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2011 Membership Goal
Current 2011 Membership: 1711 Members, 100.4%

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2011 - 2012 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....Peter Gebelein	Ladies Auxiliary President.....Suzie Forehand
Sr. Vice Commander.....Bill Sowers	Ladies Aux. Sr. Vice President.....Judy Lupole
Jr. Vice Commander.....Chuck Bledsoe	Ladies Aux. Jr. Vice President...Maureen DeGrush
Quartermaster.....Donald E. Brown	Ladies Aux. Chaplain.....Sue Sowers
Chaplain.....Bob Duvall	Ladies Aux. Treasurer.....Elizabeth Moynihan
House Committee Chairman.....Ralph Stephens	Seam Squirrel.....Bill Moran
Service Officer.....Gunnar Gudjonsson	M.O.C.A. President.....Pam Myers
Surgeon.....Merle W. Gootee	Judge Advocate.....Doug Keller

COMMANDER'S CORNER

COMRADES AND SISTERS

Everyone- please frequently review the calendar on the bulletin board (in the hallway going into the big hall). Any new and / or important information will be posted there. It was brought to my attention that not all of our comrades were aware of the last colors we held at the post. I will ensure that all events, such as that, will be posted, and that the word will be passed along to all.

I thought we had a pretty good turnout at last month's meeting. Please continue passing the word out for our meeting's dates and times, and let's continue to grow attendance.

Also last month, the District Two Commander and his staff did a Post Inspection on VFW

Post 392. I am proud to report that it went very well with ZERO hits. My hat is off to Past Commander Dave Curtis and past Quarter Master John Philips! Thank you both for all your hard work!

A friendly reminder on few important dates coming up: September 11th colors, and the George Mayer Memorial Poker Run. October 14th will be the Tommy Schiver Tournament (more info to follow).

Comrades and sisters, if any one has any questions or suggestions - please contact me or any of the post officers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8/2- Post Meeting
- 8/6- The *Enola Gay* drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945
- 8/7- Pres. Bush ordered Desert Shield in 1991
- 8/9- The *Bockscar* drops atomic bomb on Nagasaki in 1945
- 8/14 - Pres. Truman announces

- Japan's surrender in 1945
- 8/24- Start of British invasion of Washington DC in 1814
- 8/31- House Committee Meeting

NEW MEMBERS

I extend a warm welcome to the new members who were voted into our Post at the July regular meeting.

- New/Transfer Life Members:

Michael Birdsong

- New/Transfer/Re-Instated

Annual Members/ Life Installment:

- Charles A. Blanch
- Cary J. Coburn
- Kevin R. Cowgill
- Tony L. Drew
- Pat Grillo
- Joseph P. Halzack
- Bruce J. Hammon
- Henry P. Innes
- Harold L. Ledford
- Teddy G. Prince
- James E. Hall

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Thank you for your service and welcome aboard.

BIRTHDAYS

I wish a very "Happy Birthday" to all of our fine comrades and sisters who celebrate their birthday in the month of August!

POST MEETINGS

Post meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is at 19:00 (7 pm) on August 2nd, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Post Commander
Peter Gebelein
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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

As summer and vacation time approaches, we need to stay aware of some safety issues. Driving is one of the most dangerous things we do today. We here at the post want to see you back after your trip so take a minute to review some basic thoughts.

Do not drink alcohol or text while driving, try to stay within the speed limits, and stay alert at all times.

Don't swim alone, be wary of summer heat and avoid high crime areas.

Don't let your ego make you the victim of another's rage.

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The following comrades have earned Continuous Membership Awards as 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-Five (45) Years Of Continuous Service:**

Guthrie Larry J.

- **Twenty-Five (25) Years Of Continuous Service:**

Della Penna Edward L.
Hanley Joseph M.
Ramsey Benton S.
Phillips Johnny W.

- **Twenty (20) Years Of Continuous Service:**

Baker III Carl P.
Johnson Sherman L.
Riordan David O.
Sandhoff John C.
Walker Charles H.

- **Fifteen (15) Years Of Continuous Service:**

Harrel Charles T.
Hoiles Mike W.
Kennedy Kevin
Novak Wayne F.
Schwob Clair A.
Stowell Joseph G.
Streuli Joseph W.

- **Ten (10) Years Of Continuous Service:**

Benson Burton D.
Bostwick Russel J.
Fisher Stephen M.
Gill Richard J.
Johnson Thomas C.

