

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
July 2024



RICK RASKIN

On June 27, Department of Veterans Services Commissioner Chuck Zingler presented Monti Zimmerman a plaque for his years of service on the Joint Leadership Council.

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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

The 4th of July

We have acknowledged the 80th year of D-Day. As we prep to celebrate this great nation's birth and FREEDOM from Great Britain's tyranny and politics, the chaos and outrageousness display a failure of knowledge and understanding of how we got here.

The Fathers of the Republic yearned for self-governance, and to rid the colonies of kings, and monarchs of the British Crown in 1775. One year later, Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence. With reverence, I read what he penned; the wisdom, foresight, and hopes that America would someday live to exceed Britain's failed leadership. I would have loved to know how conflicted Jefferson must have been writing or hearing what he had written—such a great desire for freedom, humanity, and equality. The need for a nation deeply rooted in principles and ideals that among its sovereign people still denies some of the basic rights of life, liberty, and freedom.

Conceptually, strides have been made to implement rules and guidelines for building a sustained, inclusive, and robust nation. It is necessary to note that since America's birth as a nation, in the shadows lurk those who would plot her demise. The country's offer to accept the hungry and the poor tends to overlook those who see an opportunity to expand their quest for domination, cultural ills, and hatred toward others.

Millions of American warriors served to preserve and improve our way of life. However, what made us great was the men and women who believed in our ideals, sense of country first, and patriotism. America's "military might" was revered throughout the world; the emancipator persona was created by those men and women who served. As our nation celebrates the 4th of July, I wonder how many of us genuinely appreciate, pause, and pray, for the soldiers still manning the Wall in harm's way. In my years of military association, I know of no one who is a fan of war, but they took an oath and carried it out with honor. Being away from home and family brings no joy; a conflict on American soil is imperatively out of the question. The loss of lives and catastrophic collateral damage could put the country back into the Dark Ages.

As we choose sides in today's polarized debates on who belongs, our ignorance of history allows politicians to take us to the brink of authoritarianism and a failed state.

(See *Commander* on page 11)

Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

Independence Day, is an annual celebration of nationhood.

It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. This year it is celebrated on Thursday.

Now that the VFW Auxiliary's 2023-2024 year has ended, I would like to thank everyone for their contributions and participation for a very successful year.

At the Department Convention, our Auxiliary was honored to place 1st in the Buddy Poppy, Youth Activities for promoting "Get Excited for the **Red, White and Blue**"; 2nd in Legacy for Historian, Auxiliary Outreach and 3rd in the Patriotic Art Scholarship programs. We received certificates in Americanism, Buddy Poppy/National Home, Legislative, Mentoring, Scholarship, Youth Activities and Outstanding Auxiliary Award. What a wonderful surprise to be informed that Ms. Lianna Cruz's entry for the singing competition was forwarded to National for judging. We wish her well.

The new Department Officers are: President Dawn Kuhn, Sr. Vice Kelli Levitt, Jr. Vice Kathy Voss, Secretary Ellen Stogsdill, Treasurer Cathy Graham, Chaplain Susan Dinon, Conductor Cara Buckley, Guard Jamie Stewart and Chief of Staff Carol Vangi. We wish them a very successful year.

The National Convention is in Louisville, KY from July 27- August 1. The incoming National President, Brenda Bryant from Missouri, will hold her Homecoming Celebration on August 1, 2024 following the convention. Another event will be the Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) on September 7, 2024 at the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

VFW Post 1841 Auxiliary in Daleville, VA will host the Department Auxiliary School of Instruction from 9-12 AM on July 20th for the Line Officers, District President and Program Chairman **only**. The 8th District meeting will be August 11th at Post 7728, Bealeton, VA. The joint meeting will start at 10:00 AM and the Auxiliary meeting will be after the joint session.

