



**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**  
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**2015 Membership Goal: 1,913**  
**Current Goal Status: at 83.0% with 1,521 Members**

Since 1969: 13 'All State Post' and 38 'All American Post' Awards

## DECEMBER 2014 - VOLUME 26, NUMBER 6

### 2014 - 2015 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....	Steven C. Williams	Ladies Auxiliary President.....	Colleen Lewis
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Douglas M. Iles	Ladies Aux. Sr. Vice President ...	Jennifer A. Winn
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Steven E. Graves	Ladies Aux. Jr. Vice President...	Jessica T. Johnson
Quartermaster.....	John H. Phillips	Ladies Aux. Treasurer.....	Ellen Stogsdill
Chaplain.....	Robert G. Duvall	Ladies Aux. Chaplain.....	Dinah V. Devins
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Service Officer.....	Joseph G. Brady	Canteen Manager .....	Joe Halzack
Surgeon.....	Raymond J. Strawbridge	M.O.C. Seam Squirrel.....	David R. Goldstein
Judge Advocate .....	Mark K. Winn	M.O.C.A. President.....	Jennifer Winn



### COMMANDER'S CALL

#### COMRADES AND SISTERS "Attitude of Gratitude"

Half of my term is complete and it has been a relative success but only because of the wonderful Comrades and Ladies from the greatest Post in the world.

In the past I have complained about so few volunteers but my prospective today is to be grateful for those few who do so much. I want to thank all of you who have given some of your time to make the Post a success. I measure our success by counting the number of Veterans we connect with and assist on a daily basis. I am truly blessed to have the best staff, especially my Senior Vice Doug Iles, Quartermaster John Phillips, and so many others who are committed and willing to go the extra mile to do the next right thing. I am grateful for having the support of a wonderful Ladies

Auxiliary and a great President in Colleen Lewis. We are blessed with competent and caring club managers, bartenders, a cook, and so many people who pitch in to help when needed.

On November 6th we held the Buddy Poppy Dinner. I would like to thank Mike Marushia, Patsy Stokes, Colleen Lewis, Bill Sowers, and Russell for their assistance. On the 6th Sue Sowers and her judges evaluated the applications for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of the Year. I thank you all for your dedication to this important program.

In addition, I would like to thank all the participants who manned the various locations distributing Buddy Poppies. We distributed a record number of Poppies and received over \$5,000.00 for our Veteran Relief Fund. I am very proud of you all for your efforts!

We had the honor to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade on the

11th. Approximately 30 of us dedicated Comrades and Ladies rode in vehicles or endured marching in the cold pouring ... *continued on page 2*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- **Christmas Food Baskets:** food donations, basket assembly, see LAUX
- **Angel Tree:** see article under 'Announcements'
- **Adult Christmas Party:** Dec 6, set up, clean up, bar tend, see any Officer
- **Shop With a Vet:** Dec 20, 10:00 AM, NAS Oceana NEX, see any Officer
- **Children's Christmas Party & Santa Workshop:** Dec 21, 1 PM set/clean up, see any Officer
- **Christmas Dinner:** Dec 25, noon - 5 PM, food donations, set/clean up, see any Officer
- **New Years Party:** Dec 31, set up clean up, designated drivers, see any Officer

**POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!**

rain with heads lifted high and full of pride. I want to thank Bill Sowers for a great job coordinating the parade. Bill believed in our participation being honorable and he set the bar himself. We were additionally honored to have our very own, Doug Keller, as the Co-Grand Marshal and the luncheon speaker. He did a very commendable job.

I had the honor of travelling to Moyock, NC on November 12th with our Service Officer, Joe Brady, to the Academi facility where we were able to assist 17 members with their questions about disability claims. Joe and I received a tour of the facility and had the opportunity to fire a couple of their weapons (so Terrorist beware).

I was grateful to have the opportunity to travel to Post 4809 with our Pool Team on the 15th. We came home victorious, not only because we won the event, but because we represented the Post and demonstrated a great sense of comradery with the Comrades at 4809.

On November 16th, I was honored to be the Keynote speaker at the "Celebration for Vietnam Veterans" which was held at the NAS Oceana Commissary as part of the Commemoration of the Vietnam War. We shed some tears for the past and gave our Vietnam Veterans a warm and jubilant "Welcome Home".

