

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
July 2015



Steve Botello grills as other vets offer their support at our Post Anniversary / VN 50th Commemoration event on June 6th.

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Post Commander's Report

Pete MacLeod



If ever there was a month of good things happening at VFW Post 7589 it was June.

We started out with our second annual successful Vietnam Homecoming Barbeque on June 6 with an unofficial count of 160 people passing through, telling stories and eating. Outgoing Commander Ron Link got in touch with a great band to provide entertainment, Ladies Auxiliary Senior Vice Ginger Harvey ended up singing with the

band, "The Virginia Rum Runners" led by Johnny Jenkins. We got some great help with the planning from people like Quartermaster Rick Raskin and Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, hot dog and hamburger chefs Lou Filippone and Steve Botello, and guys like Comrade Eric Cruz who quietly made lemonade and iced tea for over 100 people. It was great to see Korean War and World War II veterans Pete Slusher and Ken Wall and Vietnam Veterans like Brad Bradshaw. The sort of comradeship we had makes us want to have more events like this.

The Virginia State VFW Convention at Williamsburg on June 11 thru 14 was also a good time for Post 7589. Quartermaster Rick Raskin won election as State Surgeon, the first step on the way to becoming State Commander in 4 years. Outgoing Post 7589 Commander Ron Link accepted the all state award for our Post and was installed as District 8 Commander. Service Officer Steve Botello and Trustee Lou Filippone were on hand along

with myself, and with all the awards the Post 7589 Ladies Auxiliary took home you could not have been prouder to say you are a member of VFW Post 7589!

But this is no time to sit back and rest on our successes of the previous year. There are challenges ahead including the continuing need for new "active" members for our Post. We not only need new faces but we need many of our current members to become more active, attend meetings and participate. One great way to start is the VFW State School of Instruction on Saturday, August 8 at the Mechanicsville VFW Post 9808 at 7168 Flag Lane in Mechanicsville, Va. northeast of Richmond. It goes from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will have a car pool running from Post 7589 at 6:30 am. This is a way to see first hand what a great organization you belong to in the Virginia VFW. You can meet some of our leaders at the state level and see the many things the VFW does to help veterans and fellow not for profit organizations. Lunch is on the VFW! There will be a sign up sheet at the July 6 General Membership meeting or just call me at 703 220-4545 and say you want to attend, it costs you nothing.

I remember the first School of Instruction I attended in July, 2004 at Lynchburg, Va. There were two other first time attendees at that School of Instruction: Steve Meade and Rick Raskin. Steve became a Post Commander and Service Officer and State Recruiter, Rick became District 8 Commander, Post Quartermaster, a State Recruiter and is now State Surgeon! I know we were all impressed with what a solid organization we had joined and we all used the School experience as a kind of launching pad for involvement in this great organization! Come with us to Mechanicsville on August 8!

2015-2016 Post Officers

Commander: Pete MacLeod
 Senior vice-Commander: Ron Link
 Junior vice-Commander: Ryan Proctor
 Quartermaster: Rick Raskin
 Chaplain: Joel Chase

Judge Advocate: Steve Meade
 Surgeon: Warren Ewell
 Trustee 1: Lou Filippone
 Trustee 2: Terry Bursey
 Trustee 3: Steve Meade
 Adjutant: Paul Chase
 Service Officer: Steve Botello

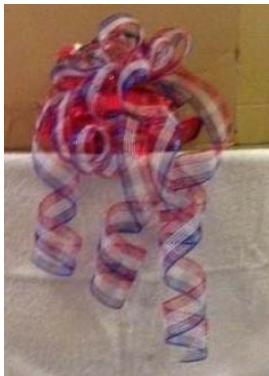
Ladies Auxiliary President's Report

Mary Corkhill



Our **Congratulations** to Rick Raskin for being elected Department Surgeon for the 2015-2016 year. On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary members of 7589, we wish you the best and hope to see you become Commander of the Department of Virginia in 2019-2020.

