 and

Judging of the youth essays 35 points are given for clarity of ideas. Does the writer for this school year is taking explain how he or she interprets the theme? This last place this month. The themes category is the most challenging part for middle school are: "Why I Appreciate Amer- students as they always have to fight the tendency to ica's Veterans" for Patriot's stray from the theme of the contest. Last year's first Pen (Grades 6-8) and "Why place winner here at Post 7589, Alhassan Buhisi of Veterans are Important to Parkside Middle School, got a perfect 100 point score.

Future" for Voice of Democ- For Teacher of the year, the VFW guidelines give 50 racy (Grades 9-12). There is points for Innovation in teaching, 25 points for using no magic formula to the judg- Resources to enhance teaching, and 25 points for show-We simply follow the ing Passion about teaching. They also put heavy weight on documentation of awards, citations, letters of praise, newspaper or internet articles, etc.

year's theme. Between 0 and 35 points are given for satisfying to finally announce the winners and see how Content which is defined by the VFW as expressing far they go in the state competition. In 2010, our grade ideas clearly and in an organized manner. Between 0 9 through 12 local Teacher of the Year winner, Anne and 35 points are given for Delivery since the students Carroll of Seton School, finished first in the state of are asked to record their essays on a CD or Cassette. Virginia. Twice in recent years our Voice of Democra-





cy winner was state runner up. We will announce this year's Post 7589 winners before Veterans Day. Stay tuned!

VFW sponsored fellowship and scholarship for Student-Veterans

By Kenneth B. Wiseman, III Virginia State Surgeon Chair, State Student Veterans CMTE

Comrades,

The link below is for a VFW sponsored fellowship for Student-Veterans. Those selected will "storm the hill" with the VFW in March and do legislative advocacy in The next link is for the Spring 2015 "Help a Hero" as there is a requirement to be VFW eligible and our be Veterans attending college. membership base is an easy place to find these candidates. All needed directions are attached.

http://vfw.org/News-and-Events/Articles/2014-Articles/ VFW,-SVA-Fellowship-Program-to-Bring-Student-Veterans-to-Capitol-Hill/

support of the VFW's mission. If you have any mem-scholarship that the VFW has thanks to Sport Clips. bers who are Student-Veterans please pass it on to them Again, please pass this onto our membership who may

> https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1561213-AJcwzR1H2z

Thank-you for all you do.

Manassas Fall Jubilee a success for the Post

By Rick Raskin

The annual Manassas Fall Jubilee on October 4th was quite a success for the Post. The Auxiliary and the Comrades had adjoining tables along with a third taken by VETPAR, the Manassas Veterans Parade.

Over 25,000 people were on the streets of Old Town taking in a perfect fall day. The streets were literally packed from 10 am to about wind in the afternoon it couldn't have been a better day.

The Comrades main activity was distributing Halloween Trick or Treat bags to the youth in the community. The bags, printed with safety tips, are a favorite and people seek us out to get one. This year we distributed over 1200 bags and completely depleted our stock. Fortunately we didn't run out until about 30 minutes before the day ended.

recruiting opportunity. We meet scores of people many of whom are veterans, with



4:30 pm. Other than a little Comrade Warren Ewell with an eager Trick-or-Treater.



We also use the day as a Auxiliary members at the Fall Jubilee included (L-R) **Department Junior Vice President Shema Peppers,** Yvonne Sullivan, Elanor Doczi, Cookie Cullen, Post 7589 President Mary Corkhill and Janet Raskin.

a portion of those eligible for membership in the VFW. This year we welcomed 6 new members who joined that day. (We actually inducted 8 new members at our October 6th meeting.)

Leading our forces were Pete MacLeod, Terry Bursey, Ron Link, Rick Raskin and Warren Ewell. Comrade Jack Lilley who was representing VET-PAR also assisted.

The Auxiliary also had quite a day. Their activities included distributing flags to school age children, promoting the educational scholarship programs to middle and high school students, recruiting new members and raffling a basket of items as a fundraiser.

