

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
December 2024

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JERRY MARTIN

Mary Helen Dellinger, Curator of the Manassas Museum with the medal display created by the Post and Auxiliary. Extra credit goes to Tina Bliem and Mary Corkhill for their work in creating this masterpiece.

The following text is displayed at the Manassas Museum:

These decorations and campaign ribbons were awarded to Manassas area residents for their service during military conflicts in the 20th and 21st centuries. They remind us of valor, service to country, courage and the honor that comes with volunteering to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. The flag in the center draped the coffin of a local military veteran. Do the circumstances of its donation to the VFW, we do not know the name of the deceased.

This special exhibit was created by the VFW for display inside Post 7589. Post members generously offered to premier it here during the Veterans Day holiday. We thank them for making it available.

Please visit our visitor services associates in the lobby if you have specific questions about the decorations and campaign ribbons on display.

Loaned by VFW Post 7589, Manassas

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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**

Season's Greetings to All!

The Christmas Holiday Season rapidly approaches. My sincere best to you and yours throughout this festive period. The Post continues its legacy of dedication and tireless efforts. Snapshot review: Rentals dropped slightly this year; Bingo held steady, and we fulfilled our financial obligations and responsibilities. We have lost some very productive and crucial volunteers due to age-related issues and welcome all offers to assist

during unusual circumstances or events.

Our Post routinely ranks among the best for its size at the State and National levels. We meet or surpass expectations and requirements with one exception. Our Achilles Heel in the competitive areas is recruitment. Our ability to meet annual goals lags, which denies us the State and National recognition despite being a frontrunner in all other areas. So, I beg, help us, help us! If just a few members recruited just one more war veteran it would more than get us there. That also strengthens our legislative power. ON A MORE TASTEFUL NOTE, OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 15, @ 16:00 HRS. PLEASE READ DETAILS IN THE NEWSLETTER.

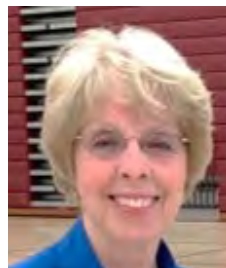
As the sun sets on 2024, the dawn of 2025 is on the horizon and the anxious anticipation of the future come into focus. Fear not, history tells us the victors' strategic cunning with mastery of tactical employment. The Losers bemoan missteps, failure to grasp opportunities, cheating, or fate-designed intervention. The spoils await the victorious, at our expense!

As I write this I sit on Libassa Island, Liberia. The United States used this island to defend against enemy ships transiting the Atlantic during WWII. I am proud of my service but humbled by the knowledge as I visited conflict hotspots in Japan, Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Tinian, Saipan, Hawaii, England Germany, and many spots in between where the war was fought; imagining the conditions and chaos of that era.

The men and women of the Greatest Generation contributed to the reshaping of the world and created a defining period that placed America as a world-leading nation. Their vision, courage, and sacrifice were pivotal to developing countries that looked to The U.S. for leadership and the way forward. Again, we may have found ourselves on the cusp of another historical twist when America and its allies fell from grace rather than lead the world into the future.

Unlike the present of unlimited information, misinformation, and disinformation, life was simpler then, and facts and truths mattered and often prevailed. Man's ambition and greed were never in short supply. However, patriotic citizens held them accountable for bad behaviors. Apathy, ignorance, and self-serving rewards are the way forward.

## Auxiliary President



**Mary Corkhill**



Santa Claus, is a legendary figure who is the traditional patron of Christmas. He brings gifts and sweets to loved ones. Christmas is celebrated on Wednesday the 25th this year.

The Veterans Day event on November 2nd was a huge success. I wish to thank all the members and Department President Dawn Kuhn for their participation. After breakfast was prepared and served, some members

participated in the Manassas Veterans Day Parade. On Veterans Day, we placed a wreath at both the Manassas Veterans Memorial and Francis Cannon's grave site. With the assistance of Scout Troop 1372, the flags at veterans' graves throughout the cemetery were replaced. Again, many thanks to the Scouts for their participation.

