

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
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On September 25 VFW Post 7589 & American Legion Post 10 each presented checks for \$500 to Jennie Dean Elementary School to aid teachers from Jamaica in purchasing school supplies. (L-R) PSC Rick Raskin, Post 7589 Commander Wayne Moore, Teacher Kadian Thompson who is coordinating the program, Comrade Jerry Martin, Post 10 Commander Stan Moore and Jennie Dean Principal Brian Coleman.

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

How the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Overcame Racism During War

By Lieutenant Commander George Onoyama Hageman, U.S. Navy Reserve

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team the Japanese American unit heralded as the most decorated unit in U.S. military history may seem like an odd topic for an essay on diversity and inclusion. It was a racially segregated unit filled with Japanese Americans who had been removed from their homes because of their ethnicity and forced into desolate internment camps without due process. Yet from its racist origins came one of the most inspiring stories of heroism in the U.S. military.

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Origins of the 442nd

Some Japanese Americans who were housed in internment camps later joined the Army to prove their patriotism and loyalty to the United States. When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941, approximately 127,000 Japanese Americans were living in the continental United States and another 150,000 in the then-territory of Hawaii. Most were second or third-generation immigrants born in the United States with birthright citizenship.

On 19 February 1942, under the guise of national security, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 authorizing the designation of most of the West Coast as a military zone. Some 110,000 Japanese American citizens were "evacuated" to internment camps. Their property often was either taken or sold at bargain prices.

As fears of a Japanese American "fifth column" slowly subsided, the War Department decided to allow some Japanese Americans to join the military and fight overseas, albeit in racially segregated units. The most famous was the U.S. Army 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which included the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion. By war's end, after vicious fighting at Monte Cassino, Anzio, and the Vosges Mountains, the unit had received thousands of awards for valor and many more Purple Hearts than it had men. As President Harry S. Truman said after the war, "You fought not only the enemy . . . you fought prejudice, and you have won."1.

Lesson #1: Diversity Is Not Skin Deep

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team at first may seem like a naturally cohesive unit after all, they were all Japanese Americans who were segregated from the rest of the military because of their shared racial background. However, within that crew was a deep schism that could have easily torn apart the entire enterprise.

Half of the unit consisted of Japanese Americans from the U.S. mainland—the majority of whom enlisted straight out of the

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

Columbus Day is one of eleven Federal holidays recognized nationwide by the US Government. It commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas. It is celebrated every second Monday in October and this year it will be October 14th.

With the arrival of autumn, comes the year's spookiest holiday: Halloween. On Thursday, October 31st we will celebrate all things wicked and scary. It's the only time of the year that being a ghost, werewolf or vampire is not only allowed, it's encouraged.

Now would be a good time to consider becoming a Life Member. Due to the increase in the National and Department dues, the Auxiliary had no choice but to raise their dues from \$20 to \$25. The new dues amount will go in effect November 1, 2024. This change **does not** affect the Life Members. There are two ways to pay your dues: through MALTA (the National website) or by sending your payment to Elanor Doczi, at 7415 Roxbury Ave., Manassas, VA 20109. Thank you in advance.

The Auxiliary is requesting assistance from the post and community to participate in our Wreaths Across America (WAA) fundraiser. The Wreaths Across America day is scheduled for December 14, 2024. To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship of \$17.00 with a credit card, please visit [https:// www.wreathscrossamerica.org/](https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/) and please include our Sponsoring Group ID No. VA0040P and Cemetery ID No. VASMG. The deadline for your sponsorship is November 30, 2024.

Events for October and November are as follows:

- October 5 Manassas Fall Jubilee - 10AM to 5PM
- October 14 Auxiliary monthly meeting at 2PM
Youth Committee meeting 7PM (Tentative)
- October 15 Serving the Veteran dinner from St. Thomas
- October 31 **DEADLINE** for the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year contests
- November 2 Manassas Veterans Day event: Breakfast 7:30AM & Parade 11AM
- November 3 District 8 meeting, Warrenton, Old City Hall, 18 Court St. 10AM
- November 5 Change clocks to Standard Time
- November 7-9 Southern Conference, Nashville, Tennessee
- November 11 Manassas Veterans Memorial 8:30AM & replace flags at Manassas Cemetery 9:00AM
- November 11 Auxiliary monthly meeting at 2PM
- November 11 Youth Committee meeting 7PM (subject to change)
- November 30 **DEADLINE** for Wreaths Across America (WAA) Auxiliary fundraiser

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Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee' column will resume next month.

