



## Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States General MacArthur Memorial Post 392

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[www.vfw392.org](http://www.vfw392.org)

**2016 Membership Goal: 1,913**  
Current Status: 103.8% (1,891 of 1,821 Members)

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

2014-2015  
ALL STATE!

## AUGUST 2015 - VOLUME 27, NUMBER 2

### 2014 - 2015 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....	Douglas M. Iles	Ladies Auxiliary President.....	Colleen Lewis
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Surgeon.....	Nuvia Rivera	M.O.C. Seam Squirrel.....	Mark Winn
Judge Advocate .....	David R. Goldstein	M.O.C.A. President.....	Jennifer A. Winn



### COMMANDER'S CALL

#### COMRADES AND SISTERS

Comrades, well, we were off and running in July with a new VFW Team. Our Post came close to making ALL-AMERICAN for 2014-2015 competitive year with a 103.84 percent total and a 85.59% retention rate, but the 105% requirement required by National was too big a hurdle to overcome.

If we keep the same positive attitude, desire and motivation, I believe we can not only meet but surpass our membership goals for 2015-2016. I would love to see more VFW members volunteer to assist with the recruiting and membership efforts. If you can spare the time, we would really appreciate some help in that regard.

I am getting glowing reports of the active duty members of Fighter Attack Squadron 213 that have been showing up and

assisting with the LADIES AUX for the VA Hospital Bingo visits; superb job!

In July, we participated in two post deployment homecomings for National Guard units; i.e., the 2/183rd Calvary returning from a year in Iraq and the 529th CSSB returning from a year deployment in Kuwait. We met some brave, tough, young soldiers and signed up some new VFW members of these fine organizations. We were asked to come back and participate in future National Guard post deployment Family Days and support the deployed troops as much as possible, which we'll do!

August will be another busy month with Dept SOI (School of Instruction) is planned, District 2 SOI held here at our Post on 8 Aug, and of course, our recruiting / membership campaigns, and taking care of the Vets over at the VA Hospital. Also, in September, mark your calendars for the POST Picnic on

6 Sept, Past Commander's / Ladies President Dinner on 19 Sept, and Neptune Festival from  
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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Post Meeting:** Aug 4th, at 7 PM. All members may attend
- **VA Hospital Visits:** Aug 22, BINGO at Hampton VA Hospital, see any Officer
- **American Red Cross:** Urgently need blood donors, call 1-800-448-3543, or see any Officer
- **Post Picnic:** Sept 6, will need set up, clean up, manage games and events, see any Officer
- **Campbell Soup Labels:** benefits VFW NHC (National Home for Children), bring in your can labels to any Officer
- **Funeral Services:** as required, see Chaplain Bob Duvall
- **Recruit Members:** applications at the Post, see any Post Officer

**POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!**

25 thru 27 September, so saddle up and let's take this ride together!  
We Never Leave a VET Behind!

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8/4 USCG established in 1790
- 8/6 Chinook helicopter shot down in Wardak Providence, Afghanistan killing 38, including 17 US DEVGRU special operation forces in 2011
- 8/6 The *Enola Gay* drops worlds 1st atomic bomb over Hiroshima in 1945
- 8/7 Operation Desert Shield begins in 1990
- 8/11 Last US ground combat unit departs from South Vietnam in 1972
- 8/12 Battle of Bunker Hill (Hill 122, Korea) begins in 1952
- 8/14 Official announcement of Japan's unconditional surrender in 1945
- 8/20 US Marines deployed to Lebanon in 1982

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### NEW MEMBERS

I extend a warm welcome to the new members who were voted in at the last regular meeting:

**New/Transfer/ Life Members:**  
Mitchell J. Peters, Raymond S. Streit

**New / Transfer/ Re-Instated / Annual Members:**  
David W. Bowman, Stephen N. Carothers, Dereck Pagan, Jason D. Ragar, Jennifer S. Williams

*Thank you for your service and welcome aboard!*

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### BIRTHDAYS

May I wish a "Happy Birthday" to George L. Blocher, William F. Briesacher, Michael E. Gaughan, Gerald E. Haieter Jr., Donald E. Melia, Ingrid L. Epperson, Carolyn M. Kelly, Frances E.