All the Post and Auxiliary contest competitions are being promoted for the coming 2024-2025 year. Just a reminder that the deadline is October 31, 2024 for the Voice of Democracy ("*Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?*"), Patriot's Pen ("*My Voice in America's Democracy?*") and

(See *Auxiliary* on page 11)

Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes this newsletter finds everyone healthy and well. We held our last meeting on Thursday, 20 June at the post. Those in attendance were Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and me. Comrade Peter MacLeod participated by speaker phone. Due to the time of year, when the Youth Committee is between activities and

programs, the meeting was very simple and brief. Scouting issues were discussed with Alex and Tina. They are busy with summer camps for the Scouts and the Pack is planning on holding a Rain Gutter Regatta soon. Venturing Crew recently completed their High Adventure Camp in the Florida Keys. We had a Scout request for funding from the Paul Chase Youth Fund which was voted on and approved. The request was for a deserving Cub Scout for Webelo Camp attendance.

The next Flag Retirement Ceremony commemorating 9-11 is quickly approaching. We are considering holding the ceremony on Saturday, 14 September at the post, but nothing has been approved or confirmed at this time. Once the date has been finalized, we will report the event information to you. If you are interested in volunteering, please let the Youth Committee know and we'll include you in the event activities schedule. We are currently looking to replace our flag collection receptacle. Currently we are using a wooden receptacle which was donated by an Eagle Scout several years ago. Unfortunately, the box was constructed of plywood which has aged poorly and is warped and leaking. As a result, our flags get wet from the rain and become water soaked and mildewed. We are in need of a sturdy watertight metal receptacle such as a retired mailbox or commercially manufactured metal container to serve as our new flag collection receptacle. If anyone can suggest a source for this container, please let us know.

In anticipation of the upcoming Educational Contests, which are conducted annually, the members discussed our strategy for recruiting students, teachers and schools for the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year programs. A comprehensive list of area schools was distributed to everyone so we could get a jumpstart on recruitment. Official school assignments will be made with the members at the next Youth Committee meeting. If you know of any middle or high school students and teachers who would like to participate in our contests, please have them contact us and we will provide them with an entry application. You can also download applications for our contests from the National website at vfw.org. Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy. Both provide generous academic scholarships to the winners, with competition involving all levels of the VFW from Post all the

way up to National. This year's theme for Patriot's Pen is "*My Voice in America's Democracy?*" and for Voice of Democracy "*Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?*" The Teacher of the Year contest winners receive cash awards for both the teacher and the school they represent.

Each year we celebrate our post student and teacher winners at the Annual Educational Awards Night. This year it will be held on Sunday, 1 December at the post at 4:00 PM. It is a wonderful event and I highly recommend that you attend. As part of the event, we also have an address given by a guest speaker. If you, or anyone you know, would like to give an inspirational speech to our award-winning students and teachers please let us know and we will arrange for you to participate. Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 18 July at the post at 7:00 PM. Please join us and help mentor our youth through our Youth Committee activities. Other than helping veterans there is nothing more important to us than helping our next generation of Americans.

With best regards,
Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Venturing Crew recently completed their High Adventure Camp in the Florida Keys

Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

June was an exciting month for our scouting units.

This month our Cub Scouts got to spend an evening with the Manassas Park Police Department. Several members including the head detective and the Police Chief came out to the Cubs meeting, spoke with them, introduced them to the K-9 and had a great time together. This was a chance for the youth to get used to speaking with the officers and being comfortable around them. The officers also went over biking

safety with them. Our cubs also had their end of year cookout at Signal Hill Park. From there it turns into a summer schedule with a few fun events here and there.

Our troops had a whitewater rafting trip at Harpers Ferry. They had a few families attend and had a great time. They are putting the finishing touches for their summer camp trip which they will be leaving for shortly. We should have pictures and a write-up for the next newsletter. Our newest G troop Eagle Scout also had her Court of Honor this month. This was a great ceremony for the scout as it caps off years of hard work with the official ceremony.

Our Venturing Crew started the month off with a kayaking/canoe day trip to prepare for SeaBase. A couple of weeks later they flew down to Key West and hung out at the southern most point in the country before heading out (paddling) to the remote island they would call home for the week. There were no conveniences on the island. They roughed it. During the week they caught and ate a lot of fish. If they caught it and it was legal they had to eat it. They snorkeled, traveled in Polynesian style war canoes and had several team building exercises mixed in. The scouts got to do a lot of things that they have never done before. During this week they were also made to disconnect from all technology and they actually enjoyed their time out in the wild. They all made it back home safely and with many stories to tell. This trip took over a years worth of planning by the scouts, not the adults. They did an awesome job.