Please note: The deadline for Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year contests is October 31.

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internment camps. The other half of the unit consisted of Japanese Americans from Hawaii, where Japanese Americans comprised 40 percent of the population and where there were no internment camps. However, the lesson for today remains: Diversity is not skin deep, and the Navy cannot "win" the diversity battle through statistics and quotas alone. It needs inclusion, too.

Lesson #2: Strong Leaders Embrace Diversity

The 442nd had some phenomenal combat leaders, including First Lieutenant Daniel Inouye, who led an assault against a series of machine gun nests in the Gothic Line. As Inouye prepared to throw a grenade, a German soldier shot off most of his hand with the grenade still in it. He used his other intact hand to pull the live grenade out of his severed hand and threw it into the machine gun nest, killing the German soldier inside. He would receive the Medal of Honor!



First Lieutenant Young-Oak Kim, a Korean American, was awarded the Silver Star for action in Italy in April 1944. His unit initially distrusted him because of the historical tensions between Japan and Korea. His response "We're all Americans and we're fighting for the same cause." Kim eventually earned

his men's respect through both courage and compassion. He earned a Distinguished Service Cross by crawling 800 yards through enemy terrain, silently capturing two German sentries, and then crawling back to friendly lines with the two prisoners in tow.

Kim was not a great leader because of his race or the race of his men. He was a great leader because of his actions. But he also understood where his men were coming from—because he had come from a similar place himself—and he used that to gain their respect.

Lesson #3: Diversity Enhances Lethality

There were still too many who feared Japanese Americans could not be trusted in a fight against the Japanese. Nevertheless, some individuals were plucked from the 442nd and sent to the Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific Theater. There, they served as translators and interpreters of intercepted communications as well as interrogators of those few captured Japanese soldiers and sailors.

The Military Intelligence Service vastly increased the effectiveness of Allied operations in the Pacific. They helped pierce the veil of an enemy who had successfully surprised the United States in 1941, saved countless lives, and shortened the war by two years. Diversity, far from being a handicap or a hindrance, can be a force multiplier.

Lesson #4: Diversity Compounds

The 442nd's most direct impact was in the battles it won and the towns it liberated. But its influence extended far beyond that. One of the unit's most famous engagements involved rescuing the "Lost Battalion" of the Texas National Guard, which had been surrounded by German forces in the Vosges Mountains in 1944. Despite the daring rescue, newspaper coverage at the time did not always mention that it was Japanese Americans who did the rescue. But the Texans of the Lost Battalion knew, and when they returned home, they would tell the story of the 442nd's heroism.

An American Legion post in Hood River, Oregon, infamously refused to allow Japanese American veterans. Veterans from the Lost Battalion and other supportive veterans wrote to the American Legion expressing their dismay: "More than three hundred servicemen in the Pacific wrote letters to the Hood River News, forcing The American Legion to eventually change its policy. That same supportive fervor influenced granting statehood to Hawaii in 1959, granting honorary Texas state citizenship to all 442nd veterans in 1962, paying reparations to internment survivors in 1988, and upgrading many of the 442nd members' mili-

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Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

August and September were pretty active months for our scouting units despite it being the summertime which is normally slower, especially for the leadership.

First off, we had two scouts earn their Eagle Scout ranks on the same night with back to back Boards of Review. Both scouts were very deserving of this rank and it was my pleasure to sit on both of their boards. I had reported on both scouts in previous newsletters but it is now official with their boards being completed.

Next, both of our troops went on a long Labor Day weekend camping trip to a beach in Delaware. Here they worked on their Oceanography merit badge, had various learning opportunities, cooked at the beach, went fishing, and of course spent a lot of time enjoying themselves in the water. They also traveled to the Dover Airbase Museum where they saw and learned about a lot of different planes. From what I've been told they had an absolute blast at the beach, and still managed to learn new stuff.



