

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
September 2025

NOTE

**In lieu of Labor Day the September Post meeting will be Tuesday, September 2.
We will discuss changing future meetings to 1st Tuesday.**



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National VFW newly elected leadership team: Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Cory Geisler, Commander-in-Chief Carol Whitmore and Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Glenn Umberger

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

My First Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention

Yes, it was an experience! Some loved the camaraderie and the comrades whose agenda required work (that they did). If you are politically inclined, the networking system was there. I had no doubts that there are some very knowledgeable and articulate people in our organization. However, I was most impressed by the dedication and commitment of the National Body on BYLAWS, MANUAL of PROCEDURE, and RITUAL.

The process of creating and obtaining a proposed amendment's recognition at the national level is a tedious, re-hashed, and contested journey from local to state to the National Committee, where the Pros and Cons can spark contentious debate leading to an up/down vote. I must state that, despite the occasional nuance, insightful information is there for learning.

Unfortunately, at the local post, there are not enough willing bodies seeking positions of responsibility (sad but true). However, I had the opportunity to witness the effectiveness of the process in action when a challenge to the status quo or an entitled position was brought to the floor. I am sure that some politics were at play, but someone needed the courage to try.

The move from Junior to Senior Vice was thwarted; the challenger won. I have no personal skin in the game, but I prefer an even playing field when it's available. Too often, many sit on their laurels, biding their time for the crown. The fallacy of "sticks and stones" shows that words not only hurt but can be downright detrimental.

The pageantry of the states' parade was both funny and charming, with some participants appearing to have spent the entire year preparing for an hour-long roll call as they tossed candy, blew their horns, and danced around the promenade.

I would recommend it to any comrade in the vicinity of the VFW National Convention. However, the expense of travel, lodging, and food would drain any local post attempting to send non-essential members (Inflation in full view).

All being said, I experienced it and left with an appreciation for the work being done to sustain the promise made to veterans. The work being done by the VFW is tremendous, and those of us who support the leadership must ensure accountability.

Wayne F. Moore

Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

The month of September is National Suicide Awareness Month. It is to raise awareness about suicide prevention and share messages of hope. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number is 1-800-273- 8255 available 24 hours every day.

Just a reminder of the 8th District meeting on September 6th at 10:00am in Fredericksburg at Post 3103.

On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four commercial passenger airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two planes were flown into the World Trade Center, a third hit the Pentagon and the fourth plane was downed in a field in Pennsylvania. Americans will fly the American flag at half-staff and observe a moment of silence for the lives lost.

We have a flag retirement scheduled for September 11th. The Auxiliary will provide a pizza dinner at 6:00pm and the flag retirement ceremony will start at 6:30pm.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is September 19th. We will be participating with American Legion Post 10 at 8:00pm for the ceremony.

Just a reminder for the annual members that it's time to pay your 2026 dues of \$25.00. We will have a drawing for a life membership if the dues are paid by October 15th. There are two ways of paying: 1) on the National website, <https://vfwauxiliary.org/>, under MALTA Member Login or 2) to our Auxiliary Treasurer, Elanor Doczi (571/330-5457). Call me at (703/517-2629) if you need any assistance. Thank you in advance.

We are having our annual fundraiser with the not-for profit Wreaths Across America (WAA) organization. Sponsorships are \$17 per wreath of which \$5.00 will be returned to the Auxiliary. To pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, visit <https://www.wreathsafteramerica.org> and please remember to include our Sponsoring Group ID No. VA0040P and Cemetery ID No. VASMGM. The DEADLINE is November 30, 2025, and forms are attached to this newsletter. This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025. We will be placing wreaths at Stonewell Memory Garden Cemetery in Manassas.

At the VFW National Home, it is their mission to provide support to military and veteran families facing life's challenges. A variety of services are tailored to the unique needs of those individuals that includes housing, education, transition counseling, and community-building opportunities. The way to support the home is a life membership of \$50.00, purchasing a \$100 tribute brick or donations.

I have received information that Connie Mayhugh's husband went to his heavenly home, Agnes Towne's husband (Mike) had a stroke and Jeanne Tomlinson spent some time at the hospital. Please keep them and other members who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their heavenly home in your prayers. Thank you!

