

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
November 2024



RICK RASKIN

On Wednesday October 23 we honored Marie Komyathy (97) for her 15 years of helping with our Bingo. Marie will be leaving us to move with her daughter JeanMarie and son in-law Post member Dave Mattingly to South Carolina in December. We wish her all the best.

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

## Commander's Message



**Wayne Moore**

### Recognition of those who served

Congratulations to all veterans! As we are celebrated, remember to honor those no longer with us. Our communities, friends, and neighbors willingly extend courtesies for our commitment to sacrifice and defend our country. Please accept and reply with the affection that the gratitude was given. Reflect on the meaning and purpose of service.

For those of us uncertain about the country's future and the legacy anticipated for our grandchildren and their children, as veterans, our service has not ended. I am not simply speaking of assisting another vet or providing community activity. The unsettling angst, having to choose a side where the country's best interest is never mentioned. We gave a piece of our soul for the country we love and I hope that the oath taken and often recited comes from the heart with conviction.

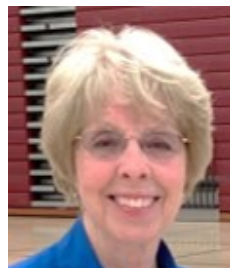
World War II (Greatest Generation), Korea, and Vietnam veterans are rapidly fading in the rearview. Some may not like being forced to serve but I have yet to meet a veteran not proud of his/her service. I can't recall undertaking any mission where the words "me" or "I" were the focal point to success; the collective, objectives and goals require a strategic understanding to employ a sound tactical outcome.

It depresses me to watch the unabashed ignorance on display: people waving the American Flag and their willingness to defend their right to wear, trample, desecrate, and profane it. Not surprisingly their bloody defense is against another American with more reverence to our National symbol. Those self-righteous individuals relish defending their rights but not the country nor the Constitution that grants them the right.

Comrades, this day can often be bittersweet; all reflect on service with pride, some with pain and sadness. However, our communities graciously acknowledge our courage to face the unknown for our country and family. Hopefully, that courage has not abandoned us as the current state of affairs needs people willing to commit to inclusiveness. We may not like how it came about but after 161 years of slow progress at home, millions of lives were sacrificed throughout the world. It is time we practice what we've preached, not be reactionists in a country clearly on the path of a diverse social construct and embedded narrow philosophy.

I wish you well for the holidays and a most pleasant Thanksgiving! Annual members, please renew or consider a life membership.

## Auxiliary President



**Mary Corkhill**



Veterans Day is a National holiday in the United States and is observed on November 11 to honor all those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. We will be placing a wreath at the Manassas Veterans Memorial at 8:30AM. Another wreath ceremony will be at Francis Cannon's gravesite at 9AM before flags are placed throughout the Manassas Cemetery.

Thanksgiving is all about reflecting on blessings and acknowledging gratitude. It is one of the National holidays and is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. This year it is on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Post and Auxiliary will be serving breakfast to the veterans starting at 7:30AM. The Manassas Veterans Day parade will start at 11:00AM. We will have a special guest assisting us in both events. Please come out and support our veterans.

The November 3<sup>rd</sup> District 8 meeting will be at Post 9835, Old City Hall, 18 Court St., Warrenton, starting at 10:00 AM. The Auxiliary representative will be the Department President Dawn Kuhn.

The deadline for the Auxiliary fundraiser with Wreaths Across America (WAA) is fast approaching and we are requesting your participation by the deadline of November 30, 2024. To pay for your sponsorship of \$17.00 with a credit card, please visit [https:// www.wreathscrossamerica.org/](https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/) and please remember to include our Sponsoring Group ID No. VA0040P and Cemetery ID No. VASMG. We are now assisting Stonewall Memory Gardens with their wreaths. The Wreaths Across America Day is scheduled for December 14, 2024.

Now that the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year competition is completed, the Auxiliary members wish all the recipients the best of luck. The Post awards ceremony will be on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided by the Auxiliary.