We do have several other scouts in the pipeline that are working on their Eagle packet. Hopefully we will be hearing some good stuff from them this year.

Over the next few months the scouting programs will slow down a bit. July is summer camp and then there will be a few activities here and there.

Be safe,

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



Legislative Update



Monti Zimmerman

Virginia Senate puts off fix to VMSDEP Senator Lucas keeps bills from being heard

The VFW was represented at the General Assembly at the Senate Finance Committee hearing. Senate Finance Chair Senator Louise Lucas delayed the hearing for more than an hour while back room discussions took place.

After the delay, she did not bring any bill to the floor, so later, there was nothing for the Senate to vote on. We now expect the Governor's Repeal and Restore language to be what the House votes on June 28th.

On June 28, the House unanimously passed their House Bill 6003, which could be voted on if Senator Lucas allows it to go to the entire Senate on July 1.

Unfortunately, the Senate will likely not bring HB 6003 to the floor but will attempt to pass their own version. Their bill falls short of restoring VMSDEP benefits in that it allows only for a one-year extension, which is not sufficient time for the proposed study group to reach a reasonable conclusion.

Emails were sent to all the influential Senators to ask for HB 6003 to be heard.

In either case, there will be a Senate study group (Chair Senator Favola, members Senators Reeves, McPike, Roem, and DeSteph) as well as the Governor's Task Force that both Senator McPike and Senator Reeves are on will make recommendations.

I had the opportunity to speak to the committee and stated that "I always considered this the cornerstone program for veterans in Virginia. A promise made is a promise kept."

Past VFW Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch speaks to Virginia state delegates in the General Assembly Building on Friday, June 28.



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Student Veterans Association JLC Representative Katherine Martinez addresses VMSDEP Committee on June 12.



LINCOLN SMITH

Retired Col. Monti Zimmerman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars speaks to Virginia state senators in the General Assembly Building on Tuesday, June 18.



VIRGINIA HOUSE CHAMBER TV



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VFW Team met with Governor Youngkin on June 28. (L-R) Ed Mann, State A/Q; Joanne Smith, JLC Alternate; Hal Roesch, Past Commander-in-Chief; Governor Youngkin; Monti Zimmerman, State Legislative Chair; Doug Hoffman, State SVC and Doris Wollett, Post 9808 Commander



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Monti Zimmerman serves on the panel investigating VMSDEP benefits.



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VFW & SVA Team with House Speaker Don Scotton June 28. (L-R) Katherine Martinez (SVA) and Doris Wollett, Joanne Smith, Ed Mann, Doug Hoffman and Speaker Scott.



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(L-R) Doris Wollett, Joanne Smith, Delegate David Reid, Delegate Paul Krizek and Ed Mann



A Special Message from the Commissioner
*Thank You to the Military and Veteran Community for your continued efforts to
Preserve VMSDEP*

*From Chuck Zingler, Commissioner,
Virginia Department of Veterans Services*



Fellow Virginia Veterans and Family Members-

I couldn't be prouder and more impressed with our Virginia Military and Veteran Community than I am today. Once again, you have stood together and tall, speaking courageously of your own personal and family's stories before our legislative leaders to preserve the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP). Those stories and your voices have been compelling. Like you, I could only wish that more of our Senate leaders could have been present to see and hear you. It was clearly representative of the best of America, and most worthy of the memory of your family's heroes. THANK YOU!

Success on the House side was quick, and the full repeal with HB 6003 should lift your spirits this weekend. I also appreciate the emotional energy that you and your families have expended these past days and weeks. Please rest well, because we need each other to be fully ready again in just a few days. As our Governor said this morning, we will have more opportunities; and the next opportunity will be on Monday as the Senate considers their action. I look forward to seeing you there, and representing those that cannot be there with us, but are depending on us to continue, and never forget, nor be forgotten. And let's get that full repeal in the Virginia Senate for our Governor to sign....See you Monday!

Should you wish to stay up to date on the Task Force please visit the VMSDEP Taskforce page [here](#). If you are a veteran in need of general assistance, please visit www.dvs.virginia.gov to learn more about how your Virginia Department of Veterans Services can serve you and your family or email info@dvs.virginia.gov.