I also would like to thank the members of the Auxiliary for their hard work this past year. For all the hard work during the year, our Auxiliary received the 2014-2015 Banner. We also received awards from National and several awards from the Department. The National award was for Veterans & Military Support Program. At the Department level, we placed 1st in Legislative, 1st in Scholarships for Best Promotion, 2nd for Most Comprehensive Coverage of the 2014-2015 Cancer Aid & Research Program Reporting Requirements. For the fun thing, we participated in the Buddy Poppy hat contest during the Department President's luncheon and placed 1st. Our Buddy Poppy display placed 1st in the Artistic of Decorative category



Auxiliary 7589 Buddy Poppy Hat, June 2015



Auxiliary 7589 Buddy Poppy Display

and it will be going to Pittsburgh, PA to compete at the National Convention. We received certificates for Flag Presentation and the 2015-2016 Early Bird Parade.

On Monday, July 6th, we will hold a fundraiser at Chili's Grill & Bar located at 10600 Sudley Manor Dr., Manassas, VA in the Bull Run Shopping Center starting at 11am until closing. **In order for us to get credit for the profits raised that day, Chili's requests you present the flyer on page 4 to the hostess or server upon your arrival.** Please come and join us. This will also be our first meeting for the new Auxiliary year. This meeting will be held at Chili's. Please tell your friends and family about the fundraiser and please bring the flyer.

Our new Commander for the Post is Peter MacLeod. Peter was Sr. Commander and Youth Committee Chairman for the past few

years. As Auxiliary members, we will be working with Peter in order to meet our mission for the Veterans and their families.

On Saturday, August 15th, Post 7589 will host the District 8 meeting at 1:00pm. A meal will be served after the meeting.

The schedule for the next two months is listed below:

- July 6 Fundraiser at Chili's
- July 6 Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 6:00pm at Chili's
- July 16 Youth Committee Mtg. – 7 pm – Post
- July 18-23 National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA
- Aug 3 Post/Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 pm
- Aug 15 District meeting/7589, Manassas Post 1:00 pm
- Aug 21 Youth Committee Mtg. – 7 pm – Post
- Aug 29 Celebrating America's Freedom/Historic Ft Snelling, St Paul, Minnesota

The National organization has discontinued the Cancer Aid & Research and the Jr. Girls Unit programs. Cancer Grants will **NOT** change. This restricted fund will continue to provide Cancer Grants to eligible members as a member benefit. This continues the shift of focus to the national organization's primary mission, which is to serve veterans and their families by supporting VFW programs and services that veterans and their families most need. I also want to remind you that if your 2016 dues are not paid by December 15, 2015, you will not be a member in good standing and you will have to re-apply for new membership and the time you spent as a member before you re-apply will also start over. If you get Cancer during the time you re-apply for new membership, you will not be eligible for the Cancer Grant. The waiting time for eligibility is a year and it will **NOT** cover that Cancer during or after the waiting period. So please, forward your dues of \$20 to the Auxiliary Treasurer, Elanor Doczi, 7415 Roxbury Ave., Manassas, VA 20109. Thank you.

The National Home for Children, located in Eaton Rapids, MI assists families of active-duty military during a deployment or unaccompanied tour. Auxiliary 7589 is collecting Campbell soup labels to assist them in purchasing another van. We need your assistance in this mission for the children. Please bring all labels to the Post. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Please keep any individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized in your prayers. We want to see you on the road to recovery.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill

Ladies Auxiliary President

CHILI'S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT
**VFW Ladies
Auxiliary #7589**

Let Chili's do the cooking while we support VFW Ladies Auxiliary #7589 at the same time. With each flyer presented on July 6, 2015, Chili's will donate 20% of the event day sales back to this great organization.

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary #7589 Give Back Event is:
July 6th, 2015
from open to close.

only at:

Manassas
10600 Sudley Manor Dr.
Manassas, VA 20109

703-330-0208 - www.chilis.com

We look forward to seeing you at Chili's!



more GIVING BACK happens here

Give Back Event flyer required with each check to receive credit for the sale. Sale cannot be included in donation amount with flyer. Offer only valid on the date and location stated above. Donations will not be given on sales made prior to or past this date.