December 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Auxiliary annual Christmas Party. Please join us for our social event at Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant starting at 12:00 PM. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child between 7-11. There will **NOT** be a meeting. Another event will be the Post Holiday Party scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 PM. To get an accurate number of individuals attending, the Post will be requesting reservations.

I would like to express my appreciation to you for being a member of this Auxiliary. Without you, we would not be able to assist our veterans and their families. That is why I'm requesting the annual members to please pay their dues. You can pay through MALTA or send your \$25 to our Auxiliary Treas-

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## Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes all is well with the membership as we enter the holiday season. Pardon me for missing the last few membership meetings and our October newsletter. I am currently undergoing some elective medical treatment and should be back to my usual self in the next month or two. We held our last meeting on Monday 14 October at the Post. The meeting was attended by Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem,

Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and myself. The main topic of discussion was the educational contests currently underway. The contest deadline for Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year is 31 October. We are currently gathering our applications from the various area schools, teachers and students and now require judges for determining our contest winners. If you would like to participate in this judging exercise, please contact any of us on the Youth Committee. We have established the following three dates and times for our judging event:

Friday, 1 November	6:30 PM	Dr Filippone's Centreville Office
Wednesday, 6 November	6:30 PM	Post Home
Friday, 8 November	5:30 PM	Post Home

The judging is a relatively simple process and if it is your first time we will provide instruction as well as food and beverages for all our participants. We hope to see you there and know you will find the experience both enjoyable and rewarding.

The Post is still deliberating on a Flag Retirement Receptacle, and a few different options have been discussed at both meetings and with committees. We should have one to replace the failing wooden box currently used by our Post in the near future. We will most likely go with a more durable steel version which can withstand the weather in the outdoor environment. Although it may cost a bit more, this more durable design will outlast the other less expensive alternatives.

We have several traditional activities planned for our Scouts in the month of November:

—First, we have the Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday 2 November in Old Town Manassas. The parade is scheduled for 11:00 AM and runs for about ½ mile starting on Center Street and ending at The Harris Pavilion. The Scouts are expected to assemble at 9:00 AM at the corner of Quarry Road and Prescott Avenue in preparation for the parade.

—Second, I must not fail to mention our annual Veteran's Day Memorial Activities on Monday, 11 November. Our Scouts from Troop and Pack 1372 will be participating in these activities. At 8:30 AM they will assist in placing wreaths at both the Veteran's Memorial in Old Town Manassas and at the grave

site of SGT Francis P. Cannon, our Post namesake. At 9:30AM the Scouts will also be placing flags at the veteran's graves in the Manassas Cemetery. Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, as well as Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, usually participate in the ceremonies as well. Please join them on this most solemn day and pay your respects to our fallen comrades. We are in need of a speaker for these memorial activities since Comrade Peter MacLeod has now moved away to an assisted living facility and is no longer available. Should any of you wish to participate in the memorial activities with our Scouts please contact any of the Post officers or Youth Committee members as soon as possible.

—Lastly, we are pleased to announce our Annual Educational Awards Night in honor of our Post Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year winners. It is scheduled for Sunday, 1 December 2024 at the Post at 4 PM. Families, friends and teachers of the award winners are also invited to the ceremony. We will also have a guest speaker, Retired Master Chief Ty Eanes, who will provide us with a very interesting and engaging discussion about his life experiences as both a U.S. Navy Seal and as an Executive Director in the Department of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. After the ceremony, pictures will be taken and refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Post Auxiliary. We hope that you can attend the event and provide us with a good turnout. It is important that we show support and celebrate with our contest winners.

Our next Youth Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, 25 November at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join us and participate in the Youth Committee activities. The work is quite rewarding and gratifying when you support and mentor our youth through the Post's activities. They genuinely appreciate our support, and this makes all our effort so worthwhile.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair



## Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem  
Post 7589 Scouting  
Representatives

A mixture of all of our scouting units recently went around Manassas Park and were judges for the yearly Halloween decorations contest. The city reaches out to our scouts every year to go around and judge the decorations at peoples houses with the top houses winning different awards from the city.

Our younger cubs went on a hike along the Bull Run River. They had a beautiful day for a hike while paying attention to the different plants, trees, and critters that were out. Of course, since they are scouts they

practiced “leave no trace” while out there and picked up any trash that they saw.