With Admiration and Great Respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Zingler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chuck Zingler
Commissioner
Virginia Department of Veterans Services

VA-2024-08**VIRGINIA MILITARY SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Chapter 35 of Title 38 United States Code (“Chapter 35”) establishes Federal [Veterans’] Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, like many States, the Commonwealth of Virginia, with nearly 675,000 veterans, recognized that Chapter 35 entitlements do not reach deeply enough into the deserving population of survivors and dependents of men and women, inter alia, killed in action or suffering life-long disabilities of ninety percent (90%) or greater as rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (“DVA”); and

WHEREAS, history has shown that veterans’ and survivors’ education programs (e.g., the GI Bill of Rights – often called the best legislation ever written) more than pay for themselves over time through increased tax revenues generated by an educated populous; and

WHEREAS, even during the Great Depression, Virginia – then a largely agrarian state - established the Virginia Military Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educations Program (VMSDEP) to provide additional educational benefits, particularly tuition (“waiver”) and educational expenses (“stipend”) offsets to help defray the costs of higher (i.e., degree-seeking) education in Virginia state colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, over the ensuing near-century, changes to VMSDEP have universally benefited the intended beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, during this inflationary economic era – hardly the worst since VMSDEP’s inception, the Virginia General Assembly, in seeking to balance their Fiscal Year 2025 budget recently utilized faulty data and methodology, to justify gutting the VMSDEP by making any payments thereunder contingent upon the exhaustion of Chapter 35 entitlements – despite the differing eligibility criteria of the two programs; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly’s actions occurred subsequent to established VMSDEP submission deadlines, thereby throwing the Fall 2024 semester into chaos and jeopardizing the uninterrupted college attendance of intended beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly’s vote was so radical and patently unjust to the intended beneficiaries, that the Governor of Virginia issued Executive Directive Seven (2024) to immediately establish a task force enjoined to “develop new guidance to minimize the impact of the changes on military families;” and

WHEREAS, without remedial action, the General Assembly’s VMSDEP-cutting actions take effect on 1 July, 2024; **BE IT THEREFORE**,

RESOLVED, that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (“VFW”) condemns the Virginia General Assembly’s short-sighted actions to balance the budget on the backs of otherwise grieving families of the servicemen and women who gave their last full measure of devotion to our Nation’s cause; and **BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the VFW demands that the Governor’s VMSDEP Task Force reestablish the independence of the VMSDEP vis-à-vis any Chapter 35 entitlements, so that entitlements to the former are not contingent upon exhaustion of the latter; and **BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the VFW demands that the General Assembly act immediately to reevaluate the cost-benefit of VMSDEP with correct, audited date and vote prior to June 30, 2024 to reestablish VMSDEP for Fiscal Year 2025, and beyond.

VFW Kicks Off 125th Anniversary Commemoration

The year-long campaign will celebrate the VFW's legacy of service

KANSAS CITY, Mo., (June 5, 2024) — This year the VFW enters its 125th year of service to veterans, service members and their families. As such, the VFW has proudly launched a year-long campaign to commemorate the momentous occasion.

The VFW traces its roots back to Spanish-American war when the battle wounded returned home to no health care, benefits and little support. Left to fend for themselves, a group of 13 veterans gathered in a small tailor shop in Columbus, Ohio, to discuss how they could assist their fellow veterans and dependents of their fallen brothers-in-arms.

In fact, they weren't alone. Several small, unaffiliated organizations were taking shape in areas across the United States with a common goal of advocating for veterans' needs, and in 1899, two key groups were established: the American Veterans of Foreign Service and the National Society of the Army of the Philippines. These groups would soon merge to become the VFW. It's mission: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.



The VFW would quickly grow in membership and influence, expanding its advocacy efforts to educational benefits, disability pensions and hospital services. The group would also cultivate its local impact initiatives through community service, youth scholarships and programs, and civic engagement activities.

Today, and throughout its storied history, the VFW has led the charge in making available positive, life-changing support and resources through its advocacy initiatives and services to include the establishment of the Veterans Administration. It has played an instrumental role in the passage of every piece of vital veterans legislation and collects \$13 billion in benefits and compensation from the VA annually for veterans.

