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“A Grateful Nation Remembers”

Guest Editorial by the national commander of The American Legion, Marty Conatser

As leader of the world’s largest veterans organization, I often have the privilege of meeting some important people. No, I am not referring to our elected officials, business leaders or celebrities. I am speaking of the members of the U.S. military.

Can any CEO or distinguished Ivy League graduate truly claim to be under more pressure than the 21-year old squad leader walking a patrol in Baghdad? Do they really have more responsibility than the young commander of a nuclear-powered submarine? Do they have as much on the line as the mechanic fixing a \$2 billion Stealth bomber?

“Nothing in our lives will ever be as important as this,” said Lt.Col. Henry Mucci, in the 2005 true-to-life film, “The Great Raid.” He makes the statement prior to leading the rescue of more than 500 American prisoners of war held by the Japanese. While Mucci’s mission was spectacularly successful, America is blessed because millions of men and women realized – and still realize – that nothing in their lives is as important as defending this nation. For many veterans, it was important enough to endure long separations from their families, miss the births of their children, freeze in sub-zero temperatures, bake in wild jungles, lose limbs, and, far too often, lose their lives. Sadly, their deeds are frequently unappreciated.



Photo: <http://www.legion.org>

In an essay early this year, Army Sergeant Eddie Jeffers wrote, “Even thousands of miles away, in Ramadi, Iraq, the cries and screams and complaints of the ungrateful reach me. In a year, I will be thrust back into society from a life and mentality that doesn’t fit your average man. And then, I will be alone. And then, I will walk down the streets of America, and see the yellow ribbon stickers on the cars of the same people who compare our President to Hitler.”

Unfortunately, Sergeant Jeffers won’t get to walk down the streets of America in a year. On Sept. 19th, he was killed in Iraq. He was 23.

This brave hero is not the only veteran who has heard the screams and complaints of the ungrateful. When Congress refuses to pass mandatory funding for VA health care, veterans are disrespected. When heroes are denied access to VA facilities, veterans are disrespected. When schools tell the military to keep its recruiters away, veterans are disrespected. When a wartime Army general is called a traitor, veterans are disrespected. When military and veterans funding bills are held up because of political squabbling, veterans are disrespected.

Fortunately, when a soldier walks into an American Legion post, he is given the thanks of a grateful organization. If we put soldiers in boots, and we put those boots in harm’s way, The American Legion family knows it must support them in every way.

Not only must we support the veterans but we must also support their families, as we demonstrate through The American Legion Legacy Fund, which provides scholarships to the children of heroes like Sgt. Eddie Jeffers. We also show our support through the Family Support Network, Temporary Financial Assistance and the National Emergency Fund, just to name a few. We welcome home our wounded service members with our Heroes to Hometowns program, which eases their transition to civilian society.

We are committed to finding good jobs for Sgt. Jeffers comrades by hosting career fairs and urging Congress to maintain a strong veterans preference program for federal employment. Companies understand that it’s smart business to hire veterans, and when members of the Guard and Reserves deploy, it is America’s business to ensure that their civilian careers do not suffer.

We must not forget the unique needs of women veterans. Women are major contributors to our (continued on page 4)

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Post Everlasting *Joseph F. Haney*

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"Classic Quotes"

"Though I fly through the valley of death, I shall fear no evil, for I am at 80,000 feet and climbing." (*entrance sign at the old SR-71 operations base, Kadena, Japan*)

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash."

"Aim towards the enemy." *Instruction printed on a US rocket launcher*

"You, you and you ... Panic. The rest of you come with me." (*unidentified USMC Gunnery Sergeant*)

NOTE: If your birth date is listed incorrectly, or not listed at all, please email the correct date to the post at WMKAL184@yahoo.com, or, send it by mail to American Legion Post 184, P.O. Box 5118, Herndon, VA 20172. →

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEGIONNAIRES



October

1st Ronald E. Kauffman
2nd Michael A Hughes
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13th John Cunliffe
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29th Kevin S. Dresdner, Glenn F. Heselton
30th Robert S. Thompson
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November

2nd Stephen Long, Kenneth E. Newton
3rd Walter Roman, Willie L. Ruff
4th Ted A. Longworth
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7th David E. Hendrickx, John Johnston
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22nd Richard A Aceto
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24th Mark J. Bates, Michael A. Rafalko
26th John S. Hardin
27th Richard G. Dubuque, Roy T. Howe
28th Joseph H. Schwimmer

December

1st Griswold C. Simpson
3rd Donald T. Meyer
15th David W. Twigg
17th Alan D. Lee
20th James D. Morgan, Robert A. Serveiss
22nd John Cuddehe
24th Robert P. Jensen
26th Richard E. Lubow

****COMMANDER'S CORNER****

HELP YOUR LEGION GROW!



