



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
 General MacArthur Memorial Post 392
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2010 Membership Goal 1800
Current 2009 Membership 1661 / 94.91 %

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2009 –2010 Officers

Post Commander.....Joe Brady	Ladies Auxiliary President.....Chris Cassirer
Sr. Vice Commander.....Dave Curtis	Ladies Aux. Sr. Vice President.....Denice Moran
Jr. Vice Commander.....Nancy Hobart	Ladies Aux. Jr. Vice President.....Suzie Forehand
Quartermaster.....John Phillips	Ladies Aux. Chaplain.....Gail Stanley
Chaplain.....Larry Bush	Ladies Aux. Treasurer.....Mary Richards
House Committee Chairman.....Ralph Stephens	Seam Squirrel.....Doug Keller
Service Officer.....Gunnar Gudjonsson	M.O.C.A. President.....Gail Payne
Surgeon.....Ernie Cox	Judge Advocate.....Pete Gebelein

COMMANDERS CORNER

Comrades and Sisters

Time is going by very quickly. Before it goes too far and too fast, I would like to thank the Special People who went out in lousy weather and distributed Buddy Poppies: D. Shaw, Stu and Patsy and anyone I missed. Thanks!

The Post will be 40 years old this month. Come out and have fun on the 6th of April.

Looking forward to all of you being at the Cancer Dance on the 24th of April.

It is that time of the year when Positions in the Post get renewed. Some of the outstanding people, that have worked so hard for you, want to relax for a while. We are looking for Quartermaster, Chaplain, Judge Advocate and a Junior Vice Commander.

Come to the Meeting or ask your Officers what opportunities are available. I sincerely thank all members who help at the post, but we need more members to step forward for Chairman of the many standing Committees. You can do it.

Remember we are only as strong as our membership; so bring in a new member, reinstate an old member, renew-renew-signup. Hopefully the next few months will go smoothly and the post will grow.

NEW MEMBERS: I extend a warm welcome to the new members who were voted into our Post at the March regular meeting.

New Life Members:
 Barton D. Consford Sr.
 Jack C. Devenney
 Clifford J. Dietz
 Raymond D. Damico
 Mark S. Kinnane

Alan J. Quartararo

New Annual Members:

Sean M. Cabaday
 James H. Flatley IV
 Jonathan S. Hill
 Norman L. Kilfoyle
 Malinda M. Kitterman
 Ryan A. Martinez
 McBrogan, Lawrence F.
 Andre McGee
 Alex C. Wibe

Transfer & Returning Members:

Robert F. Jones – Life
 John E. Nadlicki - Life
 Richard A. Elkins
 Ryan T. Gilliam
 Jesse L. McCarrel
 Steve F. Schweizer
 Steven C. Wiebke

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard.

Birthdays: “Happy Birthday” to Steve V. Austin, John M. Barrenger, Bernard T. Hanrahan,

Ralph D. Stephens and 109 fine comrades. I also extend Birthday Wishes to Annette Bush, Arlene E. Goldstein, Charlotte T. McCabe and 18 other fine sisters.

SPECIAL DATES:

- 3/31 - House Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- 4/5 - Staff Meeting, 5:30 PM
- 4/6 - Post & Auxiliary Meetings, 7 PM
- 4/6 - POST 392 40th B-Day Celebration
- 4/10 - Vets Visit, 1130 AM
- 4/13 - MOC Scratch, 7 PM
- 4/24 - VA Hospital Visit, 1 PM
- 4/24 - Cancer Dance, 5 PM
- 4/28 - House Committee, 7 PM

Post Meetings: Post meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is at 1900 (7 pm) on 6 April. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Joe Brady
Post Commander
Email: trngo@cox.net

SENIOR VICE **COMMANDER**

Another month has gone by and we are rapidly running out of time to reach our Membership goal. We are getting close but obviously everyone knows about horseshoes and hand grenades. With a little effort, we can make it if we all approach our friends and neighbors to sign up. Nominations for Post Officers for the coming year are still open. We still need nominations for Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Junior Vice Commander, and

Quartermaster. If you, or anyone you know is interested, plan to make our next Post meeting on April 6th. We are also in need of volunteers for the various committee chairmen that will be appointed by the next Commander. After many years of service, some of our present Officers and Committee Chairmen would appreciate a little relief. We are in need of new volunteers with fresh Ideas.

