

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
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October 3: Veterans meet with attorneys at the second session of the Wills for Veterans program.

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Commander's Report – Nov., 2015



I sat in the barber's chair back in 1959 and asked my barber, Mr. Lafluer, the "old" guy who had cut my hair for years, about World War One. I was 12, the age young boys start getting interested in the military, and I thought he could tell me some good stories about trench warfare, and fighting the Germans. Mr. Lafluer was an honest man. He told me he never saw any action. He said he was on a troop train in northern France with thousands of other U.S. "doughboys" in November, 1918 and

they stopped the train. Everyone thought it was a "bathroom break" but word spread like wildfire. The Armistice had been signed, World War One, "The Great War", was over. Mr. Lafluer chuckled and said, "none of us on that train did any fighting at all." He said he was lucky. He said he was back home in Massachusetts in a few months and out of the Army.

For years we celebrated Armistice Day on November 11 and then they homogenized it into one of those "Monday holidays" and renamed it Veterans Day. World War One veterans complained and started a national movement that successfully changed it back to November 11 but kept the Veterans Day name as a way to honor all of America's veterans.

Today there are no more Mr. Lafluers left. The last U.S. World War One veteran, Frank W. Buckles, died in Charles Town, West Virginia on Feb. 27, 2011 at the age of 110. There is no one left who can tell us firsthand about the horror that was World War One.

I had a high school history teacher who always told us the world had never really recovered from World War One. I never believed that because I thought World War Two was much worse

with the Nazi death camps and the atom bomb. But later I could see he had a point. World War One (1914-1918) introduced the world to a slew of new weapons: bombing by aircraft, widespread submarine attacks, widespread use of machine guns, deadly advances in artillery, and probably the most horrible weapon of all: poison gas. It was young volunteers and draftees who had to face all of this. They fell by the hundreds of thousands wiping out a whole generation of young men in France, Britain and Germany.

The VFW puts the U.S. casualty toll at 53,513 combat deaths and another 63,195 deaths due to disease with a total of 204,002 wounded. Not as many U.S. casualties as in World War Two but bad enough. And it was the nature of the deaths and injuries that shocked the nation. Christy Mathewson, the great Hall of Fame baseball pitcher, was gassed and was never the same and died young. Surviving veterans told of mass attacks from trenches with dozens of American soldiers dying in minutes as they ran into the "modern weapons." Read "Dead Wake," Erik Larson's new book about what it was like to be on a ship in 1915 that was attacked by a submarine. Other books I would recommend to give you a sense of what the World War One military went through include the classic "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Into the Silence" by Wade Davis and the best one of all, "The Beauty and the Sorrow" by Peter England.

Please join us this Veterans Day (Wed., Nov. 11) at 8:30 am as VFW Post 7589 conducts a ceremony at the Manassas Veterans Memorial on Main St. Then, with the Scouts, place flags on the graves of veterans (many of them WWI) at the Manassas cemetery.

We have the Buddy Poppies as a legacy of World War One. Please take part in our activities this Veteran's Week and help us recover from World War One and all of our country's wars by remembering those who fought, put themselves in harm's way and had to face the planes, the guns, the artillery and the poison gas.

Peter MacLeod, Commander VFW Post 7589

Volunteers are needed to help with the 2015 Greater Manassas Veterans Day Parade on Saturday November 7th, 2015.

Volunteers will serve as parade marshals in several key areas:

1. **Division Marshals** — Assisting in staging area and marching with your assigned division in parade to keep parade moving and insure safety of participants as well as spectators.
2. **Stationary Marshals** — Assist along parade route by helping to close streets as directed, provide information to spectators and insure safety of spectators along parade route.

3. **Staging area Marshals** — Assist with street closure and direct participants to correct entry / division.

We will meet at American Legion Post 10 on Cockrell Road in Manassas at 0700 for coffee and donuts followed by a brief meeting where safety vests will be issued. Marshals will disperse to parade route at 0830 and begin street closures at 0900. The parade will start promptly at 1100 and will end at approximately 1230.

Volunteers are key to insuring the parade runs smoothly and safely. To volunteer please e-mail Russ Keating (parade Operations & Logistics) at russ@keatinghome.com for additional information about this year's parade please visit our website www.vetpar.org

Russ Keating
Parade Operations & Logistics Committee Chair.