Happy Holidays to all. Our Christmas Dinner is planned for Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 PM. We will return to the Mediterranean Breeze this year as last year's dinner was a great success and all had a great meal and a good time. We have several entree selections to pick from with a price that includes your entrée, a soft drink, salad bar, tax, and gratuity. See the Christmas Dinner information on page 5 for details. Please RSVP early with number of guests and your entrée selections; all family members are invited. We had another successful Veterans Day Observance at the Veterans Memorial on the Herndon Town Green. Our guest speaker was our very own Post 184 member, Naval Commander William Tirrell, USN (Ret). The November 20th edition of the Herndon Connection put Bill's photo on the front page and several other pictures were on page 3. All the photos taken by the Connection's photographer can be viewed on the internet at the URL listed at the end of this column. The post now has a professional bugler. Retired USAF band member Eric Claunch. Eric added a touch of class at this years Observance, thank you Eric. We also flew the Avenue of Flags from dawn to dusk during Veterans Day at Chestnut Grove Cemetery; (we now have 39 casket flags). I want to thank the Cemetery Manager, Michael Moore, and the town for allowing us to store our casket flags and flag poles in the new maintenance building on the cemetery grounds. This will make it much more convenient when setting up the Avenue of Flags. I also want to thank all those who came out during the week to help put out the grave flags and help with the Avenue of Flags. The HHS Junior Naval ROTC cadets were also a great help with our cemetery activities and as our color guard at the Observance. At dusk we took down the flags, played taps, and performed a ceremonial folding of each flag for proper storage. A lot of "behind the scenes" work is needed each Memorial Day and Veterans Day and all members are encouraged to get involved in future events. Congratulations to Bob Thompson for, once again, winning 1st Place (Small Post) in the VALPA Best Papers Contest for 2007. Bob is the editor and publisher of this great newsletter "The Legion Letter".

For God and Country

David A. Kirby

Post 184 Commander

Herndon Connection photo gallery URL:
<http://connectionnewspapers.mycapture.com/mycapture/enlarge.asp?userphoto=0&theway=next&picnum=23&image=16907226&thispage2=&return=#show>

When you're talking to folks out there see if any of them are Veterans. If so then tell them about the benefits of being a legionnaire, and, what we do for our fellow veterans who are resident in our VA hospitals. The American Legion needs new members in order to grow in strength and to continue to provide for our fellow veterans and their families. Give them this form and help them to complete it, then have them mail it in with a copy of their current orders or a copy of their DD214 to:

AL Post 184, PO box 5118, Herndon VA, 20172.

**American Legion Post 184
Membership Application**

(Name) _____

(Mailing Address) _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

(Phone #) _____

(Email address) _____

(Date of Birth) _____

(Date) _____

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I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

(Applicant Signature) _____

Name of Recruiter: _____



military presence in Iraq and Afghanistan and many have given their lives in the War on Terror. VA must be prepared to adequately treat the special needs of our female veterans.

It is tragic that the men and women who allow us to be safe in our homes are often without homes themselves when they shed their uniforms. An estimated 23 percent of American homeless are veterans. Of these homeless Americans, 89 percent were honorably discharged and 47 percent served during the Vietnam War. Too often today's tattered citizen of the street was yesterday's toast-of-the-town in a crisp uniform with rows of shining medals.

But all is not grim. When my predecessor, Past National Commander Paul Morin, asked Americans to donate \$50,000 so wounded warriors at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany could receive comfort items, The American Legion family and its friends responded in a big way – raising more than \$300,000 for these heroes. Moreover, the quality of health care provided at most VA centers is consistently rated among the best in the world. Communities across our great country have recognized the value of military service, honoring heroes and their families with Blue Star salutes. And the American GI consistently tops public opinion polls and surveys as the most respected person in America.

Just as Colonel Mucci said, “Nothing in our lives will ever be this important” – likewise, nothing on a person's

lifetime resume should trump past military service.

