



**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**  
**General MacArthur Memorial Post 392**  
2408 Bowland Parkway  
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[www.vfw392.org](http://www.vfw392.org)

**2016 Membership Goal: 1,913**  
**Current Status: 85.4% with 1,609 Members**

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

## DECEMBER 2015 - VOLUME 27, NUMBER 6

### 2015 - 2016 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....	Douglas M. Iles	Ladies Auxiliary President.....	Colleen Lewis
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Steven E. Graves	Ladies Aux. Sr. Vice President ...	Jennifer A. Winn
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Service Officer.....	Joseph G. Brady	Canteen Manager .....	Joe Halzack
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

November has been a very busy and productive month for the post. We jumped off with our highly successful Buddy Poppy campaign at NAS OCEANA Commissary on Thursday 5 November and continued through the weekend of 6-8 November. Veterans Day honors were rendered on Saturday 7 November with Colors. We had Comrades and Sisters participating as well as units present from NMITC, First Colonial / Cox NJROTC, Combat Warriors organization, & Girl Scout Troop.

Also the 7th of November was designated "FLAGS OUT". Over 5,000 American flags were carried to 5 cemeteries and placed on gravesites of deceased veterans, policemen, firemen, EMT's, and other law enforcement officers.

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contestants entries received

NLT 1 Nov were evaluated on the 9th and 10th.

We celebrated USMC Birthday on 10 November, and prepped for Veterans Day. Also, our Service Officer Joe Brady briefed a local AARP group on 10 November about our community service and Veterans Benefits. On 11 November, we marched in the Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade led by our Color Guard and State Commander Doug Keller. Before the Parade, Post Commander and Past Post Commander took 63 small American Flags and placed them at the Tidewater Memorial around ring of plaques area honoring Veterans.

"FLAGS IN" was held from 12 thru 15 November. Our Adopted Unit members of VFA 213 "Black Lions" assisted us this month by helping with Color Guard, BINGO, with VA Hospital Vets, and our Department Commander's Homecoming. Also noteworthy

was 14 volunteers from Naval Special Warfare Group TWO that helped in bringing "FLAGS IN"

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Post Christmas Party:** Dec 5, signup at Post. Also volunteers are needed, see any Officer
- **Children's Christmas Party:** Dec 20, 1-3 PM signup at Post. Also volunteers are needed, see any Officer
- **Christmas Dinner:** Dec 25, food donations, servers, clean up, see any Officer
- **Christmas Food Baskets:** food donations, packing, see any AUX Officer
- **Angel Tree:** see article under "Announcements" section
- **Post New Years Party:** Dec 31, signup at Post. Also volunteers are needed, see any Officer
- **Cootie Breakfast:** every Sunday, see Cooties or any

**POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!**

from Rosewood Cemetery. We joined in with VFW Post 4809 on 14 Nov for Department Homecoming to "WELCOME HOME" our State Commander Doug Keller ... aka "the Lone Stranger" and his faithful companion, "PRONTO"!

We geared up for our District 2 Meeting on 21 Nov and built up our appetite for our annual "TURKEY DAY" Dinner on 26 November.

Our POST CHRISTMAS PARTY is right around the corner as planned for Saturday 5 December at 6:00 pm, so mark your calendars! Anticipate having Shop-with-a-Vet day in December at NAS OCEANA EXCHANGE, stay tuned for the date. Be sure to have the kids down to our Post on 20 December for Children's Christmas Party. Christmas Dinner is from Noon-5:00pm on Christmas Day.

Thank you, Comrades and Sisters, for all you do for the Post and remember we still need volunteers for all planned events. So donate an hour or two of your time whenever you can! Nobody takes better care of Vets - than other Vets, and WE NEVER LEAVE A VET BEHIND"!

