

The Jerry Skrivanek VFW Post 8185 Auxiliary

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"A newsy newsletter to promote the events and activities at VFW Post 8185"

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Mini-Newsletter Spring 2026

Hello Spring!

April showers bring May flowers!

Hello members and friends of VFW Post 8185! Welcome to our new members Mary Warnick, Douglas Miller Jr. and Rita Ryneski. Our auxiliary has reached 103.73% for Membership. At this writing, 8185 is collecting art entries for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, the 3-D Art Contest, and the Illustrating America Youth Art Contest.

Thanks for your support and dedication!

Post 8185 Visited Our Veterans

Auxiliary Members of Post 8185 visited the Veterans from Ward 364 at Perry Point Veterans Hospital on Sunday, February 8 and on Sunday, March 8. After enjoying a snack of pizzas and sodas, the veterans played bingo – winning lots of neat prizes. Stephanie Gibson and her crew (Anne Gibson, Tim Gibson, Carrie McCall, Trish Fitzgerald, and Ebony Sexton) worked hard to ensure successful Ward Parties for our Veterans.

The Perry Point veterans are scheduled to visit Post 8185 on Sunday, April 12, 2026 for dinner and bingo. Your help is appreciated!

BINGO AT VFW POST 8185

Come and play cash bingo on the 2nd Thursday of each month! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the games begin at 6:30 p.m. Progressive jackpot of \$300. Food available for purchase. Call Anne at 410-378-3338 for details. Workers and donors needed!

Newsletter Topics:

Membership reaches 103.73%
Winner of "Convert to Life" Raffle
Art Contest deadlines

2025-2026 VFW Post 8185 Officers

President: Ebony Sexton
Sr. Vice President: Anne Gibson
Jr. Vice President: Shiela Malatesta
Secretary-Treasurer: JoAnne Bierly
Chaplain: Theresa Sordiff
Conductress: Andrea Everly
Guard: Michael Slayman
Patriotic Instructor: Carrie McCall
Historian: Stephanie Gibson
Trustees: Tara Burke
Jenn McCamant (resigned)
Rebecca Angelucci-Webb

2025 - 2026 Dues

Post 8185 Auxiliary reached 103.97% in Membership in February 2026. On March 15, 2026, at the recent Council of Administration meeting, Dept. Treasurer Jackie Kimball picked a winner for December, January and February from those Annual Members who converted to Life Memberships in 2025. Drum roll, please. Treasurer Kimball pulled the name of our own Life Member Cathy Bradley! Cathy's Life Membership dues will be returned to her. **Congratulations, Cathy!**

2025-2026 Program Chairmen

Thanks to all the Program Chairmen!

Americanism: Myranda Ambrose
Buddy Poppy/National Home: Ebony Sexton
Community Outreach: Shiela Malatesta
Historian: Stephanie Gibson
Hospital: Anne Gibson
Legislative: Theresa Sordiff
Membership: JoAnne Bierly
President's Special Project: Shiela Malatesta
Scholarship: Shiela Malatesta
Veterans & Family Support: Stephanie Gibson
Youth: Ebony Sexton

Notice: ALL PROGRAM REPORTS ARE DUE TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN BY APRIL 15th!

8185's Scholarship Program

Program Chairman Shiela Malatesta conducted a very successful Scholarship Program this year and she is currently accepting art entries for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and the 3-D Art Contest from area high school students. These projects must be received by the post by **March 31, 2026**. All art projects are due to Department of Maryland Scholarship Chairman Nancy Shenk by April 15, 2026.

8185's Youth Program

Youth Program Chairman Ebony Sexton is accepting art projects for the "Illustrating America" contest for elementary school and middle school students and the deadline for this contest is also **March 31, 2026**.

The Jerry Skrivanek VFW Auxiliary was chartered in February 1955. The last Charter Member, Dorothy Miller, passed away on 10-12-25 and one of the first Mens Auxiliary members to transfer his membership to the Auxiliary died on 11-27-25. Rest in peace, Dorothy & Gary!

Upcoming events

- 4-1 8185 Aux meeting at 7 pm
 - 4-9 Monthly bingo at 6:30 pm
 - 4-12 Entertain Vets at 4 pm
 - 4-26 District 10 Aux Bingo at 7687 at 1 pm
 - 5-6 8185 Aux meeting at 7 pm
 - 5-14 Monthly bingo at 6:30 pm
 - 5-17 Entertain Vets at 4 pm
 - 5-21 First Car Cruise - 5 to 7 pm
 - 5-26 to 29 Dept. of MD Convention in OC, MD
 - 6-3 8185 Aux meeting at 7 pm
 - 6-11 Monthly bingo at 6:30
 - 6-14 Entertain Vets at 4 pm
 - 6-18 Car Cruise 5 to 7 pm
 - 7-1 8185 Aux meeting at 7 pm
 - 7-9 Monthly bingo at 6:30
 - 7-12 Entertain Vets at 4 pm
 - 7-16 Car Cruise 5 to 7 pm
 - 7-25 to 29 National VFW Convention in Reno, NV
- Join us! Attend our monthly meetings, play or work at our bingos, support our activities!

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V&FS Chair: Stephanie Gibson stephanie7468@aol.com