At the District Meeting on the 22nd, at Post 3160, many of the attendees were wowed by the list of achievements, accomplishments, and numbers achieved this quarter by our Post.

The week of Thanksgiving, I had the pleasure, along with several

other volunteers, to prepare and serve the Thanksgiving Dinner. We will get another opportunity to serve by preparing the Christmas Day Dinner. If you are interested in helping please let me know.

Remember that we have our Adult Christmas Party on December 6th. I am looking for a couple of volunteers to tend the bar. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer. The more we can spread it out, the more we all can enjoy the festivities.

"Shop with a Vet" is on December 20th at 10:00 and is an event where we take less fortunate children of service members to shop for their own gifts at the NAS Oceana NEX in conjunction with our major contributor and partners from the Association of Naval Aviation (ANA). Each child will be accompanied by a member of our Post and members from ANA. They will receive a predetermined amount of money to spend on their own Christmas gifts. If you are interested in participating let a Post Officer know.

The New Year's Party on the 31st will be just like last year with no charge. We ask to everyone to bring some type of snack or side dish and we will accept donations for the DJ, champagne, and bartenders in addition to having several 50/50 drawings to offset the cost. In addition, please let one of the Officers know if you are interested in being a designated driver. There is free taxi service but it may take some time. If we can get 3-6 drivers, all our celebrants will be safer.

So as I wrap up this article, I want each and every one of you to know that I appreciate the efforts put forth in 2014. Please know that

I am grateful and it has been an honor and blessing being your Commander. I can't remember when I have ever been so proud.

I hope that you all have a blessed holiday season, and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Post.

Remember: BE PROUD, BE PROFESSIONAL AND PRESS ON!

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12/1 Operation Southern Watch, Operation Maritime Intercept, and Operation Vigilant Sentinel (South West Asia) begin in 1995
- 12/5 United Shield and Operation Restore Hope (Somalia) begins in 1992
- 12/7 Pear Harbor is bombed by the Japanese in 1941
- 12/9 USMC storm Mogadishu, Somalia in 1992
- 12/16 WWII Battle of the Bulge begins in 1944
- 12/19 US invades Panama in 1989
- 12/20 Operation Joint Guard (Bosnia) begins in 1996
- 12/22 Operation Desert Thunder and Operation Desert Fox (South West Asia) end in 1998
- 12/25 Battle on T-Bone Hill (Korea) in 1952

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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:**

David F. Harris, Robert P. Heinz Jr., Paul W. Pennybacker, Robert F. Stacier, Robert S. Williams

**Life Installment:**

Gary W. Campbell, Joshua P. Dean, William H. German, Kevin P. Groves, Timothy W. Jarrell, Wayne F. Koller Sr., Nicholas A. Magnuson, Gregory D. Wilson

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

David B. Cram Jr., Samuel L. Hunziger, Shane A. Moses, James M. Wilcox

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard!

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**BIRTHDAYS**

May I wish a "Happy Birthday" to Charles E. Bledsoe, Patrick F. Doyle, Paul E. Harmon, Ronald C. Jones, Edward L. Powers, Heather Bishop, Carol E. Frevele, Shirley M. Gaughan, Becky S. Massaro, Marcelle A. Myler, Patsy Stokes, Bonita Tribble, Tina L. Unik, and 175 other fine Comrades and Sisters!

**Post Commander  
Steven C. Williams**  
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**SENIOR VICE  
COMMANDER**

Comrades, we definitely were "gainfully employed" during the month of November. We had a highly successful Buddy Poppies Drive that kicked off on 7 Nov and concluded 10 Nov. We put FLAGS OUT on (Saturday) 8 Nov to five cemeteries honoring all of our Veterans who have served. We marched in the Veterans Day Parade during a driving rain storm on 11 Nov.