Auxiliary President's Report



With all the activity that occurred during October, I want to express my sincere thanks to the Auxiliary members for the success for the three events. The Auxiliary annual fall Yard Sale on October 10th had a lot of customers with a lot of items being sold. Our next event had some financial assistance from the Post when the Auxiliary provided three days of food to the Home Depot employees when they renovated the Towne's house. Our final event was the Fall Jubilee on Saturday the 24th. At the Jubilee, we held a raffle. Congratulations go to Ann Mitchell for winning the basket.

"Thank you" to all the Ladies of the Auxiliary and the assistance from the members of the Post for a fantastic job well done. The Auxiliary members were: Cookie Cullen, Nancy Dazzo, Eleanor Doczi, Patsy Gough, Jean MacLeod, Cindy McIntyre, Ann Mitchell, Val Nealey, Janet Raskin, Yvonne Sullivan and Ginger Harvey. A special thanks to Diane Husch for assisting us during the Yard Sale.

The Deadline for our Wreaths Across America fundraiser is **November 27th**. This not-for-profit 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. 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 gch1130@aol.com. To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.com and remember to include our **Sponsoring Group ID No. VA0040P and Cemetery ID No. VAQNCT**. Again, the **DEADLINE is November 27th**. The application is on the website under Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary will be having a Buddy Poppy drive at a new location on November 7th at Shopper's on Liberia Ave. from 9-3pm. Please come and assist us with this drive. I will first be attending the Veteran's parade then returning to assist the Auxiliary. On November 11th, we will start 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, the 8th District meeting will be **Saturday, November 14th** at Fredericksburg Post 3103. Lunch will be served at noon and the meeting will begin at 1:00pm. If you need transportation, please let me know. Also, on November 14th will be the Department Commander & President Homecoming at Post 4809 in Norfolk, VA. The Southern Conference will be held in Savannah, GA from November 20-22nd. Please note the schedule below for more information for December and January.

The schedule for the next three months is as follows:

- Nov 1 VOD & PP (**Deadline**)
- Nov 2 Post/Auxiliary Meeting-7:30 pm
- Nov 7 Buddy Poppy Drive for Auxiliary – at Shopper's on Liberia Ave.
- Nov 7 Veterans Day Parade 11:00 am - Line up 9:00 – Marching in parade
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Activities - 8:30 am - Manassas Veterans Memorial – 9am Cemetery
- Nov 14 Dept. Commander & President Homecoming, Post 4809 Norfolk, VA
- Nov 14 District 8 Meeting at 1:00pm - Fredericksburg Post 3103 (Lunch at Noon)
- Nov 19-22 Southern Conference, Savannah, GA
- Nov 27 Wreaths Across America Fundraiser (**Deadline**)
- Dec 3 Executive Meeting – 7pm
- Dec 5 Manassas, VA Christmas Parade
- Dec 6 VOD/Patriots Pen Awards – Refreshments - 4pm
- Dec 7 Auxiliary Meeting - 6pm - Ruby Tuesday - Liberia Ave or Different location
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 10 Christmas Gifts for Vets at Fairmont Assisted Living
- Dec 12 Wreaths Across America at Quantico Cemetery - 12 noon
- Dec 19 Post's Holiday Party – 5pm (Food will be catered)
- Jan 4 Post/Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm
- Jan 14 Day on the Hill
- Jan 15-17 Winter Conference, Williamsburg, VA
- Jan 28 Executive Meeting – 7pm

We are collecting Campbell's soup labels for the National Home for Children. This home provides housing and support services to struggling military and veteran families. Please save the **UPC code** and give them to any member of the Auxiliary or bring them to the Post. Thank you in advance for your participation.

As always, for individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized, you are in our prayers.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President



Service Officer's Report



The U.S. Congress is after your money!! There are moves in Congress to limit two major areas of VA compensation for you... one is they are considering capping the ability for all Vietnam and Vietnam era veterans to be able to file for VA compensation for Agent Orange exposure related illness to the next 12 months only and then allow no further claims!

The second is to no longer allow veterans of certain ages to file for individual unemployment (IU). So that if you reach a certain (soon to be established) age you will not be allowed to file.