If you enjoy the Thursday diners, Friday shrimp and Sunday Cootie breakfast, you should know that we only have these by the effort of a lot of volunteers. Want to help? It's easy, just ask.

Mark your calendar for the great house cleaning on 2 November. Only 215 days left. VOTE!

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The following comrades have earned the Continuous Membership Award indicated below. Please attend the next General Membership Meeting to receive your lapel pin. If you are unable to attend the meeting, contact any Post officer and your pin will be presented. If your name has not been listed and you believe that an award is due, please contact the Quartermaster.

FORTY (40) YEARS **CONTINUOUS** **SERVICE**

RADM (Ret) Robert B. Erly
Dominick L. Garcia
George W. Whitehurst

THIRTY (30) YEARS **CONTINUOUS** **SERVICE**

Royce E. Causby

Arthur F. Goodwin
Harry J. McCartney
Benjamin L. Wright

TEWNTY (25) YEARS **CONTINUOUS** **SERVICE**

John L. Ellsworth

TWENTY (20) YEARS **CONTINUOUS** **SERVICE**

Richard I. Kimbrell

FIFTEEN (15) YEARS **CONTINUOUS** **SERVICE**

Gregory T. Faller
Woodrow W. Poston
George A. Speckman Jr.

TEN (10) YEARS **CONTINUOUS** **SERVICE**

Terry L. Dunlap
Carl J. Klein
John E. Molloy
Damon L. White

FIVE (5) YEARS **CONTINUOUS** **SERVICE**

Matthew B. Bjorge
Brian E. Clements
David R. Gendron
Randall S. Lynch
Joseph T. Mealey
William P. Moran
Lawrence B. Nelson Jr.
James E. Nimmo
Frank J. Pogline Jr.
Lawrence M. Riccitiello
Sonny Rosales
James P. Soreson
Glen A. Wadsworth

Dave Curtis
Senior Vice Commander
Email: david.ha.curtis@verizon.net

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Casino Day at VA Hospital,
May 1
Post and Aux Officers
Installation, May 8
Mother's Day, May 9
Vets Hospital visit, May 22
Auxiliary Flea Market/Bazaar,
May 22
Cemetery Flags Displayed,
May 29
Memorial Day, May 31
Cemetery Flags Collected,
June 1

Please contact a Post Officer if you can assist with any Post event. Our strength is in our volunteers.

1998 By-Laws Revision

For your convenience, the recommended changes may be viewed on our web site at <http://www.vfw392.org/>. Forward recommendations to nancyhobart@cox.net or leave a note for me at the post.

Nancy Hobart
Junior Vice Commander
Email: nancyhobart@cox.net

QUARTERMASTER

MEMBERSHIP LIFE INSTALLMENT PLAN

Attained Age by 12/31		
.....1-Time Pmt	12-mo...	24 mo
To Age 30..\$425	40.39...	20.23
31-40.....	410 39.02...	19.58
41-50.....	375 35.84...	18.05
51-60.....	335 32.20...	16.32
61-70.....	290 28.11...	14.36
71-80.....	225 22.20...	11.53
81 & over...	170 17.20.....	9.14

Using the Installment Plan, \$35 will be deducted with the first credit card payment, with 11 or 23 Monthly payments, which includes a \$1.75 per month administration fee. The member will be issued a provisional Life Membership card initially, followed by a permanent card when all payments have been made. A member may elect to pay by check, credit card or ACH Debit. Non-payment could potentially result in being dropped from the payment plan and applying any funds received to future years' dues.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Even though we are no longer mailing out the newsletter to all members we need to maintain a current address on our members, here at the post and at national headquarters. So please keep in touch and email me at post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com or fill out an address change form and mail it to me at the post.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE AND BY EMAIL

Go to our website at www.vfw392.org, select NEWS and scroll down, enter the following, first name, last name, email address, Member ID No. and sign up. The Post has realized a significant savings by members choosing this option.