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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/ Installment Life Members:**

Daniel E. Martelle Jr, Gerald E. Raynes, Laurie Redmond, Jason Tompsett, Roger G. Fornier III, John K. Daley Jr, Mike A. Dipalermo, Sarah E. Ferris

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

Jeffrey S. Cooney, Kenneth E. Davey, John C. Davis, Sheldon B. Griffin, Kwame N. Harris, Ryan M. Haubenstein, Robyn A. Iuliano, Vittorio S. Iuliano, Steven C. McCulloch, Jay D. McQuerry, John A. Showen

*Thank you for your service and welcome aboard!*

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### BIRTHDAYS

May I wish a "Happy Birthday" to Charles E. Bledsoe, John K. Corley, Patrick F. Doyle, Ronald C. Jones, Edward L. Powers, Carol E. Frevele, Shirley M. Gaughan, Patsy Stokes, Heather Bishop, Becky S. Massaro, Molly Tribble, and 176 other fine Comrades and Sisters!

**Post Commander  
Douglas M. Iles**

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

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### **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

Comrades, it has been a very busy November, the Buddy Poppy drive was a huge success. I want to personally thank everyone that participated. I think that's the 1st time in a couple of years we have filled up the whole weekend with volunteers, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I hope all had a very Happy Thanksgiving. December is going to be busy as well. We have the Post Christmas party on the 5th of December, so make sure you get your tickets. Let's have a good showing for the party and support our Post.

I am looking for ideas from Comrades to help get more folks into the Post; if you have any ideas please feel free to put them in the suggestion box so we may review them.

We all need to volunteer and assist with membership and get some folks back into the fold at Post 392. If you know of Comrades who have let their membership expire, please ask them pay their dues by going on line or dropping by the post and paying our Quartermaster directly. Till next time.

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### **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.

**35 Years Continuous Service:**

Orville D. Poole

**30 Years Continuous Service:**

Ray L. Goodwin Jr, William F. Schieber, Bennie L. Wynkoop

**25 Years Continuous Service:**

James T. Pullen

**20 Years Continuous Service:**

Alan P. Deroco

**15 Years Continuous Service:**

Sammy O. Butler, David C. Freyer, Gerald H. Quick

**10 Years Continuous Service:**

Lawrence E. Catlett, Kimberly A. Frost, Dugan D. Hahn, Kurt R. Haywood, Ronlad L. Miller II, Daniel W. Whately

**5 Years Continuous Service:**

William J. Childers, April R. Childers, William A. Geiger, James R. Jamison, Christopher B. Lynn, Henry H. Maurer, Kyle R. Ryder

*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, the month of November 2015 saw the VFW Post 392 heavily involved in Flags-Out, Buddy Poppy Dinner, Buddy Poppies, Veterans' Day Parade, Flags-In, and the Thanksgiving Dinner event.

Of importance is that we could not have accomplished all of these activities without the undivided attention and unparalleled support of our Post members, and Auxiliary. Therefore, I want to personally thank each and every one of you who universally took

the time out of your busy schedules to support or participate in these events.

The bottom line is that your active participation/volunteerism is truly instrumental in making the VFW Post 392 a vibrant organization, and it does make a difference in how we are perceived locally among our Veterans. Again, the VFW Post 392 is only as strong as its members.

Now, we must focus on the month of December, and close out the calendar year on a high note. Events such as the Children's Christmas Party and the VFW Post 392 Adults Christmas Party are just among the few activities planned for December.

However, let us not forget that Christmas and the Holidays is not only about family, but about the importance of sharing and influencing the "well-being" of our fellow man, and in this case, how we interact with our Veterans.

As you all know, during the holiday or Christmas season there are many ways to help Veterans through what may be challenging times or simply don't have any family bond with during the holiday season. You can assist Veterans who serve, honor, and protect by volunteering your time, donating, or simply by making a cash contribution to a worthy cause.

Nevertheless, the bond and ability to form relationships is the most amazing thing humans are capable of, and that is how we, the VFW Post 392, can make a difference in the lives of others. As I keep telling others, we can't choose our parents or biological family, but we can choose those

we care for, support and form unbreakable bonds with.