We are hoping both of these ingenious ways for your government to "save money" will be denied. You have served and earned your rights & benefits and your Congress nor the current administration should not have the ability to reach into your pocket now or in the future and deny you, the veteran, the ability and the right to file and prevail in your VA claim.

Veterans Day 2015 is right around the corner and the work we have to assist you and all who served continues to grow. We continually assist veterans both young and old. Some from service as far back as WWII and others just recently discharged from military service.

We are in need of two more persons to step up and volunteer to become Veteran Service Officers. Please do consider volunteering yourself for this role. We will provide all the training and

information you need to be successful with helping your fellow veterans.

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.

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 or Email: so@vfw7589.org
Thank you.

Steven M. Botello

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Youth News and Notes

By Peter MacLeod

This is a great month to be working with youth in the Manassas area because you get to read the essays in the VFW "Patriot's Pen" and "Voice of Democracy" contests. They never fail to stimulate you and make you think about things and just what this VFW is about after all. And as Comrade and former Post 7589 Commander Sam Nealey always tells me, "It makes you confident about the future of our country" when you read what these young people are writing. The themes 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 usually get 100 to 200 PP essays and 25-50 VOD entries. The schools taking part this year include Seton School in Manassas, Manassas Christian School, Metz Middle School, Mayfield Intermediate School, Parkside Middle School, Benton Middle School and Brentsville High School. In addition we get single entries from several other middle and high schools and home schooled students in Virginia. Judging all of this is a lot of work but a lot of fun. If you would like to take part in the judging, which will be taking place over the first two weeks of November, please call me direct at 703 220-4545. Or email me at jeanandpetermacleod@verizon.net

Don't forget the VFW Teacher of the Year competition. There is a new deadline this school year: Feb. 15, 2016. So you have an extra three months to find a deserving teacher. There are three categories: Grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The Teacher must be a classroom teacher who interacts with students every day. The other thing to remember is the teacher must go out of her or his way to teach students about our government and their responsibilities as U.S. citizens. This could be through field trips, having guest speakers in to meet students, creative class projects, etc. Citations, newspaper or other media coverage, documentation are all extremely important. Ms. Anne Carroll, a teacher/principal at Seton School in Manassas was the VFW Va. Teacher of the Year in the Grades 9-12 category for the 2010-2011 school year. So the precedent has been set! A teacher from Manassas has won before and we can do it again! We have also had two state second place finishes by Voice of Democracy Manassas students in recent years. And last school year (2014-15) two Virginia teachers won national VFW Teacher of the Year honors. And a reminder that the Auxiliary Patriotic Art Contest goes until March 31, 2016 and we have the Scout of the Year competition and the VFW Junior ROTC awards ahead this Spring. Good luck to all of our youth and teachers!

Home Depot grant helps Manassas veteran make his home ADA compliant

By Rick Raskin

Michael Towne, a Gulf War veteran and life member of Post 7589 has become wheelchair dependent due to a service related spinal injury. His home in Manassas presents him difficulty because it was not built with consideration for persons with disabilities.

While shopping at the East Manassas Home Depot his wife Agnes mentioned to a clerk that she was having difficulty making their home ADA compliant. The clerk took her to a supervisor who took the necessary information and told Agnes she would send it to the Warrenton Store. Home Depot has a policy for assisting families and Vets. Agnes explained that the Manassas Home Depot stores and others in the area participate in these projects and that the store in Warrenton is a Regional facility and thus responsible for coordinating these projects.

MacLeod and National Veterans Services team member Ron Link.

The 30 members of Team Home Depot were led by Wayne Johnson and promptly began excavating for entry ramps to the front and rear doors. Additional items included in this project are widening of interior doors to 36”, accessible cabinetry and making the deck handicapped accessible.

The Auxiliary provided snacks and lunch for the workers with financial assistance from the comrades.

Home Depot also is doing a project for another Manassas veteran who suffers from Traumatic Brain Injury. For that project Team Home Depot is installing tiles so that the floors are easier for him to navigate.

It is important to note that all of the Team Home Depot volunteers donate their skills and their time for such worthy projects. As one of the volunteers working on the Townes’ project said “We’re a team and it feels good to help”.

