



Post 392

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

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2020 Membership Goal: 1940
Current Status: 1874 Members

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

August 2021 - VOLUME 33, NUMBER 2

2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....	Troy J. Wagers	Auxiliary President.....	Dinah V. Doyle
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Judge Advocate	Steven E Graves	M.O.C.A. President.....	Dinah Doyle



COMMANDER'S CALL

Brothers and Sisters,

Greeting Comrades, I do hope everyone is doing good and have been staying safe and healthy. As the month of July has come and gone, we are getting back to some kind of normal from COVID-19 pandemic. We are back with some of the events; we were able to have the Dart tournament, and Texas Hold'em tournament and the MOCA Bingo, while adding a Pool Tournament. If you are a pool player, come on out and enjoy yourself and the others that play, they seem to have a good time.

Keep an eye on the calendar for all the events to happen as scheduled or events get changed and updated, we try and keep the calendar up to date.

The good news is, I see things starting to improve around the area, as more people are getting

out, and starting to enjoy themselves again. Let us hope and pray we are moving in the right direction.

We have had a good month, and I am really excited to see so many of our members coming back to the post and enjoying the fellowship and getting caught up with the other members. Our Comradeship is something that not just any one can understand. We have had some great volunteers and was able to have Thursday night meals. Thank you to all those that volunteered to make that happen. Our Canteen is still serving lunch 7 days a week, check the schedule to see when the canteen kitchen is open.

Our big Independence Day celebration went extremely well, I was thrilled to see so many members come and enjoy the special day. I have had so many compliments on how well it was, and that the food was outstanding. It makes me so proud to see everyone that come out and

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

PLEASE REVIEW ANY ITEM BELOW AND
TAKE ACTION!

- **Post Meeting:**
August 3rd 7:00 PM
- **Pool Tournament:**
August 7th 12:00 PM
- **Dart Tournament:**
August 7th 5:30 PM
- **MOC/MOCA Meeting:**
August 10th 7:00 PM
- **District SOI & Meeting**
August 14th 9:00AM SOI
12:00-Lunch 1:00PM Meetings
- **Texas Hold'em:**
August 21st 6:00 PM
- **Thursday Night Dinners:**
August 1st, 15th, 29th
- **Friday Nights - Shrimp:**
Every Friday 5:30 - 8:00 PM

POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!

supported our post, and share the day with the most Patriotic people I know. This is what we all took the oath for, was our Independence and no one deserves to celebrate it more than we do.

We are starting preparations for our Annual Family Appreciation Festival Labor Day Weekend picnic. I always look forward to this, its such a great time, enjoying the day with all my Comrades and their families. Lots of food and games for children and adults. This takes a lot of work and it is the volunteers that really make it happen that's for sure. So as always, we appreciate anything you can do to help out, planning committee will be meeting, look for meeting dates and times.

This is your Post, make sure you come and support your post, enjoy the comradery, of your fellow Post members. We are always adding new members, come and meet them and build friendships. Our Post is only as good as you make it, and we are a great post, that can always get better. If you have an idea, or want to get involved more, there are plenty of opportunities, and ideas are always welcome. Our Post meeting are the 1st Tuesday of the month and 7:00 pm, our House Committee meeting is the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm, and it's open to members to come and bring up ideas and or concerns. You can always use the suggestion box also, House Committee Chairman reads and responds to everyone that puts one in, and signs it. With that being said, please remember our members are out brothers and sisters, and their family is our family, be respectful of everyone.

If you have read any of my newsletter articles, there is something that has always been near and dear to my heart. We lose way too many lives to suicide. I think every day and every month

should be suicide awareness. We all have heard about the 22 a day on the suicides. So please everyone, let's take care of one another, lets be kind to one another, and make sure if someone needs to talk, we are there to listen. You never know your actions can affect a life, if you put them off it may be too late. As always be a friend to those in need, suicide is a serious problem with our veterans, keep them in your prayers, and it never hurts to be friendly to them, it just may save their lives.

If you know of a member, or a veteran that is in need, sick, or their family is sick, please bring it to our attention.

Post Commander

Troy Wagers

commandervfw392@gmail.com

(757) 450-0844

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 world's 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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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a Beautiful Day Topside! I had a Captain who prefaced all of his IMC announcements with that phrase, regardless of the weather. He always said that every-day we could find some beauty to celebrate in the day. Sometimes it might be elusive, but it's always there if you really look. It certainly was evident last month during the Fourth of July Hog Roast!! We had a fantastic turnout, really great food, and camaraderie. I want to thank **EVERYONE** that volunteered in any way, and remind everyone that these events are POST efforts, not just limited to the "usual suspects." It was some work, but when you see everyone enjoying themselves and fellowshiping it is all truly worth it. There are plenty of chances to volunteer, so sign up early and join us!