We completed FLAGS IN from 12 to 15 Nov timeframe. Volunteers to bring the Flags IN were on a dead run to beat the inclement weather and Colleen Lewis, John Phillips, Mike Gaughan, and Ed Martin jumped right in there to accomplish the job with me at Rosewood Cemetery. Jon and Mary Anne Harding with Molly Tribble took care of Jones

Cemetery. Colleen Lewis and Trish Johnson handled Princess Anne. TJ and Bob DeChamplain were at Colonial Grove along with Phyllis Bledsoe. Ed Martin and crew accomplished flag retrieval at Eastern Shore. And then several volunteers rolled up their sleeves and inventoried, sorted, checked condition of each flag, and stowed them in cruise boxes. Many thanks to this crew: Colleen Lewis, Ruth Spencer, Mike Gaughan, Jennifer Winn, Ed Martin, and John Phillips. James Ostrow assisted with movement of cruise boxes. And Chuck Kelley did his usual fantastic job of salvaging as many flags as possible for future use

Comrade Bill Sowers did a great job in organizing VFW assets for the Vets day Parade. He managed marshals, signs/banners, and communication support for the Parade. We were elated to have Navy personnel (Assault Craft Unit Two out of JEB Little Creek, VA) assisting the Marshals, and they marched with us all the way! Many thanks to all members and Ladies Aux who participated; we couldn't do it without you!

Our Flag Raising and Veterans Day ceremony in front of the Post was strongly supported by Army, Marine, Navy, and Coast Guard Units, First Colonial High School NJROTC, and the Girl Scout Troop.

We were also very honored to participate in the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Tribute Ceremony held at NAS Oceana Commissary on 16 November.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was outstanding and a credit to all involved!

December is upon us and promises to be a very active month

also! 6 December VFW Ladies AUX Christmas Party. 7 December Pearl Harbor Day, Shop-With-A-Vet Day on (Saturday) 20 Dec at 10:00 AM NAS Oceana Naval Exchange. Christmas Dinner on the 25th, and save room for more at New Years Eve Party 31 December!

Reminder to ALL Comrades who haven't paid their membership dues: please be sure and pay as soon as feasible so we can keep you current and actively involved in the Post functions. We are still pushing hard on memberships and request ALL Comrades to add to your New Years Resolution list to be more active in 2015!

**WE NEVER LEAVE A VET  
BEHIND!**

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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:**

Marion L. Tyler

**30 Years Continuous Service:**

Lloyd J. Smith, William R. Solt

**25 Years Continuous Service:**

Harry G. Hane, Carleton R. Roe

**20 Years Continuous Service:**

Randal E. Burris, George L. Comeau, Fred J. Dipietro, Peter V. Farley, James L. Hatfield, Michael T. Truesdell, Robert B. Wilson

**15 Years Continuous Service:**

Hugh E. Ball, Crawford L. Ervin, Todd M. Nugent, Gerald L. O'Neal

**10 Years Continuous Service:**

Willard R. Fullmer Jr., James L. Rasnussen Jr.

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

**SR. Vice Commander**  
**Douglas Iles**  
[sr-vicecommander@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:sr-vicecommander@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)



## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

November was a very busy month with Buddy Poppies, Thanksgiving Dinner, and the setting of the U.S. flags on the graves of our departed Veterans for Veteran's Day. I want to personally thank each of our Comrades, Sisters, and the volunteers who came out to help. You are the true meaning of what comradeship is all about. To me you are the backbone of this Post. Again I cannot thank you enough.

We all know that an hour or two every now and then - doesn't hurt. I would like every member to please look back, reflect, and ask yourself, "Am I doing enough to help the VFW?" If not please ask what you can do. We have a lot of little things that can be done to help. We now have the Christmas Dinner coming up, the New Year's Eve party, and a whole lot more events. So let's look ahead and make 2015 a phenomenal year for our Post and the VFW.

Congratulations to Sr-Vice Doug Iles on being the highest money maker for Buddy Poppies with a total of \$1,908.00! Job well done Comrade!

I want to wish every Post member a Merry Christmas, and a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

**Jr. Vice Commander**  
**Steven Graves**  
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## QUARTER- MASTER

### 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2015 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 never have to worry about renewals again!

### 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.

Please ensure that you add the domain [vfw392.org](http://vfw392.org) to your address book to prevent e-mails from the Post being redirected 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

### FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Almighty God, as we celebrate the birth of Your Son in this world and experience the peace He has to offer us today, we remember our troops at home and abroad who dedicate their lives to protecting our people on this planet.

We ask that You bless, protect, and preserve them wherever they are located. Help us to let them know how much we truly appreciate their service and give us opportunities to care for, encourage, and embrace them.

We pray for their families this Christmas who suffer more from the separation and distance at this time of year. Surround them with good friends and strong families. Be near to the wives, daughters and mothers; the husbands, sons, and fathers who miss their loved ones.