Service Officer's Comments

by Steven Botello—Post Service Officer



As our Nation's birthday approaches we cannot ignore the men and women who have come forward to defend our Nation over the years. We celebrate our country's birthday knowing that the freedom we enjoy was brought to us by those whom we now serve through our work here at the VFW.

This past week we also had very good news brought to us by our local Prince William County Board of Supervisors (PWCBS). The state of Virginia has budgeted and has approved two Veteran Care Centers to be completed within the next 36-48 months here in Virginia.

One of these has been proposed to be right here in our county and just a stones throw from our VFW Post off of Ashton Avenue. The PWCBS has agreed to donate a 27-acre park for this Veterans Center, which eventually could possibly hold up to 220 veterans in need.

This is great news for all veterans here in Northern Virginia. Bringing more capacity to help, assist and work with veterans in need and the associated services that can be brought forth is a real jewel for our Post and our PWC community.

Our Service Officer program also exists to help and serve all veterans here in the Manassas/ Prince William area. If you know of a veteran in need please contact us and let us know.

Please feel free to contact our Service Officer Team at any time for questions, suggestions or other needs you may have at: so@vfw7589.org or call us at 1-703-659-0849 or just pull one of us aside and tell us a suggestion of service that we can provide.

Our number one goal is providing the best service to our 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 you! They are myself and Stephen Meade 1-703-408-0875, Email: SO2@vfw7589.org.

Our goal is simple here. We want to take care of all our veterans with the greatest level of service that our resources will allow. Thank you for your service!

If you have any questions please feel free to reach us at our VSO phone line of: 1-703-659-0849 SO2@vfw7589.org. Thank you.

Steven M. Botello

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**VA DVS AGENT SERVICE
AT POST 7589**

**2nd & 4th Thursdays
0900– 1500**

**You may also visit the Fairfax
office.**

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703-359-1210

Youth News and Notes

by Pete MacLeod

We have begun the annual push to introduce the VFW/Ladies Auxiliary essay contests to more schools in the Manassas area. We want this year to be the most successful yet in running these contests which Post 7589 has been doing since the late 1940's!

Our essay topics this year are good: "What Freedom Means to Me" for Patriot's Pen (Grades 6 – 8) and "My Vision for America" for Voice of Democracy (Grades 9 – 12). We are in the process of getting permission from the County and City Schools to run the contests this year. We will be approaching the private schools later. It is a big task and frankly, we could use some help. If you are interested please call me at 703 220-4545 to help our Youth Committee. We are aiming at involving Centreville schools in the contests this year and will be making a special effort at the middle and high schools in that community.

Any school student in Virginia can enter the contests individually themselves through our Post. You can print an application from the VFW national website, www.vfw.org. Simply go to the website, click on Community, click on Youth and Education and once on that page all the contests are there for you with the rules and the applications. It costs nothing to enter and students can win valuable cash awards. Everyone who enters gets a signed certificate of participation from VFW Post 7589 and its Ladies Auxiliary. The deadline for the essay contests is November 1, 2015. Award recipients will be announced by Post 7589

by November 15.

The VFW Teacher of the Year contest has a later deadline this coming school year: Feb. 15, 2016. But it is never too early to enter a teacher you admire. Again, the applications, rules and paperwork are available at www.vfw.org, click Community, click Youth and Education and you are there! In this contest, newspaper clippings, awards won, special recognition certificates, etc. are all priceless. These are the things the local, district and especially state, judges look at. In other words: documentation for the accomplishments of the teacher. Written praise from fellow teachers, students and administrators are also very valuable. The one quality the teacher must have is dedication to citizenship education and special activities that help students become better acquainted with how our great country works and the liberties and rights we enjoy as citizens. We choose three teachers each year at Post 7589. One from Grades K through 5, one from Grades 6 through 8 and one from Grades 9 through 12. They must be classroom teachers. One of our local teachers of the year, Principal Anne Carroll of Seton School in Manassas was named Virginia VFW Teacher of the Year for the 2010-2011 school year and went on to win recognition at the national level.

Let's get to work and make this the best education year ever for Post 7589!