John H. Phillips
Quartermaster

Email: post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

SICK CALL

The following members of the Post have fallen ill or have been hospitalized:

Tommy Jo Camp, VBG, Rm 362
Don Nunneley, Windermere,
Rm 51
Ed Wilkerson, VBG
Joan Hoffman, VBG, 306 CCU
Jules Dumas, Richmond VA,
Ward 2F
Nick Nickerson, VA Hosp,
Rm 416

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and we wish you a speedy recovery.

NOTE: Comrades and Ladies Auxiliary sisters, when you or a family member fall ill, please contact ourselves directly or the Post and let us know. Your contact with any information ensures that we can get cards, flowers, hospital visits, or whatever it takes to our members and Veterans.

If we cannot fall back upon our VFW Family, upon who are we to call?

Larry Bush
Gail Stanley
Email: joegy50@yahoo.com
Post Chaplains

LADIES AUXILIARY

Projects never seem to be completed before there are many more in their place and this month is no different. April 6th, at our monthly meeting, we will elect officers for the coming year. The Post birthday is the Third. Invitations have been sent out to past Commanders and Presidents inviting them to attend the April 6th meeting and we will honor them when we join together after the meeting for a buffet and cake cutting ceremony.

On April 10, the Auxiliary will have the Vets over to the post from 12 noon until 3pm. We welcome all who would like to help out. On the 24th of April, we will have the annual Cancer Dance beginning at 5pm.

Once again bad weather got in the way of the Buddy Poppy day scheduled for only one day. Although a few brave souls did show up, most of us were not that brave. We also thought that once again rain may cancel the St. Patrick's Day Parade. For those who kept a positive attitude, there was a parade and party to follow! Tickets are still available for the Mother's Day Basket and the drawing will take place before Mother's Day.

Looking ahead to the 22nd of May, the Auxiliary will sponsor a Flea Market / Bazaar and will be seeking volunteers to help out with set up and etc. Venders interested in renting space and for general information, call #430-3525 and leave message. A prompt response will follow.

CHAPLAINS, Gail Stanley or Annette Bush stand by ready to respond to all needs. Please call the post with any information the membership may need to know and the message will be passed on quickly.

For those sisters who cannot be with us due to illness or locale, our thoughts and prayers are with you. I remain,

**Dedicated,
Chris Cassirer
Ladies Aux. President
E-mail: ccassirer@cox.net**

LADIES AUXILIARY **MEMBERSHIP**

The sisters listed below are requested to attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Auxiliary to be held on April 6, 2010. Auxiliary President Chris Cassirer stands ready to decorate you with the Continuous Membership awards indicated.

THIRTY (30) YEARS **CONTINUOUS** **SERVICE**

Brenda Demoulin

FIFTEEN (15) YEARS **CONTINUOUS** **SERVICE**

Molly Colvin

FIVE (5) YEARS **CONTINUOUS** **SERVICE**

Midge Etzler

Mary Richards
Ladies Aux. Treasurer

M.O.C. / M.O.C.A.

"I have discovered that patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting."

(If I wanted a lot of patience, I would of became a Doctor)

Thanks to those who attended Fun Day at 3160 on March 6th. Our newest ladybug initiates, Annette Bush and Pam Myers did a great job withstanding the pressures of their "chores". Good for you, girls!

March 13, St Patrick's Day Parade in Oceanview was awesome as usual with the after party at 4809. Thanks to Post 3160 and 4809 for making us feel

"at home". The rain did not dampen any spirits.

March 20, Cootie Joint Installation in Phoebus was a great event. PT 5 did a wonderful job taking care of us all.