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President

Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

As summer winds down and we step into a new season of service, the Youth Committee extends a heartfelt welcome back to all comrades, scouts, and families. We hope this message finds you refreshed and ready to engage in the meaningful work ahead.

On Monday, 11 August, we held our latest Youth Committee meeting at my Centreville Orthodontic office. It was a productive gathering attended by Comrades

Tina Bliem, Erika Laos, Rose Brackett and myself, Comrade Lou Filippone. Here's a recap of what we discussed:



Scouting Recognition

Comrades Alex and Tine Bliem will be honoring six adult scout leaders from Troop 1372—our Post-sponsored troop—with certificates and commemorative coins in recognition of their outstanding service. Their dedication exemplifies the values we strive to uphold.



9/11 Flag Retirement Ceremony

Join us on Thursday, September 11 at the Post for a solemn flag retirement ceremony led by the scouts.

- Setup begins at 6:00 PM
- Ceremony starts at 6:30 PM

If you'd like to assist, please contact me or any Youth Committee member. Your support is always appreciated.



Pilot Programs at Osbourn High School

Comrades Erika Laos, Lamar Baker, and Rose Brackett are developing cost sheets for new youth initiatives. Lamar and Erik's proposed programs include:

- A financial aid initiative for student athletes in need
- A mentorship program to support academic and personal growth

These are early-stage pilot programs, with plans to expand to other area high schools upon successful implementation.



Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy & Teacher of the Year

The deadline for these cornerstone programs is October 31. We need volunteers to help with:

- Application collection
- Judging
- Organizing the awards ceremony

If you're able to assist, please reach out—we'd love to have your support.



Manassas Fall Jubilee – Saturday, October 4

From 10 AM to 5 PM, join us in Old Town Manassas for a day of family fun and community engagement.

- Location: In front of the Freedom Museum on Center Street
- Activities: VFW and Auxiliary recruitment, youth outreach, and more

Volunteers are needed—contact any Youth Committee member to sign up.



Civil Air Patrol Recognition

On Tuesday, August 12, I had the honor of presenting the VFW [CAP] Officer Award to Cadet Lt. Luke Manning at the Prince William Composite Squadron's annual ceremony at the Manassas Armory.

Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Melody LeClair was selected for the NCO Award but was unable to attend due to the late summer scheduling. Her award will be delivered separately.



Next Meeting – Date TBD

Our next Youth Committee meeting will be announced soon and may be held as a hybrid Zoom session. Details will be sent out once confirmed.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has announced the details of its 2025-2026 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen audio essay competitions!

This year's shared theme is "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

Entries are due to VFW Posts no later than October 31, 2025. The VFW Voice of Democracy National first-place winner will receive a \$35,000 scholarship; this contest is for students in grades 9-12. The VFW Patriot's Pen National first-place winner will receive \$5,000; this contest is for students in grades 6-8.

Learn more at: <https://www.vfw.org/.../youth-and.../youth-scholarships> and share with the tweens and teens in your town today!

Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

Our scouts have had a fun and educational summer this year. They are back in school now and they are also starting up the new scout year at the same time. In September they will start up their formal scout meetings again. Over the summer meetings are not held as often and they normally have some fun activities or are planning for future activities. This gives families a chance to relax and go on vacations without having to worry about missing out on scouting activities.

This summer started out with their summer camp week at the Goshen Scout Reservation. I heard that the scouts did great and earned lots of merit badges, many of which are normally only earned at summer camps. These include the different shooting badges, water rescue and different boating type badges.

The scouts also performed cleaning of their adopted road which they do every quarter. The road is Signal View Dr. They have been cleaning this road for a number of years now and have removed tons of garbage over the years. This is a great community service project for them as this road runs alongside the Signal Hill Park that a lot of families with young kids frequent. Their service creates a safer place for the youth and families.

The scouts are currently planning their Labor Day beach camping trip. They have done this for a few years now and it is a great way for the scouts to end the summer. They pick a beach and spend the long weekend camping/cooking, enjoying the water, and will often work on a merit badge that pertains to wildlife and/or the ocean. Our scouts are always learning.

Our troop has also had some scouts advancing in rank over the summer and we also have quite a few scouts that will be working on their Eagle rank. Hopefully we will see some good progress from them over the next year. I believe this is the most scouts we've had working on the Eagle rank at the same time. We also had an Eagle Scout COH this summer for one of our scouts. This is the scout whose project was rebuilding and painting the fencing at a horse rescue outside Fredericksburg.

