# **CANNON NEWS**

## Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589 Manassas, Virginia December 2016



November 11: Scouts from Pack 1355 place a flag at a veteran's grave at the Manassas Cemetery.

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### Commander's Message

Pete MacLeod



My father, James H. MacLeod, was a decorated World War Two combat veteran but he never told many war stories. Non-stop coaxing would get him to say a little bit. However, one thing he always talked about was where he was when he heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. It was early on a Sunday afternoon when radio stations started broadcasting bulletins back in Marlboro, Massachusetts. My mother, Helen Schuttner, was a high school teacher in St. Peter, Minnesota and on

her way to the movies when she found out.

For my generation it was, "Where were you when you heard about President John F. Kennedy's assassination?" For the greatest generation it was Pearl Harbor. The beginning of World War Two turned everything upside down for practically everyone.

My father enlisted in the U.S. Army and became an officer in an engineering unit that advanced from New Guinea, through a treacherous landing on Mindinao in the Philippines to occupation duty in Japan. My mother worked 3 years in the Portland, Oregon shipyards and met my father on a blind date just before he shipped out to the war.

What was the final toll of the December 7 attacks on Pearl Harbor by Japan that caught just about the whole world off guard? As reported in *Life* magazine: 2,403 Americans killed (eerily similar to the 9-11 death toll), 1,178 wounded, 18 U.S. ships either sunk or severely damaged, 347 U.S. planes destroyed, most of them parked on the ground.

We all know something about the attack from countless history lessons and many, many movies and books. It could have been much worse. If the enemy had launched a third wave attack that day, which they could have, if many U.S. ships had not been out at sea. But it was bad enough, especially for those caught in the onslaught. As an example of the carnage: There were three dozen pairs of brothers serving on board the U.S.S Arizona and not a single pair survived intact (Source: *Life* magazine).

Our Post used to have a late afternoon ceremony on December 7 at the Manassas Veterans Memorial. But interest dwindled in the early 2000's as many veterans passed away and the commuter traffic became more and more of a hassle. But in tribute to the greatest generation and for all of those who gave their lives for their country in World War Two, let's never forget what happened on December 7, 1941.

Veteran's Day activities around Manassas always leave us with a few lasting memories. Here are a few of mine:

Quartermaster Rick Raskin, Comrade Roger Nicol and myself facing two assemblies of 600 students each at Mayfield Intermediate School! We were only armed with a Vietnam home movie but thanks to the excellent work of the Mayfield teachers, everything went well.

A last minute request from the Mayor on Veteran's Day to appear at the Manassas Women's Club wreath laying ceremony and then being asked to speak to the crowd that included dozens of Air Force Junior ROTC cadets from Stonewall Jackson High School.



Pete MacLeod speaks at the Manassas Women's Club wreath laying ceremony on Veterans Day.

Cub Scouts from Pack 1355 in Manassas trying to hold up signs as our Post 7589 contingent marched in the Manassas Veterans Parade. I found out later from one of the adult leaders that the young Scouts had been up since dawn collecting food for the needy in the area and they were exhausted.

The incredible generosity and friendliness of the staff at the Centreville Giant where we were conducting a Buddy Poppy Drive. The customer service rep. on Saturday, 11/12, went to Starbucks on her own dime and bought us the most delicious and welcome hot chocolate I've ever tasted. These are good folks!

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#### **Auxiliary President**



would like to thank the manager of the Giant in Centrefor ville allowing us to hold

our Buddy Poppy drive on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. I also wish thank Janet Raskin and

Yvonne Sullivan for assisting me at this event. We had great success considering it was our first time at this location. There were several events I attend on November 11<sup>th</sup>, (Veterans Day) starting off with the wreath laying ceremony with Commander Pete Mac-Leod at the Manassas Veterans Memorial. Our wreath laving ceremony continued at the Manassas Cemetery where a wreath was placed at Francis Cannon's grave site. With the assistance of Cub Scout Pack 1355, Janet Raskin and Yvonne Sullivan, the old flags were replaced with new flags. Each flag had a Buddy Poppy placed at the top. I hope to see the Scouts again for our Memorial Day Ceremony in May 2017 when we will do the same routine.