2015—16 Essay Topics

Patriot's Pen (Grades 6-8)
"What Freedom Means to Me"

Voice of Democracy (Grades 9-12)
"My Vision for America"

Notes from the trenches

by Paul Chase



The Campaign against military members grows and grows

Many politicians of both political parties have made it no secret that they think we are over-paid, over benefitted and are a burden to the budget. Their solution to this is to cut everywhere they can and think of to make us more "affordable". This is shown in the

cuts to commissaries, retirement, tri-care coverage, exclusions and increased co-pays, education benefits and more.

The latest "more" is the effort to cut back Basic Housing Allowance (BAH) for dual military couples and military members who share housing. Currently military couples receive BAH for both members as do military couples sharing a residence. Under a policy floated by the Senate BAH for dual military members would be limited to only the highest BAH of the couple. Dual BAH for military couples has been around for decades. Currently, among all the Services there are 40,000 dual military couples. The proposal will have a disproportionate negative impact on female military members, 20% of whom are part of military couples vs 3 % for men. How are they going to enforce this poorly conceived plan? How many careers are going to be ruined when this is not "self-reported" which will result in a huge cut in their pay? It seems to me who you live with in private sector housing is no business of the DOD! Early in my career my wife and I shared an apartment with another military couple. We both received BAH. Under this proposal one of the BAH's would be eliminated. This may set a bad precedent! Are VA benefits such as mortgage rate deductions going to be deleted for dual military couples? Is only one member going to receive medical care? I've said this before and will keep saying it. If we are so over paid and over benefitted why are so many military members receiving public assistance? Look at the housing around military bases and see the run down condition many of our military members are forced to live in to survive. After the votes are counted the damage will be done and cannot be undone. So here's what I suggest. Send an email to your Senators and ask how they stand on this issue so you'll know in advance whether they are with or against us. That may alert them to the possible consequences of their votes.

Spotlight on Peter MacLeod

With his election as Commander Post 7589 Manassas Virginia it is particularly appropriate to recognize the enormous accomplishments of Peter MacLeod.



He served in Vietnam with the 525 MI BN in Qui Nhon from 1970-1971. In 1998 he joined the Voice of America a job he continues to this day.

Since joining Post 7589 in 2001 he has become a critical member in the Post's many accomplishments, which is shown in the fact that he was quickly elected Senior Vice Commander in 2004. He has been responsible for the Post's award winning Youth Committee, coordinating hundreds of Voice of

Democracy, Patriot's Pen and school and teacher awards programs. He superbly managed the high profile award ceremonies seen by many members of the community. He also managed the Post's annual Buddy Poppy fund drives which raised critical funds for community support activities. He was a regular member of the Post's weekly bingo support team and managed the Post's School Veterans Visitation and Interview programs. He was also a member of the Post's VFW Legislative Committee with visits to the US Capitol and Virginia State House to voice issues of veterans interest.

If that was not enough he was the long term acting Post Adjutant. Space does not permit a full account of his contributions. By any possible measure VFW Post 7589, the VFW and our Nation's Veterans are blessed by his selfless and outstanding service.



Paul Chase a 28 Year Life Member of the VFW and Post 7589 Post Adjutant is shown with the Regent (President) of the Fairfax Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter at the June 6, 2015

ceremony honoring Vietnam War Veterans held at the Quantico National Cemetery.

Paul is also a member of the Colonel William Grayson chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The ceremony was attended by DAR/SAR members and Vietnam Veterans from throughout Virginia. A large contingent of Rolling Thunder contributed to the event.



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"As many and as quickly as possible..."

Update

Good news!

As for the excavation projects on Saipan, it's been postponed by the local authority, called Historic Preservation Office (HPO), who has been blocking our way and reluctant to issue the permit without the involvement of the government. But we finally received clearance from their office and the project is now permitted to be carried out!

It is a season of Typhoon on Saipan now, so we will wait for several months, and plan to start it sometime in November.

Meanwhile, we are going to be busy with asking for support of manpower and, most importantly, donations.

We will inform you with updates as time goes by.

Sincerely,

Yukari Akatsuka
 KUENTAI-USA
akatsuka@kuentai-usa.com

Aluminum Tab Collection Update

by Paul Chase

At the beginning of 2015 we set a goal of 200,000 tabs by the end of the year, an increase of 60,000 over last year.

