

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
January 2025

The January Post meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7 at 7:30 PM.



Post and Auxiliary members celebrated the holidays with a dinner at Logan's Roadhouse. More pictures on Page 6

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CANNON NEWS—Multiple award winner at both the State and National levels, including 2024 National Grand Award.

Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Comrades,

Happy New Year to All! I wish our burdens would be light this coming year and families safe. Promises of fresh starts and new beginnings will ripple with the rising sun, and fate may bring prevailing winds. Following state guidance, Post 7589 will undoubtedly enact some new things

for continued success. However, issues still on the table must be concluded as we move forward.

The leadership requests that any member with an idea on how we can better serve you, your family, and our community please call, text, or email us. The organization has spent many years supporting those who went before us. As life would have it, those of us from the Vietnam era are now front runners. Some of us may have been neglected, but others walked away. If you have not filed a Veteran Claim or need assistance with your claim, please do not hesitate to reach out to any veterans organization. The service is FREE!

I asked that we refocus, reach out to those behind (OIF, OEF), and teach them what the Veterans of Foreign Wars has done for those who faced war challenges. Our young comrades are trying to manage the twists and turns of family, work, and time. We have been there and should understand the limitations and stressors. Veterans' struggles are ongoing, and gains or delays may be lost without their support.

Let us renew our energies and convictions about improving the lives of those who served. May your year be blessed and filled with joy today and always.

If you know someone qualified to join, please suggest they join!

Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



As we celebrate the coming of 2025, we wish you a Happy New Year filled with new adventures

and good fortunes. May many doors open to you for happiness, success, and prosperity in the new year. Stay safe and in good health and many good wishes to you and your family.

I also want to "Thank you" for your hard work and dedication in making the Post, Auxiliary and Scouts a successful 1st half of the 2024-2025 year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President

2025 VFW/JLC DAY OF THE HILL

The Annual VFW/JLC Day on the Hill will be held on January 9, 2025.

We will meet at Post 9808 in Mechanicsville starting at 7:30 AM where a light breakfast will be provided. Bus transportation to the Legislature will be provided at 9:00 AM. We plan to return to Post 9808 before 2:00 PM.

There are five JLC initiatives this year:

1. Verification of Veteran Status: Arrest, Jails, and Prisons
2. Stop Unscrupulous Firms from Exploiting Veterans
3. Virginia National Guard Tuition
4. Suffolk State Veterans Cemetery Expansion
5. Women Veterans Day

Position papers on the above initiatives can be found at:

<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/about-us/boards-foundations/joint-leadership-council-of-veterans-service-organizations>

Rick Raskin
PSC/JLC Representative



Note: Due to a National Day of Mourning on January 9 honoring former President Jimmy Carter, the VFW/JLC Day on the Hill may be postponed or cancelled. An email will be sent when a decision has been made.

Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

Empowering the Future: VFW Youth Programs Shine Bright

Happy New Year to all VFW members and families! Last December has been a month filled with inspiring youth activities and heartwarming stories. Here's a roundup of the latest news and notes:

1. Educational Awards Ceremony

On 1 December, Post 7589 hosted the Educational Awards Ceremony, which

was well attended by students, teachers, and guests. We were honored to have Ty Eanes, a retired Navy Seal and Master Chief, and the Executive Director for the Border Security Intelligence Center, as our guest speaker. He delivered an exceptional motivational speech that left a lasting impact on everyone present.

Congratulations to Guransh Sabharwal. In addition to coming in first at the Post for Patriot's Pen, he came in second at the District Level for District Eight. He will receive his award at the next District 8 meeting on 1 February 2025 at Post 2524.

2. Scouting Activities for the New Year

Alex and Tina Bliem have an exciting lineup of Scouting activities scheduled for the New Year. Plans include a thrilling Summer Camp and preparations for the highly anticipated Pinewood Derby in early January. We look forward to seeing our young scouts in action!

3. JROTC Cadet of the Year Award

We're excited to announce the launch of the JROTC Cadet of the Year Award, a new initiative for the VFW. This contest will recruit cadets from Unity Reed, Osbourn Park, and Battlefield High Schools. The deadline for submissions is 12 February 2025. We encourage all eligible cadets to participate and showcase their outstanding achievements.

4. VFW Scout of the Year Program

The VFW Scout of the Year Program will kick off in early spring. This prestigious contest is open to all eligible scouts. Stay tuned for more details on eligibility and submission guidelines.