The next event was the GFWC Women's Club at the Manassas Veteran Memorial. The Honorable Mayor Hal Parrish and several honored guests spoke at this event including members of VFW Post 7589. I then attended the Birmingham Green ceremony for 20 Veteran residents with Pat Sutton and Yvonne Sullivan and members of VFW Manassas Park Post 1811. Veterans of the Birmingham Green staff were also recognized for their military service. VFW Auxiliary 7589 members distributed "Thank You" cards to the Veterans.

The VFW Auxiliary congratulates the Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen contest winners. The Post will host a celebration for the winners at the Post on December 4, 2016 at 4:00pm. Refreshment will be provided by the Auxiliary and will be served after the ceremony. We are still working on additional Scholarship programs. Two of the deadlines are: February 15, 2017 for the Respectfully, Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award and the Continuing Education Scholarship for the Auxiliary members Mary Corkhill and their immediate family. The final deadline for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest is March 31, 2017. If you wish more information about these contests, please let me know. I do want to thank you for your support.

The fourth annual Auxiliary December meeting will be held at City Tavern, 9550 Center St., on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. There will be a gift exchange so please being a gift not to exceed \$10. A very short meeting will follow the dinner. Please enjoy some holiday fun with your Auxiliary.



Corrcal We will be passing out Holiday gifts to the Veterans at Birmingham Green on December 6<sup>th</sup> at

2:00pm. Please join Santa and the members for the fun.

The Post's annual Holiday celebration will be at the Golden Corral on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm. The location is 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA. The flyer with all the information is on page 7. The VFW Chairman is requesting the attendee to please RSVP by December 9<sup>th</sup>. According to the flyer, if you plan to attend the party and do not register, you will be charged \$15.50 for each person. There is a link in the flyer to register. Hope to see you there.



I would like to thank everyone who participated in fundraiser our for Wreaths Across America. I would like to also re-

mind everyone that the ceremony for Wreaths Across America will be held at Quantico National Cemetery on December 17th at 12:00 pm (Noon). The biggest joy is seeing the cemetery after all the wreaths have been placed. I also would like to remind everyone to arrive early since the parking is very limited. This event gets larger every year.

I would like to inform the Auxiliary members that January 2017 meeting will be on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The first Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, is considered a Federal holiday and our standing rules states: "When the Auxiliary meeting night falls on a Federal holiday, the Auxiliary will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday". See you then.

Since the Campbell Soup Company discontinued the soup label program for the National Home for Children, I would like to recommend that you purchase a \$35.00 life time membership to the National Home.

We are honored to assist another organization with collecting coupons for our military personnel overseas. The expiration date is good up to 6 months after the coupon has expired here in the States. Please bring your coupons to the Post. As always, we thank you in advance.

For individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized, PLEASE remember them in your prayers.

VFW Auxiliary President



## Our Post was involved in many activities over the Veteran's Day week.



Commander Pete MacLeod receives students' cards and letters from members of the "Shirt & Tie Club" just prior to the assembly at Mayfield Middle School.

#### Activities began with visits to area schools



We spoke to over 1200 5th and 6th grade students in 2 assemblies. Above Pete MacLeod narrates our Vietnam video.



The Shirt & Tie Club met with us at a reception in the library. Above Rick Raskin, Pete MacLeod and Roger Nichol.



Students were enthralled with Pete's Vietnam scrapbooks.



The program at Round Elementary was attended by an overflow crowd.



Legion member Marie Komyathy and Post 7589 member Elizabeth Lewis enjoy the program.



This student's tee-shirt says it all.



#### Activities continued with ceremonies, flag placements and Buddy Poppies.



Commander Pete MacLeod at the Manassas Veterans Memorial



Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill with Cub Scouts from Pack 1355



Civil War veteran and Medal of Honor recipient Solomon Hottenstein

Buddy Poppies being distributed at Centreville Giant. (L-R) Lou Filippone, Pete MacLeod, Terry Bursey and Ron Link





Manassas Mayor Hal Parrish



Cub Scouts place a flag at a veteran's grave.



