

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
July 2025



Peter MacLeod
January 15, 1947 — June 9, 2025

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Past Post Commander Pete MacLeod (2015-2018) from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Pete was a fixture in our Youth Committee and for many years took the lead in overseeing our student essay contests. His enthusiasm for our youth projects was monumental. He will be missed.

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

4th of July (America's Freedom Celebration)

Frederick Douglass once explained to Abraham Lincoln why the 4th of July was not endearing to the Negro (Black People). Since 1776, some 250 years ago, we have struggled with the concept of creating a "more perfect union." Throughout those years, there has been a fair share of despicable leadership in the White House, overt when possible

and covert, as necessary. Some even held the opinion that communism/fascism would be better than democracy. With our level of civic knowledge, something could be said about that idea. Too often, like sheep, many of us tend to graze, awaiting the shepherd's guidance to the next meal, oblivious to the fact that there is always payback, e.g., wool, milk, or just being the next meal for the shepherd.

The American dream fades for many as the few and the lawless despots corrupt the mainframe of our existence. No genius is required to understand human behavior; Hitler, Idi Amin, Mussolini, etc., were all heinous individuals. However, ponder for one minute who committed most of the atrocities and murders (Hint: watch ICE in action). Those guys were catalysts, but your neighbors, family, and friends carried out the abuse inflicted on our country's oppressed.

I have seven (7) brothers, and to a man, if any of us commits a crime, none has an issue with that person doing the time (family). Why would I be okay with anyone else committing crimes at will without consequences? I believe in a tempered approach rather than a rush to judgment. As a veteran, my concerns with the present government are that it fails to keep the promises made to those who made sacrifices when asked. **Fact:** Cut benefits to 1.2 million veterans who receive food stamps and/or Medicare. **Fact:** Staff cuts were made at the Veterans Crisis Hotline despite receiving over 60,000 calls per month, and still, 17.6 veterans commit suicide monthly. Now, the military is tasked with quelling civil discord or being misused because of penile envy (North Korea/Russia). Post-traumatic stress disorder, conflict-related, is high amongst veterans. Add the possibility of having to kill or maim American citizens at home, and how badly will that soldier's mental state be affected? **Fact:** 83,000 (1 in 5) job cuts at the Dept of Veterans Affairs services. (Despite constant complaints about poor service, long waits, or inability to make an appointment).

I understand that the military parade is estimated to cost \$45 million, with a \$16 million tab for street damage repairs on June 14 (an embarrassing and wasteful expenditure). All this as school food programs are being bare-bones, healthcare and research are being cut. Many books have been written about events of the past 10 years, with many more to come. My greater question is about how much and how far the country will regress (return to a former or less developed state), and how long, at what expense, it would take to return to its more

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

The Declaration of Independence is one of the most important documents in the history of the United States. It is an annual 4th of July celebration of nationhood and is celebrated this year on Friday.

At the Department Convention, elections were held and the new Department Officers are: President Kelli Levitt, Sr. Vice Kathy Voss, Jr. Vice Susan Dinon, Secretary Jerry Miller, Treasurer Cathy Graham, Chaplain Cara Buckley, Conductor Jamie

Stewart, Guard Bettina Lane and Chief of Staff Patricia Jurgenson. We wish them a very successful year.

The National Convention is in Columbus OH from August 9-13, 2025. The incoming National President will be Lois Callahan of Little Rock, AR. The Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) is scheduled for February 28, 2026 and will be at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC.

There are several events scheduled for the upcoming months: The Department Auxiliary School of Instruction on Saturday, July 26 at Post 9808 in Mechanicsville, The District 8 meeting on September 6 at Post 3103 in Fredericksburg, the Department Homecoming on Saturday October 11 at Post 1503 in Dale City, and the National President's visit scheduled for March 10-12, 2026.

All the Post and Auxiliary contest competitions are being promoted for the coming 2025-2026 year. Just a reminder that the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen have the same theme ("**How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?**") and the deadline is October 31, 2025. If you need more information, PLEASE contact any VFW or Auxiliary member.

From the VFW National Home website:

"The VFW National Home assists military, veterans, and their families with children, by creating a foundation of services and resources to achieve their personal and family goals in order to move forward in a positive, safe and healthy environment."

For membership information visit:

<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

Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

I hope this newsletter finds all Comrades and Auxiliary members well and staying cool during the hot weather.

