

THE CANNON

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589

Flag Retirement Ceremony



Pictured are Commander Ron Link, Jr. Vice Commander Steve Botello and Quartermaster Rick Raskin preparing the first flag for the ceremonial flag retirement on April 4th at Post HQ. Over 400 flag were retired. (Special thanks to Gunny Lewis for the photo)

The Cannon News

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Post Commander's Notes

Ron Link

Hello to All: Busy times at the post.
The elections were held on Monday April 4th with the following results:

For the Comrades:

Commander	Ron Link
Senior Vice Commander	Pete MacLeod
Junior Vice Commander	Steve Botello
Quartermaster	Rick Raskin
Judge Advocate	Steve Meade
Chaplain	Sam Nealey
Surgeon	Rod Gillette
Trustee3	Mike Guttman

For the Ladies Auxiliary:

President	Mary Corkhill
Senior Vice-President	Angela Fromm
Junior Vice President	Jenn Nealey
Secretary	Valerie Nealey
Treasurer	Elanor Doczi
Conductress	Renee Bramer
Chaplain	Pam Braithwaite
Guard	Patsy Gough
Trustee 1	Debbie Shifflette
Trustee 2	Renee Bramer
Trustee 3	Yvonne Sullivan
Historian	Debbie Shifflette
Patriotic Instructor	Agnes Towne

I wish all the officers the best in the year 2011-2012. Past Post Commander **Ron Knowles** will install the Comrades at the May 2nd Meeting. Please plan to attend. The yearly planning session will be on Thursday June 23rd. If you have any ideas for upcoming events—please send them to either Mary or myself. It is important to have input from the post family on the events you wish to see in the upcoming year. All Comrades and Auxiliary are invited to attend the meeting.

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Our Departed Comrades

We have lost two Comrades since the beginning of the year.

William F. Farquahr

James D. Fuller

Our thoughts and prayers to their families and love ones

Upcoming Events

May 2	Installation of Officers
May 19	Youth Committee Meeting
May 28	Buddy Poppy Campaign, Gainesville Giant, 0900-1300
May 29	Buddy Poppy Campaign, Wellington Giant, 0900-1300
May 30	Memorial Ceremony—Manassas Veteran Memorial, 0830 Flag Placements on Veterans graves, 0900
Jun 4	Car Show for the Troops (see article in the issue), 0900-1500 65th Anniversary Dinner (see ad in this issue)
Jun 9-12	VFW Department Convention, Richmond, VA

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At the District Eight Convention, Post 7589 was represented on the new District Slate of Officers; **Rick Raskin**, District Commander; **Ron Link**, Senior Vice Commander/Adjutant; **Steve Meade**, Quartermaster; **Peter MacLeod**, Surgeon. At the meeting **Peter MacLeod** was congratulated on his Youth Education Program (Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen And Teacher Awards) by Department Junior Vice Commander **Margo Sheridan**. Peter was instrumental in having over 180 entries in the program; a real record and also a shining example of the dedication he has for the youth of Greater Manassas.

I want to thank **Steve Botello**, **Gunny Lewis** and **Rick Raskin** for assisting in the Flag Ceremony on April 2nd. We property retired over 400 flags.

I know you have heard this before, but, **Mike Guttman**, Captain of our Honor Guard needs members. We are beginning to get many requests and have presented the Post colors at several parades. Contact Mike if you are interested.

All the Best
Ron



Our 2011 CAR SHOW for the TROOPS will be held on Saturday, June 4th at Old Dominion Speedway. The show will run from 1-5 pm. Admission is free with a military ID or VFW membership card. Up to date information is available at www.troopscarshow.com. Along with an awesome display of American Muscle Cars, the show will also feature music, raffles, vendors, a moon bounce, and a rock wall. Food and drinks will also be available. After the show stick around for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series featuring NASCAR Late Model Stock Cars and the winged high speed action of the Virginia Sprint Series.

Founded in 2007, the show has raised over \$25,000 in its first four years to benefit injured servicemen and their families. Every penny raised, above operating expenses, is donated to an annually selected military charity. The profits this year will go to ABLE FORCES.

ABLE FORCES is a veteran-owned 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to assisting our Wounded Warriors to return to the workforce with career-oriented, professionally-focused employment. ABLE FORCES also provides community-based job preparation training to veterans with significant disabilities, with an emphasis on Wounded Warriors and former military suffering from physical disabilities, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The community-based job preparation training is fully supported by grants, fund raising activities (like our car show), and the generous support of friends and corporate sponsors.

Our Post is helping to support this effort and we feel it is a great community program. PLEASE HELP US!!! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Comrade **Pat Templeton** at 703-791-4285.



CELEBRATE 65 YEARS

Roasted Prime Rib au jus

Baked Chicken

Salad

Baked Potato

Vegetable of the Day

Desert Selection

Iced Tea, Coffee

\$15.00 Single, Couples \$25.00

**VFW POST
7589
65 Years
1946—2011**



American Legion

Post 10

Banquet Hall

June 4, 2011

5:30 PM—10:00 PM



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Post Photos

Day on the Hill



Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell is presented with the 65th Anniversary Coin by Commander Ron Link. On the left looking on is Charles Absher, Dept Sr. Vice Commander. Also attending was Rick Raskin

District Convention

Pete MacLeod is being installed as District Surgeon by Dept. Jr Vice Commander Margo Sheridan. Also being installed are Rick Raskin, District Commander; Ron Link, Sr. Vice Commander/Adjutant; and Steve Meade, Quartermaster.



The Francis Cannon VFW Post 65th Anniversary Coin



Front Side



Back Side

Get your 65th Anniversary Coin, it is a nice commemorative coin to remember the important occasion in the history of our Post.

Only \$10.00

For your—see Ron Link—703-673-6046 or Rick Raskin—703-887-0076
Or Stop by the Post on Meeting Nights or Wednesday Morning Bingo

Post Yearly Planning Meeting

**June 23, 2011
1830 hours**

New Members

Please welcome the following new Comrades to our post since the beginning of the year:

Bryan D. Beckett
Donald (Eric) Bishop
Dennis E. Gomez
Eddie L. Harris
Kevin A. Horsey
Martin (Gunny) Lewis
Ralph L. Meyers
John B. Nalls
Jackson Parker
Bernard (Gene) Russell

Welcome aboard and we want to thank you for your service to our country

Member News:

Congratulations to **Pete Slusher** for reaching the 18 gallon blood donation plateau with the Red Cross.

Special congratulations to Comrade **Eric Bishop** who married Coral Lee Link (daughter of Comrade Ron Link) on April 8th in Columbus, Ohio.

Ron Knowles and **Rick Raskin** were members of the Department "Eagle Scout of the Year" Judging Committee and recently traveled to Post 9808—Mechanicsville for the judging.

Tom Wahl has been very instrumental in the "Ride2Recovery" program. He has traveled to Florida, Colorado and throughout the state in support of the program. The program is a joint venture with the Fitness Challenge Foundation, the Military and the VA Volunteer Service Office. Through cycling, our wounded warriors are benefited by assisting them both mentally and physically in their recovery. Tom is also an expert advisor to the escort part of the R2R program.

Post Service Officer

Our Post Service Officer, Steve Botello is doing an outstanding job filling in for the Veteran Services Representative's vacancy. If you have a need, please contact Steve by calling the Post home and leave a message. Look on our Post web site for phone and email updates. Steve has recently accepted the position of District Service Officer.