The cubs began meeting again with some fun activities. They had their annual Rain Gutter Regatta in September which is always a fun time for the younger cubs. It is similar to the Pinewood Derby but they make their own boats and send them down a rain gutter style track. Our cub scout pack is in really good shape right now and doing great things for our youngest scouts.

Our venture crew held their elections this summer to elect all of their different positions, including President, multiple Vice Presidents, Secretary, Quartermaster, Treasurer, etc. They are currently planning several activities, and different fundraisers to help cover activities and supplies. For those not familiar, the venture crew consists of a coed group of scouts from ages 14 to 21. It is entirely scout led with very minimal adult leader involvement. The adult leader is called the Advisor and will have at least one assistant.

In August we had a scout complete his Eagle project at Costello Park in Manassas Park. Here he added onto his brother's Eagle Project that was done some years ago. He nearly tripled the size

of the sun shade at the dog park. This was badly needed as there is no shade for the dogs or their humans.

In September we had one scout perform her Eagle Scout Project to replace and repair fencing around a horse corral at a rescue outside of Fredericksburg. The project was an outstanding service to their community. The fencing was in dire need of being replaced and repaired. Over 20 sections were entirely replaced, including the posts to the four high section of boards and many other sections also had boards replaced. This was a very physical project for everyone involved but we still finished in 8+ hours including paint. The Eagle candidate was leading and had everyone in their respective jobs. This of course was after months of planning and gathering all the needed supplies.

On 9/11 our scouting units combined with our post held a flag retirement ceremony. This was the most well-attended ceremony we have ever had. We had over 90 attendees including all of our scouting units, VFW and Auxiliary members, D.A.R., as well as members from the Trail to Life and Heritage Girls youth units. An estimated 300+ flags were respectfully retired that night.

Our Boy and Girl troops are now officially one combined troop, at least for the pilot period (until next summer). They formed



four patrols, three mixed, and one female patrol by the scouts own choosing. They held their own elections and have all of their positions filled. They did all of this on their own and I will be looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish with this new scouting format. Currently they are ready to rock and seem to very excited about this new chapter. For those involved they are now part of scouting history. Our scouting leadership (volunteers) put a lot of time and effort to get to where they are right now and should be commended for their dedication to our youth. It has been very time consuming and tedious to get to where they are right now.

Be safe,

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

JLC Legislative Update

The JLC met on September 19 and prioritized five initiatives for the 2025 legislative session:

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

Full text of these initiatives are available at:

<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-council-veterans-service-organizations-2>

The JLC/VFW Day on the Hill is scheduled for January 10, 2025. Transportation will be provided by Mechanicsville Post 9808.

Don't take the bait on phishing scams

Have you ever gotten a text or email warning you that something is wrong with an account online? Maybe it says your streaming account is about to be suspended unless you respond quickly. It might even have a link that will supposedly fix your account's problems. The message looks real. But is it?

Your first instinct might be to click to solve your problems. Don't click. There's likely nothing wrong. Instead, it might be a [phishing scam](#). That's when scammers pose as well-known companies to get you to give up sensitive information via text or email. A phishing email might:

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts — they haven't
- claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information — there isn't
- say you need to confirm some personal or financial information — you don't

While real companies might send you emails or text messages, they won't do things like send a link to update your payment information. Only scammers do that. Even opening a link in an unexpected text or email can expose you to scammers — even if you don't enter any sensitive info.

So, don't click on any links in unexpected emails or texts. If you're concerned, contact the company directly using a link you already use or a phone number you know is correct. And if you think you've given someone your Social Security, credit card, or bank account number, report it at [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) and get a recovery plan. If you clicked on a link in an unexpected email, update your security software and run a scan to look for viruses and [malware](#).

Then report the phishing scam. Tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov), forward suspicious texts to SPAM (7726), and forward suspicious emails to ReportPhishing@apwg.org.

Submitted by Gunny Lewis

VFW Magazine to resume printed editions

Changes become effective in January 2025

A couple of years ago, the National Council of Administration voted to change how often we print the magazine and to start moving to a virtual version. This opened the door to more ad options and reduced printing costs. However, roughly 100,000 members asked to keep getting all of the editions and our new pricing model was thrown totally out of whack. We also lost ad revenue from four companies totaling nearly \$250,000 because of the way we were moving and the smaller audience that were seeing their ads.