May we also remember all of our Veterans - those who have served this great country. Especially those wounded in action, who are recovering at home or in Veterans' hospitals. We pray for their healing, recovery, and tender care. We especially remember those who are permanently injured whether emotionally, mentally, or physically. May they be deeply cared for and honorably respected.

Finally, we pray for those Military families who have an empty chair at their Christmas

tables that will never be filled. In the midst of their loss, surround them with caring friends and loving people. Let the real sacrifices that they have made, and still sadly experience, be humbly honored and deeply respected by all of us. May we cherish the freedom that our troops have accomplished through the giving of their lives.

Hear us now as we silently pray for those who serve our nation today and as we quietly remember those who have actively served and sacrificed in the past. Amen.

**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.

**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:

- C Ray Kinney (Home)
- Philip Coviello (Va Beach Rehab)
- Frank Myler (Home)
- Wanda Wood (Care Partners Rehab, NC)

**TAPS**

The following list honors and

remembers our Post Veteran members in their recent passing:

- **Catherine P. Walker**  
Passed: 2 Sept 2014
- **Dwayne L. Culver**  
US Navy - Retired  
Passed: 14 Oct 2014
- **Frank Babbitt**  
US Army - Retired  
Passed: 7 Nov 2014
- **Wayne W. Peterson**  
US Navy - Retired  
Passed: 10 Nov 2014
- **James L. Hatfield**  
US Navy  
Passed: 18 Nov 2014

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)



**POST SURGEON**

Comrades and Sisters, Our VFW, LAUX, and Cooties participated in several projects in October benefitting VA Hospital patients and Veterans in need of assistance. Your devotion and services to Vets in need are greatly appreciated!

The J.D. Power National Pharmacy Study had positive things to say in their report regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs' Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP). For the 5th consecutive year, the CMOP scored the highest in overall satisfaction under their pharmacy Mail-Order segment.

“VA’s first-class pharmacy

services are an important component of the exceptional health care available to our Veterans,” said Dr. Carolyn Clancy, Interim Under Secretary for Health. “We are proud to learn from our Veterans through this study that VA is delivering on that commitment.”

Pharmacy Mail-Order customer satisfaction is measured across four key factors: prescription ordering, customer service, cost competitiveness, and delivery. Approximately 9 million Veterans are currently enrolled and the VA reportedly operates the largest integrated health care delivery system in the United States. More information is available at: <http://www.va.gov/health>

Additionally, more information about VA pharmacy and other health benefits can pulled up at: [www.va.gov/healthbenefits](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits)

Keep in mind that it’s still not too late to get vaccinated and recharge your immune systems! Vets are reminded that it’s influenza (Flu) season. Veterans enrolled in VA health care can get a free flu shot at a VA health care facility.

The tenacious and meaningful hospital volunteer work that members have performed to date has been outstanding. Please keep up the fine work that you are doing, while remembering and doing whatever you are able to for our Vets in need over the course of the upcoming holidays.

In closing, I would like to encourage you to help our less capable Vets, by either becoming a hospital volunteer yourself, or by sending me your ideas for increasing our Veteran’s health community outreach activities. You can contact myself or any Post Officer with your ideas.

Thank you and I wish you all a warm holiday season!

**Post Surgeon  
Raymond Strawbridge**



**AUXILIARY  
PRESIDENT**

Greetings Comrades and Sisters! November came and went with a bang; the weather went from comfortable to down-right cold, twilight now comes earlier, we had Buddy Poppies, our fallen Heroes were remembered with flags on their final resting place, we did the Veteran's Day parade, and finally Thanksgiving.

Our Buddy Poppy campaign last month went well, even though we had less volunteers manning our designated stations. The final totals can be seen on the double doors into the main hall.

The Flag ceremony and placement was a huge success! A heartfelt thank you goes out to the JROTC, Brownies and Boy Scouts, USCG, the Sailors from Dam Neck, and our own twenty plus volunteers that went to the five cemeteries and placed about 5000 flags on our Heroes' resting place. Your dedication meant a lot to those left behind, and for all to remember their sacrifice.

I know the Thanksgiving baskets were much appreciated and the dinner delightful! Any left-over donations will be used for the Christmas baskets. Please, if you are able to donate any canned goods or Christmas goodies - bring them to the Post! If you know of a Veteran and family in need this Holiday season please contact me, or any member of the Post! We are here to help!