Now that things are loosened up again, there is plenty happening at the Post to take part in. Thursday night Dinners, Texas Hold'em, Pool and Dart tournaments, Aux Bingo, Friday Night Shrimp, and I am sure I might have missed something. Coming up in the next few months also are the Family Picnic, Golf Tournament, and Battleship Run. Make sure you check the monthly Calendar and Face Book often for updates.

Have a great month and try to make everyday a "Beautiful Day Topside."

.SR. Vice Commander

Richard Craig

srvice

commandervfw392@gmail.com

(757) 619-2867

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The following individuals have earned Continuous Membership Awards. If you are listed below, 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.

August 2021

55 Years Continuous Service:

Larry J. Guthrie

45 Years Continuous Service:

Edward J. Hunter Jr.

35 Years Continuous Service:

Edward L. Della Penna, Johnny W. Phillips, Benton S. Ramsey

30 Years Continuous Service:

Carl P. Baker III, Sherman L. Johnson, John C. Sandhoff, Charles H. Walker

25 Years Continuous Service:

Timothy A. Cushman, Charles T. Harrell, Mike W. Hoiles, Kevin M. Kennedy, John E. Nadlicki, Joseph G. Stowell

20 Years Continuous Service:

Burton D. Benson, Russell J. Bostwick, Stephen M. Fisher, Richard J. Gill, Thomas C. Johnson, Andrew J. Udziela

15 Years Continuous Service:

Robert J. Chenier, William C. Cupper, Edward F. Hoffman, James M. Jones, Thomas W. Speelman, David G. Watson, Patrick J. Yost

10 Years Continuous Service:

Gary W. Houze

5 Years Continuous Service:

Hans S. Flammang, Kenny R. Herren, Mark A. McNeil, Justin M. Wilton

To maintain continuous membership eligibility in the VFW you must pay your dues prior to the expiration date on your card.

Thank you for your service, and congratulations!



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope the beginning of this new month finds everyone doing well and in good health. Last month we held our 4th of July Picnic and I want to thank everyone that helped and ALL that attended. Everyone that attended enjoyed the food and fellowship, and it was very heartwarming to see things getting back to normal.

Remember that the Labor Day Picnic is on the horizon and ALL help will be greatly appreciated. Volunteer Signup sheets will be posted soon: this event is HUGE and we need all the help we can get. I am also looking for raffle basket donations for the Labor Day Picnic, anything is appreciated. If you any questions you can reach me at 757-343-7243. BTW Doug C. yankee oscar uniform alpha romeo echo tango hotel echo BRAVO ECHO SIERRA TANGO.

**JR. Vice Commander
Jennifer R. Cuevas**

**jrvice
commandervfw392@gmail.com**



QUARTER- MASTER

NOTICE

**This is my last year as the Post
Quartermaster.**

Anyone interested in running for this position must know basic accounting and have knowledge of Microsoft products, EXCEL, ACCESS, Publisher, Power Point. Our accounting program we use is Peachtree. This job requires an extensive amount of training.

If seriously interested contact the Post Quartermaster

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues are \$40.00. Annual Members can pay their dues at Post 392, online at 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 are available online for free! To view them, go to vfw392.org and click on the links 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'll prevent the Post emails from going to your SPAM folder!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members, we all need to maintain a current address with the VFW. When your mailing address changes, be sure to fill out an address change form, 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 remember to include your telephone number and email address!

NOTE: Approximately 40% of the Post and Auxiliary addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are incorrect. Please update, email preferred at vfwpost392@gmail.com.

Updating Your Contact Information

The Post maintains the, name, address, phone number and email address for all our members and Auxiliary. If any of this information has changed, please contact the Post Quartermaster so we can update our database. If you are planning on moving anytime in the upcoming future, please contact us as soon as you have your new contact information so we can stay in touch with you and ensure you get Post information.

When your mailing address changes, be sure to fill out an address change for, mail it in, or drop it off at the Post.

The best method would be to email it to the Post.

Quartermaster
John Phillips
vfwpost392@gmail.com



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello comrades,

I do hope all are doing well and if you can stop in please do. Post meeting is 3rd so please come join us and see what is going on.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation. (Psalm 100)

Enjoy your month and please let me know if you need anything

John W. Flavin
757-450-0844

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 any way possible to aid and comfort our fellow Comrades and family in their time of need.

ILLNESS / INJURIES

Please read the Post's Bulletin Board for up-dates of Members on the Illness / Injury List.

