

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
December 2021



GUNNY LEWIS

(L-R) Wayne Moore, Mary Corkhill, Roger Nicol, Rod Burr, Alex Bliem and Pete MacLeod prior to participating in the Northern Virginia Veterans Parade in Manassas on November 6.

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Comrades,

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes to you and your families! The new year's dawn rapidly approaches as the old year leaves us with mixed feelings and blessings. We said farewell to some stalwart comrades and welcomed a new generation of heroes to our fold.

The threat of Covid 19 loomed throughout the year and hampered/reduced many of the community activities our Post routinely participated in or supported. However, several active comrades and Auxiliary members worked with total dedication to ensure our veterans were memorialized or celebrated as the occasion warranted.

Despite the barriers, personal recognition for their outstanding work goes to SVC Filippone and Comrade MacLeod, Alex and Tina Bliem, and Auxiliary President Corkhill. In addition, the Post was able to conduct outreach to the schools in support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars educational programs: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and recognition of local teachers. The Bliems continue to be our driving force behind the education and guidance of our Scout youth programs. Our recruiting/legislative guru comrade Zimmerman persevered, racking his accomplishments in both areas that brought accolades to both the District and Post.

I would be remiss in omitting recognition for Past Commander Stein and present Commander Quimby of American Legion Post 10 in joint support, collaboration, and participation in assisting and serving our community in its time of need. Together we've celebrated WWII veterans' birthdays, paid homage to those in assisted living facilities and honored our departed heroes. Thank you Comrades!

I extend my thanks to all of you for your commitment to our country's freedom. Finally, for the first time in 20 years, the men and women on "The Wall" will do so with the country at peace. Those of us who have seen conflict can appreciate the silence and calm.

Merry Christmas! May your lives be filled with happiness, joy, and warmth. Give thanks for being with family and friends. And I would ask that we reach out to a comrade in need of a friend. God Bless!

Wayne Moore
Commander, VFW Post 7589

Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



A day of infamy, the day Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor, is commemorated with the National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance

each year on December 7. On that day in 1941, more than 2,400 people died in Japan's attack on the Hawaiian base of America's Pacific Fleet. Hundreds of aircraft were destroyed or damaged, as were most of the ships in the harbor, and thousands of service men and women were killed or injured. It was an unprecedented surprise attack that precipitated the United States entry into WW II as we sided with the Allies and declared war on Japan.



Every year, on December 25th we celebrate Christmas, a day for spending time with family, observing an important Christian holiday, partaking in lighthearted traditions, or just spreading some holiday cheer! Christmas has evolved over several millennia into a worldwide

celebration that's both religious and secular and chock full of fun-filled, family activities.

Ellie Smith and I distributed "You are a Hero" cards to the veterans at eight different assisted living facilities for Veterans Day. Other events attended were: laying a wreath at the Manassas Veterans Memorial and at Francis Cannon's grave site. With the assistance of our Scouts, flags were replaced throughout the Manassas Cemetery.

The Auxiliary members wish to congratulate the winners of Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teachers of the Year contests. The Post will host the awards ceremony on December 5th at 4 PM with refreshments provided by the Auxiliary to be served afterwards.

The December Auxiliary meeting will be held at Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centreville Rd in Manassas on Monday, December 13th at 5:30 PM. There will be a gift exchange so please bring a gift not to exceed \$10. A very short meeting will follow the dinner. Please come and enjoy some holiday fun with friends.

Since the deadline has passed for our fundraiser with Wreaths Across America (WAA), I wish to thank everyone for your participation. This year, to participate in placing wreaths on December 18, 2021 at Quantico National Cemetery, you **must** preregister on their [Eventbrite link](#).

The members of the Post will have their annual Christmas get together at the Post on December 18th at 5:30 with a Pot Luck. The Post will provide turkey and ham and requests that every-

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Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes everyone is happy and well during this holiday season. This month has been filled with activities for the Youth Committee and will continue at this fast pace until the spring. We held our last meeting on 18 November at the Post. Unfortunately attendance was limited due to scheduling conflicts with most of our members. The main topics of discussion for the committee were the results of the contests for 2021.