Our scouts are also taking inventory of their trailer. They are performing maintenance on the trailer itself as well as replacing/fixing any of the gear in the trailer that needs attention. One of the troops positions is quartermaster and they are the ones responsible for the various assets.

Our cubs participated in the National Night Out this year and invited the Troop to participate with them. Here they basically set up a recruitment table and had some success with interest from multiple families. They had all the needed information to send home with families as well as having some scouts out there showing what they do throughout the year and performed some scout skills for folks to watch and participate in.

The scouts will also have tables setup at the back to school nights to show the families coming through that they are there and to speak to the various programs to hopefully gain more interest from the families as another recruitment opportunity.

They are also preparing for the annual 9/11 flag retirement ceremony at the post. If any Post members would like to come out and participate it will begin at 6:30 in our Posts parking lot on 9/11.

Be Safe,

Alex & Tina Bliem
VFW Post 7589



Scouts at Goshen Scout Reservation

Pack,
Crew



Troop,
1372

Eagle Court of Honor

Additional photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2Ri1xd46zKV2ByMA>

Post approves commemorative bench for Rose Hill Cemetery

“Rose Hill Cemetery is tucked away in an industrial area today, but when it was established in 1887, this was a rural area on the outskirts of Manassas.

Created at a time when local ordinance segregated burying grounds by race, this was one of the cemeteries in Prince William County that exclusively served the Black community. The Rose Hill Cemetery Association, run by members of the African American community, was the early steward of this cemetery.

Like other African American cemeteries of the time, Rose Hill received no public support from the White community or local government. Care and maintenance, including the opening and closing of graves for funerals, were provided by members of the Black community. The first burials likely included men and women who were born enslaved.

In 1978, after nearly a century of operating privately, the Cemetery Trustees approached the City of Manassas about taking over Rose Hill. After two years of negotiations, an agreement was reached in 1980, and the City accepted ownership.

Today, Rose Hill is closed to new burials, but the cemetery remains an important connection to the people who helped make Manassas what it is today.”*

Many veterans are interred at Rose Hill, some dating back to the Civil War. Attempts to identify all of the graves have been mixed at best and many remain unmarked. This year, as part of Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies VFW Post 7589’s Scouts began placing flags at veteran graves that have been identified.

To recognize all of the veterans buried there Post 7589 and American Legion Post 10 agreed that a commemorative bench should be placed in a prominent location. Klien Memorials of Manassas will construct and install the bench, the cost of which will be shared equally with Post 10.

The following text, bordered by VFW and American Legion medallions will be inscribed on the bench:



IN MEMORY OF THE UNKNOWN RESTING HERE WHO SERVED IN
UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND ARE KNOWN BUT TO GOD



Contracts were signed on August 20 with delivery anticipated for early November, hopefully in time for Veterans Day. We plan to have an unveiling and will invite dignitaries from the community.

* Text from the historical marker at Rose Hill Cemetery

VFW Approves ball caps in meetings

At the 126th National Convention the membership approved a change to the by-laws to allow ball caps to be worn at official meetings.

Members may wear ball caps but officer are not permitted to wear them in official meetings.

The following message was sent to Department Commanders:

In response to several requests for information through social media channels, attached is a mock up of what the recently approved official alternative cap will look like. It will have all the essential components of the official overseas cap, and the color of the sandwich bill will denote the type of unit (Post-Yellow, District-Green, Department-Red, National-Silver/Grey). We are currently considering options for a unique identifier to help prevent pirating.

A couple pieces of information. First, don’t expect to see these on the VFW Store site for purchase until beginning of December at the earliest. Delivery to the consumer will be four to six weeks from order. The only title options will be what’s available on the item drop down. It’s difficult enough to get some specialized titles on the overseas caps and there is even less space for that on these ball caps. To help mitigate incorrect assumptions or prevent rumors, please send any questions that reach you to me for clarification. Thanks!

Marc Garduno
Quartermaster General

<https://vfwme.org/uploads/documents/Non-Picture-folder/ballcapmockups2.pdf>



YOUR STORY, OUR LEGACY

BE PART OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

VFW Post 7589 is turning 80 in June 2026—and we're kicking off a year-long celebration to honor the true heart of our Post: **YOU**, our comrades!