We held our last Youth Committee meeting on 19 June at the Post. Those in attendance were Alex and Tina Bliem and myself. I am deeply saddened to report the loss of beloved Comrade **Peter MacLeod**, a prior Post Commander and Past Youth Committee Chairperson. He will be sorely missed. I had the pleasure and privilege of working with and knowing

Peter for over 10 years. I feel grateful I had the opportunity to say farewell 2 days before his passing.

Below is the eulogy I delivered at his memorial service last Saturday at Grace United Methodist Church in Manassas.

In Loving Memory of Peter MacLeod

It is with profound sadness that we gather here today to honor the extraordinary life of Peter MacLeod—a man whose legacy resonates deeply within all of us who had the privilege of knowing him.

I first met Peter in 2014 through the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7589 and its Youth Committee. Our shared commitment to community and service brought us together, but it was Peter's heart and spirit that forged an enduring friendship. He was not just a mentor but an inspiration, guiding me as a friend, colleague, commander, and chairperson. His kindness, intelligence, courtesy, and unwavering willingness to help others left an indelible mark on everyone he encountered.

Peter held a remarkable passion for youth development. As chairperson of the Youth Committee, he ran one of the most successful programs our Post has ever seen. Through his leadership, countless students and teachers from Prince William County had the opportunity to shine in state and national competitions. When Peter stepped down, I had the honor of taking over as youth committee chairperson—a responsibility he prepared me for with his steadfast mentorship. His dedication to the committee was unmatched, as he oversaw the collection, evaluation, and dispensing of over 1,000 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essays from elementary and high schools across the region.

As Post Commander from 2015 to 2018, Peter's leadership elevated our Post to new heights. His unwavering commitment to serving veterans and the community was an inspiration to all. He was more than a leader; he was the backbone of our organization and a shining example of what it means to live a life of service. Peter was, quite simply, irreplaceable, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

Beyond his work with the VFW, Peter's life was rich and varied, reflecting a man of many talents and passions. A proud graduate of Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania in 1968, Peter went on to serve his country with distinction overseas in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971, continuing his service in the Army Reserve until 1975. Later, his career led him to Washington, D.C., where he contributed his expertise at NPR and Voice of America Radio.



Peter MacLeod

Peter's love for sports shone through his work as a sports announcer. Over the years, he lent his voice to broadcasts for semi-pro football teams such as the Marlborough Shamrocks, as well as for numerous high school basketball and football teams in central Massachusetts and later in central Maryland. His enthusiasm and dedication to sports were a testament to his multifaceted personality—a man who could lead with strength and inspire with passion.

Peter's commitment to the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization spanned over 25 years at the VFW Post 7589 in Manassas. He was a proud and devoted member, embodying the principles of the organization in every facet of his life. His service and leadership have left an enduring impact on both the Post and the community it serves.

Peter MacLeod was a man of great achievement, but more importantly, he was a man of immense character. His kindness, his dedication, and his ability to uplift those around him made him unforgettable. He will be terribly missed, and our deepest sympathies go out to his family during this time of loss.

Although he is no longer with us, Peter will forever remain in our hearts and memories. We will never forget him, and his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Rest in peace, Peter. Your life was a gift to us all, and your impact is eternal.

Youth Essay Contests – Now Open for 2025!

We are now accepting entries for our annual **Voice of Democracy**, **Patriot's Pen**, and **Teacher of the Year** competitions. These programs continue to inspire and encourage excellence among youth and educators in our community. We need your help in spreading the word—please assist us in recruiting students, teachers, and schools to participate in these rewarding contests.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with promotion, coordination, and essay judging. If you're interested in making a difference, please contact the Youth Committee—we'd love to have your support.

Scouting Activities

Scout Troop and Pack 1372 are gearing up for an exciting summer. They're looking forward to their **Summer Camp at Goshen Scout Reservation in Goshen, Virginia** during the first week of July. Stay tuned for more details and highlights, which will be provided by Alex Bliem in an upcoming Scouting newsletter article. We remain proud to support the character-building efforts of our local scouts.

Next Meeting

Our next Youth Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 July at 7:00 PM at the Post. Please attend if you can and help promote Americanism by mentoring our next generation of future leaders.

With best regards,
Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

Department marks 10 consecutive years of achieving All American status.



Mitch Rubenstein
Past State Commander
2024-2025

Congratulations on reaching 102.00% in Membership and making All-American!

For the past 4 months my internal alarm clock (not my dog or Doug) has woken me up every morning at about 0650hrs. National sends out the daily numbers for National and the States letting you know where you stand every day. I didn't get up like that this morning, my phone rang and woke me up at 20 after 7 and it was Doug's voice, it was a welcome voice not his usual Grumpy voice giving me the news that **we made it**.

