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Denise Perry, Commander
Dept. of MD Veterans of Foreign Wars

Comrades,

Thank you again for trusting me to lead the Department of Maryland. We had a great convention, especially the presentation from the National Home and Recruiter training.

We had our first OTI on June 30, 2018 at Molleville Farm Post 467. Next, is the parade in Harve de Grace, and then I'll be throwing out the first pitch at the Shore birds game on the 4th of July. There are two more training opportunities. Registration starts at 08:30 am and training begins at 09:00 am.

- July 7, 2018 at Free State Post 895
- July 14, 2018 at Grasonville Memorial Post 7464

The first Council of Administration is July 8, 2018 at Silver Spring Memorial Post 2562.

Take advantage of the training and the resources we have on our website and on www.VFW.org. Our goals for the year are still the same. Increase Membership, and our Programs. Submitting reports when they are due are keys to having a strong and operational post.

We joined the Veterans of Foreign wars to help veterans and their families and to make a difference in our communities. We do a lot of good work in Maryland and I'm looking forward to another great year.

Yours in Comradeship,

Denise Perry

State Commander





Thomas Williams
Jr. Vice Commander
Dept. of MD VFW

Comrades,

I want to thank all the members for supporting me in my nomination for Jr Vice Commander Department of MD. It will be a learning on the job all the way experience.

My focus will be on recruiting younger members to our posts. In the next ten years half of us will be gone. All our posts need to change and upgrade to attract younger veterans and their families. We need to support more community activities. The VFW and the Auxiliary need to work together. It's no more "us" and "them". All members need to pitch in to keep our doors open. It's time to blow off the dust and get off the bar stools.

We need to get out in the public and tell people what we are here for. New members are not going to just walk through the door without our encouragement. During our patriotic holidays get out there- wear your cover, be proud, carry the flag of our country, go to the schools and talk to our children. History is going by the wayside.

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D. Harvey Cunningham
Quartermaster
Dept. of MD VFW

Comrades,

The Department 50% Life Membership Program is going well. I would just like to repeat that we discourage the use of a credit card to pay the Veterans half. The Department cannot process credit cards. Credit Cards cannot be used online with national for the 50% program, which means they have to be sent to National for processing. This can sometimes take over a month.

As of the end of the 2017-2018 year we have 438 new or Converted Life Members. The total cost for the year is \$ 68,486.00. The Council of Administration approved the program for a 3 years period at a maximum expense of \$100,000.00. As you can see the original \$100,000.00 has been exhausted and the program was refunded for another \$50,000.00 at the May Council of Administration Meeting.

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This funding had to be withdrawn from our investment Account.

As of this writing the 50% Life Member Program is funded and ready to go for this year.

I would like to thank all of you for the confidence you have placed in me, by electing me to my Third Term as State Quartermaster. As always I will promise you I will do my very best.

In Comradeship,
D. Harvey Cunningham
Quartermaster

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We cannot forget our past. My slogan while I'm in office will be “Can Do” US Navy Seabees. Again, thank you for your support. Looking forward to working together.

In Comradeship,
Thomas Williams
Jr. Vice Commander



We cannot



Frank Bennett
Surgeon
Dept. of MD VFW

Comrades,

It is the start of a new year. Let us all focus on getting our reporting done.

When you are at your meetings, please listen to the reports given by the Post Service Officer,

Chaplain and Hospital Chairman. The information that they provide can be used in your report.

The weather is sweltering! Remember to keep hydrated and rest so you won't suffer from heat exhaustion.

As surgeon, I still go to headquarters to get reports. They are checked twice. As always, keep up the good work.

In Comradeship,
Frank Bennett
Jr. Vice Commander



Tiffany Daniel
Chaplain
Dept. of MD VFW

Comrades,

I'd like to thank each of you for your continued support as we transition into the New Year. A Chaplain is looked upon as a figure of comfort and empathy in this position, wears many hats and is called upon often at not

such joyous occasions.

Therefore, both team cohesion and the support from each of us will be required for the VFW Department of Maryland to be a success. I am looking forward to working with each of you to make it just that.

The Post Chaplain

You were elected to the office of Post/Auxiliary Chaplain. You have an important responsibility to your Post/Auxiliary. Whether you have been selected for your religious training or past VFW experiences, you are expected to be the spiritual advisor to your organization and its members.

Thank you,

Tiffany Daniel

The National Home Attends VFW Department of Maryland State Convention!



This summer our Development Director, Susan Alverson had the honor of representing the VFW National Home for Children at the 98th VFW Department of Maryland State Convention. There she addressed the delegation and conveyed the Home's appreciation to all members of the VFW Department of Maryland and its' Auxiliary for their support.

Maryland VFW and Auxiliary members have a long tradition of supporting the National Home by sponsoring the Maryland house on the National Home campus in Eaton Rapids. Each of the 42 single-family homes here are sponsored by various VFW Departments and other organizations dedicated to supporting our nation's veteran families. The 1,933 square foot Maryland home was built in 1938 and currently houses a single parent and their child. The sponsorship of each home covers maintenance and repairs for that home as they become necessary.

In addition to presenting the National Home with a wonderful donation, Department State Commander, William "Bill" Miller, sent a gift for Executive Director, Patrice Green; a framed map of Michigan with all of the annual pins he has collected over the year.

Thank you, Bill, and Thank you Department of Maryland for your continued support of the VFW National Home for Children!





Auxiliary News



**Dr. Joyce Thomas, President
Dept. of MD VFW Auxiliary**

We are very pleased to announce that this Auxiliary year has started off with two successful training sessions for Auxiliary members throughout the state of Maryland. The first training was the Organizational Meeting and the second was the School of Instruction (SOI) with approximately 200 persons registered. Special guest presenters at the SOI included representatives from the American Red Cross who will be making themselves available to schedule workshops for Veterans, family members and caregivers.

We congratulate Denise Perry on becoming the VFW Commander for the Department of Maryland for 2018 – 2019. As such we look forward to us working together to improve services and legislation for Veterans. To begin, we are having a joint Homecoming on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at VFW Post 10028.

The theme for this year is “Bee Miracle Workers for Our Veterans.” The needs of Veterans are increasing and by working together through TEAM-WORK, we will be able to continue to productively provide goods, services and much more!

Cancer among Veterans continues to be a major factor. Many of us have first-hand knowledge of this through an immediate family member, distant

relative, neighbor, or friend. Therefore, we have chosen as our special project to help with the restart of “Cancer Clinical Trials at the VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS).

Kudos are extended to the newly elected officers of VFW Auxiliary 9083. We are very proud of the efforts they have made to start this Auxiliary year off with great determination and enthusiasm! Their officers are as follows: President - Carole Simonsen, P.D.P.; Sr. Vice President - Phyllis Gloss; Jr. Vice President – Mildred Schaffer; Treasurer/ Secretary - Vincent Del Gavio; Chaplain – Phyllis Novak; Conductress – Margaret Jasper; Guard – Joan Gipe; Trustee #3 Faye Sues; Trustee #2 Mildred Schaffer; and Trustee #1 Phyllis Novak. Additionally, heartfelt thanks to Immediate Past Department President Karen Rooker for her insight and for their Mentor and Installing Officer, Phyllis Cooks, P.D.P.

Joyce Thomas

2018-2019 President
VFW AUX Dept. of MD

VFW & Auxiliary In the Spotlight