We want your story to shine. Send us a photo (past or present), your first name, and the campaign(s) you served in. We'll proudly feature these stories in our newsletter and on social media as we count down to this historic milestone.

**LET'S MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER—
ONE STORY AT A TIME!**

HOW TO SUBMIT

- **Deadline:**
Rolling through June 2026
 - **Email:**
vfw7589comms@gmail.com
 - **Mail/Drop-off:**
Place in an envelope marked Comrade Erika Laos - 80th Anniversary and deliver to the Post
- Include:**
- 📷 A photo (past or present)
 - 👤 Your first name
 - 🏆 Campaign(s) you served in

Colonial Downs donates \$25,000 to the Virginia Veterans Foundation

State Commander Doug Hoffman

I would like to thank Colonial Downs for their generous donation of \$25,000 to our Virginia Veterans Foundation. This money will be used for grants to Posts for home improvements and assisting individual veterans with home improvements.

Once I discuss this with [the VFW board and] the Council of Administration about how we will award these grants I will put out all of the information.

I want to personally thank Past State Commander Tom Gimble and Grand of Virginia Mike Chism for representing the Department and the Foundation by accepting the check at Colonial Downs [while we were at the National Convention].

I also want to thank VVF board member David Jones for orchestrating this donation.

State Commander's Convention Takeaways

Doug Hoffman, State Commander

What a week at the VFW National Convention in Ohio! A few highlights:

A bylaw change for requiring a cool off period of 5 years for a Past National Commander to be appointed to a paid appointed position did not pass with the required 2/3 vote. The vote went to the floor and membership decided.

A bylaw change to make the VFW Riders a separate organization (like the Cooties and Auxiliary) under the umbrella of National was passed.

A candidate was nominated off the floor to be the Senior Vice Commander in Chief. That vote went to the floor also and the candidate from the floor was elected. Congratulations to our newly elected Senior Vice Commander Cory Geisler.

History was made as the VFW elected its first female National Commander in Chief. Congratulations to Carol Whitmore. I am incredibly proud of being a part of this class of Commanders!

This week showed the importance of registering as a delegate and showing up to convention all be it National, State or District. It shows the power of the membership and the voice it has. Virginia had the highest [number] of delegates at the National Convention, and our vote was incredibly important to the success of the VFW and this convention. Virginia was strong and untied, and it was noticed by all other departments and by National.

Again, I want to give a special thanks to the VFW Riders for the escort to National. Department Line Officers who did an outstanding job representing the Department and speaking up. And to all the Posts that were present with their delegates. Thanks again for the continued support.



National Convention—Columbus, Ohio



Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt & All American State Commander Mitch Rubenstein



Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt with Past Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch



Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt & All American VA District 8 Commander Todd Taylor



The Virginia delegation: Virginia cast over 500 delegate votes and help to sway the election of the Senior Commander in Chief.



Virginia marches out at the patriotic rally led by State Commander Doug Hoffman and Tracy Hoffman.



Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci

Virginia's All-American officers who were invited to walk the stage

There were many more All-American commanders, including Post 7589 Commander Wayne Moore, but only a few from each state are selected. If all were selected the procession would probably take days. Congratulations to all of Virginia's All-American Commanders.



District 10 Commander Ray Delpesche



Post 392 Commander James Wikkerink



Post 1503 Commander Ben Guinan



Post 3219 Commander Joe Perkins



Post 9808 Commander Paul Smith



Post 12218 Commander Pat Crowley



Post 12225 Commander Matthew Mayer

PHOTOS BY DOC CROUCH



Virginia's participants at the patriotic rally

Past Commander In-Chief

By Al Lipphardt

The 126th VFW National Convention was historic on a number of levels. Confirming our support of the Senior Vice Commander in Chief was nominated and elected to be the first, as she described, VFW Commander in Chief wearing a dress. As CIC Carol Whitmore declared, she will certainly not be the last. Having worked with this individual as she went through her year as the designate, to her election and installation as Junior Vice Commander in Chief, Senior Vice Commander in Chief, culminating with her election at the 126th National Convention. Chief Whitmore has my full support as she serves ALL members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliaries.