Our newly combined troop (Boys and Girls) has been adapting to their new organization very well. There have been surveys going around from our council as well as internally constantly requesting feedback from the scouts and adults on how they think the pilot program is going. With the strong leadership that we have I can say that it is going very well.

Our troop had a hike-in camping trip at Sky Meadows in October. Everything they needed for the weekend including water had to be carried in from a couple of miles out. They did some additional hiking and worked on scouting skills over the weekend. They have done this trip several times and I was told that this was by far the most successful trip there yet. They also performed the opening flag ceremony at the “John Jenkins” District awards dinner and did a great job. They will also be participating in the Last Friday at the Manassas Park City Hall. More to come on that later.

The troop will be having their Court of Honor at the end of the month, as well as their yearly Halloween party.

Our Venturing Crew had an outing to pick apples in the Markham area. The weather was perfect and they brought a ton of ap-

ples back. They are also planning on attending one of the local haunted trails. They have done this several times before and had a great time.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> our scouting units will be distributing “Scouting for food” information to peoples houses. If you receive one of these please help the scouts and our community by donating non-perishables the following week. This is a nationwide scouting effort to fill the local food banks all around the country before the holidays for those that need help.



Our scouts will be walking in the Veterans Day Parade with our Post. If you would also like to come out and walk with us please do, everyone is welcome. The information should be in the newsletter.

I also wanted to mention something for those that are not familiar. What I try to write in these newsletters is what our scouts have been up to, having fun, teamwork, activities, community service etc. Keep in mind, however, that on a weekly basis all of our scouting units are meeting on their respective days. During these meetings they are learning numerous scouting skills, developing their leadership styles, learning about our great nation, learning to be outstanding members of our community, and how to be stewards of our outdoors. They have a lot of fun but they are always growing and learning. It is an amazing thing to watch our youth go from the youngest of cubs to very strong young adults/leaders.

Be safe,

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

[VFW Newsletter - Google Photos](#)



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urer, Elanor Doczi, 7415 Roxbury Ave., Manassas, VA 20109. Again, thank you for your membership.

To be part of the VFW National Home history, please purchase a \$100 personalized brick and/or a \$50 life membership along with your applications to the VFW National Home, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 43327. Thank you in advance.

Prayers are requested for individuals and/or family members who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their Heavenly home. May God Bless You!

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President



## Manassas Fall Jubilee

For the second year we had a table in front of the Freedom Museum. The Auxiliary gave out Halloween Safety Trick or Treat bags to over 250 children as well as lots of patriotic literature. Thanks to PSC Geoff Lyster for being there and between he and Post 7589 Commander Wayne Moore recruited 16 new members. Overall, it was a perfect day with moderate temperatures and unlike last year, no rain. Thanks to the Freedom Museum for arranging for us to be co-located with them and securing that spot for future Fall Jubilee events.



RICK RASKIN

Past State Commander Geoff Lyster and Post 7589 Commander Wayne Moore recruited 16 new members.



RICK RASKIN

Auxiliary Conductress Janet Raskin and Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill take a well earned break.

Veterans Health Benefits Management, LLC  
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# Veterans Bonfire & BS

Sunday  
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**10**  
at WAR Craft Brewery  
from 06:00pm-09:00pm

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**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
*Office of the Governor*

Glenn Youngkin  
Governor

September 29, 2024

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is an honor to congratulate the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) on their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and remember our veterans!

Since it was founded in 1899, the VFW has faithfully dedicated itself to fostering camaraderie among U.S. veterans of overseas conflicts and serving local veterans, military, and communities. As you seek to honor the legacy of those who fought for our country, you have made invaluable contributions to Virginia, including promoting civic responsibility, supporting youth and local programs, and working to ensure that veterans have the care and support they need.

The VFW is vital in supporting charitable initiatives and advocating for veteran legislation to guarantee that our veterans are always remembered and properly honored for their service and sacrifice in protecting our nation and its freedoms. The Commonwealth sincerely thanks you for ensuring that veterans and their families receive the recognition and respect they deserve.