The Manassas Fall Jubilee is an annual event held on the first Saturday in October. The Post has participated for many years and has distributed over 25,000 Trick or Treat bags. It is an excellent community opportunity for the Post and gives us high visibility.

Aluminum Tab Collection Program Update

Nina Walker and Pete Slusher are THE KING AND QUEEN of the VFW Post 7589 Aluminum Can Tab Collection Program. Between them, they have contributed over 25,000 tabs. Their efforts show what can be accomplished with dedication and a little effort. We started this program in April 2014 and are now at the six month milestone. We want to crush our one year goal of 125,000, so maximum effort by everyone is important. We continue to expand our network of contributors, so spread the word. The need for the services of the Boston Burn Center is endless, so we are making this effort a permanent VFW Post 7589 Community Service program.



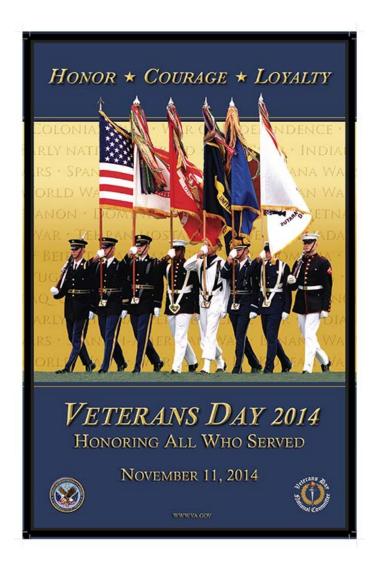
Veteran's Day Weekend Manassas Veteran's Parade, Buddy Poppies and Ceremonies					
Fri. Nov. 7	0900	Veterans Assembly — Manassas Christian School			
	1400 - 1900	Buddy Poppies — Centreville Giant on St. Germain			
Sat. Nov. 8	1100	Manassas Veterans Parade			
	1400 - 1800	Buddy Poppies — Gainesville Giant			
Sun. Nov. 9	0900 - 1300	Buddy Poppies — Woodbine Food Lion			
Mon. Nov. 10	1300	4th Grade Assembly — Haydon Elementary			
	1400	Veterans Tribute — Round Elementary			
	1430 & 1500	Student assemblies — Weems Elementary			
Tues. Nov. 11	0830	Ceremony — Manassas Veterans Memorial			

0900

1100

Flag Placement — Manassas Cemetery

Ceremony — American Legion Post 10



Manassas Ballet is offering free tickets to "all military and veterans" for the November 7 performance of "Colin"



for the opening veterans are 20% off. performance of day, Nov 7.

This poignant ballet tells the very personal story of Colin J. Wolfe, the Marine son of Manassas Ballet Thea- TICKETS: at www.hyltoncenter.org tre's artistic director, Amy Grant Wolfe, who lost his life or 888-945-2468 in Iraq.

After receiving much acclaim and national media atten- www.manassasballet.org tion with her original one act ballet, Colin debuts as an for information

The Manassas evening-length ballet accompanied by the Manassas Ballet is offer- Ballet Theatre Orchestra.

ing free tickets Tickets for all military and veterans are free on opening to "all military night (Friday, Nov 7); accompanying tickets are 20% and veterans" off. For the Saturday and Sunday shows, military and

"Colin" on Fri- Friday, November 7 -- 7:30pm Saturday, November 8 -- 7:30pm Sunday, November 9 -- 3:00pm

> \$45, \$35, \$25, \$15 (regular prices)

The 6th Annual Greater Manassas Veterans Day Parade November 8,

who have served honorably in defense of our Nation.

This year's parade especially honors those who served Be a part of the parade by marching with our VFW Post in Operation Enduring Freedom from November 7, 2001 7589. We will meet at the Post at 1000 that morning. through the present time and Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 20, 2003 to December 15, 2011.

The Grand Marshal, Sergeant Faris J. Amra USMC Retired, is a local veteran. He sustained a terrible injury in Afghanistan losing his right leg below the knee in the explosion of a roadside bomb while on patrol from his

The annual parade honors all United States Veterans unit in the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment and serving as an automatic rifleman and patrol leader.