Litchfield, Sue C. Sowers, and 185 other fine Comrades and Sisters!

**Post Commander**

**Douglas M. Iles**

[commander@  
vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:commander@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)



### **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

Comrades, we have had a quiet month or two with the summer in full swing and folks going on vacation and doing summer things. But don't forget to come down and support the Post at least for a little while. We have some more things in the works for Saturdays, so stayed tuned to the bulletin board for more info.

The next Bingo/poker tournaments are scheduled for the middle of August. These tourneys are a lot of fun and seem to be picking up steam. So sign up come down and see what you can do. All proceeds benefit our Veterans Relief funds.

Be on the lookout for our newest game in the Post: 'Jenga' ... coming soon. We also have a dart tournament being held on Sunday evenings around 1800. Nothing big just a little pick me up games.

We still need some folks to help volunteer for Sunday breakfast coming up after Labor day - see Flip, our Breakfast Chairman for more details. I know Team one and two need some help. It's only once every 3 weeks for each team from Sept to May.

With a new year comes new challenges, and Comrades, we need to recruit and get some of our members back. So if you know of Comrades whose dues have expired - get them to come back and resign so we could all benefit from it. Let folks know that you do not have to be Retired

to be a member of the VFW! If still on Active Duty, you may have earned the right to join, so if you know someone who qualifies - get them on down to the Post, show them around, and let's bring them onboard. Till next month!

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### CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

#### AWARDS

The following Members have earned Continuous Membership Awards. Please attend the next Post Meeting to receive your lapel pin. If you are unable to attend, contact any Post Officer. If your name has not been listed and you believe that an award is due, please contact the Quartermaster.

**35 Years Continuous Service:**  
Peter A. Herranen, Albert S. McCarthy, Edwin A. Schoen

**30 Years Continuous Service:**  
Charles D. Shoemake

**25 Years Continuous Service:**  
John W. Cake III, James J. Drew, William G. Glenn

**20 Years Continuous Service:**  
Serge Drillock, Richard E. Shewry

**15 Years Continuous Service:**  
Noel L. Bankston, Gary L. Felder, Patrick J. Maley, Robert C. Paul, Harry R. Stewart

**10 Years Continuous Service:**  
Merio Ahmed, Ralph A. Church Sr.

**5 Years Continuous Service:**  
Michael J. Barea, Kenneth E. Golden, Fredrick A. Moss, Kimberly K. Smith

*Thank you for your service and congratulations!*

**SR. Vice Commander**  
**Steven Graves**

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## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

To the members, family, and friends of VFW Post 392, I continue to solicit and welcome your support, comments, and suggestions as we aim to improve our overall participation in key events.

As I mentioned in the July Newsletter, we are seeking volunteers to help out in the preparation and orchestration of our Post Picnic Event scheduled for 6 September. Our first planning meetings are already underway, and we will subsequently conduct bi-weekly meetings as we get closer to our target date of 6 September. As before, any assistance that you can provide to make this event a most enjoyable and memorable one will be greatly appreciated.

As the Post Commander remarked earlier, TEAMWORK is and will always be the key to a highly successful POST, and we can definitely use more Comrades to step to the plate and volunteer for many of our programs and key events.....every little bit helps!!

In closing, as the Officers and I look forward to meeting you all in person. Normally, I am at the VFW Post 392 on most Fridays, and sometimes during the weekend. So, if I have not met you in person already, please stop by and say "hello" over a beer or two... I will more than likely be the one in the Tommy Bahama shirt.

So, take a look at the upcoming August schedule of events, and let me/us know how you can help out. Again, any recommendations or suggestions for improvement are welcomed and we want you to be

an integral and contributing member of this Post.