Veterans needing assistance with similar needs are encouraged to contact a Home Depot manager to see if they qualify and to initiate a request.

The project was approved and funded with a \$10,000 Home Depot grant. Working with VFW Post 7589 and its Auxiliary, the funds were presented to the manager of the Warrenton Home Depot on October 8. According to manager Wayne Johnson the construction was scheduled to begin on October 22



Wayne Johnson receives the grant from Ron Link.

when approximately 25 to 30 Home Depot workers would be there to donate their time and skills.

Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill stated that the Auxiliary, with assistance from the Post, will provide lunches and refreshments for the workers. The Auxiliary also offered to cover any unexpected expenses while Department of Virginia Military Services Chair Ron Link explores an unmet need request with National VFW.



Construction of the entry ramp begins with some serious shovel work.

On the morning of October 22 a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Towne’s home.



VFW and Auxiliary members break ground with Team Home Depot.

State Surgeon Rick Raskin and State Auxiliary President Georgette Dausey represented the Department of Virginia. Also attending were Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, Auxiliary members Yvonne Sullivan and Ann Mitchell. Comrades were represented by Post Commander Pete



The concrete rear access ramp under construction.

From the Trenches

By Paul Chase



ACCOUNTABILITY

I see red when ordinary good citizens are victimized by big corporate managers and really get upset when I see those in uniform are hurt by those in pursuit of corporate and personal greed.

I subscribe to the Air Force Times which keeps me in touch with military affairs. The October 15, 2015 issue had information that really got me upset. It detailed the outrage where the homes of 1,461 service members were illegally foreclosed from January 1, 2006 to April 4, 2014.

The total number of service members who will be eligible for compensation is 2,413. The settlement is a result of a Justice Department investigation of the following mortgage lenders: Bank of America, Citi, GMAC, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo. These criminal enterprises got slaps on the wrist fines, nothing more. There is no mention of PERSONAL accountability by those who knowingly broke the law in pursuit of corporate and personal profit.

I can only imagine the personal trauma these service members endured with deployments and having their property illegally foreclosed under their feet! This calls for nothing less than major jail time for those guilty of this outrage. They should not be hard to identify. I suspect that there were a lot of "High Fives" pri-

vately given by the corporate greeders over this one. They continue to get their million dollar salaries and bonuses and move on to their next scam.

What got my goat is a note in the October 15th Washington Post that one of the biggest victimizers, Bank of America, had a third quarter profit of 4.1 billion dollars. Neither of the two major political parties in advance of our upcoming national election has made personal corporate accountability a plank in their platform. It has got to be the corrupt influence of big money. Whoever makes an issue of personal accountability in government and business will get my vote.

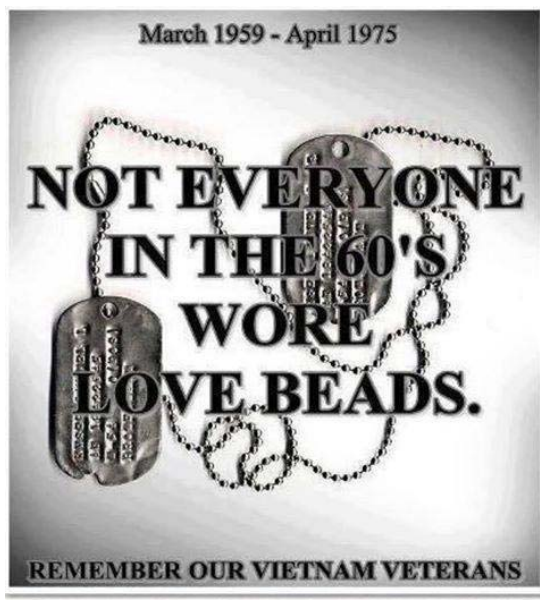
SPOTLIGHT on PHIL SMITH



Phil's broad based, long serving and many voluntary efforts reflect his obvious commitment to our community, its citizens and fellow veterans. He joined the Army in 1959 and served in Korea from 1959-1960 with the 8th Army's Engineer Depot and was discharged in 1962. He then became a career DOD employee which included a six month tour at the

Army's Inventory Control Center, Long Binh Vietnam. Even before his retirement in 1996 he was a volunteer at the Park West Lions Club which is a huge force for good in the community. He also volunteers at the Haymarket Food Pantry and volunteered with SERVE. He's a Life Member of both the VFW and American Legion and calls BINGO for both. If that is not enough Phil is a volunteer at Prince William Hospital doing much needed and unglamorous work of cleaning and sanitizing patient rooms and assisting nurses.