- **Five (5) Years Of Continuous Service:**

Chenier Robert J.

Cupper William C.
De Santis Armand J.
Hoffman Edward F.
Jones James M.
Speelman Thomas W.
Watson David G.
Yost Patrick J.

SR. Vice Commander
Bill Sowers
bosn@sprynet.com

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Don't forget the annual picnic on September 10th, 2011 starting at 2:00 pm. The signup sheets will be on the doors. VOLUNTEERS are what make us SPECIAL!!! Contribute your share of time for others!!!

The Post will hold a brief memorial service in remembrance of 9-11 at 8:00 am on September 11th, 2011 in front of the flags.

Junior Vice Commander
Chuck Bledsoe
chuckst2@yahoo.com

QUARTERMASTER

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE **ONLINE AND BY EMAIL**

The newsletter is now available via email! To sign up, go to our website at www.vfw392.org, select NEWS, scroll down, and enter the following: first name, last name, email address, and Membership ID Number. Check the 'Yes' box, click 'Submit', and you'll be signed up.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Even though we are no longer mailing out the newsletter to everyone, 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.

**Quartermaster
Donald E. Brown
post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

TEMPORARY SHORT TERM ILLNESS OR INJURIES LISTING

Read the Post Bulletin Board daily for most recent up-dates as individuals become sick or recover.

LONG TERM ILLNESS OR INJURIES LISTING

The following named members have a serious long term illness/injuries, that require them to be in the listed location for continuous care:

- Lenny Andersen
VBG Rehab Room 62A
- Burt Jones
Kings Grant Room 203
- Nick Nickerson
VA Hosp/Hampton Home
- Jules Dumas
N.C. Med Asst Home

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

TAPS

The following listed passing of

our post veteran member:

- Daniel Dewitt
28 June 2011

At July's monthly meeting, Draping of the Charter was conducted, also a prayer solemn tribute was given on behalf of our departed comrade.

PLEASE NOTE: Comrades, when you or a family member falls ill, are injured, hospitalized, or experience the loss of a loved one - PLEASE contact the Post As Soon As Possible and let us know. It is important that we extend our hand in any way possible to aid and comfort our fellow comrades and family 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 brothers and sisters as family, then who are we to call upon?

* If you are unable to visit send a get well card to let them know they are in your thoughts and that you care. Or if you know them personally, a call will let them know that you care.

OUR MONTHLY BREAD

Fresh Fruit

I really enjoy being at our VFW Post 392, It gives me the opportunity to speak and listen about experiences from fellow comrades that had been in our counties wars.

As you think back about WWII, (Germany), Japanese and Pearl Harbor, Korean conflict, Vietnam, Iraq and now Afghan, some call it old war stories. But I see it as individuals life experiences.

When I read the obituary page of

our locale newspaper and see the old photographs of a grinning young man or women in a military uniform and such words as: 87, or 92 years old, fought for his country in WWII. Or the young woman with sparkling eyes 89 years young grew up on a farm in Virginia, Maryland, or other states in the USA during the Depression, and may have worked factories for the country's war efforts. The unspoken message is: "I wasn't always this old, you know".

Too often, those who have had a long life feel sidelined they reach their later years.

In the Bible Psalm 92, however reminds us that no matter how old we are, we can have a fresh and fruitful life. Men and women who have been "planted "in the rich soil of Gods vineyard will continue to "bear fruit" and be "fresh and flourishing" as (v.14) Jesus promised that "he/she who abides in Me, and I in him", (them)" will continue to bear "much fruit"(John 15:5).

Oh Yes, muscles may ach and joints may hurt, and life may slow down a bit. But inwardly we can be "renewed day by day" (2 Cor.4:16).

My sister Margaret a beautiful white-haired woman who was brought up during depression, just turn 82, and I wrote the following in her card, "Sis, you're not 82, you're 20 with 62 years experience". No matter how old we get, we can still be young at heart---but with the benefit of a well - lived lifetime of knowledge and wise wisdom to pass on.

Remember: We can be young in heart and mind. To others we can

yet be kind, sing songs of praise to God through tears, and grow in grace through all your years.

Faithfulness is God's requirement; fruitfulness is His reward.