Pride in ones' military service is a bond shared by nearly all who have served. This pride is on display on every obituary page in the country, where military service – regardless of how many decades have passed and subsequent achievements reached – is mentioned with the death notice of nearly every deceased veteran.

Although the successful businessman may have closed multi-million dollar deals and raised a wonderful family, what single accomplishment tops the decisive actions he took during the siege of Khe Sanh which saved the lives of several of his fellow Marines?

Fewer than 10 percent of Americans can claim the title “veteran.” And while Veterans Day is Nov. 11, we should thank our veterans everyday. It's the least a grateful nation can do.

(The American Legion, Public Relations Division release, October 26, 2007)

For it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' “Chuck him out, the brute!” But it's “Savior of 'is country” when the guns begin to shoot. *(Rudyard Kipling)*

A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. More than that no man is entitled to, and less than that no man shall have. *(Theodore Roosevelt)*

Let every nation know, whether it wish us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty. *(John Fitzgerald Kennedy)*

We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free. *(Ronald Reagan)*

The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission. *(John Fitzgerald Kennedy)*

Aye, fight and you may die. Run, and you'll live. At least awhile And dying in your beds, many years from now, would you be willing to trade all the days from this day to that for one chance --- just one chance --- to come back here and tell our enemies that they may take our lives, but they will never take our freedom. *(William Wallace – Scottish freedom fighter – “Braveheart”)*

American Legion Post 184 Christmas Dinner



781 Station Street, Herndon

Thursday, December 13, 2007 - 6:00 PM

\$21.00 per person

(Cash bar)

Price includes: Choice of entrée below, ice tea or soda, salad bar, tax, and gratuity. (Desert available for an additional charge)

Entrées:

Pastificio (Greek Lasagna)

Layers of long macaroni and seasoned ground beef topped with béchamel sauce. Served with rice and home style green beans.

Florentine Chicken or Veal

Boneless Chicken breast or tender veal sautéed with mushrooms in sherry wine, that is topped with tomatoes, spinach and Mozzarella.

Steak Logos

Our delicious marinated sirloin steak that is charbroiled and served with oven roasted potatoes and fresh mixed vegetables

Please join your fellow legionnaires and family members for a great meal and maybe a war story or two.

RSVP - Please call or email by December 10 with the number of guests and entrée selections: 703-481-1200 or wmkal184@yahoo.com

The American Legion – National News

Legion Pleased Peake Tapped to Lead Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON, DC (October 30, 2007) – The leader of the nation’s largest veterans organization today urged Congress to quickly confirm the Administration’s nominee for Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Dr. James B. Peake.

“I’m pleased with Pres. (George W.) Bush’s nominee to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs,” American Legion National Commander Marty Conatser said.

“Dr. Peake has 40 years of experience on two very important fronts, combat experience as an infantry platoon leader in Vietnam, and medical experience as a physician and former Army Surgeon General. He seems uniquely qualified to lead the department.” As a nation at war, Dr. Peake certainly has many challenges before him, Conatser added.

“Whether it’s dealing with the ever-increasing claims backlog, PTSD and traumatic brain injury funding, or beefing up the VA’s information technology infrastructure, The American Legion has confidence in Dr. Peake’s ability to tackle these and other important issues affecting our nation’s veterans.”

The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and patriotic youth programs. The Legion’s 2.7 million wartime veterans work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

Legion: Support Surge, Troops, Petraeus

WASHINGTON, DC (September 10, 2007) – The National Commander of the nation’s largest veterans organization today called for “much resolve and patience” by Congress and the American people on the war in Iraq after Multi-National Force Iraq Commander Gen. David Petraeus’s testimony before Congress.

National Commander Marty Conatser voiced The American Legion’s continued support for the “surge” in Iraq and the improving security environment.

“Gen. Petraeus forcefully and effectively reported measurable gains to the joint session of the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees and his honest and professional assessment reinforced what I had seen in Iraq in the last month,” Conatser said.

“Gen. Petraeus assessment that the military objectives are in large measure being met plus his reasonable proposal for a troop draw down prove the wisdom of the “surge” strategy,” Conatser explained.

He also applauded Gen. Petraeus’s view that failure to follow through would be a “rush to failure.”

“I visited Iraq in August and met with troops and Gen. Petraeus,” Conatser said. “there is no doubt in my mind, a premature troop withdrawal from Iraq would be disastrous for the Iraqis and the United States.”