We made it! Thinking about those words, I finally got up and out of bed, and while my phone was still blowing

up, I am now sitting here writing you all this heartfelt message.

We, meaning **we** the department of Virginia has reached our goal of 102.00% and made All-American. This has been a TEAM effort from the start, there is NO I in TEAM. I hope everyone has a smile on your face today knowing you had a part in making this happen and truly from the bottom of my heart appreciate everything you all have done to contribute, and support me throughout this year.

To the Line Officers, Recruiting Teams, and Committee members, I love you all. We had a plan, we followed the plan, and the rules of engagement and we won. I am so happy to say we accomplished our mission.

Auxiliary Past President Dawn Kuhn, and the Auxiliary, thank you for your unwavering support throughout this year, and Congratulations to all of you as well. See you at the National Convention and the Circle of Excellence.

Enjoy the next few days, re-charge your batteries and get ready before we get started all over again to make Doug reach his goal. As always, my phone is always on, and I am here if and when you need me.

I hope to see you all at the National Convention.

Claim Shark Organization Founder and Staff Indicted in Fraud Case:

VFW ACTION CORPS

A county grand jury in Ohio has handed down an indictment charging Senior Veterans Administration Services (SVAS), the SVAS founder, and four SVAS employees with exploiting veterans and fraudulently obtaining \$20 million in VA benefits. The VFW considers SVAS to be a predatory Claim Shark company. The investigation was conducted by the VA Office of Inspector General, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Ohio Department of Commerce as part of Operation No VA SCAMs (No VA "Service-Connected Account Manipulation"), which is a nationwide initiative led by VA in collaboration with state and federal prosecutors. [READ MORE](#)

Passing the hat raised money for the National Home

During the Joint Business Session at the VFW Dept of Virginia Convention VFW National Home representative Sandi Kriebel, District 4, talked about the Home and it's accomplishments and the Celebration of its 100th year.

During her speech National Council Member Ken Wiseman passed a basket and within 15 minutes the Department of Virginia raised \$1584.50 for the National Home. This was later presented to Sandi by Ken and Virginia Grand Seam Squirrel Ken Shannon.



Auxiliary provided dinner prior to the June 2 membership meeting



GUNNY LEWIS

Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill presented Post Commander Wayne Moore with several gifts in appreciation for his support of Auxiliary efforts.



RICK RASKIN

(L-R) Auxiliary members who assisted with the dinner: Yvonne Sullivan, Ellie Smith, Janet Raskin, Rosa Maggio and Elanor Doczi also taking pictures.

Manassas proclamation honoring women veterans

Observed annually on June 12, Women Veterans Recognition Day commemorates the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, which enabled women to serve as permanent members of the military. The proclamation acknowledges the bravery, skill, and leadership of women in uniform, both past and present, and calls upon all Manassas residents to express their appreciation.

"As a city, we are proud to honor the legacy of women veterans who have served this country with distinction," said Mayor Davis-Younger. "Recognizing this day is part of our broader mission to ensure that the contributions of all veterans – especially those whose service has historically gone underrecognized – are respected, remembered, and celebrated."



Women Veterans who attended the ceremony.



Veteran Megan Cate with Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill (L) and Auxiliary Senior Vice President Ellie Smith (R).

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/mcbeaty/albums/72177720326765814/>

Photos from the State Convention — June 19-21 — Harrisonburg, VA.

Photos from Facebook



Council of Administration meeting prior to the convention.



VFW Virginia's Scout of the Year.



Post 7589 Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill receives an award.



Commander in Chief Al Lipphardt's birthday occurred during the convention, so naturally we had to have a cake.



All-State Quartermasters line up at the awards ceremony.



Auxiliary Line Officers for the 2025-2026 year.



Installation of 2025-2026 District Commanders and Line Officers.



Incoming Commander Doug Hoffman receives the oath of office from Commander in Chief Al Lipphardt.



State Commander Doug Hoffman delivers his acceptance speech.



Line officers for the 2025-2026 year.



State Commander Doug Hoffman looks on as Commander in Chief Al Lipphardt presents State Representative Brianna Sewell an award for her relentless efforts in promoting legislation to ban Claim Sharks.

On the right: District 8 now has two comrades advancing through the chairs: Junior Vice Commander Charles Bush (R) and Surgeon Todd Taylor (L).



Past State Commander Mitch Rubenstein was presented artwork by members of his team. (L-R) Commander Doug Hoffman, Senior Vice Commander Mark Maggio, Judge Advocate Randy Coker and Quartermaster Ed Mann.