We held our Post judging on 30 and 31 October and concluded on 5 November at the Post. A big thank you goes out to those who participated: specifically, Past State Commander Rick Raskin, Past Post Commander Peter MacLeod, comrades Alex and Tina Bliem and myself. We had strong participation in our contests from local area schools with 51 submissions for Patriot’s Pen, 54 for Voice of Democracy and six entries for Teacher of the Year at the Post level. Our District statistics were equally impressive with 16 schools and 117 students participating in Patriot’s Pen, 13 schools and 71 students in Voice of Democracy and 10 teachers and schools competing in the Teacher of the Year Contest.

Our District judging was held on 21 November at the Post as well. Again I would like to thank all judges who volunteered their time and made the event so successful. I would like to express my gratitude to past State Commander Rick Raskin, District 8 Commander Jeff Dombroff, Past Post Commander Peter MacLeod, Morrisville Post 7728 Commander Ron Roberts and SVC Wayne Robinson also from Post 7728.

The Post results and District 8 results are as follows:

2021-22 VFW Post 7589 Educational Award Recipients

Patriot’s Pen, 6th to 8th Grade:

“How Can I Be A Good American?”

- First Place: Yosaiyah R. Allen, 8th Grade, Ronald Wilson Reagan Middle School, Haymarket, VA
- Second Place: Evan Caudill, 6th Grade, Manassas Christian School, Manassas Park, VA
- Third Place: Hunter Schneider, 8th Grade, Manassas Christian School, Manassas Park, VA
- Honorable Mention: Brielle Appiatse, 8th Grade All Saints Catholic School, Manassas, VA

Voice of Democracy, 9th to 12th Grade:

“America: Where Do We Go From Here?”

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2021-22 VFW District Eight Educational Awards Recipients

Patriot’s Pen, 6th to 8th Grade:

- First Place: Faith E. Clevenger, 7th Grade Classical Conversations- Home School, Spotsylvania, VA, Post 3103
- Second Place: Yosaiyah R. Allen, 8th Grade Ronald Wilson Reagan Middle School, Haymarket, VA, Post 7589
- Third Place: Evelyn E. Watts, 6th Grade Taylor Middle School, Warrenton, VA, Post 9835
- Honorable Mention: Brielle Appiatse, 8th Grade All Saints Catholic School, Manassas, VA, Post 7589

Voice of Democracy, 9th to 12th Grade:

- First Place: Clifford T. Krieger, 10th Grade Home School, Broad Run, VA, Post 7728
- Second Place: Emma M. Reynolds, 11th Grade Seton School, Manassas, VA, Post 7589
- Third Place: Catherine T. Griffin, 11th Grade Seton School, Manassas, VA, Post 7589
- Honorable Mention: Olan J. Faulk, 12th Grade Culpeper County High School, Culpeper, VA Post 2425

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I would like to congratulate all the winners and thank all the students and teachers who participated in the contests. The Post Awards Ceremony will be held on 5 December at the Post at 4:00 PM and the District Awards Ceremony will be held at the 12

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Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

November brought a lot of good deeds for our Scouting units. First our Scouting units participated with our Post in the Manassas Veterans Day Parade. We had representation from each of our four Scouting units. This was the first time that our Scouts had participated with the Post in the parade and we had a very good turnout. The Scouts had some very good feedback from those watching the parade as well. It was great to have them with us.

After the parade the Scout units then participated in their nationwide Scouting For Food Drive by going door to door and letting folks throughout the neighborhoods know that they would be back the following Saturday to collect non-perishable items. The next Saturday the Scouts went out and collected over 1500 pounds of food that will then be distributed to local food banks. The purpose of this project is to fill the food banks nationwide for those that are in need. They did a great job.