Our Christmas Party is coming

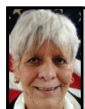
up on the 6th and I am looking forward to seeing you there! If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please see a bartender as they are going fast! The Christmas basket raffle is still in full swing! \$1 a ticket, six for \$5 or twelve for \$10! The basket is on display at the Post along with a list of it's contents.

The Children's Christmas Party is December 21 starting at 1 p.m. Santa's workshop will also open at this time! See Jessica or Denise Moran for sign up and more information!

There is so much happening this month, honoring our Veteran's, socializing with friends and families, remembering the ones we lost, and welcoming those that are new. Please come to the Post for more information, or check out the website!

As the year draws to a close, I want to say Thank you to my family and friends, Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to all of you!

**Ladies Auxiliary President  
Colleen Lewis  
[post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)**



**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:**  
Judith A. Lupole, Judith Wilson
- 20 Years Continuous Service:**  
Pamela J. Jurkowski, Leah A.

Williams, Patsy Stokes

**15 Years Continuous Service:**  
Patricia A. Ball

**10 Years Continuous Service:**  
Mary L. Pimentel

**5 Years Continuous Service:**  
Brenda Zacchia, Estelle R. England, Dixie Williams, Evelyn M. Lawrence, Krysta B. Schwartz, Nancy Hobart

Thank you for your service!

**Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer  
Ellen Stogsdill  
[post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)**



**MOC**

The 80th Annual Trek to the Tomb of the Unknown (a.k.a. Tomb Trek) is history, it was quite an experience. As a group (MOC, MOCA & some VFW) we placed approx. 550 wreaths in a little over 75 minutes. In addition to wreaths from Pup Tents in attendance, there were wreaths there with nobody from the sponsoring organization to place them. This was handled by people being asked to go back out with another wreath as they return from placing their wreath.

All wreaths are numbered (and laid out) in the order they will be placed, Pup Tent 9's wreath (wreath #18) was one of the first placed. I then placed the wreath for PA VFW District 3 (wreath #86). And a wreath in memory of a Past VFW National Commander (wreath #543).

There for the weekend, Pup Tent 9 MOC and MOCA was represented by Bill Moran, Hal Casey, Mark Winn, Denise Moran, Gail Montefiore, Jennifer Winn, and myself. Also accompanying us were Jennifer's sister Karen and

my wife Arlene.

The November Scratch was cancelled because it was scheduled to be held on Veterans Day, the December Scratch will be held on 9 December. Social at 1800 and the Scratch at 1900. See you all there for a lousy time.

**Seam Squirrel**  
**David R. Goldstein**  
[cheng186@cox.net](mailto:cheng186@cox.net)



### MOCA

Before our December 9th meeting/scratch we will have a social at 1800 (6 pm). I would like to ask the women to bring a sides dish or dessert.

MOCA 1, 2 and 9 would like to invite all MOCA Women to a MOCA Sister's 1st Christmas Dinner / Elephant Gift Exchange. It will be held on December 10, 2014 (Wednesday) from 6 PM until we're done. It will be at the Outback Steakhouse on 1255 Fordham Dr. in Virginia Beach (Kempsville area). Dinner is Dutch, you pay for yourself. We have the sunroom. Gifts should be no more than \$10.00 "it can be something you have/got and didn't use."

Tomb Trek laying of over 550 wreaths it was a humbling and heart touching experience. MOC/MOCA 9 was represented by our own Grand Commander Bill Moran, Seam Squirrel Dave Goldstein, Sr. Vice Mark Winn, Hal Casey, MOCA President Jennifer Winn, Denice Moran, Karen Kruger, Gail Payne & Dave's wife Arlene Goldstein. I would like to also thank all who helped with the Hospitality Room it was a very big success.

Winter Council Meeting is

January 9-10, 2015 in Williamsburg.

Reminder: December 21st & 28th, No Cootie Breakfast due to the Holidays.

Chaplain, Ellen Stogsdill, stands ready to assist any members in need, and can be contacted via email, at [ellenstogsdill@cox.net](mailto:ellenstogsdill@cox.net) or (757) 777- 6275. She stands ready to receive any information.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

If I can be of any assistance please contact me. 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.

**MOCA President**  
**Jennifer Winn**  
[Jen\\_moca@cox.net](mailto:Jen_moca@cox.net)



### THANK YOU

The Holiday Season is already here, and everyone is starting their Christmas shopping and planning their New Year's resolutions. It's a great time to reflect back on what we have done at the Post this year.