**Post Chaplain
Robert Devall**

**Ladies Aux. Chaplain
Sue Sowers**

**LADIES AUXILIARY
PRESIDENT**

Dear Sisters,

I want to thank everyone who was able to come out for the July 9 picnic for our veterans from the Hampton VA Hospital. Seventeen ladies helped welcome the veterans and assisted with the picnic. In addition, several other ladies could not stay but provided desserts and side dishes. The turnout really shows your commitment to our Hospital program and ensured a successful event! An additional note--our Hospital Program will continue with our providing bingo on August 27 at the Hampton VA Medical Center.

To help you become more informed about the Department Auxiliary programs, you may wish to put some dates on your calendar. On August 6, our Second District will hold a School of Instruction at Post 4809, and on August 20 the district meeting will be held at our Post. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 prior to the start of both meetings.

In conclusion, to those of you who are ill or otherwise indisposed, you are in my

thoughts and prayers.

**Ladies Auxiliary President
Suzie Forehand**

MOC

Fellow Coots,

Congratulations to Willie Dean being elected as the High Gimlet to fill the position vacated when Dan and I moved up. I am looking for a volunteer

to fill the position of Pill Pusher vacated when Ernie Cox moved to Calif.

Remember the upcoming Grand Council of Admin. will be held at our Post Sept 17. A brunch will be served prior to the meeting beginning at noon.

Also the first breakfast will be held for the Poker Run Sept 11, and Team 1 begins breakfast Sept. 18th. Cootie Safari is also Aug 13th. Oct 15th Casino Day at Richmond VA Hosp. with Dale City and Pup Tent 9 Fun Day Oct 22nd.

Thank you to the usual suspects for the lousy time at the scratch. Until the Next Scratch.

**Seam Squirrel
Bill Moran**

MOCA

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 VFW Military Order of the Cooties Ladies Auxiliary met at 7 pm.

Ladies, I want to thank you for a great turn-out. Let's see if we can keep it up and bring more back next meeting.

We met on Friday July 22 to prepare the bags for our veterans

Christmas in July visit on July 24th. Thank you to all whom participated in the preparation and delivery of our presents to our veterans for Christmas in July.

REMEMBER---Post 392 Poker Run Scheduled for September 11, 2011.

This will be a breakfast run with lunch and door prizes to be around 3 pm. We need volunteers for this event.

REMEMBER-----All these proceeds go to Cancer Aid and Research for our post, so, please get involved and support your post. Please contact either Pam Myers or Bill Moran with any questions or help.

Remember-----Cootie Safari @ Post 3160 on August 13, 2011 questions contact Jon Blackwood 757-763-9103 or Butch Schupska 757-248-2751

Remember-----Grand Fall Council @ Post 392 on September 17 questions contact Gail Payne 757-438-4689.

I would like to reiterate the words of our new Post Commander, that we all need to work together to be the best we can be. So, please remember these dates and come and support your post as well as your fellow members in their endeavors.

**MOCA President
Pam Myers**



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

POST ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

NO BREAKFAST UNTIL
SEPTEMBER

Weekends at the VFW has something for everyone. The Canteen will open at 11AM 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.

**Chairman
Ralph Stephens
Manager
Betty Stephens**

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Below is the entertainment for the month of August 2011. Come enjoy the music with your friends every Friday from 7PM to 10PM.

August 5th, 2011

Monica Arnold
Karaoke & DJ

August 12th, 2011

Tim Hopkins

August 19th, 2011

Capt Moose
Karaoke & DJ

August 26th, 2011

Jim Berry, DJ

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

August 4th 2011

Sweet Chili Ribs
Mac-n-Cheese
Peas-n-Carrots
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

August 11th, 2011

Italian Sausage
w/ Peppers & Onions
Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Fresh Salad Bar

Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

August 18th, 2011

Boneless Chicken Breast
w/ Mushroom Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

August 26th, 2011

Grill Your Own Steak
Baked Potatoes
Sautéed Mushrooms & Onions
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$9.50

CANCER AID AND RESEARCH

We would like to thank everyone that helped us raise \$7,702.22 for Cancer Aid & Research last year. We appreciate everyone that donated in some way whether it was by attending our annual cancer dance, a donation to the tips on Thursday night dinners, or just reaching in your pocket and giving from the heart.

Thank you so much! Without each and every one of you this would not have been possible.

We would also like to thank everyone that helped with the Annual George Myers Poker Run. Pam was able to present a check in the amount of \$420.00 at convention last month.

Again, thank you all for your help and support in finding a cure for this awful disease.