As of the end of June we are now at 176,000 thanks to many contributors, especially the Lions Club of the Inter-Service Club Council. Also, thanks to one of our bingo players, Norma Judy, a major donation of 50,000 tabs was given from an anonymous donor.

All proceeds from the recycling of these tabs goes to the Boston Burn Center which provides cost free medical services to those who cannot afford their treatment.

Please continue to bring the tabs in and help us crunch our goal.



Partners in Patriotism

Have You Heard About the VFW's Partners in Patriotism?

Would you like to support the VFW's life-changing programs for veterans, service members and their families without receiving all of the unwanted mail?

The VFW has developed an option that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as re-

duce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account.

If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact the VFW Development Department Donor Services at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email us at partners@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.



VA Expands Agent Orange Exposure Coverage

VA Secretary Bob McDonald [on June 18] announced a new decision that could benefit as many as 1,500 to 2,100 Air Force and Air Force Reserve personnel who might suffer from any of 14 presumptive medical conditions that have been determined to be related to Agent Orange exposure aboard contaminated C-123 aircraft. He made the decision following a 2015 report by the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine. “The VFW has been pushing for this decision for years,” said VFW National Commander John Stroud, “because something inside these aircraft was making people sick years after the plane last flew a defoliating mission in Vietnam.” All airmen who were assigned to flight, ground or medical crew duties at Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Ohio (the 906th and 907th Tactical Air Groups or 355th and 356th Tactical Airlift Squadrons), at Massachusetts’s Westover AFB (the 731st Tactical Air Squadron and 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron), or with the 758th Airlift Squadron in Pittsburgh, during the period 1969 to 1986, and who may have developed an Agent Orange-related disability, are encouraged to file a disability compensation claim through the VA’s eBenefits web portal at: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/>, or to seek the free and expert assistance of a national VFW Service Officer at: <http://www.vfw.org/NVS/>. Read more about Thursday’s decision at: <http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/20825/va-expands-disability-benefits-for-air-force-personnel-exposed-to-contaminated-c-123-aircraft/>.

VFW Participates in Congressional Roundtable

On Wednesday, [June 17] VFW Legislative Director Ray Kelley participated in the quarterly Democratic Leadership roundtable discussion on veteran and military personnel issues. The discussion topic was the future of VA health care. Alongside congressional and VSO leaders, Kelley stated that 5, 10 or 25 years down the road, VA will look different than it does today. VA must be a blended system of care, using the VA health care system as the hub with public-private partnerships, shared space with other government facilities like DOD, and contracts with non-VA doctors as the spokes that will make access to care easier and more flexible for veterans. Kelley warned that even with these changes, protecting the VA health care system is important, and that VA must be the guarantor of care, and must be able to provide a full continuum of care for those veterans who need or choose to

use VA exclusively. To learn more about what VFW is doing to improve veterans’ access to care, visit our VA Watch webpage at: <http://www.vfw.org/VAWatch/>.

VFW Continues COLA Penalty Fight

The VFW pounded Congress last year into eliminating legislation that penalized military retirees with a one-percent reduction to annual cost-of-living adjustments. In a compromise, Congress grandfathered all military retirees and those currently serving in uniform, but Congress still imposed the one-percent penalty on all new enlistees, should they reach retirement eligibility. In an opinion editorial entitled “A battle the troops can’t win alone,” VFW National Commander John Stroud wrote that “the world will remain a very dangerous and unpredictable place even after America ends its current involvements, and future military retirees may be required to serve just as long and perhaps sacrifice even more than their predecessors.” He said the VFW will ask members and veterans’ advocates everywhere to urge their elected officials to repeal the COLA penalty. Read his editorial at: <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/homeland-security/245481-a-battle-the-troops-cant-win-alone>.

New Military Health Care Survey

In an effort to better understand what’s important to patients, the Military Health System has asked the VFW to distribute a new patient survey for all military members, their families and retirees to take. The survey is anonymous, unless you want to have someone contact you, and takes only a couple of minutes to complete. To take the survey, go to: https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=135040&s=1063&dep=*DoD&sc=11.