On November 26th at 10AM, the members met at the Post to prepare gift bags for the patients at the Richmond VA Medical Center. On Wednesday, December 11th, we will be leaving the Post at 1:00PM for delivery. Anyone who wishes to assist in both events, please contact me at 703/517-2629.

Congratulations to the recipients of the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year awards. Our scheduled Education Awards Ceremony will be held on December 1st at 4:00PM at the Post. The Auxiliary will provide the refreshments.

The Auxiliary members will have their annual Christmas party on December 9th at Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant at 12:30PM. Please bring an unwrapped gift for children from ages 7-11. Thank you in advance.

On December 14th, the annual Wreaths Across America (WAA) wreath laying at Stonewall Memory Gardens Cemetery is at 12PM. The annual Post Holiday Party will be at Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant on December 15th from 4:00PM until finish. Reservations are required. (See pages 10 and 16.)

The VFW & Auxiliary Winter Conference is on January 10-12, 2025 at Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center, 6945 Pochontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA. Phone 757-220-2250. Room rates are \$92.00 per night.

Our District 8 meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2025 at Fredericksburg Post 3103 starting at 10AM. The Auxiliary Representative will be Department SVP Kelli Levitt.

Please put March 22, 2025 on your calendar for the Department Commander and President's Homecoming at Edinburg Post 2447, 100 Veterans Way, Edinburg, VA. The hotel is: Holiday Inn Express 1130 Motel Drive, Woodstock, VA. Phone: 540-459-5000. Room rates: \$110.00 (available for Friday and Saturday night). Cutoff date is Saturday February 1, 2025; more details to follow.

From the VFW National Home website: "Born from the belief that America needs to care for the children and families of men

(See *Auxiliary* on page 3)

## Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes this newsletter finds everyone well and enjoying the holiday season. Due to a recent surgery, I haven't been to the last few membership meetings. The good news is that I had a successful outcome, am feeling well and will be back in action next week. We held our last meeting on 25 November at the Post. The meeting was well attended by Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and yours truly. During my convalescence my terrific staff and committee did an outstanding job collecting and judging the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year applications for the Post and forwarding them to District for the next level of competition. At this time, I would like to thank Auxiliary members Jennifer Little, who is also my Office Manager, and my wife Francine. I would also like to show my appreciation to Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, Past State Commander and Post Quartermaster Rick Raskin, Junior Vice Commander Ron Link and Comrade Alex Leproale for all they have done to make this year's educational contests a resounding success. The entries of the 2024 Post Educational Contest Competition are as follows:

- 33 Patriot's Pen entries — 5 schools
- 73 Voice of Democracy entries — 6 schools
- 1 Teacher of the Year entry — Osbourn High School

Scholarship Amounts Awarded \$1800.00

Please help us celebrate the achievements of our winners and honor them at this year's annual Educational Awards Ceremony. It will be held on Sunday, 1 December at the Post at 4:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please let us know and stop by. The ceremony lasts about an hour and is followed by a reception and refreshments, provided by the Auxiliary. We have a great speaker this year, Ty Eanes, a retired Master Chief in the Navy and currently is the Executive Director of the Border Security Intelligence Center. His motivational talk to the students should be quite engaging and entertaining.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for 9 December at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join us on the Committee. You'll be mentoring the next generation of Americans, and by getting involved, will meet and work with some great people at the same time. I hope to see you there. If we miss you, have a great holiday!

With best regards,

Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair

*(Auxiliary Continued from page 2)*

and women who sacrificed for our country, the VFW National Home is a place of healing, support and refuge". Please become a Life Member for \$50.00. There have been several purchases of Tribute Bricks for \$100 from Auxiliary members and they were placed on walkways in front of buildings on the campus.

A large "thank you" goes out to the members of the Auxiliary, Post and Scouts for a very successful 2024. My wish is for 2025 to be just as successful, enjoyable and safe for each and every one!

Please remember to keep all individuals who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their heavenly home in your prayers.

Respectfully,  
Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President



### 2024-2025 VFW Post 7589 Educational Award Recipients

#### Patriot's Pen, 6th to 8th Grade:

##### " My Voice in America's Democracy"

- **First Place:** Guransh Sabharwal, 7th Grade Marsteller Middle School, Bristow, Va.
- **Second Place:** Anisha Marrapu, 7th Rocky Run Middle School, Chantilly, Va.
- **Third Place:** Gianna Henry, 7th Grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.