While we are seeing some savings, we must reign this in further and capture the ad revenue we know we can get. To that end, we will move to a new model. There will be six printed editions of the magazine annually sent to our members. There will also be a website managed by our staff with additional content different from what you see in the magazine. This allows us to secure printing and postage prices and maximize readership to increase ad revenue. This will change beginning in January of 2025. [Virginia's National Council member Ken Wiseman] seconded the motion and voted to support the change.

For questions or additional information contact Ken at: Kwiseman@vfwva.org



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 5, 2024
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**POST 7589 AND THE AUXILIARY
WILL BE THERE**

Northern Virginia Veterans Parade to be held on November 2nd in Manassas

Provided by VetPar Inc.

VetPar, Inc. is pleased to announce the details for the 2024 Northern Virginia Veterans Parade in Manassas. The parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, at 11 a.m. and will honor area service members who are first responders as the Grand Marshals.

This includes:



Photo courtesy VETPAR, INC

- Marine Mike MUNDIS, with the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department
- Army National Guardsman Terry Chapman, a firefighter/paramedic with the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department
- Marine and Army National Guardsman Shaun Barrett, a Master Police Officer with the Manassas City Police Department

- Soldier Kevin Hughart, a Major with the Prince William County Police Department
- Sailor John Barbachano, Battalion Chief with the Prince William County Fire and Rescue
- Army National Guardsman Roger Robinson
- Marine Jason Crites, a police officer with the Manassas Park Police Department
- Soldier Victor Roselli, with the Manassas Park Police Department
- Marine Alfred Dorsey, a Master Deputy with the Prince William County Sheriff's Office

The parade is dedicated to all service members past, present, and future.

The route will follow Center Street and pass the reviewing stand at the Harris Pavilion. For more information on the Grand Marshals, parade participation, sponsorships, and advertising information, please visit vetpar.org.

All Veterans are encouraged to participate.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

ARTICLE X. Taxation and Finance.

Section 6-A. Property tax exemption for; certain veterans and their surviving spouses and; surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action **who died in the line of duty**.

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended so that the tax exemption that is currently available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action is also available to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS

Present Law

Generally, the Virginia Constitution requires that all property be taxed. It also sets out specific types of property that may be exempted from taxation. Currently, the Virginia Constitution allows the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the principal place of residence of the surviving spouse of any soldier who is determined by the U.S. Department of Defense to have been killed in action.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would expand this current tax exemption so that it is available to all surviving spouses of soldiers who are determined by the U.S. Department of Defense to have died in the line of duty, including those who have been killed in action.

A "yes" vote would allow the surviving spouse of a soldier who died in the line of duty to claim the same real property tax exemption on their principal place of residence that is currently only available to the surviving spouses of soldiers who are killed in action.

Joint Leadership Council of VSOs

This initiative was passed by the General Assembly with the added caveat that localities could exempt themselves. A constitutional amendment, if passed, would require that all localities adhere to the regulation. The JLC **strongly** supports this amendment.



VFW Department of Virginia partners with Tech for Troops to deploy technology to Virginia's Posts

Partnership Story: Tech For Troops and the VFW Department of Virginia

By Mark Casper and Rick Raskin

Tech For Troops (T4T) has always been dedicated to serving the veteran community by providing access to technology and training that empowers veterans to reintegrate into civilian life. A significant partnership that has furthered this mission is the collaboration with the VFW Department of Virginia. This partnership has created a powerful alliance and thus amplified the impact of both organizations ensuring that more veterans receive the support they need.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TECH FOR TROOPS

Air Force veteran Darryl Crewe, Senior Technician at Tech for Troops, refurbishes a laptop for donation to a needy veteran

The Partnership's Roots

As the VFW adapted to the technological changes taking place in the country it became increasingly necessary for VFW Posts to have internet access and compatible computers. Past Virginia State Commander Rick Raskin, at that time the District 8 Commander, undertook a project to attain these goals. Several businesses had donated computers to the Manassas VFW after upgrading their technology. These were quickly refurbished and distributed. However, demand soon outstripped supply.