5. Next Youth Meeting

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for 13 January 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Post. We encourage everyone to attend and get involved. The rewards of working on the Youth Committee are immeasurable, from making a difference in young lives to building lasting community bonds.

6. Holiday Wishes

The Youth Committee extends warm holiday wishes to all VFW and Auxiliary members. We hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season. Stay safe and well until we meet again.

Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

Our scouts have had an enjoyable and giving month this December.

We had a handful of scouts and adults participate in the Wreaths Across America at Stonewall Memorial Gardens. They helped to respectfully place wreaths at the Veterans gravesites. This is something our scouts started doing every year; maybe 13 or so years ago. In previous years they have gone to Arlington, Quantico, and now Stonewall Memorial Garden.

Our youngest cubs participated in the Manassas Park light parade. Here they decorated a float and rode in the parade at night that went through the city.

We also had a handful of scouts and adults participate in their adopt-a-road cleanup. They picked up a lot of trash from the road that they adopted years ago. Every few months they go out and try their hardest to cleanup the road from those that are littering and dumping.

Our troop had their Christmas party at our post home where everyone brought some goodies to eat and drink. Then they played games and participated in a gift exchange. Some folks even brought extra gifts so that the scouts that were not able to bring one could also participate. Just another example of how our scouting units help and support each other.

Some of our scouts also went to a lock-in at Vertical Rock in Manassas. Those that wanted to earn the climbing Merit Badge showed up early for the classroom portion. Then all of the scouts spent the entire night climbing and having fun. The parents then picked them up early the next morning.

This month also brought about the difficult task of rechartering all of our scouting units with our post. Because of the outstanding and dedicated leadership they were able to navigate this process successfully. It was time consuming and difficult but it is complete...for another year.

Lastly I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday season.

Be safe,

Alex & Tina Bliem
VFW Post 7589
Pack, Troop, Crew 1372

Legislative Update



Monti Zimmerman

Virginia passed one major piece of Veteran Legislation in July 2024 during a special session. It was to restore and provide funding for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP). The VMSDEP program is considered as a cornerstone veteran benefit in Virginia and is the oldest veteran benefit in Virginia with its initial benefit going back to 1930. Three separate bodies have met or are meeting to ensure the long-term survivability of the program. I was appointed to be a member of the Governor's Special Commission to review the program. It has at least one meeting not yet scheduled to make recommendations. The Senate held an education and review subcommittee set of hearings and the Virginia Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission (JLARC) produced a report with recommendations to the legislature. The Governor's Task Force seems inclined to minimize the changes and take the least harmful recommendations at this point. The Governor submitted his 2025-2026 budget request that adds \$2,300,000 to the 2025 and \$7,100,000 to the 2026 budget for VMSDEP specifically and an additional \$60,000,000 each year to the tuition waiver programs.

In November, the ballot initiative I have worked on for the past 8 years passed with 93% of the vote, that will require implementation legislation in January 2025 to allow the approximately 100 surviving spouses of, "Died on Active Duty" (not killed by enemy) to be allowed property tax relief like those surviving spouses of service members killed in action, 100% VA service disabled, and surviving spouses of 100% service-disabled veterans.

2025 JLC Initiatives

- **JLC 2025-01: Verification of Veteran Status, Arrest, Jails and Prisons**
- **JLC 2025-02: Stop Unscrupulous Firms from Exploiting Veterans**
- **JLC 2025-03: Virginia National Guard Tuition**
- **JLC 2025-04: Suffolk State Veterans Cemetery Expansion**
- **JLC 2025-05: Women Veterans Day**

VFW Remembers President Jimmy Carter

The Naval Academy graduate dedicated his life to service of country and humanity

WASHINGTON D.C. (Dec. 30, 2024) — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) salutes the life of the 39th president of the United States James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, who passed away Sunday at the age of 100.



Carter was born and raised in Plains, Georgia. His life of service began in 1943 with his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1947 and commissioning as an ensign. From 1945 to 1953, Carter served on active duty in various assignments in the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, to include surface duty on the USS Wyoming and USS Mississippi, and as a submarine officer aboard the USS Pomfret and USS K-1. He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1953, achieving the rank of Lieutenant. Carter was awarded the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, China Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

Carter entered politics in 1962, campaigning for and winning the 14th district seat in the Georgia State Senate, serving there from 1963 to 1967. Later, Carter ran for and was elected as the 76th Governor of Georgia from 1971 to 1975. Two years later, he ran for and was elected as president of the United States, serving from 1977 to 1981.