The First Lady and I hope you have a joyous anniversary celebration and wish you all the best in the future. Thank you for strengthening the Spirit of Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn Youngkin".

Glenn Youngkin



# SportClips® Sport Clips Haircuts Launches Annual 'Help A Hero' Campaign to Raise \$1.5 Million for Veteran Scholarships through Nov. 16

*Now the largest scholarship program of its kind, Help A Hero supports service members pursuing education needed for civilian careers*

**GEORGETOWN, Texas (Oct. 9, 2024)** – Sport Clips Haircuts has launched its annual "Help A Hero" campaign to raise \$1.5 million through November 16, in support of the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program. The campaign funds scholarships for veterans and service members making the transition from military to civilian careers, with 100 percent of donations going toward education funding.

Today through Veterans Day, donations to the program can be made at checkout when clients come in for a haircare service. Donations can also be made [online](#), or via a new, easier option to text "HEROVFW" to 53555. **On Veterans Day, participating Sport Clips locations will also donate \$2 from every paid haircut service, and many will offer free haircuts to veterans and active-duty military.**

Founded in 2013 in response to the increasing need for veteran education assistance beyond GI Bill benefits, the Sport Clips VFW Help A Hero Scholarship program has grown to become the largest of its kind. Spearheaded by Sport Clips Founder and Air Force veteran Gordon Logan, the initiative has already provided more than 3,000 scholarships totaling nearly \$14 million for veterans seeking post-military education.

"Our stylists and clients are at the heart of this initiative with eighty percent of our annual donations coming from our generous clients," said Logan. "It's an honor to support those who have served our country as part of our commitment to thank our nation's heroes and give back to the military community."

"Surveys show the major challenges for veterans transitioning out of their military careers and stepping back into civilian life are finding a job, parting ways with their friends in the military and finding a purposeful career. One in five veterans says a lack of funds has prevented them from pursuing their educational goals," said VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt. "So, getting a haircut and making a donation is a simple but powerful way to help veterans succeed."

Help A Hero scholarships provide up to \$5,000 per semester to help cover tuition and fees. Veterans from all branches with a rank of E-5 and below are eligible, with funds sent directly to the educational institution of their choice. For more information or to apply for a scholarship, visit [SportClips.com/Hero](https://SportClips.com/Hero).

## Key Facts:

- Goal: Raise \$1.5 million through November 16
- 100% of donations go to veteran scholarships
- Sport Clips will donate \$2 for every paid haircut on Nov. 11, with many locations offering free haircuts to veterans and active-duty service members
- Nearly \$14 million raised and scholarships awarded since 2013
- Scholarships up to \$5,000 per semester for veterans and service members with the rank of E-5 and below



## 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.

## Risky business: offers to cash out your home equity through a “sale-leaseback”

Have you seen offers to “unlock” the equity in your home by selling it and then renting it back from the buyer? The ads make these agreements — called sale-leasebacks — sound like a simple and risk-free way to get cash upfront and stay in your home. But the truth is these agreements are far from risk-free.

When you agree to a sale-leaseback, you’re selling your home and becoming a renter. The risks — often hidden in the fine print of complicated contracts — include hefty fees, exorbitant rent, and even eviction from your home if you can’t afford to pay the rent when it goes up. (And it often does.)

If you’re considering a sale-leaseback, here’s some advice:

- **Take your time.** If a buyer pressures you to act immediately, walk away. Selling your home is an important decision. Anyone who rushes you doesn’t have your best interests at heart.
- **Read the fine print.** If your agreement is different from what the buyer promised or is too complicated to understand, stop.
- **Hire a lawyer or involve a trusted family member or friend.** Home sales contracts are often complex. Hire a lawyer — or ask a trusted person — to help you review the documents and understand the contract terms.

**Know the risks.** If you go through with a sale-leaseback agreement, you won’t own your home anymore. That means you could be forced to leave your home if, for example, you can’t afford to pay the rent.

Before you borrow against your home or respond to a sale-leaseback offer, [learn more](#) from the FTC. And if you experience a problem or scam, tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud).