May 1, Casino Day at the Hampton VA-**DEALERS ARE NEEDED!!!!**

We continue to repeat that there is a severe need for blood supplies in our locality. If you are able to donate, please do so and report to Hospital Chairman, Denice Moran.

We and our officers stand ready to serve you and our veterans in any capacity.

Doug Keller
Seam Squirrel
Email: drellek@cox.net
Gail M. Payne
M.O.C.A. President
Email: gpayne@specialtyproducts.net

CASINO DAY **AT VA HOSPITAL**

On 1 May, 2010, the MOC/MOCA will host the annual "Casino Day" at the VA Hospital in Hampton. Volunteers are needed for the Blackjack dealers and Craps tables. We will also need a number of volunteers for the event. Sign up sheets and information will be posted in the canteen area. **Sign up now and avoid the rush!**

Last year's event went over very well and the VETS really enjoyed themselves. It will be a fun day for all participants, both volunteers and VETS. Please pitch in and help make this a great event for our VETS. Our VETS deserve the attention they will receive on this day and I'm sure

they will have fond memories of the event.

Come out and Help!!!! All Hands are invited to participate.

Larry Bush
MOC Co-Chairman
Doug Keller
MOC Co-Chairman
Patty Stokes
MOCA Chairperson

HOUSE COMMITTEE AND CANTEEN

House Committee meetings are open to all membership. If you have any problems, complaints, suggestions or if you just want to get involved in the operation of the Canteen, please come to the meeting.

CANTEEN HOURS

Sat - Thurs 11 am - 10 pm
Friday 11 am - 11 pm

LUNCH

Monday thru Friday
Full Menu & Daily Specials
11 am - 2 pm

THURSDAY NITE DINNER

Enjoy the "Chef of the Night"
dinner 6 - 7:30 PM
Children 6 - 12 are half price;
Under 6 are free.

April 1st, 2010

Stuffed Flounder
Macaroni & Cheese
Peas & Carrots
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

April 8th, 2010

Spaghetti W/Meatballs
Garlic Bread
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

April 15th, 2010

Pork Roast
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

April 22nd, 2010

Cream of Chicken w/Broccoli
Over Egg Noodles
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

April 29th, 2010

Grill Your Own Steak
Baked Potato
Sautéed Mushrooms & Onions
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

Pass on your gratitude to the cooks and volunteer to help one night. See Betty Stephens.

Thank God It's Friday!!

This is the time of the week to unwind from the rat race enjoying a quiet evening of entertainment, socializing with your friends and taking a great opportunity to make new friends. Social hour prices are in effect from 4 to 6 PM.

From 6:00 to 8:00 PM the kitchen will offer steamed shrimp and our full menu is available.

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

For April, 7 - 10 PM.

April 2nd, 2010

Dave Weisel
Karaoke & DJ

April 9th, 2010

Tina Unik
Karaoke & DJ

April 16th, 2010

Tom Shackelford
Mister Kleen

April 23rd, 2010

Double Shot
Rick Mann

April 30th, 2010

Tina Unik
Karaoke & DJ

SUNDAY AT THE VFW

Sunday at the VFW is a day with something for everyone. Cootie Breakfast is in full swing from 9 to 11:30 AM. Breakfast is open to the general public. The Canteen will open at 10 AM with all your favorites on tap and in bottles.

We have five (5) large Flat Screens TVs. The 2010 NEXTEL Cup Season is in full swing. Social hour prices will be in effect for all Official NASCAR races.

Come down and spend a Sunday afternoon with your comrades and sisters at the Post.

Ralph Stephens
House Committee Chairman
Betty Stephens
Manager

STATE OF VIRGINIA
VETERANS AFFAIRS
REPRESENTATIVE

Elizabeth Bonin, Veterans Claims Representative is at the post every Tuesday, 1 - 4 PM. She can answer your questions, provide valuable information and assistance for the benefits you have earned.