**Jr. Vice Commander**  
**Hipolito Camacho**  
[jr-vicecommander@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:jr-vicecommander@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)



## QUARTER- MASTER

### 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues are \$40.00. Annual Members can pay their dues at Post 392, online at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org), or by mail directly to:

**VFW National Headquarters**  
Third Floor, Room 316  
406 West 34th St.  
Kansas City, MO 64111

(please include your membership #)

Consider changing your Annual Membership to a Life Membership and make a life long commitment to serving your fellow service members and Veterans. Life Installment plan is available as an option to the one time payment for Life Membership.

### E-NEWSLETTER

The Post Newsletter and Calendar of Events are available online, for free! To view them online, go to [www.vfw392.org](http://www.vfw392.org) and click on the appropriate link along the left side of the page.

On the Newsletter page, you can sign up to receive the monthly notification about the Newsletter, Calendar of Events, and other Post related communications by clicking on the "Subscribe to the VFW Post 392 Mailing List" link.

Ensure that you add the domain "vfw392.org" to your address book, it will prevent Post emails from going to your SPAM folder!

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members, we all need to maintain a current address with the VFW. So when your mailing address changes, be sure to fill out an address change form, and mail it in, or drop it off at the Post.

The best method would be to email it to the Post. If you drop it off or email it, please include your telephone number and email address.

**Quartermaster**  
**John H. Phillips**  
[post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT DEBT?

**Note:** Our present administration has put America in a large debt hole. Borrowing money from China, who also now has financial troubles? What happens when they demand payment? Also look at Greece and its financial troubles!

What about you individually?

**Q:** No one ever warned us about the dangers of debt, and after we got married we bought anything we wanted and simply put it on our credit cards. Now, we're up to our eyeballs in debt, and don't see how we'll ever get out. Does the Bible say anything about debt?

**A:** Yes, it certainly does; the Bible repeatedly warns us about the dangers of debt and urges us not to allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by it, particularly when we have no realistic way to pay the money back. The Bible says, "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another" (Romans 13:8)



It's unfortunate that you individually and or both your wife didn't realize sooner how dangerous debt can be. Perhaps our schools need to do more to alert young people to this problem, particularly since credit cards and other ways to incur debt are so readily available today.

Debt never goes away; it either must be repaid, or a person ends up in bankruptcy, which (you must understand) creates a series of new problems (scorned, unable to further yourself because of bad credit or homeless). The Bible warns, "The borrower is a slave to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7).

But the deeper issue for you isn't economic but spiritual. Why did you spent so much? The reason is because you wanted more than you could afford, and you wanted those thing because you believed they'd bring you happiness. In other words, the desire for things took over your life. The Bible has a word for this: covetousness. Covetousness is a sin because it makes thing more important to us than God.

Seek advice from someone who can help you get a grip on your finances; your community may have agency or other service to help you. Then you will conquer your finances, and dedicate your whole lives to Christ and pray for help / guidance from God every day.

*Suggested reading:* 1John 2:15-17

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### **HELP US TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER**

When you or a family member falls ill, are injured, hospitalized, or experience the loss of a loved one - *please* contact us *ASAP*! It is important that we extend our hand in anyway possible to aid and

comfort our fellow Comrades and family in their time of need.

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### **ILLNESS / INJURIES**

Please read the Bulletin Board at the Post for most recent up-dates of Members on the Short Term Illness / Injury List.

The following members have serious, long term illness, or injury, requiring continuous care at the location listed below:

- **Edward L. Evans**  
(Home)
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### **TAPS**

The following list honors and remembers our Post Veteran members in their recent passing:

- **Douglas B. Fitz Randolph**  
US Army (Retired)  
Passed: 19 June 2015
- **Janice M. Gebelein**  
Passed: 27 June 2015
- **Frank X. Frevele**  
US Navy (Retired)  
Passed: 16 July 2015

At our monthly meeting, Draping of the Charter is conducted, and a prayer of solemn tribute is given on behalf of our departed Comrades. For they are now in the hands of our Heavenly Father.

