

THE CANNON

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589



Sharing a moment together at the Anniversary Dinner are Pete Slusher , a member of the post for 64 years and John Gregory, a member of the post for 65 years and Charter Commander. Looking on is Pete's daughter, Debra.

The Cannon News

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Post Commander's Notes

Ron Link

We are starting the 66th Year of our Post existence, thanks to the foresight of the founding members of our Post. I am certainly gratefully for the Veterans who laid the groundwork for VFW Post 7589 to be recognized in the community and within the Virginia VFW.

Thanks to everyone attending the 65th Anniversary Dinner and a special thanks to American Legion Post 10 for allowing us to use the Hall for the dinner. Kudos to the Legion Facility Manager, Carol Petitt and her crew for preparing the meal—it was superb. Special invitees in attendance were John Gregory, Charter Commander; Mattie Parrish, sister of Francis Cannon; Hal Parrish, Mayor of Manassas and nephew of Francis Cannon; and Judy Parrish Ratcliffe, niece of Francis Cannon. For the year 2010-2011, the post received two Department Honors, the first honor for achieving the 100% Membership Status. Thanks to our certified state recruiters, Rick Raskin and Stephen Meade who recruited many members. Also, assisting in the membership recruitment was Peter MacLeod, Sam Nealey, Michael Guttman, and Dave Crowder. (Many Thanks to all)

Activities and Events have been planned for the upcoming year. We planned to participate in all three parades—The 3rd Annual Veterans Day Parade, honoring all veterans and especially honoring the Viet Nam veterans; the Annual Christmas Parade; and the St. Patrick's Parade. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Also, after the Veterans Day parade, there will be a special "WELCOME HOME" celebration at the Harris Pavilion. Music, food and drinks along with special displays will be on hand for the celebration. ALL ARE WELCOME—HOWEVER A SPECIAL "WELCOME HOME" TO OUR VIET NAM VETERANS.

Your department officers elected at the June convention are Charles Absher (Post 9808), Commander; Margo Sheridan (Post 3150), Senior Vice Commander; Chris Birch (Post 9760), Junior Vice Commander; Kim DeShano, Post 9480, Adjutant/Quartermaster; Buddy Weekley (Post 8644, Judge Advocate; and Doug Keller (Post 392), Surgeon.

Remember, this is your Post and your VFW, we look forward for your input (ideas and suggestions)—either are ways to improve our mission and what events you would like to see. The place way to communicate the ideas or suggestions is at the meetings---we normally meet on the first Monday of the month (unless it is a holiday)—Join us!!!!!!

All the Best,

Ron

Auxiliary President's Notes (con'd)

If you wish to receive reminders of auxiliary events, meetings, updates, alerts, etc., via e-mail, OR if you wish NOT to receive this Newsletter via mail and would rather view online, please notify Valerie Nealey or jvnealey@verizon.net

The non-profit Wreaths Across America ("WAA") organization has provided the Auxiliary the opportunity again to fundraise for our organization's needs along with helping WAA gather sponsorships for wreaths. We are working with WAA to place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at Quantico National Cemetery. We ask for your support because this is a major fund-raiser for the Auxiliary. Last year we sponsored 299 wreaths and this year our goal is at least 500. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath. Sponsorship forms can be printed from our website www.vfw7589.org or contact Valerie Nealey at jvnealey@verizon.net. To learn more about WAA or if you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.com and remember to include our Sponsoring Group ID No. VAVFW7589 and Cemetery ID No. VAQNCT.

On Saturday, December 10 at 12 Noon, WAA ceremonies will take place at over 500 locations in the USA and 24 off shore. Please join us at Quantico National Cemetery -- all wreaths are placed by volunteers. 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.

This year marks the 10th year anniversary of September 11th. We will be dispersing the Memorial Buddy Poppy to the public. This will not be a Buddy Poppy drive therefore we do not collect money for this event.

On Saturday, October 1st, the Comrades and Ladies Auxiliary will participate in the Manassas Fall Jubilee. As in the years past, this annual event gives us the opportunity to meet and greet the public and inform them of the purpose of our organization. Please stop by our booth to say hello.

On Saturday, October 15th, inside the Post home will be our annual Yard Sale from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm. We will be taking donations along with setting up on Friday, October 14th from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. We will accept baby clothes, small furniture and items that are clean and in good condition.

Another project we will be doing this year will be "Make a Difference Day" on October 29th. If there is a Veteran or their family who needs assistance in the community for that day, please let any Comrades or Auxiliary members know. This day is set aside to do something special for them.

Keep collecting Campbell's Soup Labels for the VFW National Home for Children -- bring them to a meeting or drop them off at the Post Home.

Our next newsletter will have more information of projects and event planned up to Christmas.

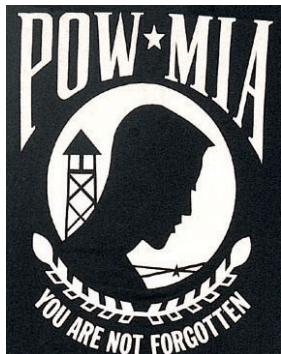
Safety Tip



August is Hot Weather Days

BE SAFE

- Drink Plenty of Water
- Stay in the Shade or Indoors
- Do your outdoor chores in the morning or evening
- Know the signs of Heat Injuries
- When in doubt—Ask for help



The POW/MIA Flag

In 1990, the 101st Congress officially recognized the POW/MIA flag, designating it "the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for the families and the Nation" (Public Law 101-355).



Auxiliary President's Notes

Mary Corkhill

I am honored to have been elected Ladies Auxiliary President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for the coming year. I look forward to working with every member to have a successful year helping our veterans and the community.