A flag was placed on the grave of Post member Ken Lion who passed away last year.

## Youth News and Notes, Dec. 2016

#### By Pete MacLeod, Youth Chair

I've been involved with the VFW essay contests since 2003 and this is the first year I noticed a big change. Our Post and Auxiliary received 71 Voice of Democracy entries this year, an all time record. All of them had the audio portion on Thumb Drives or CDs or were sent via email. The cassettes have officially disappeared! The end of another era! Of course "technoidiots" like myself were sent scrambling to figure out how to listen to these thumb drives.

Thanks to Trustee and Youth Committee member Lou Filippone We need volunteers to help us on Saturday, Dec. 10 as the Post and my wife and Auxiliary member Jean for the many bleary eyed hours they spent listening to and reading the essay submissions from some extremely bright students in the Manassas area.

Our First Place finisher for Patriot's Pen this year is Riley Kotlus, a home schooled 7th grader from Manassas. He also finished first in the District 8 judging. Just an amazing job, complete with historical references by Riley writing on the theme: Let's have a great turnout of Post and Auxiliary members on "The America I Believe In."

Seton School dominated the Voice of Democracy competition but for the first time in several years we received 5 submissions from Osbourn High School. Because of behind the scenes work by former Post 7589 Commander and former Osbourn teacher Jerry Martin, Ms. Jessica Yankovitz got her government class involved and Osbourn student Brianna Stumpf made Honorable Mention.

the Post 7589/Auxiliary competition with a very emotional story into opportunities. Somebody new and interesting to talk to the of a medical scare she went through and how it relates to the students. Please be there December 4 and show your support! VOD theme, "My Responsibility to America."

Both Ashley and Riley will be reading their First Place essays at the Post 7589 and Auxiliary Youth Awards Ceremony on Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 pm at the Post. A special thanks to the 128 students in the Manassas area who took part in this year's contest. They will all be receiving a VFW certificate and a pen.

Just a reminder, we have several deadlines that will be rapidly approaching as 2017 begins. Feb. 15 is the deadline for Teacher of the Year nominations in three categories: Grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. March 1 is the deadline for Scout of the Year entries and March 31 is the deadline for the Auxiliary Patriotic Art contest.

7589/Auxiliary Youth Committee organizes a Flag Education and Retirement Day with Cub Scout Pack 910. The education portion will start promptly at 9:00 am inside the Post and then we will move outside for the Flag Retirement. It is fun and interesting to work with the Scouts and their adult leaders. We promise coffee and donuts!

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4:00 pm for our annual Educational Awards Ceremony. It is always a great sight if the students, their parents and teachers can be surrounded by a good turnout of veterans and Auxiliary members.

Our speaker for the awards ceremony this year is a former military officer who spent 4 years participating in recovery efforts in the Gulf coast areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Tyler Malejko is a business man and inventor who holds degrees in Business Management and Civil Engineering and has many sto-Ashley Cackett, a Seton High School Junior, took first place in ries of overcoming obstacles and challenges and changing them

## A Commonwealth Coffee Honoring Virginia Veterans with Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine

Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine cordially invite you to a Commonwealth Coffee honoring Virginia veterans. The coffee serves as an opportunity for veterans, active duty service members, their families, and Virginia's broader military community to speak with the Senators and members of their staff.

> Wednesday, December 14th, 2016 8:30 - 9:30 am

Russell Senate Office Building, Kennedy Caucus Room SR- 325 2 Constitution Ave. NE Washington, DC 20002 Space is limited, so please RSVP by Monday, December 12th, 2016.

(https://sen.gov/YON0)

Come join us for a Holiday celebration!

Friday, December 16, 2016 — 7:00 pm



10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

\*\*\*\* <u>YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND</u> \*\*\*\* Those not registered will be charged \$15.50 each.

**RSVP DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 9** 

Post, Auxiliary and one family member or guest Additional guests at \$15.50 each





Vietnam Veterans and one guest are also welcome under the VN50 Program.