#### Voice of Democracy, 9th to 12th Grade:

##### "Is America Today Our Forefather's Vision?"

- **First Place:** Mary Schroer, 11th Grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.
- **Second Place:** Kennedy A. Ricks, 12th Grade Lightridge High School, Aldie, Va.
- **Third Place:** Matthias J. Gomez, 11th Grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.

#### VFW Manassas area Teacher of the Year

**Grades 9-12:** Marjorie Heather Grant, Science Teacher, Osbourn High School, Manassas, Va.

## Scouting Report



**Alex & Tina Bliem**  
**Post 7589 Scouting**  
**Representatives**

This month started out with all of our scouting units participating with our Post in the Northern Virginia Veterans parade. They marched with our U.S. flag, their unit flags, and our youngest scouts carried our Post banner. They did a great job.

After the parade they went out and distributed the scouting for food information to hundreds of houses. The following week they went around and collected the food that was donated. This year they collected shy of 900 pounds of non perishable food

which was then distributed to the Serve shelter.

On Veterans Day our scouting units met at the Manassas Veterans Memorial and placed the wreath. One of our scouts led the prayer at the memorial. We then all went to the cemetery where the scouts listened to a very informative speech about Francis Cannon and his connection to our Post and the city. This was given by our own Kelly Williams. The scouts then placed a wreath with Mary Corkhill at Francis Cannon’s grave with a respectful salute. The scouts and adults then split up and placed a flag at each of the veterans gravesites at the cemetery and the adults also helped by cleaning up any trash that was found.

Our Venturing Crew had their “Friendsgiving” dinner at one of the leaders houses. Everyone brought different types of foods and from what I have gathered it was a great time and they were able to share a nice meal together.

Our troop also had a camping trip on the Maryland side of Great Falls. This was a hiking/camping trip where they worked on scout skills, various outdoor types of merit badges, and any rank advancements that they had time for.

For December they have a couple of activities/parties planned but for the most part, it should slow down a little bit, so the scouts and families can spend more time together.

Be Safe,

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



## Governor Glenn Youngkin Announces Launch of Virginia Veterans Network

*Network to serve as FREE online hub of resources and services for veterans, transitioning service members and family members*

**Richmond, VA** – On Veterans Day, Governor Glenn Youngkin announced the launch of the [Virginia Veterans Network \(VVN\)](#) – the Commonwealth’s new online one-stop information resource for Virginia veterans, transitioning service members and their families. He revealed this exciting development and honored the contributions of Virginia’s military veterans today during the Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations’ (HRCVO) annual Veterans Day Luncheon in Virginia Beach.



**Governor Glenn Youngkin celebrates the launch of the Virginia Veterans Network at Veterans Day Luncheon on Monday, November 11, 2024. Official Photo by Christian Martinez, Office of Governor Glenn Youngkin.**

“On Veterans Day and everyday, we celebrate the service and sacrifice of all the men and women who have served our Nation. Virginia is the proud home of nearly 700,000 military veterans. We go to work everyday to ensure that Virginia is the best state in America for veterans, military service members, and their families to live, work and raise a family,” **said Governor Glenn Youngkin**. “Today, I am pleased and excited to introduce this new information resource for military service members and their families transitioning out of service – the Virginia Veterans Network or VVN, built by veterans for veterans. VVN is truly the gold standard of service for Virginia veterans and delivers on our promise to give Virginia veterans the best available resources.”

The network links hundreds of organizations in one platform to ensure that veterans, transitioning service members, and their families receive the best resources at any life stage. VVN is an online tool developed to make it easier for veterans, transitioning service members, and their family members to make online appointments with the Department of Veteran Services and find information about the free federal, state, and local benefits and programs they have earned from their service in one convenient and comprehensive location. VVN is truly the gold standard of service for Virginia veterans. From disability benefits to job opportunities, from medical services and legal services to education and training assistance to peer support and so much more, VVN is a one-stop shop. To learn more about the Virginia Veterans Network (VVN) online portal, please visit [www.dvs.virginia.gov](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov).