VFW VA's updated position paper on claim sharks

Presented by the VFW at the June 18 JLC meeting.

Stop unscrupulous firms from exploiting veterans trying to obtain VA benefits.

Submitted by VFW Department of Virginia

The VFW has continued its advocacy against unaccredited, predatory claims consultants that aggressively advertise and charge veterans for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability claim assistance.

Like many of its companion organizations on the Joint Leadership Council (JLC), the Veterans of Foreign Wars has proudly honored its commitment to all veterans by providing highly trained, certified, quality claims representatives to assist veterans and their survivors in navigating the complex bureaucracy of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) law, rules, and regulations.

The VFW and other accredited Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) provide this service at no cost, as required under Title 38 of the United States Code.

Charging veterans for initial claims assistance is an illegal practice. Unfortunately, criminal penalties for unaccredited claims agents were eliminated from United States Code nearly twenty years ago, providing a loophole through which these predatory claims agents built this market sector. The VFW has branded these companies "Claim Sharks".

These claim shark companies typically enter into agreements with veterans in which the veteran agrees to pay them a multiple of the disability award, often up to five times the amount. This is a fee structure that is predatory in nature and something we would never accept. Additionally, many of the contracts provide for the claim shark to bill for future increases in benefits even if they had no part in helping the veteran obtain them.

Since they are uncredited with the VA the claim shark cannot file for the veteran or see the computer system that tracks the veteran's claim. The veteran files their own claim with "assistance" from the claim shark and if anything goes wrong, the veteran is solely responsible for the error and could owe the Veterans Administration money. If this action were to be taken by any other actor affecting a consumer it would be considered fraud and be protected by Virginia's consumer protection laws.

Currently, these predatory companies have no accountability, no oversight, and no penalties.

At the National level the VFW has urged Congress to pass legislation to reinstate penalties under Title 38. Until that occurs, if ever, we ask that the Legislature propose legislation that prohibits these Claim Shark companies from operating in Virginia.

The VFW and other VSOs draw no benefit from this proposed legislation. In fact, it promises to increase the workload for VA-Certified Service Officers; but it will do so while protecting the integrity of the VA system and the privacy and security of veterans' personal and health data.



THE SHARKS

We define a "Claim Shark" as anyone who:

- Charges hefty fees to 'guide, assist, advise or consult' veterans with filing or appealing their VA benefit claims — this practice is illegal!
- Asserts they are an "expert" or "guardian" but evades the professional and ethical standards of VA accreditation — their advice can be misleading or even fraudulent!
- Hooks you — once you're in, you can't get out and may be subject to new and hidden fees whenever you get a new rating — no matter who does the work!

Some of their predatory practices include:

- Claiming they are an "insider" or have inside information to fast track or maximize your VA disability rating.
- Touting better outcomes because you are paying for services.
- Advertising faster VA claims decisions.
- Requesting login credentials to access sensitive personal information through government websites like VA.gov.
- Using confusing tactics or ambiguous language to mislead claimants or coerce them into signing a contract.
- Telling veterans to forego VA exams and offering health consultations within their own network of doctors.

Here is how veterans can help protect themselves:

- Always ask "Are you accredited with VA?"
- Insist on signing a VA Power of Attorney before agreeing to any other terms and conditions.
- Refuse to sign legal waivers of your right to accredited representation.
- Never agree to contingent payments based on your future benefits.
- Avoid medical exams or opinions from doctors affiliated with consultation companies.
- Always attend exams ordered by VA.
- Never provide access to private and secure systems or personal information.
- Always ask "If I have to appeal VA's decision, will you still help me?"

Who is NOT a Claim Shark?

- VA accredited veterans service organization representatives, like VFW's Accredited Service Officers.
- Private VA accredited agents.
- VA accredited attorneys, to include pro bono law clinics.
- All those who turn up here when searched:
www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation.



Who are the Claim Sharks?

We used to list the usual Claim Sharks, but it began reading like a phone book. By this point you know the type — all charm up front, hidden fees in the back.

For free, accredited help from VFW's Accredited Service Officers visit
www.DontFeedTheSharks.org

Commander in Chief Al Lipphardt



While yes, there is a number we are pursuing and that is 102% of ending totals of 2024. Our focus has been for this year to educate our members on why our numbers are so critical. Our total membership number represents so

much more than 1.4 million individuals. We all have families and many of our families, have families. You can see how this is so impactful. **WE ARE A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.** The more numbers the more influence, the more influence the more our voice is heard.