Today's launch of the commemorative campaign celebrates the VFW's legacy of service with a dedicated microsite, [<https://www.vfw125.org/>] commemorative VFW Post program and a sneak peek into an upcoming line of commemorative VFW Store items. New initiatives will be added as the organization builds momentum to its official founding date of Sept. 29 and to its conclusion at the 125th VFW National Convention in August 2025.

VFW VA State Convention — June 13—16, Williamsburg, VA



RICK RASKIN

L-R: Kathy Voss, Vicki Butler, Mary Corkhill and Gary Adams on Mary receiving an award for Auxiliary 7589



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A well attended state convention; much better than during the Covid years



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District 5 Commander David Gilleran, Past State Commander Rick Raskin and State Legislative Chair Monti Zimmerman



RICK RASKIN

Past State Commander Chris Birch installs newly elected State Commander Mitch Rubenstein. Observing: Past State Commander Gary Adams and Past Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch



RICK RASKIN

2024-25 State Commander Mitch Rubenstein



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Past State Commanders Geoff Lyster, Tommy Hines, Rick Raskin and Dan Boyer with Past Auxiliary President Deb Martin at the Awards ceremony



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Rick Raskin wearing his Hawaiian shirt from the Department of Hawaii at the banquet



DOC CROUCH

Department SVC Doug Hoffman, Hawaiian skirt and all at the banquet



FACEBOOK / CHARLOTTESVILLE POST 1827

National Council Member Ken Wiseman introduced Representative Briana Sewell who introduced legislation against Claim Sharks. Observing: State Commander Gary Adams, State JVC Doug Hoffman and State SVC Mitch Rubenstein.

Why it's not rude to ignore "Hi, how are you?" text messages from strangers:

A text message from an unknown number that simply says: hi, how are you? seems harmless. Your first instinct might be to respond to see if it's someone you know. Or maybe tell them they made a mistake. But it's best to ignore these type of text messages. Scammers are using this tactic as a conversation starter, so don't text back. If you do, here's what happens next.

The person (a scammer) on the other end of the text will probably apologize...and find a way to keep the conversation going to befriend you. Then, once they have your trust, they'll try to offer you advice on investing in cryptocurrency or claim they can teach you the secrets to making big money in the crypto markets. For a fee, of course. But it's all a scam and they'll just steal your money.

Even if you just reply to the text but don't engage in conversation, you've still confirmed they reached a working telephone number. Which could lead to more calls and texts from scammers.

What's the best way to avoid scams if you're getting messages from numbers you don't recognize?

Don't reply to text messages from unknown numbers. It could lead to a scam. Delete and report them using your phone's "report junk" option or forwarding unwanted texts to [7726 \(SPAM\)](tel:7726) and unwanted emails to your email provider.

Never click links in an unexpected message. Some links might steal your information, or install malware that gives scammers access to your device.

Don't trust anyone who says you can quickly and easily make money. Every investment has risks. Only scammers guarantee you'll make lots of money in a short time with zero risk.

Have you lost money to a scam like this? Tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/learn/report-fraud)

Submitted by Gunny Lewis

(Commander from page 2)

Post-war WWII American history informs us that all who waved flags did not necessarily root for America; the senators in Congress who secretly served/worked for Hitler and his cause (Great Sedition Trial of 1946). Francis Yockey an enlisted Navy sailor who rose to prominence and subverted the criminal prosecutions of Nazis by the Dept of Justice from within. Much of what is being heard and seen is not merely Déjà vu but the possible success of the malleable.

Enjoy the spirits, light fireworks, and celebrate freedom (your right). It is essential to remember that sleep is a form of unconsciousness, and quite the opposite of being "woke"; words have meaning. Our vernacular-like lies change with use and duration. Each family and or generation should improve on the previous one. However, as the few tout their gains, our country loses its position on the world stage. Our military services are shrinking, and our youth are either uneducated or do not wish to defend the country and The Constitution that enshrines their freedom and rights.

On the 4th of July, today I understand some people strive for a place that never existed in America, despite their ancestors' sojourn to escape the persecution of others they now desire. The United States of America must continue to work toward equality and justice for all.