**District 2 Chaplain**  
**Post 392 Chaplain**  
**Robert Duvall**  
[chaplain@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:chaplain@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)



### **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

Dear Sisters and Comrades! I am currently in Pittsburgh attending the National Conference at the writing of this newsletter! A lot of exciting things are going on and some wonderful changes!

We all have a common bond, somebody in our family served in

the Armed Forces during a time of combat overseas. That is what makes us Sisters. And like all families we are going to have squabbles, bumps in the road, and outright disagreements. But that is what makes us stronger, to learn from each other, to listen, and work together to achieve our goals.

Every single one of you are important. Every single one of you has a voice and deserves to be heard. You all have my respect and admiration and I am proud to call you my Sister.

While at Department convention we learned that there some VERY IMPORTANT resolutions to be voted on at the National Convention. Please, I urge all of you to read them and let one of our Officers know where you stand on these subjects. We, the delegates will be going to make sure your vote counts!

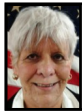
If you have any questions or comments please feel free to email me at [lewiscolleen2@gmail.com](mailto:lewiscolleen2@gmail.com). I look forward to try and answer any questions you may have or even discuss anything that may be on your mind.

In closing, I want to send out prayers for all of our Sisters who may be ill or dealing with any personal issues. Our chaplain, Ingrid Epperson, stands at the ready to help you in any way she can!

God bless you all, and thank you again for allowing me to represent you as President this year as well! I look forward to sharing these changes with all of you at our August meeting.

**Ladies Auxiliary President**  
**Colleen Lewis**  
[lewiscolleen2@gmail.com](mailto:lewiscolleen2@gmail.com)

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## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

### CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

#### AWARDS

The Sisters listed below are requested to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary President stands ready to decorate you with the awards indicated:

#### **25 Years Continuous Service:**

Anna L. Edwards

#### **20 Years Continuous Service:**

Hope Pulju

#### **15 Years Continuous Service:**

Sally J. Knapp

*Thank you for your service and congratulations!*

#### **Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer**

**Ellen Stogsdill**

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## MOC

Listen up Fellow Coots,

As incoming Seam Squirrel just a few notes to start the year.

We will be holding a Breakfast meeting for all teams to discuss the coming year. We need to look at the teams to see if we need to fill any gaps and recruit new volunteers to help. The meeting will be Aug 1st at 1300. Also set the schedule for the coming year.

I know everyone is busy however I would like ask that you set aside the time to attend the scratches, the more Cooties that attend, the better our inputs and decisions.

I want to thank everyone for their past support but we need to continue supporting the VFW, our Post and Pup Tent.

Please remember to log in any Hospital work and volunteer hours

in the volunteer log book located in the canteen outside the office.

I am looking forward to a fun and successful year in Pup Tent 9. Remember lets go out and increase and multiply.

Our next Scratch is scheduled at 7 pm on Aug 11th.

Until the Next Scratch may God Bless our Troops, our Veterans and their families.

**Seam Squirrel**

**Mark Winn**



## MOCA

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer please be careful in this heat and remember to stay hydrated.

I Would like to welcome our newest MOCA Sisters Norine Kuhn and Paula Mont.

I would like to congratulate the following sisters for earning there MOCA Hospital pen; Judy Lupole 100hrs., Colleen Lewis 100hrs., Ellen Stogsdill 100hrs., Molly Tribble 100hrs., Amy Kiger 300hrs., Patty Stokes 300hrs., Denice Moran 700hrs., Gail Payne 700hrs.

Please remember to report your Hospital work to; MOCA Hospital Chairman, Gail Payne [gail101@cox.net](mailto:gail101@cox.net) stands ready to receive your hospital, nursing home & rehab hours, mileage and any donations/gifts of cloths, books, magazines or food please report them and dollar \$\$ amount.