Phil, your service is truly admirable and is a shining example of what it means to be a citizen soldier.



WOMEN IN COMBAT

Thoughts from a Vietnam Vet

By Joel Chase

The debate about women being directly assigned to positions in ground combat units such as the infantry is not new and has gained traction in the Navy and Air Force that plan on opening all jobs to women by the beginning of the year - including special operations. The doors to ground combat roles for women are currently closed to women in the Marine Corps while the Army has remained mum on the subject.

In September the Marine Corps released a four page summary of a nine-month “experiment“, known as the Ground Combat Integration Task Force. The summary indicated that women were more prone to injury and performed poorly at a majority of infantry-focused tasks in comparison to their male counterparts. Some have criticized the findings of the experiment and have suggested that the women who participated should have been held to a “higher bar to cross” to get into the study. If that means the women who took part should have been better trained prior to participation, the males who took part should have had similar preparation. The doors to women in combat infantry roles cannot be half open and need to either be closed or wide open to ALL women.

As a Vietnam combat platoon leader, having women assigned to my unit would have added a significant burden to my already overloaded rucksack. Small element leadership in ground combat is difficult enough without adding things like hygienic needs for women, weapon assignments, sleeping arrangements and a host of other issues to contend with. At firebases our showers were five gallon buckets on a stand with holes punched in



Vietnam era urinal — a 3-tuber
Photo by Rick Raskin—1967

the bottom. One would strip down naked, pour the water in the bucket and take a shower. Our urinals were four-inch PVC tubes stuck in the ground, and you simply walked up to urinate in the tube. A slit-trench was our one-hole substitute outside the perimeter. There was no such thing as modesty or privacy in the infantry during Vietnam.

Women serving in ground combat roles in Vietnam would NOT have worked. While our current engagements are much different than Vietnam, many of the gender issues noted above exist for women in ground combat roles today.

While I understand that this is a controversial subject; it is being debated by the military and politicians as we speak. Keep in mind that the subject is not whether a select few women are eligible to serve in ground combat roles (infantry) but rather whether ALL women should be able to serve in ground combat roles regardless of their capabilities.

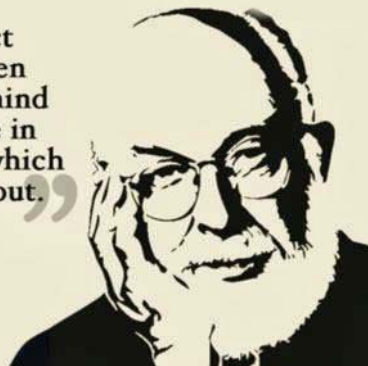
Ground combat operations create casualties on both sides, and to introduce women into direct combat would be a huge mistake. Lest there remain any doubt about that, simply pole a few individuals who have been in multiple firefights. Just because this is controversial does not mean that the VFW or our Post must avoid it. Some might want to twist the matter into sexist discrimination when in reality it is simply a question of physical capabilities required to perform combat functions.

So why are we even debating the matter? The question remains; Does the military really NEED women to serve in ground combat roles? Combat operations are not a place to “experiment” when lives are at stake, and in my opinion the doors to women serving in combat roles should remain closed in all branches of the service.

The opinions expressed above are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent those of Post 7589 or the Veterans of Foreign Wars. — Ed.

“There is a distinct difference between having an open mind and having a hole in your head from which your brain leaks out.”

-James Randi



From the



VA Launches Mobile App to Answer General Benefits Questions

VA has launched “311 Vet,” which allows veterans to ask questions regarding VA benefits through a mobile app or text messages. If a veteran’s question is in VA’s database, the answer will appear instantly. Questions not in VA’s database are routed to benefits specialists, who VA says will respond within minutes. For more information, visit: <http://www.311vet.com/>.