Our four Scouting units, along with numerous comrades in our VFW Post and VFW Auxiliary laid a wreath at the Veterans Memorial in Manassas. After the very informative and well spoken speeches from Mr. Knowles, Mr. MacLeod, and Mrs. Corkhill, we all then went to the Manassas Cemetery. There we paid respect to Mr. Cannon, and placed a flag at every Veterans grave-site in the cemetery. After each flag placement the Scouts thanked each individual veteran's grave and gave a proper hand salute. We had roughly 70 people from the Scouts, the VFW Post and the VFW Auxiliary in attendance. Everyone down to

our youngest Scout was very respectful.

The Cub Scouts went to Camp Snyder this month for a weekend of family camping. They learned what it is like to camp in sub freezing temperatures, cook, and clean when it is cold. They also had activities planned throughout the day and had a great time together.

Our older Scouts in the boy's troop also went camping the same weekend at Elizabeth Furnace. They had a lengthy hike in the cold through the mountains, and learned some cold weather survival skills. They also spent hours going through a leadership skills course while they were out there. Needless to say the Scouts are at their best when they are outside and always have a great time regardless of the weather.

The Scouts also practiced democracy these last couple of weeks. Every six months the Scouts campaign and vote for a whole new slate of leaders and support staff. There was some very good enthusiasm this time during the elections which was very good to see.

From here the Scouts have another full month in December volunteering for multiple service related and holiday based projects. This is always a busy time of year for the Scouts helping others and being involved in our communities. Of course they also have some fun activities planned for themselves, as well to unwind and enjoy having fun together.

Until next month, be happy and healthy,

Alex & Tina Bliem
Post members and Scouting leaders



ALEX BLIEM

Past Post 7589 Commander Pete MacLeod addresses a gathering of Scouts, Comrades, Auxiliary and guests at the grave of Post namesake Francis Cannon prior to placing flags on veteran graves at the Manassas Cemetery on Veterans Day.

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one bring a side dish. The comrades are requesting you RSVP so they can get an idea of how many will be attending. Hope to see you there.

Almost a century ago, the VFW National Home for Children began as a place where families left behind by war could remain together. Today, the National Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of America's military and veterans' families. One thing has remained constant: the National Home's commitment to honor our nation's veterans and active-duty military by providing help and hope for their children and families.

Your prayers and cards of condolence and get well are requested for the following: Yvonne and Bert Sullivan for the passing of John who went to his heavenly home on November 21st (8506 Spruce St. Manassas, VA 20111). Jan Germain who lost her mother on October 31, (9660 Manassas Forge Dr., Manassas, VA 20111) and Ann Mitchell, who had surgery (12784 Aden Rd, Nokesville, VA 20181) along with other individuals facing medical issues who are ill and/or hospitalized. May God Bless and keep you safe.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President

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February District 8 meeting at Post 3103 in Fredericksburg. The Department Awards will be given at the Awards Banquet at the Winter Council meeting in Portsmouth, Virginia on 8 January. Please attend these ceremonies if possible and help us honor and congratulate all our winners.

I know this is a very busy time for Scouting and will let Alex and Tina discuss their activities in detail in their newsletter article. I would like to congratulate them, as well as the Scouts, for the wonderful job they did with the Veterans Day Parade as well as the Veterans Day services at the Manassas Cemetery. They had an excellent turnout and did an outstanding job.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 16 December at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join us at the meeting and help perpetuate patriotism and Americanism among our youth. With the exception of helping veterans this is the most important responsibility of the VFW.

With best regards,
Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
STARTING AT 5:30 PM
AT THE POST

THE POST WILL PROVIDE HAM & TURKEY
SO

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO
SHARE

CLICK BELOW TO RSVP

RSVP

Out & About



ALEX BLIEM

Rod Burr provided the Jeep for Post members to ride in the Northern Virginia Veterans Parade on November 6.