We have had some very successful Cancer Aid and Research events that we have put together, volunteered for, and donated to. Collectively, our efforts have raised thousands of dollars again this year.

Thank you all so very much from the bottom of our hearts for the support and generosity! We definitely gave from our hearts and gave hope in helping to find a

cure for this devastating disease.

Please mark your 2015 calendars, our next annual fund raiser will be the Cancer Dance in the spring! Every year we have a such a great time! Come join us for the social, music, entertainment, and of course there will be plenty of room to dance!

With every dollar we give, and every volunteer hour we sacrifice ... we take another step closer to celebrating less cancer and more birthdays! Thank you!

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  
(Sundays 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 **10:00 AM** on **Sundays** when breakfast is being served. Come out and enjoy a cold beer or beverage.

We have 9 televisions, so you will definitely have a good view to support your team!

Come down and join your Comrades and Sisters at the Post!



**SUNDAY FOOTBALL SPECIAL**

**392 Bistro  
1:00 - 6:00 PM**

Every Sunday that the NFL is playing, the Canteen will open what we call the "392 Bistro" from 1 to 6 PM!

In addition to tap and bottle beer, and beverages, the 392 Bistro offers the following specials:

NY Giants Style Pizza ----- \$6.00  
(pepperoni, sausage, onions, green peppers, mushrooms are available)

San Franks Biggie Wings --- \$1.25  
(Mild, Hot, BBQ, Teriyaki)

Cleveland Browns Kielbasa- \$3.00  
(With Peppers & Onions)

Redskin Hot Sausage ----- \$3.00

Eagle Cheesesteak ----- \$4.75

Patriots Meatball Sub ----- \$4.75

¼ lb Da Bears Burger ----- \$5.25  
(w/fries)

¼ lb Cheese Head Burger -- \$5.50  
(w/fries)

Cowboy Fries ----- \$1.75

Bengals Onion Rings ----- \$1.75

**THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER**

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

**Dec 4th**  
Country Fried  
Steak  
au gratin potatoes,  
green beans, roll,  
salad, & dessert

\$8.50

**Dec 11th**  
Lasagna  
garlic bread,  
salad, & dessert

\$8.50

**Dec 18th**  
Prime Rib  
baked potato,  
mixed veggies,  
roll, salad, &  
dessert

\$11.00

**Dec 25th**  
Christmas  
Turkey, ham,  
sweet potatoes,  
potatoes /gravy,  
veggie mix, roll,  
dessert

**Free to members  
& non-members  
(Noon - 5 PM)**

**Please note:** There will be no Thursday Dinner New Year's Day

**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:

**Dec 5th**  
Captain Moose  
Karaoke & DJ

**Dec 12th**  
Tim Hopkins  
Live Music

**Dec 19th**  
Captain Moose  
Karaoke & DJ

**Dec 26th**  
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**

**Manager  
Joe Halzack**

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



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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 Quartermaster, for pricing and availability. 757-486-5875.

**POST 392 NON-SMOKING  
FACILITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Effective 01 August 2014, VFW Post 392 is now a Non-Smoking facility. Smoking is only permitted outside the building, preferably on the covered veranda on the west side of the building.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Dec 25th, Noon - 5:00 PM**

Free to Members &  
Non-Members

**Volunteers Needed**

Now is the time to become a part of this great tradition to help make this upcoming Christmas Dinner a success by setting aside money for food and / or time as a volunteer.

We are again coming to you, brothers and sisters, to donate TURKEYS and PRE-COOKED SPIRAL HAMS (pre-cooked hams save 6-8 hours of cooking and carving time).

Volunteers are needed for cooking / carving / serving on Christmas Day. We can ALWAYS use help, because it takes many volunteers to make this a success.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Volunteers Needed**

There are still 159 memberships whose paid dues will expire by December 31st of this year, and 139 more due to by June 2015 - June being the current elected Officers 'Term of Office' coming to a close.

These are significant numbers that with some focus on retention, we can use toward our



membership goals, and potentially 'All State' and 'All American' awards.

Our membership team will be contacting members that have not paid their dues from 2013 as well as a reminder for those members due to expire in 2014.

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 the Sr. Vice, myself, or any Post Officer if you would like to volunteer.