No COLA in 2016; Higher Part B Premiums Possible

The government announced this week that there will be no cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment next year for millions of military and federal civilian retirees, Social Security recipients, and veterans and survivors receiving Department of Veterans Affairs checks. COLA increases are tied to the Consumer Price Index, which has been flat due to low gasoline prices. Even so, some Medicare Part B enrollees — those who delayed receiving Social Security and those who aren’t eligible — could see their premiums increased by more than half, from the basic \$105 per person per month to \$159. Higher earners would pay more. A White House spokesman acknowledged that the potential premium increase was an unintended consequence resulting from calculating COLA adjustments. There have been Part B premium increases in the past, but a 52-percent increase in one year is unprecedented. Congress is working to prevent this from happening.

Veterans Day in Washington:

VFW Posts everywhere will be recognizing Veterans Day on Nov. 11. Visitors to Washington can join in the national salute starting at the World War II Memorial at 9 a.m., at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery at 11 a.m., and at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 1 p.m. More updates will be posted on the respective websites at: WWII Memorial, <http://www.wwiimemorialfriends.org/news-and-events/news-events>; Arlington, www.arlingtoncemetery.mil; and The Wall, <http://www.vvmf.org/2015-veterans-day-rsvp>.

President Vetoes NDAA

As expected, President Obama vetoed the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) on Thursday (10/22) because it kept sequestration in place and blocked his ability to close the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The \$611.9 billion

defense bill contained a number of VFW-supported provisions ranging from an enhanced military retirement system and the repeal of the 1 percent cost-of-living adjustment penalty on new retirees, as well as keeping the Guantanamo facility open, which is supported by VFW National Resolution. The bill also contained provisions that the VFW opposed, such as the gradual reduction of military housing allowances. Ending sequestration is the VFW’s top legislative goal, as it directly impacts military readiness and could affect all discretionary-funded programs that are provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies with veterans-oriented programs, such as Labor. Congress has the authority to override the veto should there be a two-thirds majority vote. The House is expected to vote on it Nov. 5. Stay tuned to the Action Corps Weekly for updates on this important bill.

VA Primary Care Oversight Hearing

On Thursday, the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee held a hearing to discuss a recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report that found VA lacks reliable data to properly determine the size and need of primary care panels. The GAO also found that VA lacks the proper quality assurance mechanisms to ensure the accuracy of self-reported data. Committee members discussed how VA can increase efficiency and access to primary care. VA described how its unique patient-centric medical home model of primary care delivery has improved the primary care it provides veterans. To view a video of the hearing, visit: <http://veterans.house.gov/hearing/evaluating-va-primary-care-delivery-workload-and-cost>.

TRICARE Young Adult Premiums Going Up

This week, DOD announced significant premium increases for the TRICARE Young Adult program. Under the new rates, effective January 1, 2016, TRICARE Young Adult Prime will increase from \$208 to \$306 per month and TRICARE Young Adult Standard will increase from \$181 to \$228. The program, which began in 2011, allows adult children of TRICARE beneficiaries to receive coverage until age 26. One of the statutory requirements when the program was created was that it remain cost-free to taxpayers. The rise in premiums represents a higher than expected usage rate of the program. These increases do not affect other TRICARE beneficiaries. To find out more, click here: <http://www.tricare.mil/Costs/HealthPlanCosts/TYA.aspx>

Come join us for a Holiday celebration!

December 19, 2015 — 5:00 pm



10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA



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Those not registered will be charged \$14.50 each.

Post, Auxiliary and one family member.
Additional guests at \$14.50 each



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Yes, we'll be there.

Name: _____ Post Auxiliary VN50

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Return form to:

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Manassas, VA 20108-0668

Deadline December 12, 2015

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Upcoming Events

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| Family= 4 Wreaths | \$60.00 | | |
| Small Business= 10 Wreaths | \$150.00 | | |
| Corporate= 100 Wreaths or more | \$15.00 each wreath | | |
| | | Grand Total | |

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Sponsoring Group ID Number: VA0040P
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 Cemetery ID Number: VAQNCT

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

Cut-Off Date is November 27, 2015
 WAA ceremony will take place at Quantico National Cemetery on
 Saturday, December 12 at 12 Noon.

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

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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 VFW Auxiliary 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 12, 2015**, 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 VFW Auxiliary 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 12, 2015 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?**