DAVE MATTINGLY



ALEX BLIEM

Our Scouts followed and carried our Post banner



RICK RASKIN

Lou Filippone distributes Buddy Poppies at Haymarket Walmart on November 7



LOU FILIPPONE

Rick Raskin distributes Buddy Poppies at Haymarket Walmart on November 7



FACEBOOK

Virginia Auxiliary members at the Southern Conference in Hilton Head, SC on November 19. 4th from right: Mary Corkhill, Auxiliary 7589 President.

Veterans Day Ceremony at the Manassas Veterans Memorial

PHOTOS BY RICK RASKIN



Food Insecurity in the US Military

The following is a Op-ed piece written by Comrade Joel Chase for E Co 1/5 monthly news letter

According to the Feeding America government relations office, 29% of our junior enlisted ranks (E-1 to E-4) faced "Food Insecurity" during the previous year. This should be cause of deep embarrassment, but has been largely ignored by our military leaders, legislators, media and the public for over thirteen years. The Pentagon has acknowledged that as many as 160,000 of our military families have struggled to put food on their table. Needless to say they deserve better from their country.

What is "Food Insecurity"? It is a sugar coated government term that means some military families can't afford groceries and have no clue where their next meal will come from. Many families are turning to non-military food banks for assistance.

Thousands of service member families who live off post or base receive a Basic Allowance for Housing to offset most of their costs. But, the 2008 Food and Nutrition Act dictates that allowances count as ordinary income. As a result, many families are disqualified from participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Food Stamps because their income is over the SNAP limit. This Act needs to be amended to eliminate the housing allowance from being treated as ordinary income so that military families in need can qualify to participate in SNAP.

What can you do? Write to your Senator and Congressman and urge them to rescind the Food and Nutrition Act rule that Basic Allowance for Housing be treated as ordinary income. That would at least allow our junior enlisted troops to qualify for SNAP benefits to help feed their families. You might also add an extra helping of groceries to your local food bank.

The U.S. distributes billions of dollars in food to numerous poor nations around the globe. To me, it is unconscionable that our government knowingly allows many military families to experience "Food Insecurity" and are doing absolutely nothing about it. So start composing your emails to your loving Senators and Congressmen.

For additional information on this issue click here: [food insecurity in the military](#)
— Ed

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Contributions Desired for the Community Service Book

As you may or may not know I am working on the Community Service Book this year which covers 1 May 2021 thru 30 April 2022. The guidelines for the book are detailed in minutiae - this makes it more challenging.

NO Post events such as elections, installation, meetings, dances, etc. shall be included in the book or mentioned. **ONLY COMMUNITY SERVICE** to include monetary donations and the cost of any projects for the community.

The book shall be divided into tabs:

- Tab 1, Community Involvement
- Tab 2, Cooperation with Others
- Tab 3, Aid to Others
- Tab 4, School & Church Assistance
- Tab 5, Safety
- Tab 6, Americanism/Loyalty Day
- Tab 7, Youth & Voice of Democracy

Many of our community service events fall into several categories but only one can be chosen.

I am respectfully requesting each and every one of you to send me any and all info on the above to include photographs, newspaper articles, money expended, etc. Again, no internal events. Dates to be included are listed above. I am currently reviewing monthly **CANNON NEWS** editions but there must be more that has not been included in the newsletters.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance. Remember the CSB will reflect on us!

V/r
SS SF
Gunny Lewis

gysgt_mc@yahoo.com

Note: The Community Service Book is required for the Post to achieve All-State. — Ed.

The VFW National Home for Children

The VFW National Home for Children offers a once in a lifetime **opportunity** for military and veteran related families.

If you know of a family in your community that could use our help, please encourage them to call!

We are currently accepting new resident families into our program.

Most qualify to apply. Caring staff will help families to determine eligibility.

A Great Place to Call Home!