Your Officers are:

President	Mary Corkhill	(703) 361-8950
Sr. Vice President	Angela Fromm	(703) 989-5502
Jr. Vice President	Jenn Nealey	(703) 895-0145
Secretary	Valerie Nealey	(703) 368-7636
Treasurer	Elanor Doczi	(703) 361-4795
Chaplain	Patricia, Sutton	(703) 392-3870
Conductress	Renee Bramer	(571) 292-2330
Guard	Patsy Gough	(703) 368-2697
Historian	Debbie Shifflette	(703) 753-2372
Patriotic Instructor	Agnes Towne	(571) 208-0444
Trustee 1	Debbie Shifflette	(703) 753-3272
Trustee 2	Renee Bramer	(571) 292-2330
Trustee 3	Yvonne Sullivan	(703) 368-8621

My previous position as Chaplain is filled by Patricia Sutton. Her duties include communicating with anyone who needs assistance through phone calls, hospital visits and sending cards for Condolences, Get Well and Thinking of you. Please call her at (703) 392-3870. She is willing to assist you but she needs to know you need help. Do not hesitate to let her know.

The Auxiliary welcomes three new members since our last newsletter. They are Connie Coolick, Catherine Saunders and Patricia Sutton. As of June 30, we have 68 members (43 Life Members and 25 Continuous). If you have NOT paid your 2012 Dues, please mail to Auxiliary Treasurer. PO Box 10206, Manassas, VA 20108. Dues are \$15. Make check payable to "Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 7589".

As you are aware, our meetings are held on the first Monday at 7:30 pm. If that month's meeting falls on a Federal holiday, the meeting will be held the following Monday. As always, we love to have you join us.

On Saturday, July 30th from Noon to 4 pm, I will conduct a "School of Instruction" at the Post Home for all members. This is a great learning opportunity. If you have any questions about the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, you should come to this class. Some items to be discussed are By-laws & the Ritual; Membership & Benefits; National Programs, understanding auxiliary traditions, etc. If you would like to attend, please contact me so I will have enough handouts (mcorkhill@comcast.net)

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65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Rick is happy to serve your favorite beverage.



Charter Commander John Gregory and Current Commander Ron Link prepare to cut the cake celebrating our 65th year.



Pictured are Current Commander Ron Link, Charter Commander John Gregory and Manassas Mayor Hal Parrish, nephew of Francis Cannon.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July

21	Executive Board Meeting	1830
30	School of Instruction—Post 9808	TBD
30	Auxiliary School of Instruction at the Post Home	1200 to 1600

August

1	General Membership Meeting	1930
18	Youth Committee Meeting	1900
25	Executive Board Meeting	1830

September

10	State Commander's Homecoming at Post 9808	TBD
10	Youth Committee Yard Sale at the Post Home	0800 to 1600
11	Auxiliary 9-11 Poppy Day	TBD
12	General Membership Meeting	1930

Virginia Veterans Service Officer is back

At our Post Home on the 2nd and 4th Thursday

Hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

BINGO—Wednesday Mornings

9:15 to 12:15

Come out either to play or help

FUN—FUN—FUN



Memorial Day Remembrance



(left) Manassas Councilman John May is honoring those who served and paid for our freedom. (right) Councilman John Way assists Commander Ron Link and Auxiliary President (then Aux Chaplain) Mary Corkhill in the laying of the wreath to honor those gave their life in the defense of our country.

Youth Committee Yard Sale



**Post Home
September 10th
0800 to 1600**

Proceeds of the Yard Sales will go for the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year prize fund.

Rent a table or make donations

For Information or
to VOLUNTEER TO
HELP

**CALL:
Peter MacLeod
703-220-45454**



Wreaths Across America (A Non-Profit Corp.) ID #20-8362270

Wreath Sponsorship Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ (To receive WAA's FREE e-mail newsletter)

Sponsoring Group ID Number: **VAVFW7589**

Cemetery Designation: **Quantico National Cemetery**

Cemetery ID Number: **VAQNCT**

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
		Grand Total	

You may make your sponsorship online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. Please remember to include Group ID, Cemetery ID and Cemetery Designation as shown above

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

MAIL TO: Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 7589
PO Box 10206
Manassas, VA 20108

Questions? Please call 703-368-7636

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 18, 2011

Thank you for your Sponsorship!

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

Photos from the Department Convention—June 2011



(top left) Rick Raskin cutting Gary Myers' hair. Gary raised over \$6,000 for the Department MAP program. (top center) Rick Raskin is receiving the oath of office for a second term as District 8 Commander. (top right) Rick Raskin receiving the Aide-de-Camp citation from John Smart, Past C-N-C (left) and Jim Martin, Department Commander (right). The award was for recruiting over 25 members. (bottom center) Mary Corkhill and Pam Braithwaite enjoy a moment together—special thanks to Pam for her service as the Auxiliary President-2010-11. (bottom right) Two vintage military vehicles on display thanks to VFW

Hall Rentals

Hall rentals are going very well this year with most weekends seeing at least one of two days taken. We've had sweet 16 parties, baptismal parties, wedding receptions and graduation parties among others. We also are seeing increased rentals within the Hispanic community as word of our facility spreads.

We also have several groups that use the hall on a regular basis. One of them, The Greater Way of Life Ministry conducts services and has a weekly bible study. We have an arrangement where they provide floor maintenance in lieu of rental fees. This is a good deal for the post based on what we have paid others in the past.

Post members may rent the hall for discounted rates. Renewed annual members, starting in their second year of membership, enjoy half price rentals. Life members may rent the hall for a donation to the post. There is a refundable security deposit required with all rentals; \$150.00 if alcoholic beverages are not to be served, \$300.00 if they are.

Please contact the Rick Raskin, Quartermaster for additional information on member rentals.