At a community event in the Hopewell, Virginia area, Lee Dixon, Quartermaster of Post 637, met with Tech for Troops and saw a golden opportunity.

The partnership between T4T and the VFW began

with a shared vision: to ensure that no veteran is left behind in the digital age. VFW Posts, with their deep connections to the veteran community, recognized the growing need for technology access and training among its members. This need was especially critical for veterans seeking employment, education, and connection with loved ones in an increasingly digital world.

T4T, known for its work in refurbishing donated computers and providing IT training, was the perfect partner to address this need.

Expanding the Impact

The success of the partnership at the local level has caught the attention of the VFW Department of Virginia, leading to discussions about expanding the collaboration on a larger scale. VFW Department of Virginia recognized the potential to replicate the success of the T4T across the state. With the backing of the VFW National, the partnership can grow into a national initiative, reaching thousands of veterans who might otherwise be left without the technology or training needed to succeed.

A Shared Vision for the Future

The partnership between T4T, VFW Department of Virginia, and hopefully, VFW National, is a testament to what can be achieved when organizations come together with a shared vision. Together, they have made a profound difference in the lives of veterans, providing them with the technology and skills they need to build a brighter future.

Looking ahead, the partnership aims to continue expanding, reaching even more veterans across the country. With ongoing support from VFW Posts and members, T4T is well-positioned to continue its mission of empowering veterans through technology, ensuring that they have the resources needed to succeed in the civilian world.

This partnership is not just about providing computers and training—it's about restoring dignity, offering hope, and building a community where veterans can support one another in their journey to reintegration. T4T and the VFW are proud to stand together in this mission, making a lasting impact on the lives of those who have served our country.

For additional information or to become a partner, contact Mark Casper at mcasper@techfortroops.org.

Army meets fiscal 2024 recruiting Goal

AUSA Extra September 26, 2024 www.ausa.org

Bolstered by sweeping changes in how it recruits, markets and harnesses innovation, Army officials announced that the service has met its fiscal year 2024 recruiting goal.

Having struggled to meet its recruiting goals for the past three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, market competition and a shrinking pool of people willing or able to serve, the Army projects it will exceed its goal of 55,000 new soldiers by at least 300 by Sept. 30, the last day of the fiscal year, Maj. Gen. Johnny Davis, commanding general of Army Recruiting Command, said today in a phone call with reporters. The Army also will have some 11,000 new recruits in the delayed entry program, Davis said, giving "our Army and our recruiters nice breathing room and a head start as we enter fiscal year '25."

"The U.S. Army's recruiting force achieved our 55,000 accessions goal more than a month ahead of schedule, and we are on track to have more than 11,000 in our delayed entry program by the end of the month," Army Secretary Christine Wormuth said in an Army news release. "This is more than double the goal we set for our delayed entry program and will allow our recruiting efforts for next year to start strong right out of the gate."

The announcement comes a year after the Army launched major changes to its recruiting methods, market engagement strategies and command structure, and announced the addition of an innovation directorate.

"This year we introduced so many new initiatives to attract qualified candidates and streamlined the over-all enlistment process," Davis said. "Our recruiters truly crushed it."

The initiatives include investments in the recruiting workforce's training and quality of life; the Soldier Referral Program, which has garnered more than 75,000 referrals and resulted in close to 5,000 enlistments; new warrant officer and enlisted recruiting MOSs; the Future Soldier Preparatory Course, which helps recruits meet the Army's academic or fitness requirements; a mobile recruiting app; and the addition of more medical providers to help speed up the medical screening process.

In a ... webinar ... hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army, Davis said, "it's been an all-Army approach, and I think that's why we're starting to see wonderful momentum for this fiscal year."

Davis, who has led Recruiting Command since October 2022, signaled that as part of the transformational changes announced in October 2023, the recruiting enterprise has been "synchronized" into an entity that comprises Recruiting Command, Army Cadet Command and the Army Enterprise Marketing Office.

The changes, he said, have allowed the Army to "understand where we can transform and move forward instead of doing the same thing we've done for years.

Davis pointed out that soldiers, veterans and civilians can support the Army's recruiting efforts by remembering that they are all influencers.