In completing my term as Commander in Chief we stood together to ensure the principles of our founding be returned to those with whom it has been placed 126 years ago...the delegates to the National Convention. I ask you to embrace and operate with the courage of your convictions as you abide by the Bylaws, Manual of Procedures, and Ritual adopted by the delegates on the floor of the convention. Three years ago I gave you a reminder that our tired and outdated methods were not our future. "But we've always done it this way" was overtaken by innovation and changes in our world. This was a great step forward. But a shift was allowed to usurp the will of the most important member in our organization, the individual member through their elected delegates to the National Convention. Over these last three years I consistently declared this must cease. Over time many of those who have served at the highest levels of this organization have attempted to absconded with your rights found in our Charter and Bylaws. At the 125th National Convention in Louisville KY you elected me to the high office of Commander in Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America. With my election and installation you demanded I lead and I said lead I shall.

At this convention I brought a new badge to bring to your attention an end a destructive practice if allowed to continue will take away the voice of the member. A select few in each of the conferences have been allowed to make the choice FOR YOU and not with you. The system that was adopted many years ago was created to SELECT a candidate at the Junior Vice Commander in Chief for the delegates at the National Convention to consider. But over time the system has been corrupted. The badge I created to bring your focus to what has happened said "Let's Make A Deal" with a slash meaning this practice must stop. In addition there were two phrases that pointed to the change to be applied throughout our entire organization. No more behind the curtain and No more closed door conspiracies.

While there are some who suggest there was some sort of conspiracy when the Junior Vice Commander in Chief became a contested election with an individual stepped forward from the floor. LET ME BE CLEAR. AS CIC I was made aware of the possibility by the Adjutant General on Friday morning Aug 8 with the Junior Vice Commander in Chief at the meeting. In accordance with our National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure a candidate from the floor is permitted. Push back was applied to stop this authorized action and I FIRMLY DECLARED THIS TO BE AUTHORIZED and I would not intervene to this member's right.

Here is where it gets provocative. Rumors, innuendoes, accusations of impropriety spread throughout the attendees. I have preached having the courage of your convictions. There are questions by some of why did this happen? HERE IS MY RESPONSE. Our process to be elected and installed at any level has not changed. Election to an office is not a given. One must be elected. If one is unsure of support one should campaign. Arrogance is not a desirable character trait. With a probable contested race committee meetings continued.

As then Commander in Chief I have encouraged, authorized investigations and acted upon complaints that were signed. There have been serious accusations by a number of individuals and I am certain Commander in Chief Whitmore will abide by the tenants of her office. BUT THAT BEING SAID, AN UNSIGNED/ DOCUMENTED COMPLAINT IS NOT A COMPLAINT THAT CAN BE ACTED UPON.

Do not let those who seek to intimidate, threaten, or coerce you in any way STOP YOU. Have the courage of your convictions if not for yourself for those potential victims who will suffer because you stayed silent. Let remove these who commit such actions from our rolls.

BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU DO - DO WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN.

Important message from VFW Adjutant General.

I have been informed of accusations raised during the Women Veterans Committee at our National Convention last week. Concerns were raised about harassment and bullying by those in leadership. Let me be clear—whether that harassment is verbal or physical in nature—this behavior is unacceptable and has no place here or in the VFW. Chief Whitmore and I have formally initiated an investigation. To ensure this process is handled thoroughly and with integrity, we are now in the process of collecting statements from those who may have witnessed or experienced incidents related to these concerns.

I know personally how damaging and painful these experiences can be. I want you to hear directly from me that your safety, dignity, and well-being matter above all else. If you have experienced or witnessed harassment, please know you will be heard, supported, and protected from retaliation.

If you, or someone you know, have information relevant to these matters, I strongly encourage you to provide a written statement. These statements are essential in determining the facts and allowing us to move forward appropriately. Please understand that this investigation can only proceed based on the information submitted, and your cooperation is vital to achieving a fair and just outcome.

All statements will be treated with the utmost seriousness, confidentiality, and respect. I urge anyone with knowledge of relevant events to come forward so that we may address these matters with the accountability and professionalism they deserve.

Please send statements to me at dwest@vfw.org or sma-ple@vfw.org.

