



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
 General MacArthur Memorial Post 392  
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**2011 Membership Goal 1704**  
**Current 2011 Membership 1638 Members, 96.13%**

## April 2011 - VOLUME 22, NUMBER 10

### 2010—2011 Officers

Post Commander.....Dave Curtis	Judge Advocate.....Lyle Soule
Sr. Vice Commander.....Pete Gebelein	Ladies Auxiliary President.....Denice Moran
Jr. Vice Commander.....Bill Sowers	Ladies Aux. Sr. Vice President.....Suzie Forehand
Quartermaster.....John Phillips	Ladies Aux. Jr. Vice President.....Judy Lupole
Chaplain.....Bob Duvall	Ladies Aux. Chaplain.....Maureen DeGrush
House Committee Chairman.....Ralph Stephens	Ladies Aux. Treasurer.....Mary Richards
Service Officer.....Gunnar Gudjonsson	Seam Squirrel.....Joe Brady
Surgeon.....Ernie Cox	M.O.C.A. President.....Gail Payne

### COMMANDERS CORNER

#### Comrades and Sisters

At the last Post meeting on March 1st we had 28 Members attend. Our next meeting is on 5 April and we will continue with nominations for Post Officers and will vote for the next year's Officers. This probably the most important business meeting of the year. If anyone is interested in running for a position now is the time to be heard. We will also draw the winning number for the free Life Membership. Remember if your name is called, you must be present to win. If you want to be in contention for the next drawing on July 5th you have to attend the meetings and sign the attendance sheet. We have many new members who have been voted into our Post but

have not been initiated. The initiation is a simple procedure and just requires that you attend a meeting, participate in the ritual and receive your Cross of Malta decoration.

#### Dates to Remember:

- 4/5 - Post meeting
- 4/24- Easter Sunday
- 4/27 - House Committee Meeting

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

#### **New/Transfer Life Members:**

Jonathan K. Detwiler  
Shelby J. Lasseter

#### **New/Transfer/Re-Instated Annual Members:**

Erik L. Caurthens

Jonathan H. Hamby  
Franklin C. Haskins  
Ed J. Leake  
Braxton K. Russell  
Robert L. Webb

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard.

#### **Birthdays:**

I wish a very "Happy Birthday" to Steve V. Austin, Robert G. Duvall, Bernard T. Hanrahan, Nancy A. Hobart, Frank Myler and 110 fine comrades. I also extend Birthday Wishes to Carol Leszczynski, Mary F Nickerson, Ruth H. Spencer, Betty L. Stephens and 18 other fine sisters.

**Post Meetings:** Post meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is at 1900 (7 PM) on 5 April, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

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## Membership Eligibility

**Question:** Can a Post require a DD214 before accepting an individual's application?

**Answer:** No. Section 103, Paragraph 3, of the National By-Laws, provides that "the Post Reviewing Committee shall not recommend acceptance of an application unless eligibility has been fully determined." The Post is accountable for the eligibility of every member accepted into membership." There is nothing in the National By-Laws stating that a **DD214** is the only document required to substantiate eligibility. Copies of orders, payroll vouchers, etc., are other sources of eligibility. Therefore, all applicants are required to provide proof of eligibility prior to be voted into the VFW.

Yours in comradeship;  
Dave Curtis  
Post Commander  
[david.ha.curtis@verizon.net](mailto:david.ha.curtis@verizon.net)

## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

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.

## THIRTY (30) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Theodore R. Beechum

## TWENTY FIVE (25) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Richard E. Bernier  
William N. Pierce

## TWENTY (20) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

William F. Eikenbary  
Donald S. Smith  
Kenneth R. Stephenson II  
Robert C. Summerfield

## FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Vickie D. Farmer  
Joseph A. Fosnacht  
Clarence L. Gerrish  
Michael P. King  
Timothy M. Maguire  
Donald H. Schmitt

## TEN (10) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Harry N. Anders Jr.  
Philip Cromartie  
Win C. Johnson  
Cosme D. Ranay

## FIVE (5) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Patrick F. Doyle  
William G. Laws  
David B. Long  
Benjamin J. Luciano  
Rickey E. Rose  
Richard P. Skelton  
Paul C. Trotman IV

**SR. Vice Commander  
Comrades and sisters.**

**Peter Gebelein**  
[pete djfan516@cox.net](mailto:pete djfan516@cox.net)

## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

The Saint Paddy's Day march was an impressive one this year. Many vets were in attendance. These parades are really a good time to chat with old friends and see how much the public does respect us. Many cheers and thank you for your service were heard and made it well worthwhile to be there. Please join us in the next one.