## Yes, we'll be there.

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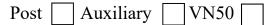
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Deadline December 10, 2016

[Click here to RSVP Online]



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#### **Changing Directions:**

Army Brig. Gen. Donald Bolduc met with VFW National Commander Brian Duffy at the VFW Washington Office on Wednesday, November 16 to discuss ongoing efforts to change the direction and narrative regarding the stigma associated with seeking mental health care. The general, who commands special operations forces for U.S. Africa Command and is a member of VFW Post 1670 in Laconia, N.H., is the latest senior officer to use himself as an example to his troops that seeking care is a sign of strength, not weakness, and that admitting to having posttraumatic stress is not a career-limiter. His story was featured in a New York Times article last month. Chief Duffy and VFW Auxiliary National President Colette Bishop have made mental wellness the signature issue of their year, and have already partnered with the nation's leading mental health providers, researchers, peer support and family caregiver organizations to help change the direction and narrative regarding seeking mental health. Read General Bolduc's story at http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/08/ world/africa/donald-bolduc-ptsd.html? r=0.

#### **Congress Advances Veterans' Bills:**

In its first week back from the election recess, Congress has advanced a number of veterans' bills to expand the Veterans' Oral History Project to gold star families, require VA to improve the Overseas Military Shipping Deadlines Veterans Crisis Line to ensure no crisis call goes unanswered and improve VA's Automobile Adaptive Equipment Program. H.R. 4511, the Gold Star Families Voices Act and H.R. 5392, the No Veterans Crisis Line Call Should Go Unanswered Act now await The Military Postal Service Agency is alerting everyone that holithe president's signature. Stay tuned to the Action Corps Weekly for updates on these bills and other important veterans legislation.

#### **TRICARE** Publications Update:

DOD has redesigned TRICARE handbooks, brochures, fact sheets and guides to make them more user friendly and visually appealing. To view the updated publications, visit: www.tricare.mil/publications. Please tell us what you think of the redesign by emailing the Actions Corps at vfwac@vfw.org.

#### MyVA311:

Last week, VA launched 1-844-MyVA311 (1-844-698-2311) as a 24/7 one-stop information service platform for all VA services. Veterans, families and caregivers who call MyVA311 can be connected to disability, pension, health care eligibility, enrollment, and burial benefits, the veterans crisis line, the homeless veterans helpline and to a self-service locator to find the nearest

VA facility. This is an effort to ensure veterans no longer have to know what number to call for specific programs and services, instead, veterans can call MyVA311 and be connected to the correct call center. If you know what number you're calling - keep calling it. None of the existing VA numbers will go away.

#### Air Force Announces New Top Enlisted Advisor:

Chief Master Sgt. Kaleth Wright has been selected to become the next chief master sergeant of the Air Force. He will succeed current CMSAF James Cody, who is retiring in February. Chief Wright is currently the senior enlisted advisor to U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Forces Africa. The 27-year Desert Storm veteran previously served as the command chief of the 3rd Air Force and 17th Expeditionary Air Force at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan in Kabul, Afghanistan, and the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan. Read more at https:// www.airforcetimes.com/articles/meet-the-next-chief-mastersergeant-of-the-air-force?

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## Near:

day shipping deadlines to overseas areas are rapidly approaching. Check mailing deadlines on its website at http:// hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/index.htm.



#### VFW Welcomes a New Foundation Administrator

Richard Potter brings a wealth of experience in corporate relations



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (November 21, 2016) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is pleased to announce Richard M. Potter has been selected as the new administrator of the VFW Foundation at the organization's national headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. He will be responsible for leading the VFW Foundation in attaining its philanthropic fundraising goals and objectives in support of the VFW.

With a career spanning more than 30 years, Potter brings a wealth of experience in corporate fundraising and corporate relations to the Foundation, which is an IRS section 501 (c)(3) charity.

"Richard is joining the VFW's team at a time when the demand for our vital support programs and services is perhaps higher than ever before," said VFW National Commander Brian Duffy. "We're proud to have someone of his caliber representing the VFW Foundation, and very optimistic about the relationships he will forge with industry partners to enable our philanthropic programs to better care for more of America's veterans, service members and their families."