VFW Praised at MIA Family Conference:

“No One Does More for Veterans” was more than just a slogan at yesterday’s opening of the 46th annual meeting of the National League of POW/MIA Families here. The VFW was consistently lauded by both League and government officials for the unwavering support we bring to the Full Accounting Mission at home and [abroad]. In his remarks, VFW Washington Office Executive Director Bob Wallace reiterated the VFW’s real and sincere commitment to MIA family members everywhere, as well as said the VFW will continue to help the new Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency succeed by pushing the humanitarian aspect of the full accounting mission directly to foreign governments who may still have information pertaining to the fates of many of our 83,000 missing servicemen going back to World War II.

To sign up new veterans’ advocates, visit
<http://capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm>

Prince William County to donate land for Veterans Care Center

by Rick Raskin



Delegate Rich Anderson addresses the Prince William County Board of Supervisors on June 16, 2015. as Steve Botello waits his turn.

On June 16 the Prince William County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to donate 27 acres of land to the Commonwealth of Virginia for construction of one of two new Veterans Care Centers. Four VFW members were present to speak to the resolution. Delegate Rich Anderson (Post 1503), Department Surgeon Rick Raskin, 8th District Commander Ron Link and Post 7589 Service Officer Steve Botello all offered comments in favor. The resolution passed unanimously. The donation is contingent on the Commonwealth notifying the Board in writing before January 1, 2018 of its intent to construct and operate a Veterans Care Center on that site by January 1, 2020.



June 6: Paul Chase all decked out in his Revolutionary War best with Nancy Dazzo at our Post Anniversary / VN 50th BBQ.

Handcuffed Marine Corps Snipers

by Joel Chase

The information contained in the following appeared in an article in the Washington Post recently. If just half of what the article said is true, our military is even more handcuffed than I imagined with imposed rules of engagement and inferior weapons that not only make deployments more difficult but much more dangerous.

Prior to going further, let me be perfectly clear that snipers serve a critical role in keeping the enemy at bay. A sniper with a competent weapon can take out a potential roadside bomber BEFORE he can plant it and BEFORE it can kill or seriously wound American troops or friendly forces. A sniper can also eliminate an enemy sniper BEFORE he can take aim on American troops or friendly forces. However, he can only do so if he is armed with a weapon that is at least equal to that of the enemy.

The article was focused on the weapons used by snipers in the Marine Corps. The bottom line is that the Marine Corps weapons aren't as good as those carried by some members of the Islamic State, British, Chinese and other branches of our own military.

The Marine Corps sniper weapon (M40A5) has a range of 1,000 yards while we have the (U.S. SOCOM) that has a range of 1,600 yards.



M40A5



U.S. SOCOM

So why is the Marine Corps saddled with an inferior sniper weapon?

According to the article, the (M40) is built by the Precision Weapons Section (PWS) which is

a component of the Marine Corps that is contracted by Marine Corps Systems Command, and is primarily staffed by Marine armorers. PWS exists solely to build and repair Marine sniper weapons. A former Marine Corps sniper was quoted as saying; "Nobody wants to be the one who kills PWS".

Marine Corps snipers deserve the best weapons we can provide them, and the Marine Corps needs to bite the bullet with the PWS issue immediately.

Department Convention — Williamsburg — June 11-14, 2015

Photos by Doc Crouch, Patty Baskett and Rick Raskin



Janet Raskin & Ginger Harvey



Past National Cdr. in Chief Glenn Gardner

Photo: Rick Raskin



Past National President Sissy Borel, Mary Corkhill and Department President Ellen Carleton



Kim DeShano & Rick Raskin



The Young Guns of Hillsville Post 1115 with the editorial staff of [Virginia Veteran](#) and Post 1115 mentors Howard Minton & Jack Easter

Photo: Patty Baskett



Department Commander Doug Keller



Delegate Rich Anderson

Photo: Rick Raskin



Tom Snook & Rick Raskin



The 2015 –16 Council of Administration. Department Commander Doug Keller (Center) with Line Officers (front) and District Commanders (rear).