Coming up on Memorial Day weekend is POPPY day and I'll be looking for VETS and Ladies to "shake their cans" for poppies. The signup sheets are on the doors.

**VOLUNTEERS** are what make us **SPECIAL!!!**  
Contribute your share of time for others!!!

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If anyone has any ideas to improve our meeting attendance, please see one of the officers.

**Junior Vice Commander**

Bill Sowers  
641-0471  
bosn@sprynet.com

**QUARTERMASTER**

**NEWSLETTER**  
**AVAILABLE ONLINE**  
**AND BY EMAIL**

The newsletter is available via email, go to our website at www.vfw392.org, select NEWS and scroll down, enter the following: first name, last name, email address and Member ID Number and sign up.

**Change of Address**

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

Email:  
post@vfw392.hrcocxmail.com

**John H. Phillips**  
**Quartermaster**

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

**Comrades & Sisters**

Celebrating the Real Meaning of Easter:

During Easter as parents and grandparents we line our children and grand children up to see the Easter bunny, go on Easter egg hunts, play with bunnies and chicks, and eat lots of chocolate. In all of this, we sometimes forget to celebrate the real meaning of Easter: The fact that Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead on that first Easter morning. There are several things that you can do to celebrate the real reason for the Easter season and keep it all in perspective.

Easter really begins before Easter Sunday, we as parents and grand parents should be teaching the children all along about Jesus, who he was and why he is so important. Jesus is the son of GOD. He was sent to this earth to teach us about God's love, living holy lives, to set us free from our sinful lives.

Celebrating Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Palm Sunday your Locale Churches will usually have several activates during Holy Week we all should be encouraged to take our children to attend. Easter is supposed to be a day of family togetherness of joy and happiness. There is nothing wrong with having Easter baskets or Easter egg hunts. It could be a good opportunity to explain the trinity using an egg. God is three in one just like the yolk, the white and the shell are all an egg, but three separate parts.

**Temporary short term Illness or Injuries listing.**

\*\*Need to read the Post Bulletin daily for most recent up-

dates as individuals become sick and their recovery. \*\*

The following named members have serous long term illness/injuries, that require them to be in the listed locations.

- 1). Daniel Fuentes . . . . . Home "Recover from Stroke"
- 3). Bob Loy . . . . . Home Recovering from Head Surgery
- 4). Nick Nickerson . . . . .VA Hosp Nursing Home (Hampton)
- 5). Burton Jones . . . . . Kings Grant Home Rm # 154
- 6). Jules Dumas . . . . . NC Nursing Home (Cancer)
- 7). Lenny Andersen. . . . . Rehab Center VB Bay Pointe Rm # 101, (Back Injury)

Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

**TAPS**

The following comrades and sisters have answered the final summons:

Marion "Turk" Turner  
28 Feb 2011 (Life Member)

Charles W. Becket  
8 March 2011

March meeting Draping of the Charter offering solemn tribute to our departed comrades was conducted.

The march of our comrade is over and he lieth down in the house appointed for all the living. May the Lord give his grace and comfort to his family in this time of sorrow.

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Please Note:

Comrades, when you or a family member falls ill, or are injured or hospitalized, or experience the loss of a loved one. PLEASE contact the Post 'As Soon As Possible!' and let us know. It's important that we extend our hand in any way possible to aid and comfort our fellow comrades in their time of need. We each maintain a certain degree of self-reliance and independence but if we cannot fall back upon our VFW comrades and sisters as family, then who are we to call upon?

\*\*If you are unable to visit, send a comrade 50 cent card from Dollar Tree and 45 cent Postage. Or if you know them personally call will let them know that you care.\*\*

CONSIDER THIS: It is not how troubled the sea is that determined the course of your life; It is who the PILOT is.

**Bob Duvall  
Maureen DeGrush  
VFW Chaplains**

**Ladies Auxiliary President**

Spring is soon upon us and I hope all of you are feeling a little spring in your step after this long and snowy winter.

I am so pleased to announce the visit of our National Ladies Auxiliary President, Cortina Barnes on April 29<sup>th</sup>. She will be at our Post at 8 PM for desserts after visiting the other Posts in our area. We will need help with desserts and set up. Please contact Ellen Stogsdill or

myself if you can help or will be attending. We are planning a flag presentation ceremony. I encourage all Ladies and Post Members to attend. Cortina is the first National President to visit our Post in a number of years, so this is your opportunity to meet a fine example of a great lady doing a great work. Her schedule for the weekend visit to our state is posted in the canteen; if you'd like to visit with her at the other Posts please see the list to RSVP to the contact person at that Post.