Virginia Attorney General is suing the Department of Veterans Affairs

By Toby Sherman, WVIR

[AG Miyares sues VA over denial of veterans' education benefits](#)

RICHMOND, Va. (WVIR) - Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares is suing the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), alleging it has failed to comply with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling guaranteeing full education benefits to veterans.

The suit, filed Thursday, August 14, in the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, names the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America as co-plaintiffs.

Several individual veterans, including James Rudisill—the decorated Richmond Army veteran whose case went to the Supreme Court—are also joining the lawsuit.

“Veterans who qualify for benefits should receive their full benefits—full stop,” said Miyares. “The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that veterans eligible for the Montgomery and Post-9/11 G.I. Bills are entitled to full benefits, not partial. We are confident in our case and look forward to an amicable resolution on behalf of those who have served.”

The legal action follows Virginia-led efforts in 2023, when Miyares organized two multi-state coalitions urging the Supreme Court to hear and uphold Rudisill’s claim.

In 2024, the court ruled in his favor, guaranteeing eligible veterans a combined 48 months of education benefits.

Despite the ruling, the VA has continued to deny full benefits to many veterans, due to what Miyares believes is a narrow interpretation of the GI Bills.

The attorney general highlighted one Virginia Army veteran who served more than 20 years overseas but was denied full benefits, preventing him from transferring funds to his daughter for law school.

Earlier this year, Miyares again led bipartisan coalitions supporting the veteran’s claim. Last month, the VA agreed in principle to restore his benefits but did not extend the resolution to other affected veterans.

Miyares is now asking the appeals court to enforce the Supreme Court’s decision and ensure the VA provides full benefits to all eligible veterans.

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or text to **838255**

Post 7589 Service Officer

Monti Zimmerman

703-223-2211

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

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:

<u>Levels</u>	
Gold-	\$1,200.00
Silver-	\$800.00
Bronze-	\$400.00

Annual Payouts:

<u>Posts</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>National</u>
\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

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

Sorry, we cannot take CRT monitors or Printers.

What T4T needs the most are laptops, desktop computers, tablets, and cell phones.

These devices go to in-need Veterans after data destruction.

T4T guarantees Data Destruction for all devices that could contain data.



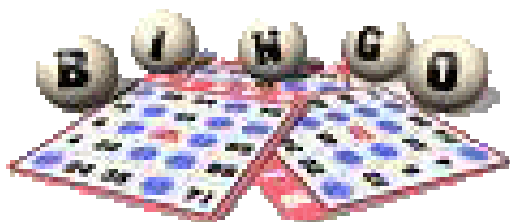
DD-214 Available online

The National Personal Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to request access to their DD-214 online

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

Additional records

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans>



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

**VFW/AUX DEPARTMENT of VIRGINIA
COMMANDER & PRESIDENT HOMECOMING**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2025
VFW POST 1503 - DALE CITY
SOCIAL HOUR 5-6 DINNER 6:30**

- 70's THEME -

COME GET YOUR GROOVE ON

BE READY to DANCE and DRESSED to IMPRESS!!

FREE EVENT

**YOU MUST REQUEST TICKETS BY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025, VIA EMAIL TO**

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NLCTLEVITT@VFWVA.ORG

WHEN EMAILING - PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR

NAME & PHONE NUMBER

LIMIT TWO (2) TICKETS PER PERSON

HOTEL INFO:

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3901 FETTLER PARK DR.
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703-441-9001**