The following members have serious, long term illness, or injury, requiring continuous care:

Jose Cintron
Home

Joe Desermoux
Home

TAPS

Patrick E. Coughlin
Passed: 4 June

Shirley Gaughan
Passed: 14 June

Richard A. Bonelli
Passed: 23 June

William M. Fitzsimmons
Passed: 29 June

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.

Post Chaplain
John Flavin
chaplainvfw392@gmail.com



AUXILIARY

Sisters & Brothers,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. I hope everyone is doing well.

I would like to thank everyone who helped prepare goody bags for the Veterans at VA Hospital in Hampton for Christmas in July. It was a huge success!!!

Upcoming events:

- Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 9am – District 2 Meeting and SOI at VFW Post 392.
- Sunday, September 5, 2020 from 12pm to 5pm – Family Day Appreciation Picnic- at Post 392.
- Friday, September 23, 2021 from 7am to 5m – 9th Annual Hearts

for Heroes Fishing Trip at Rudee Inlet.

. Saturday, October 2, 2021 – Battleship Run.

. Friday October 8, 2021 at 8am- VFW Post 19th Annual Golf Tournament at Aeropines Gof Course(Hornet).

Volunteers are always needed for these events.

We are updating our active membership roster: Please contact Ellen Stogsdill – ellenstogsdill@cox.net or Judy Luphole-luvedale88@verizon.net with any changes you may have.

Thank you to everyone who attended the July meeting, it was so great to see everyone! Please attend meetings so we can all work together for a successful year. I would like to welcome all new members and hope to you soon at upcoming events.

Our Chaplain Connie Mitchell stands by for any member who may need our help.

There will not be a meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 7th at 7pm. Hope to see everyone there!!! Thanks for everything that you do for our Veterans and our Post!!!

Feel free to contact me if you need anything. I can be reached at 757-560-0493 or n2runn1@yahoo.com

VFW Auxiliary President
Dinah Doyle
pres392@auxvfwva.org
(757)477-5086



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

AWARDS

All are requested to attend the next, regularly scheduled, meeting of the VFW Auxiliary.

Our Auxiliary President stands ready to decorate you with the awards indicated:

August 2021

40 Years Continuous Service:

Linda S. Colley

35 Years Continuous Service:

Teresa Determan

25 Years Continuous Service:

Teresa K. Custer, Norma J.
Critelli, Linda M. Bass

10 Years Continuous Service:

Jessica T. Heger, Delores Foley

5 Years Continuous Service:

Gregory S. Slycord,
Lori A. Saltzman

*Thank you for your service and
congratulations!*

VFW Auxiliary Secretary
Judy Lupole
luvedale88@verizon.net
(757) 581-2702



CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

Monday-Thursday.... 1100-2200
Friday..... 1100-2200
Saturday-Sunday1100-2200

*On Cootie Breakfast Sunday's the
Canteen opens at 1000*

KITCHEN HOURS

Monday-Wednesday... 1100-1300
Thursday.. 1100-1300, 1700-1830
Friday..... 1100-1300, 1730-2030

Saturday1200-1800

Sunday1200-1800

** Hot Dogs, Chili, and Pizza may
be obtainable on Saturdays and
Sundays. The air fryer menu items
(available when kitchen is closed):*

*Chicken Wings, Curly Fries,
French Fries, Jalapeno Poppers,
Mozzarella Sticks, and
Popcorn Chicken*

WEEKENDS AT THE VFW

Start the weekend with Friday's
Social Hour Prices from 4-6 PM!
The kitchen opens Friday, 5:30
to 8:30 PM, with all of our menu
items!

The Canteen opens at 11:00
AM on Saturdays and Sundays
(10:00 AM on Sundays when
Cootie Breakfast is served). When
the kitchen is closed, we do have
the menu items, listed above,
available on Saturdays and
Sundays!

Come out and enjoy a cold beer
or beverage! We have multiple big
screen TV's. Bring the family - the
Canteen is smoke free and Wi-Fi
is readily accessible.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

Hours / Menu

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Salad and dessert included.
Following is the dinner menu for
this month:

August 12th

Stuffed Peppers
Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes
5:00—7:00PM

Prepared by:
Janice Silcox

August 19th

Grill Your Own
Steak
5:00—7:00PM

Prepared by:
John Flavin
Janis Silcox

Note: Our **Thursday Night
Dinners** are **all volunteer staff**. If
you'd like to help with serving,
cleanup, or dishwashing - please
contact the **Canteen Manager**
Shelly Hughes or the **Assistant**
Canteen Manager **Debra**

Messado at (757) 486-5875, or at the email address below.