Funeral Service for Sergeant Richard N. Bean

By Joel Chase

The funeral service for Sergeant Bean was held at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas on Friday October 3, 2014, some 70 years after he went missing during battle in Saipan. His family never knew what happened to him, but his remains were discovered by the Japanese and returned to the United States for positive identification and interment.

The service was well attended. Nine members of VFW Post 7589 were present to pay their respects and serve as Color Guard/Honor Guard or Pallbearers. Honoring one of the members of the "Greatest Generation" was humbling. Welcome home Sergeant Bean. You were never forgotten.



... a "yes" vote on the proposed amend-

Proposed Constitutional Amendment To be voted on at the November 4, 2014 Election

Article X. Taxation and Finance.

Section 6-A. Property tax exemption for certain veterans and surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action.

BALLOT QUESTION

Question: Shall Section 6-A of Article X (Taxation and Finance) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?

EXPLANATION

Present Law

The Constitution now requires the General Assembly to

exempt from taxation the real property, including the joint real property of husband and wife, ment will make effective legislation exof any veteran with a one hun-empting from real property taxation the dred percent service-connected, principal residence of the surviving spouse permanent, and total disability, of any member of the armed forces of the as determined by the U.S. De- United States who was killed in action. partment of Veterans Affairs.

The exemption from taxation is applicable only to the principal place of residence. The surviving spouse of a veteran with such a disability is entitled to claim this exemption so long as the surviving spouse does not remarry and continues to occupy the real property as his or her principal place of residence.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would authorize the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the real property of any surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was "killed in action," as determined by the U.S. Department of Defense. The exemption from taxation would cease if the surviving spouse remarries. The exemption would apply regardless of whether the spouse was killed in action prior to the effective date of this amendment but would apply only to those real property taxes to be paid on or after the effective date of legislation passed by the General Assembly. The exemption from taxation would apply to the surviving spouse's principal place of residence, even if he or she moves to a new principal place of residence. The

exemption would not require the surviving spouse to have been residing in the Commonwealth at the time his or her spouse was killed in action.

Legislation exercising the authority granted to the General Assembly in the proposed amendment was passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor McAuliffe on April 7, 2014, but will become effective only upon approval by the voters of the proposed amendment.

Thus, a "yes" vote on the proposed amendment will make effective legislation exempting from real property taxation the principal residence of the surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action.

A "no" vote will leave the present Constitution unchanged.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT [Proposed new language is underlined. Existing language that is de-

> leted is shown as stricken (stricken).]

Amend Section 6-A of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia as follows ARTICLE X

TAXATION AND FINANCE

Section 6-A. Property tax exemption for certain veterans and surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6, the General Assembly by general law, and within the restrictions and conditions prescribed therein, shall exempt from taxation the real property, including the joint real property of husband and wife, of any veteran who has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency pursuant to federal law to have a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability, and who occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence. The General Assembly shall also provide this exemption from taxation for real property owned by the surviving spouse of a veteran who was eligible for the exemption provided in this section subdivision, so long as the surviv-

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ing spouse does not remarry and continues to occupy the real property as his or her principal place of resi-

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6, the General Assembly by general law, and within the restrictions and conditions prescribed therein, may exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action as determined by the United States Department of Defense, who occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence. The exemption under this subdivision shall cease if the surviving spouse remarries and shall not be claimed thereafter. This exemption applies regardless of whether the spouse was killed in action prior to the effective date of this subdivision, but the exemption shall not be applicable for any period of time prior to the effective date. This exemption applies to the surviving spouse's principal place of residence without any restriction on the spouse's moving to a different principal place of residence and

without any requirement that the spouse reside in the Commonwealth at the time of death of the member of the armed forces.