“The launch of the Virginia Veterans Network represents our steadfast commitment to those who have served, providing veterans and their families with seamless access to essential services and support. This platform stands as a tribute to Virginia’s promise—honoring veterans’ sacrifice with the care, respect, and resources they deserve, ensuring they are never alone in their journey,” **said Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears**.

“I am especially proud to be here today in Virginia Beach to celebrate Veterans Day with so many

members of the Hampton Roads military and veteran community,” **said Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Craig Crenshaw**. “I am also pleased to join the Governor in introducing our newest resource for Virginia’s veterans, military service members, and their families – the Virginia Veterans Network. This online portal includes hundreds of resources and is another example of how Virginia is committed to providing an excellent quality of life for veterans and their families.”

“The goal for VVN is to make life easier for our veterans, military service members, and their families. It was a top priority of the Governor and Secretary Crenshaw, and it is gratifying to see it come to fruition,” **said Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Chuck Zingler**. “Veterans asked for a simple solution for finding a variety of resources in the Commonwealth and beyond, and we made it happen. VVN offers real solutions in real time, connecting the right people to the right resources at the right time.”

### About the Virginia Veterans Network (VVN)

The Virginia Veterans Network, managed by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS), is a FREE online hub of resources and services built by veterans for veterans and service members. The network provides direct access to resources and services—covering everything from job training and employment to health care and wellness— from vetted and trusted veterans service organizations, nonprofits, and state agencies.




The **Gold Standard** of Service  
for Veterans and their Families

Connect to  
hundreds of local  
services and resources.



For more information about  
the Virginia Veterans Network,  
visit **[dvs.virginia.gov](https://dvs.virginia.gov)**.

## Virginia supports expanding property tax exemption for select military spouses

 VIRGINIA MERCURY BY: [NATHANIEL CLINE](#) - NOVEMBER 12, 2024

A majority of Virginians supported a referendum expanding the state Constitution to provide real estate tax relief to surviving spouses of service members who died in the line of duty.

The Constitution only applied to 100% disabled veterans and surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action as determined by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Virginia's unofficial election results show that 93% of Virginians supported the amendment through a referendum that was on the ballot last week.

"It's humbling to see the overwhelming support and to be able to help just over a hundred or so families," said Sen. Jeremy McPike, D-Prince William, who carried the [amendment](#) in the Senate. "I think people, once they read it and understood it, they got why it was so important."

As part of the [requirement](#) to make any changes to the Constitution of Virginia, McPike's amendment had to pass successfully by a majority in both chambers and will have to do so again in a second session after a general election.

He said the expansion of the law will now also cover the spouses of service members, who, for example, may have died in a training accident.

Under current law, the property tax exemption applies only to the spouses of service members who are either 100% disabled or who were "killed in action"—a specific Department of Defense term indicating that the death occurred due to enemy action.

Mitch Rubenstein, state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Virginia, said in a statement that the organization appreciated the votes in support of the amendment.

"We are grateful to the voters for expanding the property tax ex-

emption offered to surviving spouses of service members killed in action to spouses of any service member killed while honorably serving this nation," Rubenstein said.

In 2022, lawmakers passed [legislation](#) carried by Del. Kathy Tran, D-Fairfax, that gave localities the authority to provide property tax relief to certain surviving spouses of service members who died in the line of duty (LODD).

With the passage of the amendment, Friends of the Virginia Military Survivors & Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), an advocacy group for ensuring the state's tuition beneficiary program is sustainable, said it hopes that localities will continue to offer the tax relief benefit in addition to the statewide tax exemption.

"Our hope is that, for the purposes of enactment, the amendment enabling language will include the ability for local authorities to continue or choose to provide additive relief, by establishing or continuing a special tax classification for LODD Survivors, to include Survivors of LODD Suicide," Friends of VMSDEP said in a statement. "Enabling language should include property tax relief when the property is held in a revocable trust."

The group also said it is seeking enabling language to allow survivors who lost their spouses in service prior to 9/11 — when Line of Duty Determination Investigations were first conducted in order to render Line of Duty Death Determination Letters — to provide alternative qualifying documentation. In addition, the organization said it is asking for language to recognize and include partial ownership for the purposes of proportional tax relief.