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](mailto:Kwiseman@vfwva.org)





# Northern Virginia Veterans Parade to be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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.



Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world. A veteran doesn't have that problem.

**RONALD  
★  
REAGAN**

PRESENTED BY THE ALLIED FORCES FOUNDATION



# 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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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:

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

Annual Payouts:

Levels	Posts	Departments	National
Gold-	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00



**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.

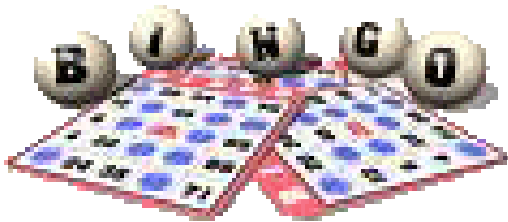
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### VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



\*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.



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



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

<b>2024-25 Auxiliary Officers</b>	
President	Mary Corkhill
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Junior Vice President	Cindy McIntyre
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	Yvonne Sullivan
Patriotic Instructor	Lorrie Allen Smith

### Upcoming Events

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
December 1	Educational Awards ceremony — 4PM
December 2	Post Meeting 7:30 PM
December 9	Auxiliary Christmas party at Logan’s Roadhouse — 12:00PM
December 15	Post Holiday Party (TBD)
January 9 - 12, 2025	Winter Council Meeting, Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA: phone 757-220-2250. Room Rates are \$92.00 per night. Cutoff Date is Thursday, December 19, 2024.

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**Dominion Energy** presents **Salute to the Military**

Opening Night of Manassas Ballet Theatre's

**Nutcracker**

Wednesday, December 18th, 7:30 p.m.

at the **HYLTON PERFORMING ARTSCENTER**



In 2024, for the first time, MBT is honoring an area institution with this recognition.

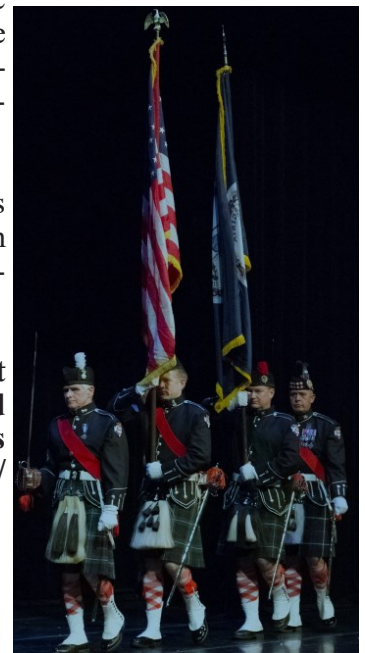
The Freedom Museum.

Located in historic Downtown Manassas, the Freedom Museum provides visitors with the opportunity to experience history, become active participants in the drama and patriotic spirit that unfold in the Museum's exhibits and programs. A visit to the Freedom Museum is evocative and interactive. The Freedom Museum tells the courageous stories of American men and women who served on the battlefield and the Homefront — the soldier on foreign soil, Rosie the Riveter, the children of wartime, and those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

The Freedom Museum interprets the struggle to protect our nation's freedom through the stories of ordinary Americans who became genuine heroes—documenting their valor, exploring their contributions to history, and evoking a renewed sense of American pride.

The Freedom Museum is staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers. No salaries are paid and all donations of time and money go directly to advancing the mission of the Museum. Many of them are walking artifacts and can tell you how their service made history.

All active-duty military, veterans and first responders are invited to attend at no charge, with accompanying tickets at 20% off. If you are unable to attend our Salute performance, you are invited to attend all Nutcracker performances (Dec. 18-23) and receive a 20% discount. Use code SERVICE at <https://bit.ly/3DliBb0> or call (703) 993-7759 to access these special offers.



For more information: [manassasballet.org](http://manassasballet.org)  
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# 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.



# 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](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org), or call 877-385-9504.  
You can also email [infor@wreathscrossamerica.org](mailto:infor@wreathscrossamerica.org)



# WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Tax ID 20-8362270

## 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

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