During his former tenure as Director of Corporate Engagement at Kansas State University, Potter was a central point of contact for potential corporate partners, and was largely responsible for establishing the K-State Bulk Solids Innovation Center, the Working With Industry Boot Camp and workshop series, and the K-State Research Showcase, among many other accomplishments.

He said of his position, "My son is a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, so the opportunity to serve our military, our veterans and their families is very meaningful. The fact that I can do so through an established and respected organization like the VFW is especially gratifying."

He assumes his new role on Dec. 1.

## FREEDOM MUSEUM

#### Speakers to Commemorate Pearl Harbor

On December 7, as part of the Freedom Museum's Pearl Harbor commemoration, LTC Ruth Anderson, USAF, (Ret) and Mr. Steve Krawczyk, a Pearl Harbor survivor, will speak about the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor. The knowledge LTC Anderson gained about that attack during an assignment in Hawaii will be the subject of her presentation. Mr. Krawczyk, assigned to Hickam Airfield in 1941 as a machinist, will present his experience as an airman working on the airfield that fateful day.

LTC Anderson earned her undergraduate and graduate nursing degrees from the Universities of Minnesota and Kansas. She was a previous Medical Operations Squadron Commander at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and extensively studied the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Mrs. Anderson is the current Supervisor for the Occoquan District on Prince William County's Board of Supervisors.

After World War II, Steve Krawczyk used his GI Bill to obtain a Bachelor Degree and began working for the Sherwin Williams Paint Company. He and his family were transferred to the City of Manassas where he worked and remained after his retirement. Mr. Krawczyk has been a member of the Freedom Museum for many years.

The presentation will be on December 7 from 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM at the Museum, located in the Manassas Airport Terminal, 10600 Harry Parrish Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110. Admission to the Freedom Museum is free. For further information and directions to the museum, visit www.freedommuseum.org.

#### VA DVS AGENT SERVICE AT POST 7589

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## Conscientious Objectors who received the Medal of Honor



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Part of the [Selective Service System] SSS mission is to manage the Alternative Service Program for Conscientious Objectors (CO). Coincidentally, there is a movie currently showing in theaters about one of the Greatest Generation's heroes, Private First Class Desmond T. Doss. Doss was drafted in World War II as a CO: 1-A-O. This means that he entered military service agreeing to serve only in a noncombatant capacity. The movie is titled **"Hacksaw Ridge"** and portrays Doss' noncombatant service and him earning the Medal of Honor. Later, two other 1-A-O COs were awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry above the call of duty during the Vietnam War: Corporal Thomas W. Bennett and Specialist Joseph G. LaPointe, Jr.

What's important to know about these three veterans is that they had unwavering faith and conviction in their beliefs, and were COs serving their country in uniform. Here are the details:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DESMOND T. DOSS, United States Army: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty is the first and probably the most celebrated CO to be awarded the Medal of Honor. Private First Class Doss is credited with saving approximately 75 lives over a 23-day period beginning in late April in 1945 on Okinawa Island, Japan. Doss, a Seventh-day Adventist, wanted to serve both God and country, but objected to taking a life or taking up arms. He eventually served with the U.S. Army Medical Department (AMEDD) as a Company Aidman where he was attached to Company B of the 307th Infantry. As his troops neared the summit assaulting the 400-foot-high Maeda Escarpment, they were met with heavy enemy fire. Doss refused to seek cover and instead carried the injured men, one by one, to the edge of the escarpment. According to Doss, there he fashioned a rope into two slings using a knot he had learned years ago as a Junior Missionary Volunteer with his church and lowered each wounded soldier down to where they could be put on a stretcher and taken for treatment.

Doss performed several similar rescues during his tour. He continued providing aid to his wounded comrades in dangerous situations, managing to escape death on many occasions. Eventually, Doss' legs were severely injured in a nearby grenade explosion. Instead of calling another Aidman away from safe cover, Doss cared for his own injuries and waited five hours until a stretcher could reach him and deliver him to safety. However, when Doss identified a more critically wounded soldier, he crawled from the stretcher and instructed the carriers to first evacuate that soldier. While awaiting their return, Doss was hit again, this time causing a compound fracture in his arm. Taking up arms for the first time, Doss used a nearby rifle shaft as a splint for his arm and then crawled all the way to the aid station.