Conatser said the troops he spoke with there said they’ve seen significant change and real improvements in the security environment, echoing what Gen. Petraeus told Congress today.

“The Senate confirmed Gen Petraeus to change direction in Iraq,” Conatser added. “He’s doing that but change does not happen overnight and his “surge” strategy just became fully implemented in mid-June when the requested reinforcements finally arrived.

“In the broader context, this report to the Congress today demonstrates progress in the global war on terrorism,” the national commander said. “We agree with the Multi-Nation Force Iraq Commander that this will be a long struggle but we support our nation’s forces and their leadership for the long haul.”

Two weeks ago, The American Legion unanimously re-affirmed The American Legion’s unwavering support for the war on terrorism during the organization’s 89th National Convention in Reno, Nevada. Resolution 169 also points out that the United States was “suddenly and without provocation, attacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001.” It adds, “The global war on terrorism is a *just war*, aimed at protecting the very foundations of freedom and freedom-loving people everywhere.”

Conatser, a retired sergeant major with the Illinois National Guard, fully supports Resolution 169. “I am proud that The American Legion passed Resolution 169, which reminds people supporting the troops also means supporting their mission. Iraq is part of the Global War on Terrorism. I always believed that but after seeing it firsthand, I am more convinced than ever,” he said. “Everything I saw in Iraq last month points to the fact that the “surge” is working.”

The national commander also addressed recent personal attacks on Iraq’s top military commander. “For anyone or group to portray Gen. Petraeus as a traitor is outrageous and downright despicable,” Conatser said. “The military leader I met with is an honest, dedicated patriot who is succeeding given the very difficult mission before him. He should be commended not condemned for his 35 years of selfless service to our nation.”

With a membership of 2.7-million wartime veterans. The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and patriotic youth programs.

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The American Legion – State & Local News

Illinois Veteran Elected Leader of American Legion

RENO, NV, August 30, 2007 – A career National Guard veteran from Champaign, Ill., has been elected national commander of the nations largest veterans organization.

Delegates to The American Legion’s 89th National Convention here chose Martin F. (Marty) Conatser to lead the 2.7 million-member organization of wartime veterans for a one-year term.

Conatser retired from the National Guard in 1996 as a sergeant major. He is a member of the Lincoln American Legion Post #102 in DeLand, Ill., and has served in many leadership roles during his 25-years as a member of The American Legion. Conatser has served as District, Division and Department (State) Membership Director and Commander. At the national level, he was on the Membership and Post Activities Committees and became its chairman in 2003. During 2004 and 2005 he chaired the National Legislative Commission.

He also served as Chairman of the Platt County Veterans Day Celebration for 12 years. He is a member of the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada (ANAVICUS) – U.S. Unit, Past State Commanders Club, Masonic Lodge #812, AMVETS Post #4, Egyptian Past Commanders Club, Lincoln Challenge Academy Memorial Committee and the Dads Association of the University of Illinois.

Conatser resides in Champaign, Ill., with his wife, Sharon and is the father of three boys, Richard, Rick and Bryan. Two daughters-in-law, a grandson and two granddaughters are all members of the American Legion family.

Conatser took the oath of office along with five other national officers. Serving as national vice commanders are Thomas L. Burns, Jr. of Ocean View, Del.; Peggy C. Dettori of Kodiak, Alaska; Randall A. Fisher of Louisville, Ky.; Donald J. Hayden of Kilkenny, Minn.; and David A. Korth of Marshfield, Wisc.

National Historian James M. Holmes of Speedway, Ind.; National Sergeant at Arms Denver Ray Phelps of Ogden, Ill.; and National Chaplain Rev. Elliot Laurence Foss, Jr. of Kingsland, Ga., were appointed to their positions by Conatser following the close of the national convention.

(The Virginia Legionnaire, October 2007, page 1)

Veterans may salute Flag when not in Uniform

WASHINGTON DC – U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) to day praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S. 1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.

“The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one’s military service,” Senator Inhofe said. “Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform.”

“Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not.”

“I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others.”