"Going forward, Friends of VMSDEP will advocate for and support legislation that provides statewide parity between tax relief for Survivors of LODD and survivors of the 100% disabled," the group said.

## Governor Youngkin confirms reappointment of Rick Raskin to the JLC

*Rick's second term officially began July 1.*

On behalf of Governor Glenn Youngkin and Secretary of the Commonwealth Kelly Gee, thank you for accepting the appointment to the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations. You have been appointed to serve a three year term at the pleasure of the Governor, beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027.

Governor Youngkin is committed to building strong boards to effectively serve the Commonwealth. Your contribution to this

board will be essential as we work together to strengthen the Spirit of Virginia!

Congratulations on your appointment and thank you for your service to our Commonwealth!





(L-R) Pam Drake, Rosa Maggio, Alex Bliem, Rod Burr, Kelly Willams with a Life Scout at the Northern Virginia Veterans Parade on November 2.



ALEX BLIEM

Scouts gather at the Manassas Veteran’s memorial after placing a wreath on Veteran’s Day.



ALEX BLIEM

On Veteran’s Day Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and two scouts placed a wreath at the gravesite of Post 7589 namesake Francis Cannon.



RICK RASKIN

On November 13 Jerry Martin & Rick Raskin attended a Veterans Round Table at Warrior Retreat At Bull Run. (L-R) State Delegates Josh Thomas (District 21), Michelle Maldonato, (District 20) Ian Lovejoy (District 22) and DVS Commissioner Chuck Zingler.



Adrian Lemus assisted his Poppop in placing flags at gravesite of Fallen Heroes in Rose Hill Cemetery on Veterans Day. Photo by: Dj Moore



### Veterans Day activities



RICK RASKIN

Monti Zimmerman with DVS Commissioner Chuck Zingler at the Manassas Park Veterans ceremony on November 8.



RICK GOODMAN / AL Post 10

Gunny Lewis hosts the Veterans Day ceremony at the Harris Pavillion on November 9.



RICK GOODMAN / AL Post 10

PSC Rick Raskin confers with American Legion State Commander Eugene Malinowski at the Harris Pavillion.



RICK GOODMAN / AL Post 10

PSC Rick Raskin speaks on the importance of veterans at the Harris Pavillion.



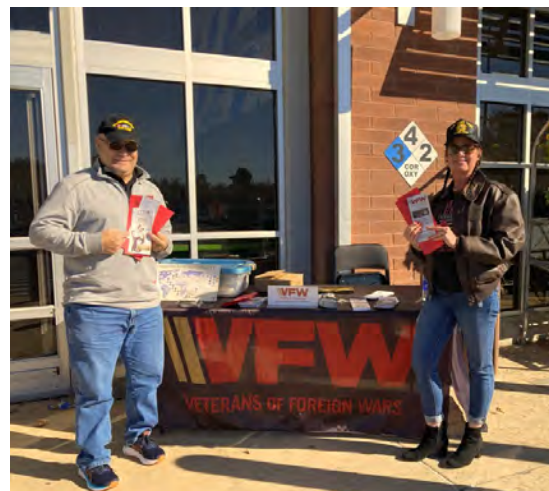
EMILY OKIN / InsideNoVA

Veterans and community members partake in the event at the Harris Pavillion.



RICH ROULEAU

Commander Wayne and Comrade Megan Cate at Haymarket Wal Mart.



WAYNE MOORE

Rich Rouleau and Megan Cate distribute poppies Haymarket Wal Mart on November 9 & 10. We received over \$1100 in donations and gained a new member.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Past Post Chaplain Ron Knowles who is now residing at the Richmond VA Care Center receives goodies from a local Brownie Scout.

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

### Post 7589 Holiday Celebration 4:00 PM, December 15, 2024

Logan's Roadhouse  
7731 Donegan Dr.  
Manassas, VA



Post, Auxiliary & Bingo Workers  
may bring 1 guest for free.

Additional Guests \$20.00 per person.