800-313-4200

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

By Jeanne Tomlinson , Auxiliary 7589

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery is a historic monument dedicated to deceased U.S. service members whose remains have not been identified. The centennial ceremony was held November 11, 2021. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has been guarded by fewer than 700 Sentinels since the 3rd U.S. Infantry began counting in 1958. The Old Guard was and remains, a combat unit and women were not permitted to serve in that capacity until recent years. In 1994, women could volunteer to serve as tomb guards after the 289th Military Police Company was attached to the Old Guard. The MP branch is a combat-support unit that included women.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier contains the remains of an unidentified soldier from:

World War I – placed November 11, 1921
 World War II – placed May 30, 1958
 Korean War – placed May 30, 1958
 Vietnam War – placed May 28, 1984

In May 1998 the remains of the Vietnam War veteran were identified through DNA testing and they were exhumed on June 30, 1998 and given to the family. This part of the tomb remains vacant to this day.

In 1996, Sergeant Heather Johnson became the first woman to earn the Tomb Guard Identification Badge. She volunteered for duty in June 1995 and earned her badge in 1996. Since then, four other female Sentinels have been awarded the Tomb Guard Identification Badge:

Sergeant Danyell Wilson, 1997
 Staff Sergeant Tonya Bell, 1998
 Sergeant Ruth Hanks, 1998
 Sergeant 1st Class Chelsea Porterfield 2021

The first two weeks, all “newmen” are given basic instructions on uniform prep, the walk sequence, and behavioral assessments. After this initial training, they are tested to see if they will continue. From here, the training is self-paced. The average training is 7-8 months, and the fastest has been 4 months.

“Newmen” are given 12-hour duty days plus homework. They do not watch TV, acknowledge jokes told in the quarters, talk to the public or talk to other guards unless spoken to (unless they have questions regarding training). Newmen generally train on performance at night when the cemetery is closed to the public. They live at regular barracks at Ft. Myer next to Arlington Cemetery.

As one goes through the training, they are tested on three things on four separate occasions: uniform, knowledge and performance.

Uniform. A “Newman” may only have 2 minor infractions and no major infractions. A minor infraction is if any one item on their uniform is more than 1/64” out of place.

Knowledge. “Newmen” are required to memorize a 17-page packet of information on the cemetery and write it out, including punctuation. In order to pass, there may be no more than 10 mistakes. Some of what they have to memorize are poems that reflect the solemnity and honor of the Tomb of the Unknown Sol-

diers.

Performance. With over 200 points of inspection, there may be no major infractions and only 2 minor ones, from foot placement on the mat to cadence. They aim for 72 beats per minute.

There is a 10% completion rate of passing the fourth and final test on these three components. Guards who fail a test may take it a second time. If they fail again, they are released from training, but may come back later and start from the beginning. If the 4th test is passed, the “newman” will become Fully Qualified and earn the Tomb Guard Identification Badge, the second rarest badge in the U.S. Army. The sterling silver badge is worn on the right breast pocket of the uniform. At any point, no matter how experienced a Sentinel is, if the weapon touches the plaza outside the weapon inspection, the Sentinel is released from being a tomb guard.

Once the badge is earned, it is kept for life, unless the guard does something to dishonor the tomb or the Army. It is the only badge in the Army that can be revoked for standards not related to regulations, but rather personal conduct. If a Sentinel is convicted of a felony, a DUI or any other major crime, the badge is revoked and the name is stricken from the record

All guards are issued one uniform and are responsible for maintaining it. It is a standard uniform, however, this one is made of wool instead of standard-issue polyester. Most guards end up owning three sets: one regular day uniform, one for rain and one they are working on. It takes between 12 and 6 hours to prepare the uniform. In some cases due to weather elements and fading, a uniform may need to be replaced after only 9 days. The unknown soldiers have all been awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest medal one can receive. Tomb guards can wear any medals they have earned but cannot wear rank on their uniform, as they cannot outrank the unknown soldiers, since their ranks are unknown

The tomb is guarded 24 hours a day 7 days a week regardless of the weather or other events. Sentinels usually perform this duty for 1-1.5 years. It is not meant to be a lifetime appointment but rather an honor to serve. After 9 months served the award becomes a permanent badge which may be worn for the rest of the guard’s military career. Soldiers in training may guard the tomb and perform duties just as a Sentinel, but only a Sentinel may wear the badge.