Post-presidency, Carter devoted most of his time to humanitarian causes through the Carter Center. For more than 30 years, Carter and his wife led the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project for Habitat for Humanity, a global nonprofit housing organization. According to the nonprofit's website, [Habitat.org](https://www.habitat.org), the Carters "worked alongside over 108,100 volunteers who have built, renovated or repaired more than 4,447 homes in 14 countries, all while raising awareness of the critical need for affordable housing."

"The nation lost a devoted humanitarian with the passing of former President Jimmy Carter of the Plains community," said fellow Georgian native and VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt. "President Carter is to be commended for his military service and remembered for political career, but what truly stands out is his decades-long association with Habitat for Humanity. He selflessly gave his time and effort to provide shelter to those less fortunate, touching thousands of lives and setting a stalwart example of faith in practice. On behalf of the more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, we salute President Carter's life of service and send our deepest condolences to his family and friends."

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December 1st Educational Awards Ceremony

PHOTOS BY RICK RASKIN



Master of Ceremonies Lou Filippone



Guest Speaker Ty Eanes, Executive Director, Border Security Intelligence Center



Lou Filippone presented Ty Eanes a gift for being our guest speaker



Patriots Pen 1st Place winner Guransh Sabharwal



(L-R) Wayne Moore, Guransh Sabharwal, Ellie Smith, Mary Corkhill and Lou Filippone



Patriots Pen Winners Gianna Henry and Guransh Sabharwal



VOD 1st Place winner Mary Schroer



VOD Winners Kennedy A. Ricks and Mary Schroer



Teacher of the Year Marjorie Heather Grant

2024-2025 VFW Post 7589 Educational Award Recipients

- Patriot's Pen, 6th to 8th Grade: " My Voice in America's Democracy"**
- First Place: Guransh Sabharwal, 7th Grade Marsteller Middle School, Bristow, Va.
 - Second Place: Anisha Marrapu, 7th Rocky Run Middle School, Chanilly, Va.
 - Third Place: Gianna Henry, 7th Grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.
- Voice of Democracy, 9th to 12th Grade: "Is America Today Our Forefather's Vision?"**
- First Place: Mary Schroer, 11th Grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.
 - Second Place: Kennedy A. Ricks, 12th Grade Lightridge High School, Aldie, Va.
 - Third Place: Mathias J. Gomez, 11th Grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.
- VFW Manassas area Teacher of the Year Grades 9-12:**
Marjorie Heather Grant, Science Teacher, Osbourn High School, Manassas, Va.

December 15th Holiday Party at Logan's Roadhouse

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RICK RASKIN



2 Virginia Universities offer free legal services to veterans.

George Mason University and William & Mary Law School provide free legal consultation for veterans with VA claims



Celebrating 20 years of providing FREE legal assistance to our active duty military, their families and veterans.

<https://mvets.law.gmu.edu/>

Situated less than 4 miles from the Pentagon, on the doorstep of the nation's capital, and neighbor to several major military installations, George Mason prides itself on its commitment and support of those who wear or have worn a uniform in service to our nation.

Direct evidence of that commitment and support can be found in the law school's Mason Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic (M-VETS). Founded in 2004 as the Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans, its establishment was unique in legal education and has subsequently served as a model for the founding of other servicemembers and veterans clinics at law schools across the nation.

M-VETS enables Mason law students to assist servicemembers, veterans, and dependent family members in a wide variety of litigation and non-litigation matters. Since its inception, clinic students have assisted hundreds of clients from all five branches of the armed services. M-VETS provides services for administrative and military law and entitlements matters, medical and physical evaluation boards, discharge upgrade and military records correction applications before Discharge Review Boards, and Boards for Corrections of Military Records. M-VETS also provides assistance related to the appeal of initial (partial or total) denials of Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation claims, the filing of requests for increases in ratings, and appeals to the Board of Veterans Appeals and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. These M-VETS services are not restricted by the State of residence.

M-VETS relies on private donations and is grateful to the individuals, corporations, and foundations who have generously provided support to the clinic:



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Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic

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William & Mary's connections to the military date back to its earliest days as a College, when 17-year-old George Washington received his first surveyor's license through the College and returned after the Revolutionary War to become its first American chancellor. As the oldest law school in the nation, William & Mary Law School prides itself on its long service to the nation, and the Veterans Benefits Clinic is another demonstration of William & Mary's commitment to its community.

The Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic offers students the opportunity to assist veterans with filing claims for disability compensation with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Under attorney supervision, clinic students have the opportunity to interview clients, analyze medical records, communicate with health care providers, and craft strategies to help clients receive disability compensation. These services can have life-changing effects on the veterans we serve.

In recognition that veterans disability issues go beyond their legal claims for benefits, William & Mary Law School has partnered with Virginia Commonwealth University's Center for Psychological Services and Development to help veterans address all of the health and disability concerns that may arise from their service to our nation.

Our contact information is:

The Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic
William & Mary Law School
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Williamsburg, Virginia 23187-8795
(757) 221-7443
veterans@wm.edu

The Puller Clinic relies on private donations and is grateful to the individuals, corporations and foundations who have provided generous support, including William & Mary Law School Classes of 1974 (Lewis B. Puller, Jr.'s class) and 1984.

*If you wish to make a gift to help this vital work continue, please click [here](#). We encourage you to honor a fellow Veteran, or support one of the law students doing this important work, today.



Commissioner's Corner



As 2024 comes to a close and the holidays are near, it's a natural time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new one.

This past January, I was honored to be appointed by Governor Youngkin as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. What an exciting and productive year this has been! I am proud of our great team and how they've worked to improve the lives of the Commonwealth's nearly 700,000 veterans and their families and our thousands of

active-duty service members. Like many veterans, I had no familiarity with our organization, or the large numbers of talented professionals who are here to address the needs of transitioning service members, veterans and their families through every stage of their veteran lives, and the challenges that they confront. I am truly grateful for this opportunity, and the chance to work with this team and continue to serve those that have served our country over the decades.

Here are some of the milestones from the past year of which I am most proud:

We launched the Virginia Veterans Network (VVN) on Veterans Day November 11. VVN is our new online platform...a one-stop shop built by veterans for veterans...that encompasses virtually all information regarding the multitude of services and support available to veterans, transitioning service members, and their families. From seeking civilian employment, education and training to accessing financial and medical benefits and more, the response and sign ups in this short time have been tremendous. We want to hear from you regarding how we can make it even better. We will work to develop new programs and resources for our veterans and families in 2025. Tell us what you need!

- Our Veterans Education, Transition, and Employment (VETE) division saw continued success in connecting service members and their spouses to employment opportunities, starting the process well before separation or retirement. There are now over 3,500 Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Certified Employers throughout the Commonwealth committed to recruiting, hiring and retaining veterans and spouses in almost every type of business, industry and profession. Getting more and better employment opportunities for veterans and spouses is our goal.
- The Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP) which provides benefits to families of service members killed or critically disabled in combat was threatened with budget restrictions. We heard from concerned veterans and worked with the Governor, General Assembly, and the Secretaries of Veterans & Defense Affairs and Education to restore proposed reductions and keep the promises of support to these families. We look to continue this "best in class" program well into the future.
- Our DVS Benefits division continued its nationally recognized leadership in providing our veterans with expert counseling and support cutting red-tape and filing over 19,000 claims on behalf of veterans in 2024. If you know of someone having challenges with

accessing their earned benefits, come talk to us. Our team is recognized among the best in the country for delivering success claim and results.

- Our Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS) team served our veterans and families with the greatest needs from homelessness, financial hardship, and suicide prevention. In fact, our VVFS program was one of only 12 states to be awarded a Suicide Mortality Review grant by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. And our Justice Involved Services team worked in correctional institutions in every part of the state to assist justice involved veterans in receiving the counseling and training they need to return home to their families and communities. Both programs are expected to grow, thanks to the support from our Governor, Executive Branch and Legislature.
- We are also proud of the progress at our DVS veterans care centers and cemeteries. The Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Center in Virginia Beach is thriving after the one-year anniversary of its opening. Our Davis & McDaniel Veterans Care Center in Roanoke was rated the 5th best nursing home in Virginia by Newsweek magazine. The Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin received the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration's Operational Excellence Award – one of only two awards it gives each year. And the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk reached two milestones on November 4: the 20th anniversary of the first interment and the 20,000th interment – both are incredible milestones.
- The Virginia War Memorial continued its mission to honor all veterans and preserve the stories of veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice and unveiled the *D+80 Virginians in Normandy Invasion* exhibit and broadcasted the Commonwealth's annual Veterans Day ceremony to more than 35,000 viewers.

None of these milestones could have been accomplished without the talented, energetic and dedicated men and women who make up the DVS Headquarters team.