Doss survived the war and was presented with the Medal of Honor by President Harry S. Truman on October 12, 1945. He passed away in 2006, at the age of 87.

**CORPORAL THOMAS W. BENNETT UNITED STATES** Army: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Bennett was a Medical Aidman and served with the 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry. While his platoon was en route near Pleiku, Vietnam to assist another platoon that had been ambushed, Bennett's platoon became engaged in fire with a larger and more-fortified enemy unit. After learning that three of the platoon's point men had been wounded, Bennett ran through heavy fire to administer life-saving first aid to his comrades and then made repeated trips to carry each of the soldiers to a safer location where they could be medically evacuated. Day in and day out between February 9 and February 11, 1969, Bennett repeatedly risked his life by passing through enemy fire to administer aid and comfort the wounded and retrieve the bodies of his fallen comrades. Bennett was attending to the first of a new group of wounded when he started to run to another wounded soldier who was located forward of the company's position and covered by heavy enemy fire. Despite being warned by several that the wounded soldier could not be reached safely and that he should wait until the hostile fire let up, Bennett immediately proceeded towards the wounded soldier. It was during this rescue attempt that Bennett was hit by enemy fire and killed. Bennett's Medal of Honor was presented to his mother and stepfather by President Richard M. Nixon on April 7, 1970.

**SPECIALIST FOUR JOSEPH G. LAPOINTE, JR., United States Army:** For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

Specialist Four Joseph G. LaPointe, Jr., whose military records indicate he was a Baptist, was recognized posthumously with both the Medal of Honor for his actions on June 2, 1969, and with a Silver Star for his actions on April 12, 1969.

LaPointe was a Medical Aidman attached to the 101st Airborne Division. On June 2, 1969, while assisting with a combat helicopter assault mission in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam, his patrol was surprised with a heavy attack from a large, well- fortified enemy bunker. LaPointe heard the call for aid and while members of his unit attempted to provide covering fire, he crawled straight through enemy fire and in view of the enemy bunker to assist his two wounded comrades. While caring for one soldier, he shielded the other with his body. Repeatedly wounded and knocked to the ground, each time LaPointe returned to his position of administering first aid while shielding the wounded soldiers with his body. Unfortunately, both LaPointe and his two wounded comrades were killed by an exploding enemy grenade before he could stabilize the two soldiers and help evacuate them to safety. LaPointe's Silver Star was awarded for similar bravery when he ran through heavy artillery to the aid of 17 wounded soldiers. His actions reportedly saved one life and likely many others. LaPointe's Medal of Honor was awarded to his family by Vice President Spiro T. Agnew on Dec 16, 1971.

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## Upcoming Events

December 3	Manassas, VA Christmas Parade	
December 4	VOD/Patriots Pen Awards – Refreshments - 4 pm	
December 5	Post Meeting — 7:30 pm Auxiliary Meeting - 6pm - City Tavern, 9550 Center St., Manassas	
December 7	Pearl Harbor Day	
December 10	Flag Retirement — Post Home — 9:00 am	
December 11	Birmingham Green Assistance Living visit 2:00 pm	
December 16	Post's Holiday Party – 7pm - Golden Corral 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA	
December 17	Wreaths Across America, Quantico Cemetery - 12 noon	
December 28	Executive Meeting – 12:30 pm	
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January 2	Post Meeting — 7:30 pm (Tuesday in lieu of Monday New Year Holiday)	
January 9	Auxiliary Meeting— 7:30 pm	
January 13-15	Department of Virginia Winter Conference, Williamsburg, VA	
January 19	Day on the Hill—Richmond	
January 23-25	Auxiliary National Sr. Vice Conference – Kansas City, MO	
February 1	Executive Meeting – 12:30 pm	
February 6	Post / Auxiliary Meeting—7:30 pm	
February 11	District 8 Meeting 1:00pm Southern Fauquier Post 7728 – (Lunch at Noon)	
February 15	Teacher of the Year Contest & Continuing Education Scholarship (Deadline)	
February 20—26	Auxiliary National Mid-Year Conference (Auxiliary President will be attending)	



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