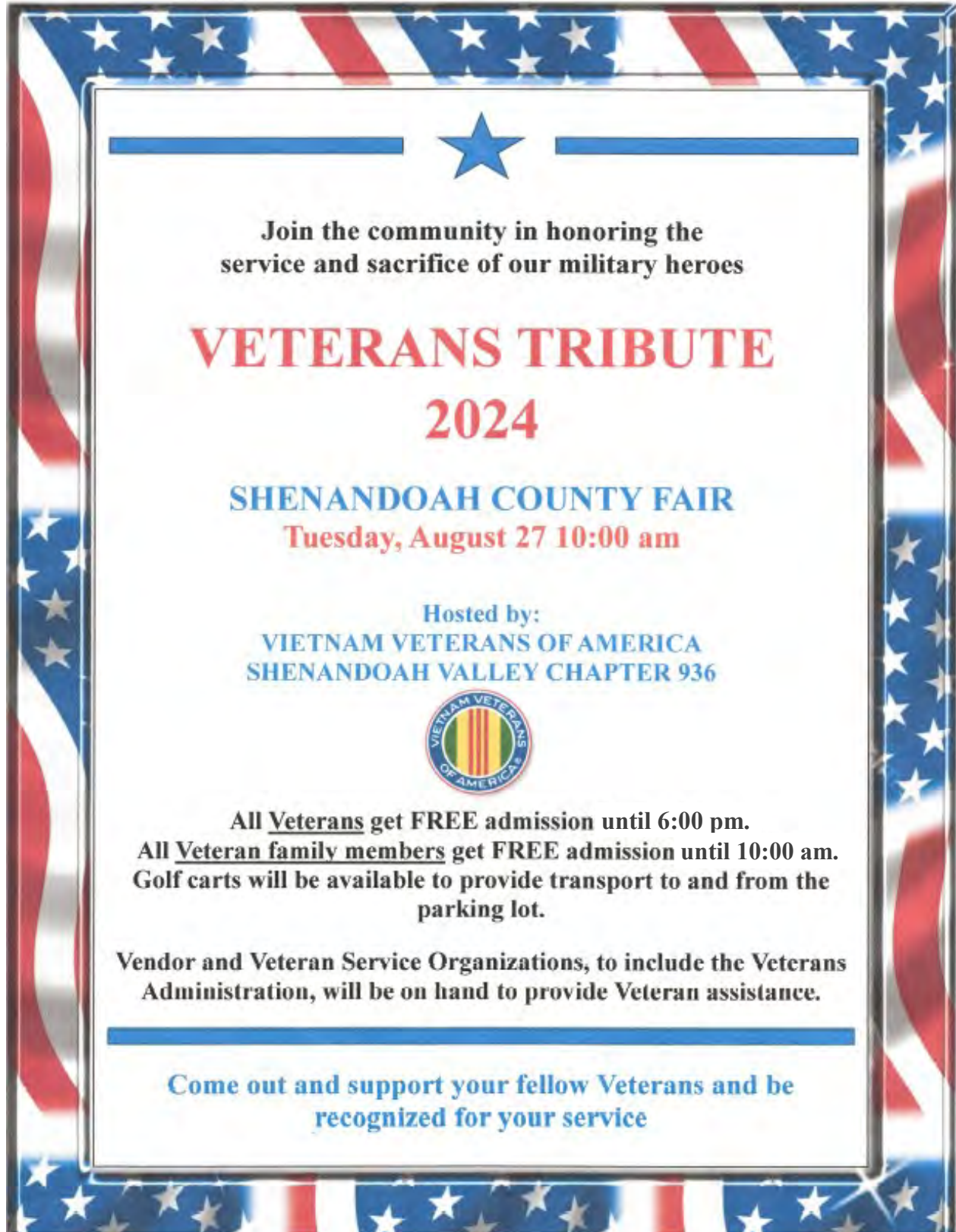
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Teacher of the Year. If you need more information, PLEASE contact any VFW or Auxiliary member.

From the VFW National Home website: "FINDING REFUGE FROM CRISIS: Almost a century ago, the VFW National Home 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." Their email address is: <https://vfnationalhome.org/you-can-help/membership/>. Thanks for your support.