There is a need for blood supplies in our locality. If you are able to donate, please do so and report to MOCA Hospital Chairman, Gail Payne. For additional information see the information in the Announcements section of this newsletter.

BINGO is off to a wonderful start a BIG THANK YOU to Dinah Devins and Lorain Crain for co-chairing it, and Patrick Doyle, Karen Slater, and Grant Pollock for helping! Come out and play a few games watch for date and time or sign up at the Post.

MOCA will host Bingo once a month on a Saturday afternoon it's open for everyone, win prizes, 50/50, all food for a \$donation\$ ... the friendship and fun are free.

Chaplain; Dinah Devins stands ready to assist any members in need.

You, the members of MOC/MOCA #9 and Post 392 & Ladies AUX make a difference in the lives of our hospitalized Veterans and their families with the work that you do each day. I thank you for keeping them smiling in beds of white. May God Bless you all.

**MOCA President**

**Jennifer Winn**

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## CANCER AID AND RESEARCH

### FINDING SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

*(excerpt from cancer.org Support & Treatment Resources)*

The American Cancer Society has programs and services to help people with cancer and their loved ones to understand cancer, manage their lives through treatment and recovery, and find the emotional support they need. And best of all, it is free.

#### **Online Communities & Support**

If you're facing a cancer diagnosis, connecting with others who've been through one already can be a source of comfort and support. Learn more about the

ACS (American Cancer Society's) online communities including [whatnext.com](http://whatnext.com) (firsthand insight cancer support network) and [csn.cancer.org](http://csn.cancer.org) (Cancer Survivors Network).

### Road to Recovery (Rides to Treatment)

Every day, cancer patients need rides to treatment. Some may not be able to drive themselves, and family and friends cannot always help. Call the ACS South Atlantic Division at (757) 493-7980 for program availability.

### Hope Lodge

Getting the best care sometimes means cancer patients must travel away from home. This can place an extra emotional and financial burden on patients and caregivers during an already challenging time. The American Cancer Society is trying to make this difficult situation easier for both cancer patients and their families through Hope Lodge. Call (800) 227-2345 for more information.

### Additional Help Programs

There are many cancer related support programs at [cancer.org/treatment/supportprogramsservices](http://cancer.org/treatment/supportprogramsservices) like cancer education, help with cancer appearance-related side effects, programs for teens coping with cancer, etc.

For more information on cancer, aid, & research, visit the National Cancer Institute online at: [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov).

### Chairpersons

**Tina Brown & Judy Lupole**  
[post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)



**CANTEEN**

### CANTEEN HOURS

**Monday-Thursday.... 1100-2200**

**Friday..... 1100-0000**  
**Saturday-Sunday.....1100-2200**  
(Sunday's with Cootie Breakfast, the Canteen opens at 10 AM)

### KITCHEN HOURS

**Monday-Friday..... 1100-1400**  
**Saturday / Sunday ..... closed**

### WEEKENDS AT THE VFW

Start the weekend with Friday's Social Hour Prices from 4-6 PM!

The Canteen opens at 11:00 AM on Saturdays and Sundays. Come out and enjoy a cold beer or beverage.

And - come join our Racing Fantasy League and watch every NASCAR Sprint Cup Race televised at the Post on the multiple big screen TV's. Come out and enjoy the races - bring the family!

On Sunday race days, the kitchen is open with a limited menu. Remember, Wi-Fi is available at the Post, so can bring your tablet, laptop, or other wireless enabled device to track the race stats live (or entertain the kids).

### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

Below is the dinner menu available every Thursday from 6:00 - 7:30 PM:

<b>Aug 6th</b> <u>Teriyaki</u> <u>Chicken</u> rice, veggies, roll, & dessert \$8.50	<b>Aug 13th</b> <u>Pepper Steak</u> noodles, roll, salad, & dessert \$8.50
<b>Aug 20th</b> <u>Chicken Breast</u> mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, salad, & dessert \$8.50	<b>Aug 27th</b> <u>Grill Your Own</u> <u>Steak</u> bake potato, roll, salad, & dessert \$13.00



***Iraq Campaign Medal***  
(Mar 19, 2003 - Dec 31, 2011)

### FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Below is the entertainment for this month, come and enjoy the music with your friends every Friday from 7:00 to 10:00 PM:

<b>Aug 7th</b> Shane Dollar DJ	<b>Aug 14th</b> Tim Hopkins Live Music
<b>Aug 21st</b> Shannon Cooper DJ	<b>Aug 28th</b> Jim Berry Karaoke & DJ

If you have any comments or suggestions for our Canteen, please let us know! And thank you for your service!

**Chairperson**

**Pete Gebelein**

[canteen@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:canteen@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)

**Manager**

**Joe Halzack**



**POST**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

**All ads are paid advertisements, and are not endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 392 is offering advertising space for our newsletter. We have a monthly circulation of over 2100. All ads must be submitted and approved by the Post prior to the 15th of each month.

If you are interested please contact John Phillips, Post 392 Quartermaster, for pricing and availability at (757) 486-5875.



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

Please welcome **Virginia Pauley** as our new local Veterans Claims Representative!

We look forward to working with her concerning our VA questions and interests. She is available weekdays at her Virginia Beach office:

Pembroke Office Park  
287 Independence Blvd.  
Pembroke Two, Suite 130  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
Office: (757) 552-1884  
Fax: (757) 552-1882  
[virginia.pauley@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:virginia.pauley@dvs.virginia.gov)

**MEMBERSHIP**  
**Volunteers Needed**

There are still many memberships who's dues have expired / will expire by November 2015.

These are significant numbers that, with some focus on retention, we can use toward our membership goals, and potentially enable us for 'All State' and 'All American' awards.

What we could use is volunteers to assist in these efforts. Take pride in your Post and the Post Awards, and lend the membership team a hand in reaching Post 392's membership goals! Contact any Post Officer if you would like to volunteer.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**  
**Donors Needed**

American Red Cross's Mid-Atlantic Blood Services Region serving southeastern Virginia has issued an urgent request for blood. All blood types are needed.

If you are able to donate, please do so and let MOCA Hospital

Chairman, Gail Payne, know at: [gail101@cox.net](mailto:gail101@cox.net). Recording the number of donors reflects in our community services.

[www.redcrossblood.org/midatlantic](http://www.redcrossblood.org/midatlantic)  
1-800-RED-CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767)

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

The following Post members are commissioned as Notary Public's in the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- Bob Duvall
- Joseph G. Brady

They are authorized to legally notarize documents such as Power of Attorney, Bill of Sale, Will, Living Will, etc. Please check with the Post for an appointment.

Be aware that under VA code the notary must acknowledge:

- Signer must personally appear before the notary
- Signer is positively identified
- Signer must affirm under oath the accuracy of the document.

**Acceptable Forms of Identification:**

To be acceptable, the ID must be one of the following and current:

- Driver's license or State issued ID card
- U.S. Passport
- Foreign Passport (INS validated)
- Driver's license issued in Mexico or Canada
- U.S. Military ID Card.

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

**VA HOSPITAL PROGRAM**  
**Volunteers Needed**

Just about every month we visit the Veterans at the VA Hospital.

We're providing them camaraderie, some fun, and a break from their everyday life at the hospital.

These events are supported by volunteers. If you would like to participate, please contact any of the Officers at the Post.

Please, we could seriously use the help, and I promise you will have a great time! The Vets enjoy our visits, and it's just as fun for us as it is for them!

**LADIES AUXILIARY**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Sisters, It's about that time of year again where we start thinking of our membership dues. "I'm sure you are thinking that "wait, it's only April and I just paid my dues! My dues aren't due until December 31!" Well that is true, but this is for us Early Birds! Remember "The early bird catches the worm" and you could be the lucky one to never have to pay dues again.