So, as we close out the month of November - let's prepare ourselves both physically and emotionally on the challenges that await us in December, and how we can collectively meet these challenges head-on, and persevere as a united VFW Post. Let's press forward together!

**Jr. Vice Commander**  
**Hipolito Camacho**  
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**QUARTER-  
MASTER**

**2016 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 the Post emails from going to your SPAM folder!

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### **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**

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### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

#### **DO YOU THINK ALLAH AND JESUS ARE THE SAME?**

Because in Walton County, Georgia, people seems to think so. Do you think institutionalized education is headed down the wrong path? Let's tell the rest of the story!

Well, if you're a parent in Walton County, Ga. You now have one of the biggest reason to be upset in all the nation.

This is because the school district in this southern state has decided to implement teachings on Islam claiming Allah ... is the exact same God Christians and Jews worship. Not true, because Jesus was not about collecting harems of women and then making infidels die cruel deaths.

We're starting to hear more and more stories about school kids bringing home assignments chock full of Islamic indoctrination, and it's certainly not going over well with the majority of parents across the country.

I'm pretty sure we all should feel the exact same way. Shared concerns of several locals, including Mrs. Michelle King, who was upset that student were being asked to identify the key tenets of Islam.

She said "my daughter had to learn the Shahid and the Five Pillars of Islam," which is what you learn to convert. By the same token, she noted that "they never once learned anything about the Ten Commandments or anything about God."

One parent was outraged by another passage, which asserts that Allah is "the same God worshiped by Jews and Christians." It was also noted that the assertion "seemed like half the truth" and that "they didn't talk about the extreme Islamic."

King summed up her feelings on matter, concluding that the in-depth study of Islam "goes against her Religion completely."

A number of concerned parents have joined together in an effort to reclassify the religious study courses as optional.

In it's defense of the assignments, the State Department of Education released a statement explaining that the "standard for seventh grade given to educators is to compare and contrast the prominent religions in the Middle East: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity."

It's frightening to think these are the kinds of teaching coming from

our teaching establishment.

Pedagogic institutions don't need to be endorsing anything, but they certainly are when they malign truths about religions to make one more acceptable than the other. This is indoctrination plain and simple, the schools are becoming breeding grounds of misinformation. If not, then what other reason could they have to dedicate that much time to teachings on violent religion?

They have stopped our pledge allegiance to our flag of the United States of America and even prayer in the schools. If you pay-attention to the news - even our school sports coaches are being told no prayers to our youth before a sports event! Are we to become Godless like Europe in America?

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### **POST CHAPLAIN POSITION**

If you have the desire to become a Certified Christian Chaplain, it is open for men and women, my fellow comrades - through the National Chaplains Association/National Chaplains Institute.

Receive Certification/Credentials also be Ordained. If you request further information please see your Post Chaplain Bob Duvall.

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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:

- **James J. Ramsey**  
(Home)
- **Joseph C. Palmer Sr.**  
(Sentara Nursing Home)
- **Sue Sowers**  
(PA Rehab, Room 108)
- **Terry Steinbaugh**  
(Home)
- **Marjorie Hickey Wayland**  
(Home)

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### TAPS

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

- **Carl J. Klein**  
USMC (Retired)  
Passed: 7 Nov 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**

Well, December is here already! This year has been exciting and ever changing as we opened up our arms and hearts to accept males into our Auxiliary family.

We have had successful fund raisers for our Veterans. We have hosted our hospitalized Veterans with breakfasts and fun. This month we will continue to show our love and support.

I want to thank all of our volunteers that gave their time with the Buddy Poppies, placing and picking up Flags at the cemeteries, Buddy Poppy dinner, and the Veteran's Day Parade! Thank you to all of the people that donated the Turkeys, hams, and food for the Thanksgiving dinner and Needy families' baskets. Thank you to all of the members that come faithfully to the meetings to show support for our Post, vote, and the camaraderie that makes our Post outstanding!