Further thanks and appreciation for the input and direction of the members of Board of Veterans Services (BVS), the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC) and most importantly, from individual veterans and family members like you. We welcome and value your ideas and suggestions. What can we do to improve our services to you in 2025? What are we doing well? What can we do better?

I look forward to meeting and hearing from you as I continue to travel throughout the Commonwealth in the coming year. I also encourage you to contact me by email at Commissioner@dvs.virginia.gov. I promise I will read and respond to your comments and suggestions.

I wish you and your family a joyful and happy holiday season. May God continue to guide and bless all who have served and continue to serve this great nation.

Respectfully,

Chuck Zingler, Commissioner
Virginia Department of Veterans Services



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For more information about
the Virginia Veterans Network,
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What is Americanism?

Americanism: “When I was a Chief Petty Officer, on United States Navy active duty 1965-1990, I had the privilege of visiting Pearl Harbor onboard the U.S.S. Tripoli (LPH-7). We transited in and out of the U.S.S. Arizona Monument four times. Ships Company, HM14 and the embarked U.S.M.C. BLT manned the rails in dress uniforms.

The following was the sequence of events that we went through as we approached:

“All Hands, change into the dress uniform of the day. There will be no one outside the skin of the ship in working uniform.”

“Man the rail.” As we approached the monument!

“This is the Captain, Boatswain Mate of the Watch – All Stop, Silence about the decks”

Now, the only noise heard was the humming of the engines and air conditioners onboard.

“Boatswain, pipe Attention to Port,”

“All Hands – Present Arms”

We stayed at Present Arms until the entire length of our ship passed the monument.

“All Hands – Carry on”

“Boatswain – ahead one third. Officer of the Deck, prepare to make up tugs. All Hands, there will be no working uniforms top-side, except for loading stores for the remainder of this port visit.”

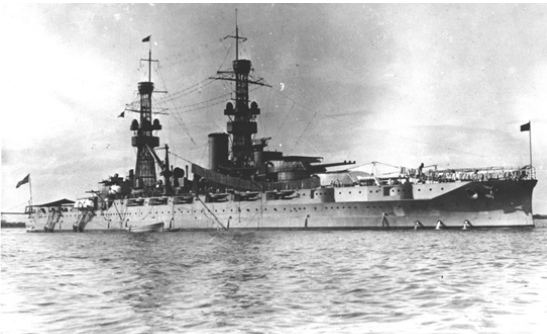
While in port, one of our Chief Petty Officers re-enlisted for his last time onboard the U.S.S. Arizona monument. Every E-7-E9 Chief Petty Officer and Marine was in attendance in class A’s.

We performed the same ceremony when we departed Pearl Harbor, except on the starboard side.

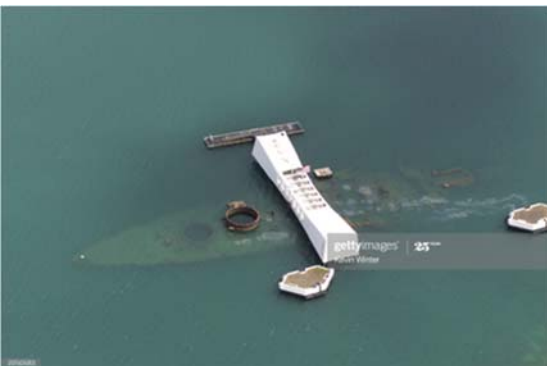
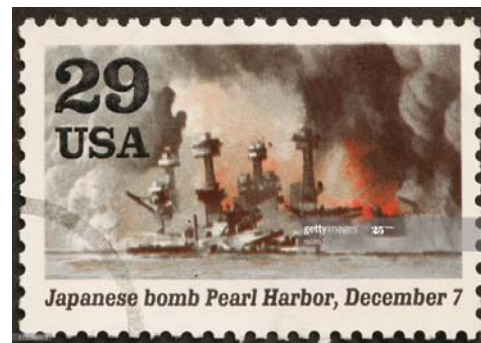
You would have had to be there to understand the goose bumps all over my body!

I also had the privilege of visiting the monument three more times as a Civil Service employee ”

John Schenk, USN, RMCS (AW/SW) Retired, 1965-1990
2005-25-Grande Correspondant, Grande du Virginia (40 & 8)



USAR-311 USS Arizona, circa 1924.



How to recover from identity theft

We get it. You hoped the day would never come when you learned someone used your personal information to open new credit accounts in your name. But it did. So now what? Act fast. It can help reduce the damage identity theft can cause. Here's how to get started.