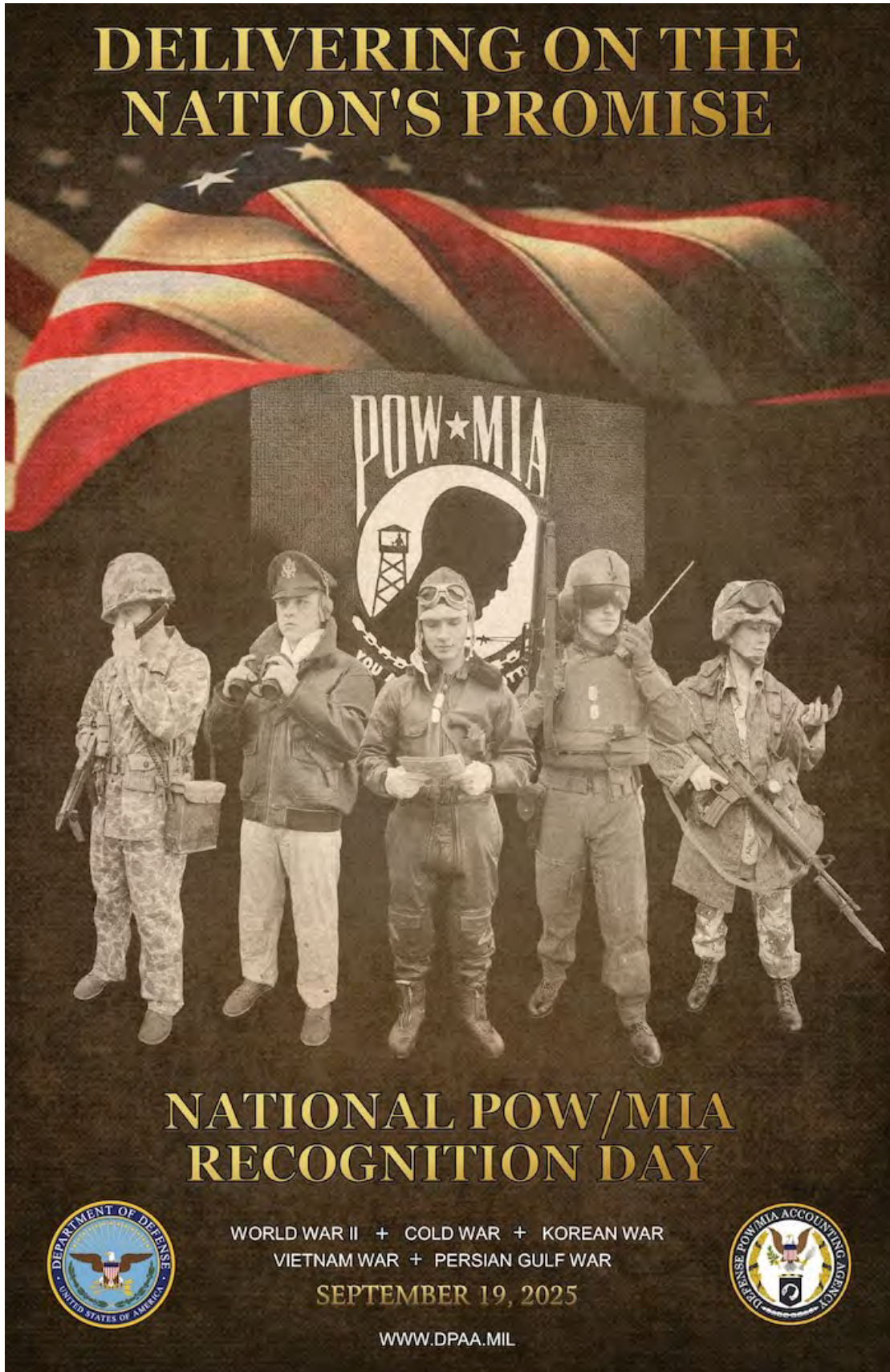
**HAMPTON INN
16959 OLD STAGE RD.
DUMFRIES, VA 22025
703-441-9900**



**MUST BE 21 to ATTEND
ABSOLUTELY NO
OUTSIDE ALCOHOL**



DELIVERING ON THE NATION'S PROMISE





NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

WORLD WAR II + COLD WAR + KOREAN WAR
VIETNAM WAR + PERSIAN GULF WAR

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

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2025-26 Post Officers

Commander	Wayne Moore
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
Junior Vice Commander	Ron Link
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Patriotic Instructor	Lorrie Allen Smith

Upcoming Events

September 2	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM (In lieu of Labor Day)
September 6	Department SOI — Post 1503, Dale City — POC: Judge Advocate Randy Coker District 8 Meeting — Post 3103, Fredericksburg
September 8	Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM
September 11	Pizza Party for Scouts — 6:00 PM Flag Retirement Ceremony — 6:30 PM
September 19	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 22	Youth Committee — 7:00 PM
October 4	Manassas Fall Jubilee — VFW will be located in front of the Freedom Museum
October 6	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
October 11	State Commander and Auxiliary President's Homecoming — Post 1503 — Dale City
October 13	Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM
October 23	Youth Committee — 7:00 PM

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