Liz Bonin
455-0814

Email:
Elizabeth.bonin@dvs.virginia.gov

**SCOUTING BUILDS
CHARACTER**

Announcing a revitalization of our sponsorship of Cub Scout Pack 392 and Boy Scout Troop 392. Our new scouting program will begin meetings starting in September 2010. We are

looking for new Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts members. I know that many of you have children, grand-children, and some have great grand-children. If you have a child or you know of a child that is between ages 7-10, then they need to think about Cub Scouts and if they are 11 years old (or 10 and finished the 5th grade), then they are ready for Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. Our VFW Post knows that helping our youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. If you want to be part of our POST scouting

program or know of a youth that wants to start scouting, *please* contact Wes Gibson at H: 757-486-4219 or C: 757-615-8300.

Wes Gibson
Chairman

**TOMMY SCHRYVER
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Thanks to those that attended the March 6 meeting to discuss this year's GOLF TOURNAMENT. In attendance was Pete Gebelein, Ed Foxwell, Larry Peterson, Ernie Cox, Jack Ellsworth and Gramps Branan. The tournament will be held on Friday, September 24 at NAS Oceana. Sign up will begin on 1 May at the post. More information to follow.

Jack Ellsworth
Chairman

**“STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT, WISH I HAD A CURE TONIGHT”
THE LADIES AUXILIARY ANNUAL CANCER DANCE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010

**SOCIAL 5 TO 6
DINNER 6 TO 7
DANCING 7 TO 10**

**SPAGHETTI WITH MEATSAUCE OR VEGGIE SAUCE
TOSS GARDEN SALAD
GARLIC BREAD
\$12.00 PER PERSON**

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

CHAIRMEN-Tina Brown and Ellen Stogsdill

OUT DOOR FLEA MARKET / BAZAAR

MAY 22 8am-1pm

**Location 2408 Bowland Parkway
Parking lot at the VFW**

The Ladies Auxiliary will have food and bake goods

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

\$20.00

**WITH OR WITHOUT
8' TABLE**

DEADLINE MAY 1st

**For further information or reserve space:
430-3625 (leave message)**

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 2010

First meeting was held by chairman Annette Bush and included GRAMPS & Millie Branyan, Joan & Chuck Ember, and CDR Joe Brady. Items discussed were beverages in the hall, music, menu, seating arrangements and price. The next meeting will be announced in this newsletter.

Annette Bush
Chairman

THE VIRTUAL WALL VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

<http://www.virtualwall.org>

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC honors the fallen of the Vietnam War. Relatives and friends leave letters, poems, and photographs there and on this web site named The Virtual Wall ®, bringing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to your home.

Submitted by Gramps Branyan

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MEETINGS

Other organizational meetings held at the Post:

4/4 - Easter Sunday
4/7 - Marine Corp League
4/11 - Salty Dawgs Mtg
4/12 - FRA 166 Staff Mtg
4/14 - American Legion Post 110
4/15 - Vietnam Veterans
Planning Mtg
4/19 - FRA Branch 166 Mtg
4/20 - Mayor's Vets Cmte Mtg
4/21 - AO Association
4/21 - USMC League Staff
4/26 - American Legion Post 81
4/27 - Vietnam Veterans Mtg



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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MAR 28 Cootie B'Fast Team 3	29	30	31 House Committee Meeting 7 PM	APR 1 Stuffed Flounder Mac -n- Cheese 6 - 7:30 PM	2 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Dave Weisel	3
4 No Breakfast	5 Staff Meeting 5:30 PM	6 Post /LAux Meetings 7 PM	7	8 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs 6 - 7:30 PM	9 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Tina Unik	10 Vets Visit 1130 AM
11 Cootie B'Fast Team 1	12	13 MOC / MOCA Meetings 7 PM	14	15 Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes 6 - 7:30 PM	16 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Tom Shackelford	17
18 Cootie B'Fast Team 2	19	20	21	22 Cream of Chicken /w Broccoli 6 - 7:30 PM	23 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Rick Mann	24 VA Hospital Visit 12:30 PM Cancer Dance 5 PM
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