The guards are changed every 30 minutes April 1 to September 30 and every hour between October 1 and March 31. The guards change every two hours during the hours the cemetery is closed to the public. Guards take 21 steps on the mat, turn facing the tomb for 21 seconds, turn on the mat, change their weapon to their outside shoulder, wait 21 seconds and start again.

As of August 21, 2021 there have been 688 badges awarded.

For the first time in the 84 year vigil of the tomb, an all-female guard change occurred on October 21, 2021.

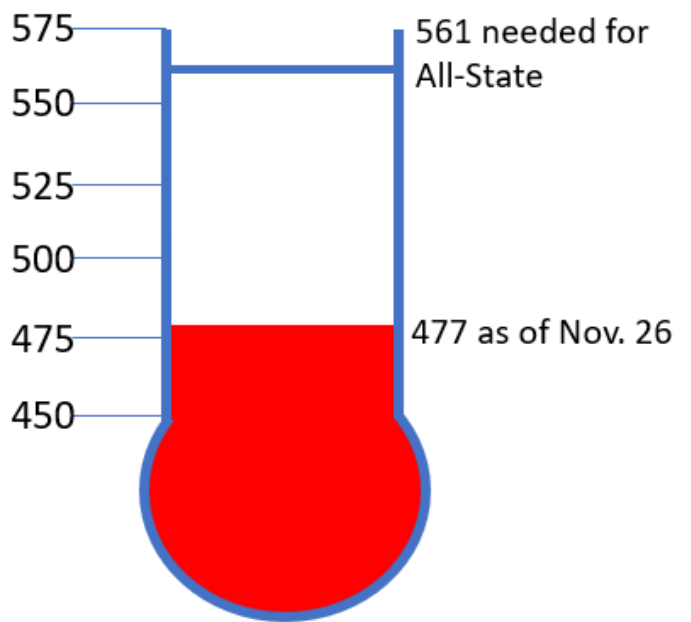
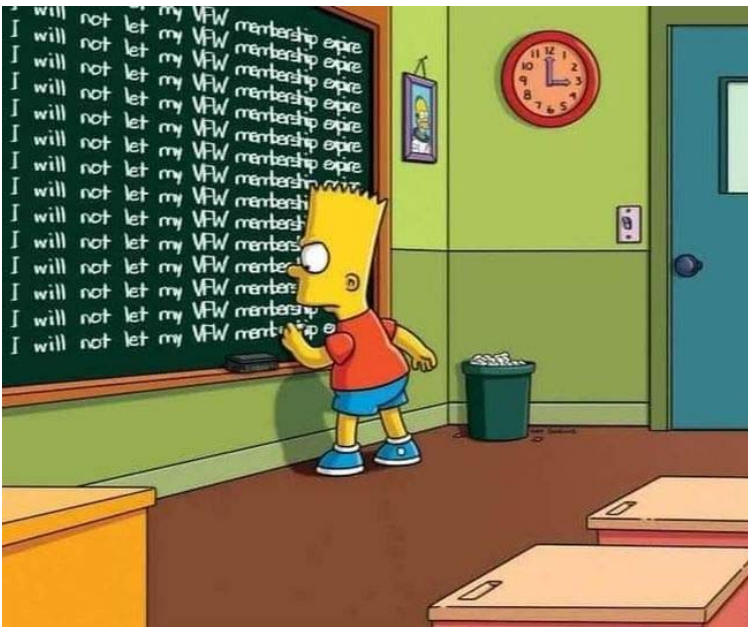