State Commander	Doug Keller	Post 392
Senior Vice Commander	Tom Gimble	Post 1503
Junior Vice Commander	Mike Boehme	Post 9808
Adjutant/Quartermaster	Kim DeShano	Post 2216
Judge Advocate	Ken Wiseman	Post 2582
Surgeon	Rick Raskin	Post 7589
Past Department Commander	Earle (Buddy) Weekley, Jr.	Post 8644
Chief of Staff	Jim Martin	Post 1503
State Chaplain	Harold Sayles	Post 10654
State Inspector	Eric Mallett	Post 4809
Historian	Charles (Doc) Crouch	Post 3150
District 1 Commander	Venner Milewski	Post 6002
District 2 Commander	Harold Schupska	Post 3160
District 3 Commander	Philip Arendsen II	Post 637
District 4 Commander	Monroe Tuggle	Post 8902
District 5 Commander	Herman Chaney	Post 10840
District 6 Commander	Frank Ware	Post 5895
District 7 Commander	Chris Birch	Post 9760
District 8 Commander	Ron Link	Post 7589
District 9 Commander	William Davis	Post 1115
District 10 Commander	Gary Kelch	Post 7327
District 11 Commander	Michael Nicolas	Post 632
District 12 Commander	Joe Rasnick	Post 5715
District 13 Commander	Andy Smith	Post 8947



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**Vietnam Veterans Recognition Ceremony
Hosted by Congressman Rob Wittman**



August 29th, 2015

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, please join Congressman Wittman August 29th, 2015 at 10:00 am for a special ceremony honoring those who served their country in Vietnam.

Location: Little Hall Theater, Marine Corps Base Quantico, 2034 Barnett Ave

This event is a free public event.

Vietnam Veterans wishing to participate and be recognized will need to register.

How to register

Please send the following information to va01veterans@mail.house.gov, or by mail to 95 Dunn Dr. Suite 201, Stafford VA 22556 (phone: 540-659-2734)

Participants must be residents of the first district of Virginia

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Email
- Rank
- Service Branch
- Years in service
- Picture for presentation slideshow

For more information: please visit <http://robwittmanforms.house.gov/constituent-services/veteran-events.htm>

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 - Birthday Parties
 - Business Meetings
 - Family Reunions
 - Wedding Receptions



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\$200.00 for the 1st two hours
\$ 75.00 for each additional hour

*Friday & Saturday Nights minimum
Rental is 4 hours for \$400.00*

**SPECIAL RATES FOR
POST 7589 & AUXILIARY 7589 MEMBERS**

Contact: Wayne Moore 571-285-7904
Visit our website: www.vfw7589.org



We even had a band volunteer to play at our June 6th Post Anniversary Vietnam 50th Commemoration BBQ.

31st Annual Voice of Democracy Golf Tournament Friday, August 7, 2015

Medal of Honor Golf Club • Marine Corps Base • Quantico, Virginia

Check-In 7:00 a.m. • Shotgun Start 8:00 a.m.
Entry Fee: \$80.00 per person (non-refundable)
Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes, Steak Dinner

Captain's Choice (Foursome) Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Individual Prizes: Closest to the Pin,
Men's/Women's Longest Drive, Door Prizes

ENTRY DEADLINE AUGUST 1, 2015

(Entry not reserved without payment by this date)

Post-Tournament Dinner Immediately Following at VFW Post 1503
14631 Minnieville Road • Dale City, VA (Dinner for Non-Golfers \$15.00)

Name (Please Print Legibly)

Military Rank (Retired, Active Duty, Eligible Civilians)

Name of Guests for Dinner Only

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Upcoming Events

- July 6** **General Membership Meeting — 1930**
- July 26—Aug 9** ***South Pacific* — Virginia Repertory Theater**
- July 18—22** **VFW National Convention — Pittsburgh, PA**
- August 3** **General Membership Meeting — 1930**
- August 8** **School of Instruction — Post 9808, Mechanicsville — 0900 — 1500 (Carpool from the Post at 0630)**
- August 15** **District 8 Meeting — Post 7589, Manassas — 1300 — Lunch to follow**



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