Last month I had the honor and privilege to meet and pin Dame Mary Barraco with her 35 year pin! What an amazing Lady and she really has an incredible story. If you don't know it, check it out on Google! She is still very busy with getting her story out and her many volunteer services, but she wanted to let everybody know how proud she is to be a part of our Post.

This month we have our annual Christmas Party on December 5. Get your tickets early because the cost will go up at the door. Judy Lupole has an angel tree set up for our youngsters to give them an extra special Christmas, and there is one for our Veterans at Kings Grant Nursing home! We will have our Children's Christmas Party on December 20th starting at 1 pm. Sign up sheets will be posted on the double doors. Last day to sign up will be December 16th, to give our elves enough time to prepare. Please read through the rest of this newsletter for more information as I am sure I am forgetting something!

In closing, I want to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! As always, we are only a phone call

away if you need anything.

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



### **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

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### **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:**  
Henrietta Goodwin, Betty J.  
Richardson

**20 Years Continuous Service:**  
Lorraine A. Borges, Dolores Dean.  
Pattie Meeker

**15 Years Continuous Service:**  
Arlene E. Goldstein

**5 Years Continuous Service:**  
Anne J. Kennedy

*Thank you for your service and congratulations!*

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



### **MOC**

Listen up Fellow Coots,

Well as we move into the Holiday Season I hope all is well.

We had a very successful Tomb Trek the weather cooperated and the sun came out when we arrived at the Cemetery. We also had a few members from our Post get up at O'dark thirty to drive up from the beach to observe the ceremony, thanks guys.

Mark your calendar, we have decided to have a Casino Night

fundraiser to help bolster what we raise from breakfast. The date will be Saturday Feb 16th. Details are still being worked out and we will post them when it gets ironed out.

Please remember to log in any Hospital work and volunteer hours in the volunteer log book located in the canteen outside the office.

Our next Scratch is scheduled at 7 pm on Nov 8th. Until the Next Scratch may God Bless our Troops, our Veterans, and their families.

**Seam Squirrel  
Mark Winn**



### 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 so much money 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.

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 HOURS

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

### NEW KITCHEN HOURS

**Monday-Thursday.... 1100-1400**  
**Friday .. 1100-1400 & 1800-2000**  
**Saturday / Sunday .... 1200-1800**

### WEEKENDS AT THE VFW

#### **Football & NASCAR**

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

And the Canteen now opens at 11:00 AM on Saturdays and Sundays, and 10:00 AM on Sundays when breakfast is being served. Come out and enjoy a cold beer or beverage.

Come out and enjoy the football games and races on multiple big screen TV's - and bring the family with you!

### SUNDAY FOOTBALL SPECIAL

**Simply Sunday**  
**1:00 - 6:00 PM**

Every Sunday the kitchen will be open from 1 PM to 6 PM for Sunday Football! Come join your Comrades and Sisters for some good food, drinks, and football!

### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

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

#### Dec 3rd

**Fish-n-Chips**  
roll, salad, &  
dessert  
\$8.50

#### Dec 10th

**Top Round**  
**Roast Beef**  
mashed potatoes,  
green beans, roll,  
salad, & dessert  
\$8.50

#### Dec 17th

**Roast Pork Loin**  
au gratin potatoes,  
greens, roll, salad,  
& dessert  
\$8.50

#### Dec 24th

**No Dinner**  
Merry Christmas  
Eve!

#### Dec 31st

**No Dinner**  
New Year's Eve Party

### 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 4th

Shane Dollar  
DJ

#### Dec 11th

Tim Hopkins  
Live Music

#### Dec 18th

TBD

#### Dec 25th

Merry  
Christmas!

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

**Chairperson** **Manager**  
**Pete Gebelein** **Joe Halzack**  
[canteen@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:canteen@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)



### 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.

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### **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)

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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: [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)

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### **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!