2020-21 Post Officers

Commander	Wayne Moore
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
Junior Vice Commander	Bobby Knight
Quartermaster	Rick Raskin
Chaplain	Ron Knowles
1 Year Trustee	Tina Bliem
2 Year Trustee	Dave Mattingly
3 Year Trustee	Heidi BruMar
Adjutant	Ron Link
Service Officer	Ron Link
Judge Advocate	Bobby Knight
Surgeon	Alex Bliem

2020-21 Auxiliary 7589 Officers

President	Mary Corkhill
Senior Vice President	Ellie Smith
Junior Vice President	Cindy McIntyre
Secretary	Ann Mitchell
Treasurer	Elanor Doczi
Chaplain	Cookie Cullen
Conductress	Debbie Baxter
Guard	Patsy Gough
Trustee 1	Yvonne Sullivan
Trustee 2	Jan Germain
Trustee 3	Janet Raskin
Historians	Patsy Gough Yvonne Sullivan
Patriotic Instructor	Bettye Montgomery



 **Dominion Energy** presents **Salute to the Military**

Opening Night of Manassas Ballet Theatre's *Nutcracker*
 Thursday, December 16th, 7:30 p.m.

at the  **HYLTON PERFORMING ARTSCENTER**

Salute to the Military celebrates and thanks all military members and branches for their service. The moving entre into the program features the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra playing the National Anthem and a medley of all the service anthems, bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace" from the second balcony, a color guard, and the introduction of our honoree of the year.



This year's honoree is Mark Stein. Mr. Stein served in the Air Force for 20 years and also served as a Police Officer and CSI for the Washington Metro Transit Police department. Mark is active in our community, mentoring youth and serving in leadership positions with the American Legion.

All active-duty military, veterans and first responders are invited to attend at no charge, with accompanying tickets at 20% off. If you are unable to attend our Salute performance, you are invited to attend the other *Nutcracker* performances (Dec. 17-23) and receive a 20% discount. Use code **SERVICE** at <https://bit.ly/3DliBb0> or call (703) 993-7759 to access these special offers.

For more information: manassasballet.org
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Upcoming Events

December 5	Post/Auxiliary VOD/Patriots Pen/Teacher Award at 4:00 PM
December 6	Post meeting 7:30 PM
December 13	Auxiliary meeting and Christmas party at 5:30 PM Yorkshire Restaurant
December 18	Wreaths Across America (WAA) at Quantico National Cemetery – 12 Noon Post Christmas party at Post (Pot Luck) 5:30 PM
2022	
January 3	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
January 7—9	Winter Council, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA
January 10	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person and teleconferencing)

Annual Education Awards Night

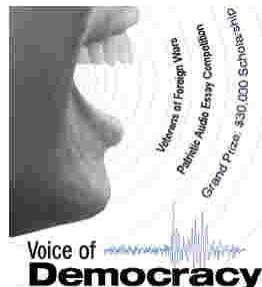
Post and Auxiliary members are invited to the 2021 Annual Education Awards Night Sunday, 5 December 2021 at the Post at 4:00 PM.

Refreshments, provided by the Auxiliary, will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Our guest speaker this year will be Manassas City Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger.

Please attend and celebrate with us in honoring our magnificent students and teachers.

If you would like to serve as a volunteer for the event please let the Youth Committee know.



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KNOW YOUR VIRGINIA REPRESENTATIVE

Rob Wittman	1st District	202-225-4261
Elaine Luria	2nd District	202-225-4215
Bobby Scott	3rd District	202-225-8351
Donald McEachin	4th District	202-225-6365
Denver Riggleman	5th District	202-225-4711
Ben Cline	6th District	202-225-9681
Abigail Spanberger	7th District	202-225-2815
Don Beyer	8th District	202-225-4376
Morgan Griffith	9th District	202-225-3861
Jennifer Wexton	10th District	202-225-5136
Gerry Connolly	11th District	202-225-1492



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