Now on to kicking off another

year of fundraising. The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling 'SHOP FOR A CAUSE' TICKETS until August 27th.

What this means is for \$5.00 you get to go shopping at Macy's, either in the store or online, and receive special discounts.

See below for more info on this project.

How does the customer benefit? When your guests 'Shop for a Cause' on Saturday, August 27, 2011, they'll receive 25% off* on regular, sale and clearance merchandise throughout the store. They will also be eligible to win a \$500 gift card, no purchase necessary.

* Exclusions and restrictions apply. See shopping pass for details. Please see Tina or Judy to buy your shopping pass.

Remember every penny counts so let's raise money to find a cure for this awful disease.

Thank you,

**Tina Brown & Judy Lupole
Cancer Co-Chairman**

DISTRICT TWO MEETING

Check your calendar, we are having a District Two meeting at the Post on August 20th. Lunch will be at noon, and the meeting will start at 1:00 PM.

NOTARY PUBLIC

The following members are commissioned as Notary Public's for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- Service Officer, Gunnar Gudjonsson
- Chaplain, Bob Duvall

They can legally notarize documents such as Power of Attorney, Bill of Sale, Will, Living Will, etc.

Please check with the VFW main office for appointment.

Be aware that under the VA code the notary must acknowledge:

- (1) Signer must personally appear before the notary.
- (2) Signer (s) must positively be identified
- (3) Signer must swear to or affirm under oath the accuracy of the document.

Acceptable Forms of Identification:

(To be acceptable, the ID must be current, contain a photo and physical description of the card holder, have the card holder's signature, and a serial or ID number.)

- (1) Driver's license or State issued ID card.
- (2) U.S Passport
- (3) Foreign Passport, validated by INS.
- (4) Driver's license issued in Mexico or Canada
- (5) U.S. Military ID Card.

We do not rely on Social Security cards, credit cards, or a photo ID card issued by non government entities. Under the law the notary has the right to refuse, if he/she suspects something may be false or wrong.

CORRECTIONS

Last month's News Letter incorrectly labeled the issue number as 'VOLUME 22, NUMBER 13'.

What it should have been

labeled as was - 'VOLUME 23, NUMBER 1'.

Our apologies for any confusion or issues this error may have caused.

We welcome any comments, suggestions, or complaints about errors that warrant correction. They can be directed to any of the Post 392 Officers.

"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight—it's the size of the fight in the dog."

- General Dwight D. Eisenhower



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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	AUGUST 1	2	3	4	5	6
	• VFW / LAUX Staff Meeting 5:30 PM	• VFW / LAUX Meeting 7:00 PM	• USMC League Meeting 7:00 PM	• Sweet Chili Ribs 6 - 7:30 PM	• Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM • Entertainment Monica Arnold	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
• Salty Dawg Meeting	• FRA Branch 166 Meeting	• MOC / MOCA Meeting 7:00 PM	• American Legion 110 Meeting	• Italian Sausage / w Peppers & Onions 6 - 7:30 PM	• Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM • Entertainment Tim Hopkins	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
• Victory Over Japan day			• USMC League Meeting • AOA Assoc Mtg	• Chicken Breast / w Mushroom Gravy 6 - 7:30 PM	• Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM • Entertainment Capt Moose	• District Two Meeting at VFW Post 392 12:00 PM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	• FRA Branch 166 Meeting	• Vietnam Vets Meeting		• Grill Your Own Steak 6 - 7:30 PM	• Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM • Entertainment Jim Berry	• VA Hosp Bingo 12 – 3:00 PM • National Conv. San Antonio
28	29	30	31			
• National Convention San Antonio	• National Convention San Antonio	• National Convention San Antonio	• National Conv. San Antonio • House Com. Mtg. 7:00 PM			
AUGUST 2011 - VOLUME 23, NUMBER 2						

*VFW Post 392 Presents
The 3rd Annual*

George Myers Memorial Poker Run



September 11, 2011

2408 Bowland Parkway, VB

Behind Blue Horseshoe Tattoo

There will be a 9/11 Memorial Service @ 0800

Registration Begins 0900

First Bike out @ 1000

\$10.00 for Rider \$5.00 Passengers

Breakfast Buffet for \$ 6.00

Hot dogs and Burgers after the run.

Cash prize for Best & Worst Hand

All Proceeds to benefit Cancer aid & Research