Step 1: Call the companies where you know fraud occurred.

- Call the fraud department. Explain that someone stole your identity.
- Ask them to close or freeze the accounts. Then, no one can add new charges unless you agree.
- Change logins, passwords, and PINs for your accounts.

Step 2: Place a fraud alert and get your credit reports — even if you already have a [credit freeze](#) in place. (If you haven't frozen your credit, do that, too.) When you have a fraud alert on your credit report, a business has to verify your identity before it opens a new credit account in your name. A fraud alert lasts one year, but you can renew it.

- Place a free, one-year fraud alert by contacting one of the three credit bureaus. That company must tell the other two.

[Experian.com/help](#)

888-EXPERIAN (888-397-3742)

[TransUnion.com/credit-help](#)

888-909-8872

[Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services](#)

800-685-1111

To get your report, call Annual Credit Report at **877-322-8228**, or go to [AnnualCreditReport.com](#). Federal law gives you the right to get a free copy of your credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit bureaus. The three bureaus also let you check your credit report once a week for free at [AnnualCreditReport.com](#). Review your reports. Look for accounts or transactions you don't recognize.

Step 3: Report identity theft to the FTC. You'll get a free personal recovery plan with next steps.

To report in English, go to [IdentityTheft.gov](#)

To report in Spanish, go to [RobodeIdentidad.gov](#)

- If you're more comfortable reporting in another language, call 877-438-4338 and press 3 to report in your preferred language. Interpreters are available from 9:00am – 5:00pm ET.

SUBMITTED BY GUNNY LEWIS

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VFW submitted its fourth Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to VA requesting documentation about unaccredited companies that provide services to claimants seeking VA benefits. We have received two interim responses from VA to date on this request and anticipate additional responses to be forthcoming. Among the documents provided is a letter sent to a company called REE Medical, dated January 4, 2024, in which VA points out that REE Medical is prohibited from assisting in the “preparation, presentation, or prosecution of VA benefits claims.” VA requested a response from REE Medical within 30-days of receipt of the letter to address the concerns raised in the letter. No response was provided in the documents received.



Post 7589 Service Officer

Monti Zimmerman

703-223-2211

Legacy Life membership

This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. There are three levels of membership; each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

Enrollment Cost:

Levels	Posts	Departments	National
Gold-	\$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

Annual Payouts:

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



*Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.

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!

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<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/locations/manassas-benefits-office>

2024-25 Post Officers	
Commander	Wayne Moore
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
Junior Vice Commander	Ron Link
Quartermaster	Rick Raskin
Chaplain	Monti Zimmerman
1 Year Trustee	Chris Morgan
2 Year Trustee	Lamar Baker
3 Year Trustee	Tina Bliem
Adjutant	Ron Link
Service Officer	Monti Zimmerman
Judge Advocate	Bobby Knight
Surgeon	Alex Bliem

2024-25 Auxiliary Officers	
President	Mary Corkhill
Senior Vice President	Ellie Smith
Junior Vice President	Cindy McIntyre
Secretary	Lorrie Allen Smith
Treasurer	Elanor Doczi
Chaplain	Cookie Cullen
Conductress	Janet Raskin
Guard	Patsy Gough
Trustee 1	Yvonne Sullivan
Trustee 2	Jan Germain
Trustee 3	Janet Raskin
Historians	Jan Germain
	Patsy Gough
	Yvonne Sullivan
Patriotic Instructor	Lorrie Allen Smith

Upcoming Events

Tuesday January 7	Post Meeting 7:30 PM
January 9 - 12	Winter Council Meeting, Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, Williamsburg
January 9	JLC Day on the Hill — Meet at Mechanicsville Post 9808 at 7:30 AM
January 13	Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 PM Youth Committee 7 PM
February 1	8th District Meeting - Post 2524, Culpeper (PP,VOD & Teacher awards)
February 3	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM Post Meeting - 7:30 PM
February 10	Auxiliary Meeting - 2:00 PM Youth Committee - 7:00 PM
February 28 to March 5	VFW Legislative Conference
March 3	Post Meeting - 7:30 PM
March 10	Auxiliary Meeting - 2:00 PM
March 22	State Commander’s and President’s Homecoming — Post 2447, Edinburg Lodging: Holiday Inn Express, 1130 Motel Drive, Woodstock, VA; phone 540-459-5000. Room Rate \$110.00 (available for Friday and Saturday nights) Reservation cutoff date is February 1, 2025.

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