Thank you again to all my Ladies for your continuing support and dedication to our Auxiliary and to our Veterans.

**LADIES AUX ANNUAL  
CANCER AID AND  
RESEARCH  
FUNDRAISER:**

**WISH UPON A STAR TO  
FIND A CURE FOR ALL  
THOSE WE LOVE AND  
CHERISH**

APRIL 16, 2011  
SOCIAL HOUR- 5-6  
DINNER- 6-7  
DANCING & RAFFLES- 7-???

12.00 PER PERSON  
SPAGHETTI PREPARED: BY  
DON BROWN  
MUSIC PROVIDED BY CAP'T  
MOOSE

LOTS OF RAFFLE PRIZES

Denice Moran  
Ladies Auxiliary President  
dmoran@specialtyproducts.net

**LADIES AUXILIARY  
MEMBERSHIP**

Dear sisters:

The sisters listed below are requested to attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Auxiliary to be held on April 6th, 2011. Auxiliary President Denice Moran stands ready to decorate you with the Continuous Membership awards indicated.

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

Elizabeth Conrad

**TEWNTY (20) YEARS OF  
CONTINUOUS  
SERVICE**

Gail Payne

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

Mary Dipietro

**Mary Richards  
Treasurer**

**MOC / MOCA**

The March 8<sup>th</sup> **Joint Installation of Officers**, was well attended and everyone had a lousy time. Thanks to Denice Moran and Patty Stokes (again) for the wonderful food.

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The March 12<sup>th</sup> **St Patrick's Day Parade**, in Ocean View, was awesome, as usual, with the after party at 4809. Thanks for making us feel so "at home"

May 1<sup>st</sup> is **Casino Day**, at the Hampton VA-**DEALERS ARE NEEDED!!!! Please contact Bill or Denice Moran, if you can help out.**

After May 1<sup>st</sup>, things will slow a bit for the MOCA. It will be time to think about making reservations for June Grand Convention at the Ramada in Richmond.... Yes the hotel has been sold again....The dates are June 9-12 with Grand Convention to be announced.

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 it to me.

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

Gail M. Payne  
MOCA President

### **MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE PUP TENT #9**

We all had a Lousy time at he last Scratch ,control was hard but finally maintained for a short period. We accepted two applications for the Pup Tent. Got to vote on money for Casino Day. Looking forward to all the help we are going to get for Casino day. Breakfast was fun.

The Joint installation went well all positions were kinda completed, still need help.

Food after the scratch was lousy but went quickly. Thanks for all the help this past year there have been ups and downs but mostly ups. Please support your incoming officers. Good luck to all

Joe Brady  
Seam Squirrel

### **STATE OF VIRGINIA VETERANS AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE**

Every Tuesday from 11 AM to 4 PM, Ms Elizabeth Bonin is at the Post to answer your questions concerning veteran's affairs. She has provided this valuable service and helped many of our comrades and sisters get the benefits they solely earned. She stands ready to assist you. So, please come out and talk to her.

### **Liz Bonin WEEKENDS AT THE VFW**

Sunday's Cootie breakfast is served from 9:00 to 11:30 AM, so come out and enjoy the best breakfast anywhere, eggs to order, omelet, waffles, pancakes, etc. for only \$7.00. **NO BREAKFAST 24 APRIL.**

Weekends at the VFW has something for everyone. The Canteen will open at 10AM, on Sundays with all your favorites on tap and in bottles.

We have six (6) TVs, five (5) are large Flat Screens. The 2011 NASCAR Sprint Cup season is in

full swing, so come out and cheer for your driver. Social hour prices will be in effect for all Official NASCAR Sprint Cup races.

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

**RALPH STEPHENS  
CHAIRMAN  
BETTY STEPHENS  
MANAGER**

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Below is the entertainment for the month of April 2011 from 7PM – 10PM.

**Friday  
April 1th, 2011**

Tim Hopkins

**Friday  
April 8th, 2011**

Jim Berry DJ

**Friday  
April 15th, 2011**

TBD

**Friday  
April 22nd , 2011**

Monica Arnold DJ

**Friday  
April 29th, 2011**

Capt Moose  
DJ & Karaoke

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## THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

### April 7th, 2011

Sheppard's Pie  
Gravy  
Mixed Veggies  
Hot Rolls  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Dessert  
Cost: \$7.50

### April 14th, 2011

Roasted Chicken  
Au gratin Potatoes  
Peas  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Dessert  
Cost: \$7.50

### April 21st, 2011

Baked Tilapia  
Rice Pilaf  
Broccoli  
Hot Rolls  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Dessert  
Cost: \$7.50

### April 28th, 2011

#### **Prepared By**

**Don Brown**

Liver & Onions or  
Country Fried Steak  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Green Beans  
Hot Rolls  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Dessert  
Cost: \$7.50

## VFW POOL TOURNAMENT

The annual VFW pool tournament commences in April 2011.