**SR. Vice Commander  
Douglas Iles**

**VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

Many thanks to all of the dedicated Post Comrades and Sisters who worked so hard in the rain to host this years Veterans Day Parade. This event allows hundreds of Veteran and non Veteran organizations to make a statement about themselves and their love for our country. These volunteer's efforts were appreciated by the entire city. I cannot name you all here, but I am grateful for all that was accomplished. Thank you!

**Bill Sowers**

**POST 392 ADULT  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**December 6th 2014**

**\$20 per person** (purchase soon due to limited number of tickets)

**5 - 6 PM:** Social Hour (open bar\*)

**6 - 7:30:** Dinner

**7:30 - 11:** Music, Dancing, & and fun by DJ (Moose)

Dinner will be chicken marsala, beef burgundy, roasted red potatoes, seasonal vegetable medley, salad, rolls, and deserts.

Basket Raffle tickets: 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, 10 for \$13, and an arm's length for \$20. Plus a 50/50 Drawing at the Party.

(\* After 6:00, liquor furnished by VFW with standard service fees; Miller Lite and Budweiser on tap; other Beer available in bottles with standard VFW prices applied)

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
PARTY &  
SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

December 21st

1:00 - 4:00 PM (at Post 392)

**Ages:** 12 and under

**Preregister:** by December 14th

You, your children, and grandchildren are invited to join the festivities at Post 392 for this years Children's Christmas Party!

Santa is taking time out of his busy seasonal schedule to pass out some early (age appropriate) Christmas gifts.

There will be fun events, arts & crafts, baking cookies, snacks and drinks, and plenty for all to make a memorable family holiday!

MOCA is sponsoring Santa's Workshop again this year, allowing the children to pick out a gift for their parents, and other fun festivities!

So please, to attend be sure to preregister your child on the sign up sheets at the Post by the 14th of December. To preregister, you'll need the child's name and age, and you will need the parent's (or grandparent's) name and phone number.

We are in need of some adult helpers as well! For more information, contact Jessica at: [jessicaj@paradigm-corp.com](mailto:jessicaj@paradigm-corp.com)

**ANGEL TREE**

It's Christmas time, and once again we have the Angel Tree set up at Post 392. It is decorated from the heart - as every card hung on the tree contains a child's name and a Christmas wish. Nothing is more precious than a child's excitement on Christmas morning, and nothing is more heartbreaking than their disappointed faces if their families are unable to provide gifts this year.

Your mission is simple: take a card from the tree, purchase the item on the child's wish list, and bring it back to the Post.

The only difficult part of this mission is making sure the gift has the child's card attached to it, and is back at the Post before December 20th!

So please, take a card from the Angel Tree. Take two! Take pride in bringing a Merry Christmas to someone who could use our help this year.

Angels come in all ages and sizes. In addition to our local Military and Veteran children, we also have seven Veteran angels from local nursing homes. Help us give them a Christmas smile also.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Colleen Lewis at [lewiscolleen2@gmail.com](mailto:lewiscolleen2@gmail.com).

**SHOP WITH A VET**

December 20th, 10:00 AM  
NAS Oceana Exchange

Post 392 is organizing this year's "Shop with a Veteran". Sometimes our military families fall on hard times. We've all been there. And around the holidays, it's that much more distressing. This outstanding program offers some holiday

assistance by providing selected families in such situations, a chance to still bring a Christmas smile on their children's faces.

Our Post, in partnership with the Association of Naval Aviation (ANA), is giving some local Military children an opportunity to meet us at the NAS Oceana's Navy Exchange and purchase their own Christmas gift(s). The amount is still to be determined based upon the number of children and money available.

If you would like some additional information or would like to participate in "Shop With a Vet", please contact Commander Williams or Sr-Vice Iles through the Post.

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### 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: [gpayne@specialtyproducts.net](mailto:gpayne@specialtyproducts.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)

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### POST 392 SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS

Our scholarship team has come up with the winners for this year.

As for the Voice of Democracy (VOD), we have two first place winners since we had 41 entries. We are allowed to select one winner for every 15 entries. The first place winners for

VOD are: Erin Harrison and Eric Bellinghoven. The second place winner is Sierra Paasch and third place goes to Qiaoyi Li (Joy). All are from Ocean Lakes High School.