Burger King® Franchisees to Launch VFW Unmet Needs Fundraising Campaign

ans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation is pleased to The money contributed by our loyal customers helps announce that for the eighth consecutive year, Burger military families make ends meet during these tough King® Franchisees across the country will host a fund- financial times. BURGER KING® Franchisees have raiser to benefit the VFW Unmet Needs program during pledged to be there for our military families until all the month of November. Patrons of participating BURG- needs are met," said Mike DeRosa, a franchise owner, ER KING® Restaurants are encouraged to donate \$1 or and more to the Unmet Needs program with the purchase of their meal. Through its annual fundraiser, Burger King® Franchises have contributed more than \$2.6 million to their customers are incredible, patriotic Americans who the program to date.

military families during times of financial hardship by of thousands of U.S. troops has been greatly boosted," providing financial grants to help with basic necessities said VFW Foundation Manager Richard Freiburghouse. like rent, mortgage and utility payments, vehicle repair, "Our brave heroes have often personally sacrificed so medical expenses and groceries/basic assistance. Since much for us all and we welcome the opportunity to do 2004, the program has provided approximately \$5 mil- everything we can to provide them this vital assistance." lion to aid U.S. service members.

"BURGER KING® Franchisees want to ensure that can be accessed here. America's military service personnel and their families

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (October 30, 2014) — The Veter- will never be forgotten in their time of financial crisis. spokesperson the for group.

"Participating BURGER KING® Franchise owners and truly understand the financial challenges that military service personnel and their families often experience. The Unmet Needs program assists service members and Through their commitment to this campaign, the morale

A list of participating BURGER KING® Restaurants

PC Scam—Beware

Several of our members have recently reported a phish- Check the sender's address and even if it is someone ing scam making the rounds. The email claims that your you know, be wary. As shown below, the senders ad-PC is infected with numerous errors and that you should dress is in India. Ask yourself, "How in the world click on an enclosed link to initiate repair. BEWARE! would they know that my PC had errors?" This is a scam and the sender will install malware on your machine, take control and then charge you to re- Tech Support < pavanne. Staffordshire BullTerrier@eightze (in) move it.

DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINK OR DOWNLOAD ANY PICTURES UNLESS YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THEY ARE GENUINE.



domain suffix is .in = India

VFW continues to fight on Capitol Hill

VFW continues to fight on Capitol Hill for the rights care and avoiding sequestration, and those were just a month, more than 70 members of the VFW Legislative their doorstep. Committee met for the fall legislative conference in It may take time, but the VFW won't stop fighting until on the important issues like receiving adequate health changes the VA needs to properly care for all veterans.

and benefits you've earned and sacrificed for. Last couple of the major topics of concern we brought to

Washington, D.C. They pressed members of Congress Congress fulfills its promise to make the necessary



(L-R) Dan Boyer (Joint Leadership Council Vice Chair, Department of VA), Ms. Rosie Heiss (Defense Fellow in Senator Warner's office), Monti Zimmerman (CDR VFW-1811 Manassas Park) and Pete MacLeod (SVC VFW-7589 Manassas)

Upcoming Events

Nov 3 General Membership Meeting -- 1930

Nov 7 - 11 Veteran's Day Weekend: Manassas Veteran's Parade, Buddy Poppies and Ceremo-

nies (See Page 7)

Nov 22 District 8 Meeting - Post 7728 - Rt. 17 & Rt. 836, Morrisville -- 1300

Dec 1 General Membership Meeting -- 1930

Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day

Education Awards -- 1400





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Manassas, VA 20108



Tax ID 20-8362270

Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name:		
State:	Zip:	
Phone:		
	FREE email newsletter)	

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths or	\$15.00 each		
more	wreath		
		Grand Total	

SORRY - WE CANNOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS

Sponsoring Group ID Number: VA0040P

Cemetery Designation: Quantico National Cemetery

Cemetery ID Number: VAQNCT

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America TM

Mail to:
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Questions? Please call 877-385-9504

Cut-Off Date is November 24, 2014

WAA ceremony will take place at Quantico National Cemetery on Saturday, December 13 at 12 Noon.

Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!



SPONSOR A WREATH FOR A VETERAN'S GRAVE

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

The Francis Cannon Ladies 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.

On **Saturday**, **December 13**, **2014**, Wreaths Across America ceremonies will take place at over 741 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 Ladies 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 13, 2014 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?