**You must RSVP before December 10 to attend.**

[RSVP HERE](#)

Or send the form attached to this newsletter.

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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:

| 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**

### 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.

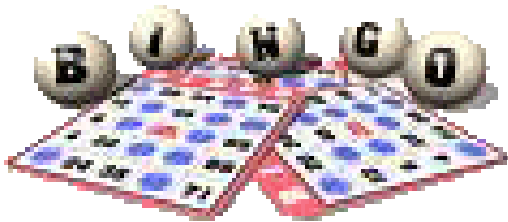
If you know of a family in your community that could use our help, please encourage them to call!

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of  
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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      |
| Senior Vice President             | Ellie Smith        |
| Junior Vice President             | Cindy McIntyre     |
| Secretary                         | Lorrie Allen Smith |
| Treasurer                         | Elanor Doczi       |
| Chaplain                          | Cookie Cullen      |
| Conductress                       | Janet Raskin       |
| Guard                             | Patsy Gough        |
| Trustee 1                         | Yvonne Sullivan    |
| Trustee 2                         | Jan Germain        |
| Trustee 3                         | Janet Raskin       |
| Historians                        | Jan Germain        |
|                                   | Patsy Gough        |
|                                   | Yvonne Sullivan    |
| Patriotic Instructor              | Lorrie Allen Smith |

## Upcoming Events

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| December 1           | Educational Awards ceremony — 4:00 PM   |
| December 2           | Post Meeting 7:30 PM  |
| December 9           | Auxiliary Christmas party at Logan’s Roadhouse — 12:00 PM   |
| December 15          | Post Holiday Party — Logan's Roadhouse — 4:00 PM  |
|                      |   |
| January 6            | Post Meeting 7:30 PM  |
| 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. |
| January 13           | Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 PM   |
| January 9            | JLC Day on the Hill — Meet at Mechanicsville Post 9808  |

| VIRGINIA SENATORS        |               |              |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Mark Warner              |               | 202-224-2023 |
| Tim Kaine                |               | 202-224-4024 |
| VIRGINIA REPRESENTATIVES |               |              |
| Rob Wittman              | 1st District  | 202-225-4261 |
| Jennifer Kagans          | 2nd District  | 202-225-4215 |
| Bobby Scott              | 3rd District  | 202-225-8351 |
| Jennifer McClellan       | 4th District  | 202-225-6365 |
| Bob Good                 | 5th District  | 202-225-4711 |
| Ben Cline                | 6th District  | 202-225-5431 |
| Abigail Spanberger       | 7th District  | 202-225-2815 |
| Don Beyer                | 8th District  | 202-225-4376 |
| Morgan Griffith          | 9th District  | 202-225-3861 |
| Jennifer Wexton          | 10th District | 202-225-5136 |
| Gerry Connolly           | 11th District | 202-225-1492 |



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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  **HYLTONPERFORMING ARTSCENTER**



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

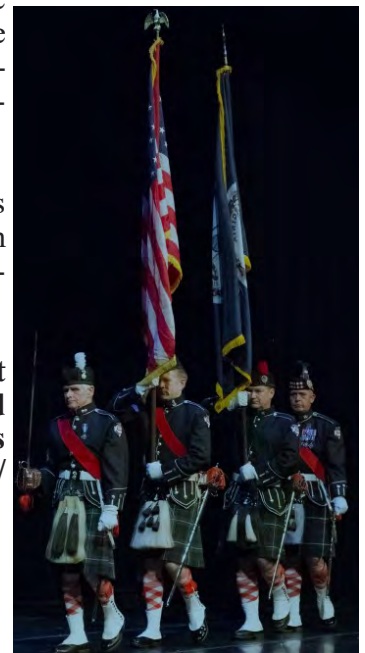
The Freedom Museum.

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.**



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## Post 7589 Holiday Celebration -- Sunday, December 15, 4:00 PM at Logan's Roadhouse, 7731 Donegan Dr., Manassas, VA

Please complete the following form to confirm your attendance at Post 7589's Holiday Celebration. Post, Auxiliary members and Bingo workers may bring 1 guest for free, additional guests \$20.00 per person.

First Name: \*

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Number of free attendees \*

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