Please pray for all members and their families who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their heavenly home.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President




Join the community in honoring the
service and sacrifice of our military heroes

VETERANS TRIBUTE

2024

SHENANDOAH COUNTY FAIR
Tuesday, August 27 10:00 am

Hosted by:
VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER 936



All Veterans get FREE admission until 6:00 pm.
All Veteran family members get FREE admission until 10:00 am.
Golf carts will be available to provide transport to and from the
parking lot.

Vendor and Veteran Service Organizations, to include the Veterans
Administration, will be on hand to provide Veteran assistance.

Come out and support your fellow Veterans and be
recognized for your service



NORTHERN VIRGINIA VETERANS ASSOCIATION

With Community Partners Presents



5th Annual 9/11 Event
Honoring Those Who Gave All
Stories From Those Who Were There

Wednesday, 11 September 2024

3pm to 4pm

Open to the Public

**Registration
Required**



Register Here:

[https://novavets.org/
events/911-event/](https://novavets.org/events/911-event/)

Manassas Historical Museum Lawn

9101 Prince William Street, Manassas VA 20110



Thank you, SONY Corporation of America, for being our 9/11 Event Sponsor!

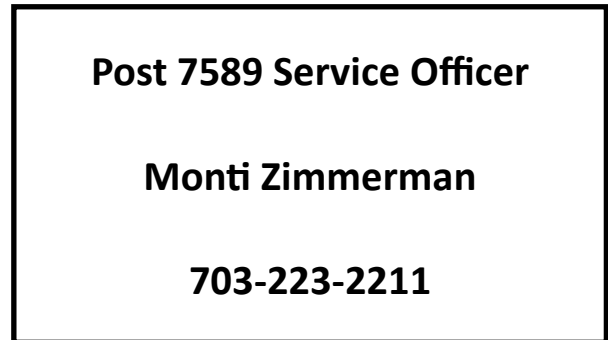


VFW submitted its fourth Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to VA requesting documentation about unaccredited companies that provide services to claimants seeking VA benefits. We have received two interim responses from VA to date on this request and anticipate additional responses to be forthcoming. 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.



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.



<u>Enrollment Cost:</u>		<u>Annual Payouts:</u>		
<u>Levels</u>		<u>Posts</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>National</u>
Gold-	\$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

Don't throw away your old laptop or computer.



TECH FOR TROOPS Bring it to the Post and we'll take it to **TECH FOR TROOPS.**

Sorry, we cannot take CRT monitors or Printers.

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.

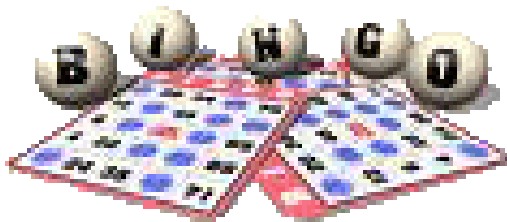
If you know of a family in your community that could use our help, please encourage them to call!

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



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VFW ACTION CORPS**

RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER
AND ACTION ALERTS

Use camera mode to scan code



or
Text "VFW" to 50457
or
Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps

30 Games Including:

- \$750 Jackpot**
(Starts with 51 numbers)
- Lucky 7 Progressive**
- 90:10 Jackpot**
(Prize = 90% of sales)
- Pull Tabs & Hard Cards**
- \$10.00 Bingo Book**
(includes Early Birds)

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

DOORS OPEN 7:30 AM

GAMES START AT 9:15 AM

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**Virginia Department
of
Veterans Services**

Manassas Office

9300 W. Courthouse Rd.
Suite 305
703-479-7437

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Appointments only 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.
Closed for lunch daily from 12 - 1 p.m.

CLOSED on the last business day of the month.
<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

July 1	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
July 8	Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 PM
July 18	Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM
July 20	Auxiliary School of Instruction — Post 1841, Daleville — 9:00 AM — 12:00 PM
July 27 — August 1	National Convention — Louisville, KY
August 5	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
August 10	District 8 Meeting — Post 7728, Morrisville — 10:00 AM
August 12	Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 PM
August 15	Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM
August 27	Annual Veterans Tribute — Tuesday, Aug 27, 2024 at the Shenandoah County Fairgrounds.
September 9	Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 PM Post Meeting — 7:30 PM (In lieu of Labor Day holiday)
September 11	5th Annual 9/11 Memorial event — Manassas Museum — 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
September 19	Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM

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