"Recruiting has faced some headwinds ... but the support that those from AUSA and all the partners and services have all come together to move recruitment forward," said Davis, who has been nominated to receive his third star and continue as commander of the Recruiting Command. "It's been hard, but it's been easier because of your 100% unwavering support."

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tary decorations in 2000. Japanese Americans should not have needed battlefield heroism to prove their patriotism, but it provided additional political capital to make societal improvements.

Today, the term "diversity and inclusion" can be politically controversial, but it should not be. The military has constantly sought to be more diverse and more inclusive throughout its history. This story of the 442nd should serve as a reminder of the harm that can come when people are excluded based on their race or ethnic heritage, as well as a reminder of the greatness that comes when people of different races and ethnicities work together.

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The VFW National Home assists military, veterans and their families with children, by creating a foundation of services and resources to achieve their goals in order to move forward in a positive, safe and healthy environment. Congratulations to Eleanor Doczi, Rosa Maggio and Jessica Arnold who became Life Members of the VFW National Home.

Your prayers are requested for individuals and/or family members who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their Heavenly home.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President



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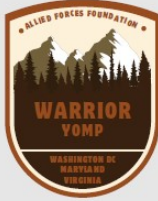
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WARRIOR YOMP 2024

The Warrior Yomp (WY) (Yomp - a British Commando term for a long-distance march) is a new concept for the USA and is one of the toughest endurance events you can find.


WY will be taking place along part of the trail of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. Teams will tackle the challenge over 50 miles in 24 hours over the tough terrain of the C&O and Washington DC trails.

To improve the quality of life of our wounded, ill, and injured service people and veterans through participation in adventurous and challenging outdoor activities.

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Don't throw away your old laptop or computer.



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.



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.

Enrollment Cost:

Annual Payouts:

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

Veterans Crisis Line
 1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**
 Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net
 or text to **838255**

Post 7589 Service Officer
Monti Zimmerman
703-223-2211

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



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

The VFW National Home for Children

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

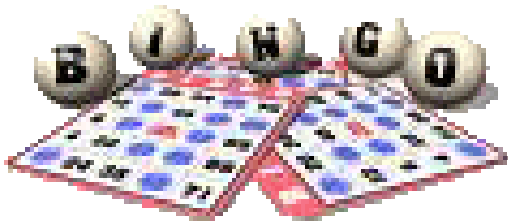
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Appointments only 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.

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>

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

Upcoming Events

October 5	Manassas Fall Jubilee — 10 AM—5 PM (Post & Auxiliary)
October 7	Post Meeting 7:30 PM
October 8	Virginia Veterans Foundation Golf Tournament
October 14	Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM
October 28	Americanism Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM
October 31	VOD, PP and Teacher of the Year contests deadline
November 2	Breakfast for the Veterans — 7:30 AM Northern Virginia Veterans Parade — 11:00 AM
November 3	District 8 Meeting — Post 9835, Old City Hall, 18 Court St., Warrenton — 10:00 AM
November 4	Post Meeting 7:30 PM
November 8—10	Buddy Poppy Drive — Haymarket Walmart
November 11	Veterans Day Activities — 8:30 AM Manassas Veterans Memorial, 9:00 AM — Manassas Cemetery Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 PM
November 25	Youth & Americanism Committee Meetings — 7:00 PM
November 29	Auxiliary 26th Anniversary
November 30	Deadline for Wreaths Across America Fundraiser

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Tim Kaine		202-224-4024
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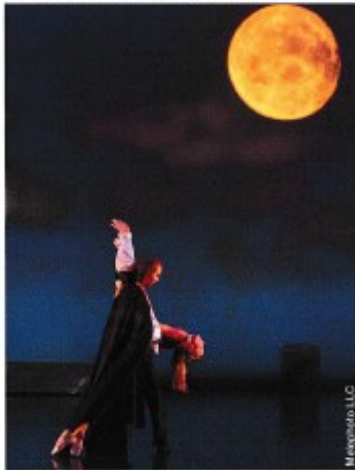
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MANASSAS BALLET THEATRE 2024-2025 SEASON



DRACULA

Oct. 18, 19 at 7:30 pm
 Oct. 20 at 3:00 pm
 Streaming Begins Nov. 2



The classic vampire tale of *Dracula* opens Manassas Ballet Theatre's 2024-2025 season; this chilling and blood curdling production will transport you to Transylvania as Dracula's quest for eternal life and love leads the way. The original score by Kim Reynolds and played by The Kim Reynolds Band will draw you in to the chilling and sensual performance by the dancers of MBT.