You should realize that we are a factor at the highest levels of our government as evidenced by the media presence we have garnered. We are being seen. We are being heard. The media is repeating our message. Why? Because in our testimony to the joint session of the House and Senate VA Committee we delivered demanding and specific priorities and reminded them **HONOR THE CONTRACT**, was NOT an ask.

We have regained the respect of these legislators but it is because we are growing and we have their attention.

Here is a simple but impactful action every post can do. **DONT STOP.**

I know this is long but we are in a critical situation. We are sooooo close to meeting our obligation it would be shameful if we are not successful.

Effort is appreciated.

Achievement is celebrated.

Aptitude is ability

Attitude is emotion.

The question then becomes it is not **CAN YOU**. The question is **WILL YOU?**

I am asking you to keep working and do the honorable thing. **Be All In.** Because everything we do, we do for veterans.

Respectfully

Al Lipphardt

VFW Commander in Chief 2024-2025

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normal state. The man with a gun is instantly recognized as a threat; the one touting gift offers death in your ignorance (why be woke).

This day should be a celebration of freedom, and for some, it is. How can I celebrate when from birth, years of struggle, and today's relentless attempts of Negros (Black People) extinction in one form or the other. Los Angeles, Harvard, education, health, books, and a litany of other deliberate destructions are clear indications that the country is rapidly losing ground on the stage of humanity. Aah, it is not as if no progress was made. Yes, my life is far better than that of my immediate ancestors and those of the past. Paranoia is not in my DNA, but I live close to reality. Respectful, humane, and cautious, the race is not won until the finish line is crossed. America has used far fewer pretexts to infiltrate other countries and remove heads of state under the guise of humanity (hypocrisy is unrealized by the shameless). The military soldier is trained to kill and win over an adversary (mindset), not de-escalate (perceived) civil disruption. Will our veterans become known as Veterans of Civil Wars (VCW) (Domestic Heroes) as the leadership abandons its responsibilities?

Celebrating Freedom appears to be shrouded in deceit. To those who have the means and luxury to enjoy, let your conscience be your guide! In a country of immigrants, I see a trivial difference between slavery and the deportation tactic being employed on families, men, women, and children. No man is an island; a lone man on that island longs for companionship (Robinson Crusoe)! May July 4th be as you wish, without harm to others, that someone/something higher deems us worthy of sharing this space.

Respectfully,

Wayne Moore

"It's about our democracy. It's about our republic. We are unique among the world's armies. We are unique among the world's militaries. We don't take an oath to a country, to a tribe, a religion, a king, a queen, a tyrant, or a dictator. And we don't take an oath to a wannabe dictator. We don't take an oath to an individual. We take an oath to the Constitution and to the idea that this is America, and we're willing to die to protect it. All of us who have the privilege to wear the cloth of our nation. It is that document that all of us in uniform swore to defend against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

"Those who sacrificed themselves on the altar of freedom in the last two and a half centuries of this country must not have done so in vain. The millions wounded in our nation's wars did not sacrifice their limbs and shed their blood to see this great experience in democracy perish. We, the American people, we, the American military, must never turn our backs on those who came before us. And we will never turn our back on the Constitution."

Gen Mark Miley,
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
(2019-2023)



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Post 7589 Service Officer

Monti Zimmerman

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The VFW National Home for Children

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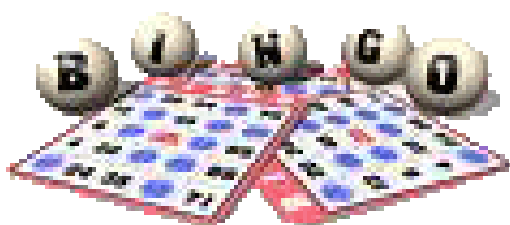
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2025-26 Auxiliary Officers

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Trustee 2	Janet Raskin
Trustee 3	Yvonne Sullivan
Historians	Jan Germain Patsy Gough Yvonne Sullivan
Patriotic Instructor	Lorrie Allen Smith

Upcoming Events

July 7	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
July 14	Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM
July 17	Youth Committee — 7:00 PM
July 26	Auxiliary SOI — Post 9808, Mechanicsville
August 4	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
August 11	Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM
August 9-13	National Convention, Columbus, Ohio
August 21	Youth Committee — 7:00 PM
September 6	Department SOI — Post 1503, Dale City — POC: Judge Advocate Randy Coker District 8 Meeting — Post 3103, Fredericksburg [Note: conflicting date referred to Department]
September 8	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
September 15	Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM

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