You see, from the months of June through October 31st, your dues will only be \$20.00! And you will be entered into a drawing for a Life Membership! Sounds great, doesn't it? Well it gets better, because if you pay your dues in June through October 31st, you will have TWENTY chances to win a Life Membership!

The drawing for the Life Membership will take place during our meeting on November 3rd, 2015.

And remember, starting November 1, renewal dues will increase to \$25.00.

Tired of paying yearly dues? Why not consider becoming a Life Member? If you have any questions or concerns please



contact the Post at 757-486-5875 and one of our Auxiliary Officers will be glad to help you!

Good luck and hope to see you at the meetings!

**2015-2016 Membership  
Committee**



**10TH ANNUAL  
MEMORIAL RUN**

**October 3rd, 2015**

**Registration: 09:00 - 10:30**

**\$10 per Rider / \$5 per Passenger**

Post 392 presents the 10th Annual Memorial Run / 2nd Annual Battleship Run. Instead of competing for best / worst poker hands, you will be playing a game of 'battleship' with most hits / least hits awards.

It's all in fun, and for a worthy cause. Because ALL PROCEEDS benefit sponsored cancer research and Post 392 Veterans Assistance Programs in memory of George Myers.

So come out and joins us! Before the run, there will be a breakfast buffet (\$6.00). And after the Poker Run, we will have a free lunch at Post 392, along with awards, 50/50 drawings, door prizes, raffles, and more!

And just remember: you do not

have to have a motorcycle to be in the run. ALL wheels are welcome.

The organization is off to a great start! Donations are really starting to come in, it looks like we are going to have some terrific door prizes again this year!

**LADIES AUXILLIARY**

**Encourages Volunteerism  
During VA's "Summer of  
Service"**

Ladies Auxiliary VFW National President Ann Panteleakos and President-elect Francisca Guilford would like to jointly call on all members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW to engage in the Department of Veterans Affairs' new initiative "Summer of Service."

In a press release on May 26, 2015, VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald announced the Summer of Service as way to engage more citizens in the important and wonderful work of volunteering in VA Medical Centers and other facilities. Read the press release [HERE](#).

President Panteleakos and President-elect Guilford would like the members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW to lead the nation in bringing in the most new volunteers.

As one of the top providers of volunteers, hours and donations for the VA's Voluntary Service Program (VAVS), Ladies Auxiliary VFW members can make a tremendous impact for veterans nationwide by helping to expand the volunteer program.

"More volunteers means more veterans are being helped," said President Panteleakos. "All year long we have been doing just that, with thousands of volunteers and hours, and millions of dollars in

donations. I know we can be leaders this summer."

President Panteleakos and President-elect Guilford are asking jointly for members' assistance, as they recognize that the new program year will start in the middle of summer.

"We want to show our joint commitment to this important program," said President Guilford. "Let's make this happen together."

As part of VA's Summer of Service, the Department has committed to hosting an open house in VA facilities the week of June 28 to spur increased local engagement and welcome members of the community interested in supporting the needs of Veterans. The VA has also established the following goals to achieve by Labor Day:

- **Increasing Volunteers:** Committed to engaging with 100,000 volunteers to support care and benefits programs and local events.
- **Increasing Community Partners:** Committed to expanding current agreements to provide services and support reaching more than 15,000 Veterans and family.
- **Recruiting Medical Professionals:** Hiring clinicians and clinical support staff to further expand access to care and homelessness.
- **Congress:** Host Congressional Members and Staffs at VA facilities across the country.

Learn more at:

<http://www.va.gov/vasummerofservice/>

You can also talk to your local Hospital Chairman, VAVS Representative or Deputy Representative on how you, your



family and your friends can participate.

Thank you for all you do for Veterans and their families!

### **Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters**

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### **VETERANS CRISIS LINE**

VA offers a network of support for all our Nation's Veterans and their families and friends. Veterans in emotional crisis and their loved ones can call the free and confidential Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, or send a text message to 838255 to connect with a qualified crisis counselor who can help.