LOVE

Mar. 7, 8 at 7:30 pm; Mar. 9 at 3:00 pm
 Streaming Begins Mar. 22



Join us for the premier performance of Kim Reynolds' new ballet, *Love*, performed by The Kim Reynolds Band. Ahmed Nabil will set the stage with his original choreography of this beautiful expression of love and infatuation that will leave you breathless. The ballet *Love* consists of multiple vignettes each representing a different aspect of the complex thing that is love. You will not want to miss this contemporary work heralding in Spring!

NUTCRACKER

Evening Performances at 7:30 pm; Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
 Matinée Performances at 3:00 pm; Dec. 21, 22, 23
 Streaming Begins Dec. 24



Experience Drosselmeyer's whimsy and magic and travel with Clara and the Nutcracker Prince as they make their way through a dreamy journey of fantasy with treats and sweets along the way. The *Nutcracker* is a wonderful holiday show for all ages, featuring an international cast of company dancers accompanied by the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

May 9, 10 at 7:30 pm; May 10, 11 at 3:00 pm
 Streaming Begins May 24



Manassas Ballet Theatre will close the season with the timeless classic *Sleeping Beauty*. Princess Aurora is gifted a curse of death at her christening by the evil Carabosse, but it is softened to a gift of blissful sleep where she can only be awakened by the kiss of a true love prince. Come enjoy this exquisite production by the beautiful dancers of MBT accompanied by the MBT orchestra.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW

Hylton Performing Arts Center
10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas, VA 20110

Seating Chart



STAGE



Price Level A: \$250.00

STAGE



Price Level B: \$215.00

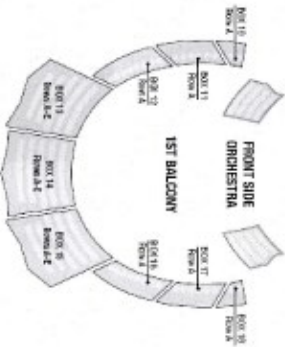
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Purchase Tickets to Stream all Four Shows for only \$80.00

STAGE



Price Level C: \$185.00

STAGE



Price Level D: \$150.00

Upgrade to GOLD CIRCLE Membership

For **ONLY \$30** more enjoy:

Complimentary Champagne • 10% Discount at Concessions and an informative "Chat with the Artists" at each show!

SEASON MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Savings of 20% off regular ticket prices and no ticket fees
- No fee for ticket exchange (subject to availability, some restrictions apply)
- Guaranteed seating at all MBT 2024-2025 productions
- Email notification of upcoming Manassas Ballet Theatre events
- Meet and Greet' receptions with the dancers after each final performance
- Recognition in the program

2024-2025 SEASON MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, & Zip Code: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____

PERFORMANCE CHOICES

Dracula Friday, 10/18/24, 7:30pm
 Saturday, 10/19/24, 7:30pm
 Sunday, 10/20/24, 3:00pm

Streaming Beginning Sat. 11/2/24 at 7:30pm

Nutcracker Evening Performances:
 Wednesday, 12/18/24, 7:30pm
 Thursday, 12/19/24, 7:30pm
 Friday, 12/20/24, 7:30pm
 Saturday, 12/21/24, 7:30pm
 Sunday, 12/22/24, 7:30pm

Matinee Performances:
 Saturday, 12/21/24, 3:00pm
 Sunday, 12/22/24, 3:00pm
 Monday, 12/23/24, 3:00pm

Streaming Beginning Mon. 12/24/24, 7:30pm

Love Friday, 3/7/25, 7:30pm
 Saturday, 3/8/25, 7:30pm
 Sunday, 3/9/25, 3:00pm

Streaming Beginning Sat. 3/22/25, 7:30pm

Sleeping Beauty Evening Performances:
 Friday, 5/9/25, 7:30pm
 Saturday, 5/10/25, 7:30pm
 Sunday, 5/11/25, 3:00pm

Matinee Performances:
 Saturday, 5/10/25, 3:00pm
 Sunday, 5/11/25, 3:00pm

Streaming Beginning Sat. 5/24/25, 7:30pm

PAYMENT INFORMATION

of Season Tickets _____ or Virtual Only Section Request _____
 Price Level _____

Amount Due	Gold Circle Amount (if applicable)	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Payment Method (Cash Receipts, Check & AMEX, Visa, MC, Discover)

Card Card # _____ CVC # _____
 Exp. Date: _____

Signature _____
 I am not interested in a season membership at this time, but would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____.