Our **Friday Evening Dinners** (5:30 - 8:30 PM) require a few volunteers as well. Again, please contact the Canteen Manager or Assistant Manager.

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:

<u>August</u> <u>6th</u> DJ Ben	<u>August</u> <u>13th</u> TBD
<u>August</u> <u>20th</u> DJ Shannen	<u>August</u> <u>27th</u> TBD

Our entertainment for the month of August is not complete. Please watch our social media sites and / or call the Post for further information.

CANTEEN SPECIALS

Fridays: Social Hour

4 - 6 PM

Come in and enjoy our Social Hour Prices to start your weekend!

Fridays: Steamed Shrimp

5:30 - 8:00 PM

EZ Peel Shrimp are back & larger! 1/2 lb for \$6.00 or 1 lb for \$12.00

If you have comments or suggestions for our Canteen, please let us know. All written comments or suggestions must be signed for consideration, and thank you for your service!

Chairperson Steven Graves
Manager Shelly Hughes
canteenmanager392@gmail.com



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 in our newsletter. Our monthly circulation is over 2100. All ads must be submitted and approved by the Post prior to the 15th of each month.

If you are interested in advertising, please contact the Quartermaster.

STATE OF VIRGINIA VETERANS AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE

Pembroke Office Park
287 Independence Blvd.
Pembroke Two, Suite 130
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Office: (757) 552-1884

NOTARY PUBLIC

The following Post member is commissioned as Notary Public in the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- Joseph G. Brady

He is 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
- Signee must affirm, under oath, the accuracy of the document.

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.

LEGAL AID OFFICE

Veteran Free Legal Services

Estate Planning, Consumer matters, public benefits, and family law.

David Rivard, Esq., Attorney

Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia

291 Independence Boulevard
Pembroke 4, Suite 532
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462
(757) 552-0026 ext. 305
davidr@laseva.org

VETERANS CRISIS LINE

Veteran Affairs offers a network of support for all our Nation's Veterans and their families. Veterans in emotional crisis and their loved ones can call the free and confidential Veterans Crisis Line to connect with a qualified crisis counselor who can help.

24/7 365

For 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

Text Message: 838255

CORRECTIONS

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

They can be directed to any of the Post Officers, or email them directly to the Webmaster at

webmaster@VFW392.org



MOCA

Sisters & Brothers ,

I hope everyone is doing well and having a great summer!!!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to prepare goody bags for the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Hampton for Christmas In July. It was a huge success!!!

MOCA Bingo was held on July 10th. We had a great turnout and great time!! Come and join the fun at our next Bingo, which will be Saturday, August 21 from 1pm to 3pm at the Post. Please bring a friend and prize donations are greatly appreciated. The kitchen is also open while we are there, come enjoy a great meal too!!!

Please attend meetings so we can all work together for a successful year. I would like to welcome all new members and hope to see you soon at upcoming events.

Our Chaplain, Ingrid Epperson, stands by for any member who may need our help.

The next MOCA meeting will be August 10th at 7pm. Hope to see everyone there!!! Thanks for everything that you do.

Feel free to contact me if you need anything. I can be reached at 757-560-0493 or n2runn1@yahoo.com

MOCA Auxiliary President, Pup Tent #9
Dinah Doyle



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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	• VFW/AUX STAFF Meeting :6:30PM	• VFW/AUX POST Meeting 6:30PM	• MCL Meeting 7:00PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30 - 8:00PM Entertainment DJ Ben	• Pool Tournament 12:00PM • Dart Tournament 5:30PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	• FRA 166 Staff Meeting 7:00PM	• MOC / MOCA 6:30 PM Meeting		Dinner Stuffed Peppers Green Beans Mashed Potatoes 5:00 - 7:00PM	Friday Night Shrimp 5:30 - 8:00PM	District 2 SOI & Meetings Post 392 9:00AM SOI 12:00PM Lunch
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	• FRA 166 Branch Meeting 7:00PM	• IOOB Meeting 7:30PM	• AOA Meeting 6:00PM • MCL Staff Meeting 7:00PM	Dinner Grill Your Own Steak 5:00 - 7:00PM • VVA Chapter 969 Board Mtg 7:00PM	Friday Night Shrimp 5:30 - 8:00PM Entertainment DJ Shannen	• AUX Bingo 1:00PM • Texas Hold'em 6:00PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	• HRCVO Meeting 7PM	• VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00PM	• House Committee Meeting 6:30PM • American Legion Post 110 7:00PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30 - 8:00PM	
29	30	31			VFW Post 392 District 2 Meeting Aug. 14th 9:00AM SOI 12:00PM Lunch 1:00PM Meetings	
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