(September 2007 “Post Scripts” - The American Legion Springfield Post 176, Vol. 52, Issue 9, page 10)

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Veterans Day Observance, Sunday, November 11, 2007, Herndon Town Green

The Wayne M. Kidwell American Legion Post 184, in cooperation with the Town of Herndon, held their Annual Veterans Day Observance at the Veterans Memorial located on the Herndon Town Green on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 11:00 AM. The Herndon High School Junior NROTC presented the Colors for the ceremony. American Legion Post 184 charter member, Navy Commander William Tirrell, USN (Ret.), was Guest Speaker and 2nd Vice Commander Eric Claunch was the bugler.

The Avenue of Flags was displayed from dawn to dusk at Chestnut Grove Cemetery. There were 39 veteran casket flags displayed from the main gate to the side gate. Each flag had a marker identifying the veteran. This display could be viewed on foot or from your car.

Photographs of the Veterans Day Observance can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

Veterans Day Observance 2007



Photos courtesy of JIM KIRBY

TOWN OF HERNDON RESOLUTION NOVEMBER 27, 2007

Resolution- Official Recognition, “PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY.” December 7, 2007.

- WHEREAS,** on the early hours of December 7, 1941, the United States Armed Forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii were attacked without warning by the air and naval forces of Imperial Japan, provoking the entry of the United States into World War II; and
- WHEREAS,** over 2,400 American military personnel were killed and another 1,000 were wounded in the attack on Pearl Harbor; and
- WHEREAS,** the year of 2007 marks the 66th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the 62nd Anniversary of the end of World War II; and
- WHEREAS,** commemorating the attack each year allows citizens to better appreciate and understand the selfless sacrifices those who served in our Armed Forces during World War II have made, as we are all forever in their debt; and
- WHEREAS,** we have not forgotten nor will we ever forget the attack on Pearl Harbor, and we remember and honor this day with solemn ceremony, and honor those who lost their lives, and salute all World War II veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, hereby designates December 7, 2007 as “**PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**” in the Town of Herndon, and calls upon the citizens to observe and honor this day and the many brave Americans who fought in World War II with appropriate ceremonies and observances.



**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
APPLICATION FOR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP
(Please type or print)**



APPLICANT'S NAME _____ MEMBER ID # _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NO. [_____] _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ TOTAL PUFL FEE \$ _____
(Mo./Day/Year) (See Chart on Reverse)

BRANCH OF SERVICE (check one only): US Army US Navy US Marines US Air Force US Coast Guard

Full Payment Enclosed **OR** Time Payment Enclosed – Requires minimum payment of **10% OF TOTAL** as down payment.

PAYMENT IS MADE BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD:

Check or Money Order (Made payable to The American Legion) **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

Please provide check or money order number _____

Charge to MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express

(Credit Card Number)

(Expiration Date)

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

Applicant's signature may be omitted if PUFL is to be given as a gift. If card is to be mailed to another address, enter below.

IF GIFT, MAIL CARD TO:

Name _____ Mbr ID # (If applicable): _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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1. *By signature below*, I certify that the PUFL applicant named above is a member in good standing and holds a valid membership card. Annual dues were last paid for the _____ membership year and were paid to Post # _____ in the Department of _____.

2. **Check one:**

Member is applying at a PUFL fee based on our annual Post dues rate of \$ _____.

With Post approval, this member is applying at a PUFL fee based on the **reduced Post dues rate** of \$ _____.

3. *If applicable*, this member is transferring from the above Post to (new) Post # _____ in the Department of _____.

Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer

Dept/Post #

Date Processed By Post

POST FORWARDS APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. (RETAIN A COPY FOR POST RECORDS.)

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Member National Per Capita _____

Post Dept Per Capita _____

Dept. Post Per Capita _____

Date Received at National: _____

PFLN

FORM #32-090 (October 2003)

^ DETACH HERE ^

APPLICANT'S RECEIPT:

Name of Applicant

\$ _____
Payment Received

Date Processed By Post

The member named above has applied for a Paid-Up-For-Life membership. The application has been certified by the Post and sent to the Department Headquarters with the payment noted above. After Department approval, it will be forwarded to National Headquarters for final processing. National will issue a permanent membership card in recognition of your status as a PUFL member of The American Legion.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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NEXT 3 Meetings

Mark Your Calendar

3rd Wednesday – 7:30 – 8:30 PM

December 19th

January 16th

February 20th



Show YOUR COLORS

Display your Flag!!!

Pearl Harbor

Remembrance Day

December 7th

Meeting held on the 1st floor of the
Herndon Moose Lodge
Center Street
Herndon, VA