Please send form and payment to:
 Manassas Ballet Theatre
 9004 Mathis Ave., Manassas, VA 20110
 703-257-1811 info@manassasballet.org
 www.manassasballet.org

Date Rec'd. _____
 SM since _____
 Gold Circle _____
 Date Tx Mailed _____

As part of our community involvement, Post 7589 supports Manassas Ballet Theatre in memory of Lance Corporal Colin Wolfe who was killed in action in Iraq.



VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, November 9th, 2024

9am-4pm

Park West Lions Club

8620 Sunny Gate Drive, Manassas VA

Come shop our vendor and craft tables for great **HOLIDAY** gifts including: Scentsy, Mary Kay, Tupperware, Paparazzi, Pink Zebra, and Lularoe. We also have candles, baked goods, homemade jewelry, homemade soaps, decorative pens and keychains, designed tumblers, holiday decor, and custom shadow boxes.

Vendor and Craft Sale!



Rain or Shine
PARK-WEST LIONS CLUB

Saturday, Nov 9th, 2024

9am – 4pm

8620 Sunny Gate Drive, Manassas VA 20109

Reserve your space (18 x 18 outside or an 8-foot table inside)

VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Type of items you will be selling _____

In submitting this application, I agree to hold event producers, their officers, agents, employees, sponsors, and volunteers harmless for any resulting loss or damage occurring to any person(s) or property.

Signature: _____

_____ Number of spaces needed - \$25 per space for outside Subtotal _____

_____ Number of spaces needed - \$35 per space for inside Subtotal _____

_____ Food Truck \$50 per truck Subtotal _____

_____ Electricity \$15.00 per space, Vendor must supply cord Subtotal _____

NO REFUNDS!!!!!!

TOTAL _____

Registration and Payment Deadline is October 19th, 2024

Make checks payable to and Mail to: Park-West Lions Club Charities, Inc.

Vendor Sale 8620 Sunny Gate Drive
Manassas, VA 20109
Phone: 703-392-0074

You may also Cash App Angela Jackson @ \$VaWoman

WreathsAcrossAmerica.org



SPONSOR A WREATH FOR A VETERAN'S GRAVE

Since 2007, Wreaths Across America carries out its mission **REMEMBER** the fallen, **HONOR** those that serve and **TEACH** our children the value of **FREEDOM** in part by placing wreaths on Veterans graves during the holiday season.

The **Francis Cannon Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589** is working with Wreaths Across America (WAA) to help place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at Stonewall Memory Gardens Cemetery. **Deadline Date is November 30, 2024.**

Sponsorships are \$17 each. We are participating because we think it is a great program and \$5 of every sponsorship will support the Francis Cannon Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589 directly so we may continue to assist veterans and families as well as our community.

Wreaths Across America will be at **Stonewall Memory Gardens Cemetery** to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

PLEASE JOIN US -- All wreaths will be placed by volunteers on **Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 12 Noon.** (Advance notice: the time is subject to change.) This is a moving experience that you should make part of your holiday tradition. With your help our local heroes will be remembered this Holiday Season. **How many sponsorships can we count on you for?**

For more information visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, or call 877-385-9504.
You can also email infor@wreathscrossamerica.org



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Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Wreaths Across America
4 Point Street, PO BOX 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.
Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
2 Wreaths	\$34.00		
Family - 5 Wreaths	\$85.00		
10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
		Grand Total	

****GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM****

In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: _____
Mailing address: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Below, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service: _____
Rank: _____
State: _____

Please note, ALL sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and NO wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: **VASMG** Fundraising Group ID: **VA0040P**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____

Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO: _____

Entered: _____

GEN: _____