## HELP WANTED

Wanted an individual to be the team captain, the team 5 players. A sign-up sheet will be

posted on the bulletin board. The schedule is to play each VFW Posts 993, 3160 and 4809 Twice, once away and once at home.

## ELECTRONIC SCAMS

The FBI has a new website documenting electronic scams at [www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/e-scams](http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/e-scams)

If you receive e-mail at work or home that is suspicious, it's worth checking the FBI records.

## **Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Virginia "Posts and Members Flag Program"**

The Department of Virginia Veterans of Foreign Wars has made an arrangement with CVSF1ags.com of Indiana where our posts or members can purchase flags and flag related items at wholesale prices. Department headquarters will receive a \$1.00 per flag contribution (excluding stick flags) for each flag contribution (excluding stick flags) for each flag purchased from CVS through this program. Contributions from this program are used for our mission of supporting veterans.

### How to Use This Program

- You will place your orders directly with CVS; you need not contact Dept. Headquarters when ordering, unless you have any questions.
- For fax orders, make copies of the order form found in the catalog. Fax your completed order to (765) 668-4290.
- You may phone your orders in if you prefer toll free 866-691-0308.

(Be sure to identify yourself with the VFW (VA))

- You may order online from the CVS website; [www.cvsflags.com](http://www.cvsflags.com) (Again, be sure to identify yourself with the VFW (VA))
- They offer FREE shipping with orders of one dozen or more flags, mix or match. (Excluding stick flags.)
- VA VFW posts will be offered Net 15 day terms.
- All US flags are made in the United States. Typical ship time for most products is 24 hours.
- If you are not satisfied with any product from CVS, simply return it for replacement or refund. (Does not apply to normal wear) Please look the program price list over, if it makes economic sense please consider purchasing your flags and flag related items through this program

**Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 392  
HAVING A FUNDRAISER  
APRIL 1ST - APRIL 30TH**

**AUTOBELL CAR WASH  
CHARITY  
CAR WASH PROGRAM  
MONTH OF APRIL, 2011**

Ladies of the Auxiliary are selling Full Service car wash coupons

**PRICE: \$14.95**

**Local Autobell Car Wash**

528 First Colonial Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

3245 Western Branch Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA 23321

4010 Portsmouth Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Battlefield Blvd. N  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

**PLEASE GET WITH YOUR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO PURCHASE  
YOUR TICKETS  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL  
MARY RICHARDS  
757-961-5692**



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## THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8PM Entertainment Tim Hopkins	2
3 Cootie Breakfast Team 1	4 VFW/LAUX Staff Meeting 5:30PM	5 Post/LAux Meeting 7:00PM Post Nominations Elections	6 Marine Corps League Meeting 7:00PM	7 Sheppard's Pie Mixed Veggies Salad Bar 6:00 PM- 7:30	8 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8PM Entertainment Jim Berry	9 Vets Hospital Visit Lunch 11:00 - 1:30PM
10 Cootie Breakfast Team 2 Salty Dawg Meeting	11 FRA Staff Meeting 7:00PM	12 MOC/MOCA 7:00PM	13 American Legion 110 Meeting	14 Roasted Chicken Mixed Veggies Salad Bar 6:00 PM- 7:30	15 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8PM Entertainment TBD	16 VFW Post 392 LAux Cancer Dance
17 Cootie Breakfast Team 3	18 FRA Branch 166 Meeting 7:00Pm	19	20 USMC League Meeting 7:00PM  AO Assoc. Meeting	21 Baked Tilapia Mixed Veggies Salad Bar 6:00 PM- 7:30	22 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8PM Entertainment Monica Arnold	23 Hampton VA Movie 12:00 - 3PM
24 Easter Sunday NO Cootie Breakfast	25	26 Vietnam Vets Meeting	27 House Committee Meeting 7:00PM	28 Liver & Onions Country Fried Steak Mixed Veggies/ Salad Bar 6:00 PM- 7:30	29 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8PM Entertainment Capt. Moose <b>National President Post Visit</b>	30 National President Post Visit
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