Patriots Pen first place goes to Molly Hagerman, second place to Amanda Escobar and third place goes to Joseph Bonvie. All are from St. John the Apostle Catholic School. We had 27 entries for this category.

Teachers Awards will go to Capt. Robert Sinibaldi, Jr. from First Colonial High School and Mrs. Lowery Guy Van Buskirk for grades 6-8 from Star of the Sea Catholic School. We had no entries for elementary school teachers.

I would like to give a big thanks to the hard working team who judged all the essays: Chris Thomas, Kali Hartman, Sherry Weber. This team worked on the VOD essays. Also a big thank you goes to Arlene Goldstein and Joe Brady who worked on the Patriot's Pen Essays. Arlene also helped with the Teachers entries.

**Scholarship Chairman  
Sue Sowers**

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### VFW RIDERS VIRGINIA

**Meeting: Dec 4th, 7:00 PM  
At Post 392**

The VFW Riders have been busy since the State convention in June. Many people think we're just out there enjoying the freedom of the road, well that's true, but also we're raising monies and riding to help out our Veterans and organizations that help Veterans programs.

Since June 2014, we as a group rode over 23,800 miles, raised and donated just under \$10,000. We

stood numerous flag lines to help send off our troops and welcome home our heroes from deployments. We sponsored a poker run and a golf tournament that raised money for the Historic Triangle Honor Flight Virginia and our National Home for the Children, we donated to the Wreaths across America and will be there to place wreaths on the graves of our fallen heroes on Dec 13th. (Please come out and join us at Albert G Horton Cemetery).

Twice a year we escort our WW II and Korean war Vets to Washington DC so they may see their memorials. We've donated toys and money to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. We also help with recruiting for the many different Posts that we support. Younger veterans love to ride and that's a great way to introduce them to the VFW programs that we offer.

Please come out and support your VFW Riders Virginia. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from those of us that love to ride.

**VFW Riders Virginia Chairman  
Dept. of Virginia  
Shep**

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### CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKETS **Donations Needed**

December brings us the Holidays. It's a time of year to reflect and be thankful for family, love, health, where we are, and what we have. It's also a time of giving. There are Military and Veteran families that have proudly served their country, but have fallen on hard times. Families that can not afford the traditional holiday dinner this year.

That's where we step in and give

these families a Christmas Gift basket that will provide a traditional holiday dinner. It eases the budget burden, and lets those families know that we care.

We are asking donations of canned and boxed goods for the Thanksgiving baskets. Please donate what you can. Just bring the items to the Post, where we have donation receptacles.

If you, or you know of anybody in need of assistance, please let Colleen Lewis or Jaimie Wilkins know! Everything is confidential.

### 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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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> • VFW / LAUX Staff Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>2</b> • VFW / LAUX Post Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>3</b> • MCL Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>4</b> • VFW Riders Meeting 7:00 PM • Country Fried Steak 6 - 7:30 PM	<b>5</b> • Entertainment Capt. Moose	<b>6</b> • Adult Christmas Party 6 - 11 PM
<b>7</b> • Pearl Harbor Day • Cootie Breakfast 9 - 11:30 AM • Football Specials 1:00 - 6:00 PM	<b>8</b> • FRA 166 Staff Meeting	<b>9</b> • MOC / MOCA Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> • Lasagna 6 - 7:30 PM	<b>12</b> • Entertainment Tim Hopkins	<b>13</b> • Happy B-Day National Guard (est. 1636) • IOOB Xmas Party 6 - 11:00 PM
<b>14</b> • Cootie Breakfast 9 - 11:30 AM • Football Specials 1:00 - 6:00 PM	<b>15</b> • FRA 166 Branch Meeting	<b>16</b> • MCL Staff Meeting 7:00 PM • IOOB Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>17</b> • AOA Meeting 6:00 PM	<b>18</b> • Prime Rib 6 - 7:30 PM	<b>19</b> • Entertainment Capt. Moose	<b>20</b> • Shop With a Vet 10:00 AM NAS Oceana NEX
<b>21</b> • NO Cootie Breakfast • Children's Christmas Party 1:00 - 4:00 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> • Merry Christmas! • Christmas Dinner 12 - 5:00 PM • NO VVA Chap. 969 Meeting	<b>26</b> • Entertainment Jim Berry	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> • NO Cootie Breakfast • Football Specials 1:00 - 6:00 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> • VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>31</b> • Happy New Year! • New Years Eve Party 7:00 PM			