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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 (contact info below) 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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### **COOTIE BREAKFAST**

#### **Breakfast every Sunday**

9:00 - 11:30 AM

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

Sundays 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. 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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### **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.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Volunteers Needed**

There are still many memberships who's dues have expired / will expire soon.

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.

## **BUDDY POPPY DINNER**

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work they put into making the Buddy Poppy Dinner such a big success. The spaghetti sauces were really fantastic, a job well done. Again, thank you!

**Quartermaster**  
**John H. Phillips**  
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## **CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKETS**

### **Donations Needed**

December brings us that 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 Christmas Dinner this year.

That's where we step in and give back to these families. We put together Christmas Gift baskets to provide for most of 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 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 Judy Lupole or any AUX Officers know! We keep everything confidential.

## **VFW POST 392 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

December 5, 2015

\$20 per Person / \$35 per Couple  
*(if purchased in advance)*

5 PM: ..... Free Drink Social

6 PM: ..... Dinner

7 - 10 PM: ..... Dancing and DJ

Come out and sign up at the Canteen so you and your loved one can enjoy the Holidays with your comrades and sisters! Tickets can be purchased in advance from the bartenders at the Canteen for \$20 per person / \$35 per couple. If you decide last minute that your are able to go, the tickets can still be purchased at the door on Dec 5th for \$25 per person / \$40 per couple.

Enjoy the social hour with beer, wine, and mixed drinks (Happy Hour Prices), or BYOB if you so desire. Dinner will be chicken marsala, beef burgundy, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetable medley, salad, rolls, and deserts.

## **Volunteers Needed**

As with any event at the Post, we can always use some extra hands for set up, clean up, serving, etc. If you have some time and would like to volunteer, please contact Dinah, Lorain, or any Post Officer.

## **CHISTMAS DINNER**

December 25th, 2015

Noon - 5 PM

*Free to Members and Non-Members*

We're having our annual Christmas Dinner on the 25th from Noon - 5:00 PM. This dinner is free to all who attend. Come out and have Christmas dinner with your family and your fellow Veterans!

## **Volunteers Needed**

We are asking for donations now of turkeys and pre-cooked spiral hams (these hams save cooking and carving time). Volunteers sign up sheets will be up soon for cooking, servers, clean up, etc. As well as a list of food items that can be donated.

Now is the time to become a part of this great tradition. Help make this upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner a success by setting aside food and / or time as a volunteer. It takes many volunteers to make this a success.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS**

### **PARTY &**

### **SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

December 20th, 2015

1:00 - 3:00 PM (at Post 392)

Ages: 12 and under  
Preregister: before December 16th

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, 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 gifts for their parents, and festivities!

So please, to attend be sure to preregister your child on the signup sheets at the Post by the 16th 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 elves (helpers) as well! For more information, contact any Officer.

### 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.

There's more ....

Angels come in all ages and sizes. In addition to our local Military and Veteran children, we also have an Angel Tree for our Veterans at Kings Grant Nursing home. Help us brighten their Holiday, and 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 19th, 10:00 AM  
NAS Oceana Exchange

*(tentative date / time. Please check on Post website for updates)*

Post 392 is organizing the 6th annual "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, 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 any Post Officer.

### 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 the Webmaster at: [webmaster@VFW392.org](mailto:webmaster@VFW392.org).

### NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

December 31st  
6:00 PM 'til Midnight

Come out and sign up at the Canteen so you and your loved one can enjoy the New Year with your comrades and sisters at Post 392!

Enjoy the social time with beer, wine, and mixed drinks, or BYOB. And bring in the New Year with your fellow Veterans!



### GENERAL MACARTHUR MEMORIAL POST 392

**Wishes You All:**

Our Active Duty Service  
Members at home and abroad,  
Our Veterans and their families,  
The families of our Veterans who  
are no longer with us,  
Our Comrades and Sisters,  
Our Family and Friends:

**HAVE A SAFE NEW  
YEARS DAY AND A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



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