Veterans and people who are concerned about a Veteran can also go to [veteranscrisisline.net](http://veteranscrisisline.net) to access the confidential, anonymous online chat to connect with a responder and get support.

The Veterans Crisis Line, online chat, and text are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to all Veterans and their families, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care.

**Phone:** 1-800-273-8255

**Web:** [veteranscrisisline.net](http://veteranscrisisline.net)

**Text Message:** 838255

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### **POST 392 PICNIC**

**September 6th, 2015  
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Free to Members & Children  
\$5 for all other Guests**

We are having our annual Post Picnic on September 6th! There will be plenty of good eats, a selection of adult beverages or soft drinks. There will be lots to do with music, children's games, prizes, raffles, and much more!

Bring your family, come down and join your Comrades and

Sisters to enjoy a great time!

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are still looking for volunteers to assist organizing, set-up, clean up, events, etc. for the picnic. Sign up sheets are posted in the Canteen.

If you have any questions, please contact the Jr Vice Commander) or any Post Officer.

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### **COOTIE BREAKFAST**

#### **Coming September!**

Where else can you have a fantastic breakfast with family and friends ... and know that all the proceeds go directly to support our local hospitalized Veterans? Please mark your calendars for September to come and join us for a wide variety of breakfast foods, meats, eggs, fruit, and more. There's always coffee, or maybe have something a little stronger if you wish. You won't be disappointed!

### **Volunteers Needed**

We could still use volunteers. You don't have to be a Cootie to volunteer, we welcome anyone who wishes to join us. We are all volunteers working for a most worthy cause. Every penny we make goes to our hospitalized Veterans. In addition to the work, we have a lot of fun and make some great friends.

If anyone is willing to help us, please contact Flip or any Post Officer.

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### **DISTRICT TWO SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

District Two School of Instruction will be held August 8th, 2015 at Post 392.

This is a great opportunity for all those who missed the last SOI.

And for those who attended the last one, this is another opportunity to pick up a few more notes that may have been missed the last time. Please do not feel that just because you attended the last School of Instruction or even a past one; that you do not need to attend again. There is always new information coming out.

This school will be concentrating on inspections, audits, and anything that transpires in regular meetings. Please plan on attending. I am sure that the information you learn will be very worthwhile.

Lunch will be provided. Any questions concerning the SOI, please contact any Officer.

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### **CORRECTIONS**

We welcome any comments, suggestions, or complaints about errors that warrant correction.

They can be directed to any of the Post 392 Officers, or email them directly to the Newsletter Chairman at [mcullen4@live.com](mailto:mcullen4@live.com), or to the Webmaster at [webmaster@VFW392.org](mailto:webmaster@VFW392.org).

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### **INCOMING**



*"I've dug deeper divots than that foxhole!"*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7	1 / 8
	• VFW / LAUX Staff Meeting 6:30 PM	• VFW / LAUX Post Meeting 7:00 PM	• Happy B-day USCG (est. 1790) • MCL Meeting 7:00 PM	• Teriyaki Chicken 6 - 7:30 PM	• Entertainment Shane Dollar	• Dist 2 School of Instruction 10 AM SOI 12 PM Lunch 1 PM Meeting
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	• FRA 166 Staff Meeting	• MOC / MOCA Meeting 7:00 PM		• Pepper Steak 6 - 7:30 PM	• Entertainment Tim Hopkins	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	• FRA 166 Branch Meeting	• MCL Staff Meeting 7:00 PM • IOOB Meeting 7:30 PM	• AOA Meeting 6:00 PM	• VVA Chap. 969 Board Meeting • Chicken Breast 6 - 7:30 PM	• Entertainment Shannon Cooper	• VA Hospital Visit BINGO 1:00-3:00 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		• VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00 PM	• House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	• Grill Your Own Steak 6 - 7:30 PM	• Entertainment Jim Berry	
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	• HRCVO Meeting 7:00 PM					
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