



Post 392

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
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2021 Membership Goal: 1940
Current Status: 1853 Members

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December 2021 - VOLUME 33, NUMBER 6

2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

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COMMANDER'S CALL

Brothers and Sisters,

Greeting Comrades! I do hope everyone is doing well and have been staying safe and healthy. As the month of November has come and gone, we are moving forward with a lot of momentum. We continue with some of the monthly events, being able to have the Dart tournament, and Texas Hold'em tournament and the MOCA Bingo, and last but not least our Pool Tournament. Due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no MOCA Bingo or Texas Hold'em in December. If you're a pool player, come on out and enjoy the game play, as they have a good time.

For November, I want to start by saying we had the pleasure to host a Tunnel to Towers event here. I recommend everyone look at their site, <https://t2t.org/>. It was a great event where they paid off the mortgage of several surviving spouses. Our day of putting flags on Veteran and First Responder gravesites couldn't have gone

better. Over 250 Post, Auxiliary, NJROTC, Active Duty and other volunteers placed well over 8000 flags that day. The Veterans Day Parade was fun and the day was full of awesome people doing great things. Our Thanksgiving Dinner is always a huge success. Thank you to all that volunteered .

Keep an eye on the Calendar for all the scheduled events or events that get changed and updated. We try and keep the calendar up to date as much as possible.

The good news keeps coming in. I see things still improving around the area as more people are getting out and starting to enjoy life again. Let's hope and pray we are moving in the right direction.

As we get into December there is a lot of great holiday cheer to pass around. Let's make sure we reflect on the reason for the season. Let's be thankful for our Active-Duty Military members out there protecting us so we can celebrate Christmas in peace. Once again we will have the best Christmas dinner there is. So come and join

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

- **Post Meeting:**
December 7th 7:00 PM
- **Post Christmas Party:**
December 4th 5:00 -10:00 PM
- **Pool Tournament:**
December 4th 12:00 PM
- **Shop With A Vet:**
December 11th 10:00 AM
- **MOC/MOCA Breakfast:**
December 5th/19th 8:30 AM
- **MOC/MOCA Meeting:**
December 14th 6:30 PM
- **Kid's Christmas Party:**
December 18th 12:00—3:00 PM
- **Christmas Dinner:**
December 25th Noon - 5:00PM
- **New Year's Eve Party:**
December 31st 7:00– Midnight

POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!

us, and if you want to volunteer (and we can always use more volunteers), we welcome all help. We still need volunteers to cook and cleanup for our Thursday night meals and Friday Night Shrimp Specials.

This is your Post! Please visit and support your Post and enjoy the comradery of your fellow Post members. We continually add new members, so please come meet them and build new friendships. Our Post is only as good as you make it. Though we are a great Post, we can always get better. If you have an idea or want to get more involved, there are plenty of opportunities and new ideas are always welcome. Our Post meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our House Committee meeting is the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 p.m. It is open to members to come and bring up ideas and or concerns. You can also use the Suggestion Box. The House Committee Chairman reads and responds to every signed message received. With that being said, please remember our members are our brothers and sisters. Their family is our family, so please be respectful of everyone.

If you have read any of my newsletter articles, you know there is something that has always been near and dear to my heart. As we enter the Holiday season, it is even more important. We lose way too many lives to suicide. I think every day and every month should be for suicide awareness. We all have heard about the 22-a-day suicides. So please everyone, let's take care of one another, let's be kind to one another, and make sure if someone needs to talk, we are there to listen. You never know how 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. It never hurts to be friendly to them, as 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. Happy Holidays to you All!!

Post Commander
Troy Wagers
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DATES TO REMEMBER

12/1 Operation Southern Watch, Operation Maritime Intercept, and Operation Vigilant Sentinel (Southwest Asia) begin in 1995

12/5 United Shield and Operation Restore Hope (Somalia) begins in 1992

12/7 Pearl 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 (Southwest Asia) end in 1998

12/25 Battle on T-Bone Hill (Korea) in 1952



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters!

It seems hard to believe that the

end of 2021 are upon us already. Before I mention anything else, I want to let everyone know about the awesome turnout last month for placing flags in our 5 cemeteries, honoring our veterans. There were 253 volunteers, including 4 JROTC units, 3 groups of CPO Selectees, and numerous active-duty folks. If you haven't seen the pictures, they are posted on our Facebook page. Thank you to everyone that came out. It was a great day!

For everyone that hasn't renewed their Annual membership, I want to let you know that for everyone that renews or upgrades from an Annual to a Life Membership between June 30th and December 31st of this year, your names will be placed in a drawing where the winner will receive a free Life Membership. For those that upgraded from Annual to Life during that period, the cost of the Life Membership will be refunded to the winner.

December is a busy month with yet again plenty of opportunities to help the Post and fellowship. There are the Friday Night Shrimp Dinners, Cootie Breakfasts on Sunday the 5th and 19th, the Post Christmas Party, the annual Christmas Dinner on the 25th, and don't forget the monthly Pool and Dart Tournaments.

I want to reiterate what I wrote last month about the added stress of the holidays. The season is joyous for many, but for some of us, there is no joy, just added stress and sadness. Let's make sure we look out for the people around us. The signs aren't always smacking us in the face, so never just assume. Don't be afraid to check in with people. You never know who just might be in need of a lifeline.

SR. Vice Commander
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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.

December 2021

45 Years Continuous Service:
Sherman M. Jones

35 Years Continuous Service:
William J. Reha

30 Years Continuous Service:
Robert L. Cardona, Michael W. States

25 Years Continuous Service:
Donald L. Beem, Charles J. Dey,
Donald L. Wendt

20 Years Continuous Service:
Jeffrey A. Brewer, David J. Meers,
John N. Petersen

15 Years Continuous Service:
Terryal R. Currin II, Theresa J. DeChamplain, John W. Dunlap,
John E. Kuntze, Francis C. Moen,
Patrick O'Leary, Michael E. Pitts,
Brian J. Westcott

10 Years Continuous Service:
Robert R. Johnston, Thurlow N. Levan, Patrick M. Vivona

5 Years Continuous Service:
Christopher E. Dentith, Wayne L. Deyette Jr., Curtis R. Fox, William E. Jennings, John F. Montoya,
Alexander W. Plascencia, Thomas Semon, Michael J. Vasikonis,
Zachary R. Wilburn

In order 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

Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this post finds you well! I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that supported our Buddy Poppy Dinner and Fund Raising Drive. To date, we have raised roughly \$2,600.00 from this drive. Sadly, we didn't have enough volunteers for all three spots. Let's make that happen in May 2022. With over 1800 members on our roster, we should have no problem getting volunteers to help us with this most important fund raising event. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Please remember that we are ALWAYS in need of volunteers, and we always have a great time.

JR. Vice Commander
Jennifer R. Cuevas
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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. This will 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 is to email it to the Post. If you drop it off or email it, please remember to include your telephone number and email address!

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL:
Approximately 40% of the on-file

Post and Auxiliary postal mail addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are incorrect. Please update them via email to 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

Greetings all from your Post 392 Chaplain.

Hard to believe that it is December already. This Month we celebrate the birth of Christ. May all have Peace and Harmony this month. I found this on the web I hope all enjoy and believe.

The Little Drummer Boy" is a popular Christmas song written in 1941. It was originally known as "Carol of the Drum" and is based on a traditional Czech carol. Although there isn't any reference to a drummer boy in the Christmas story in Matthew 1-2 and Luke 2,

the point of the carol goes straight to the heart of the meaning of worship. The carol describes how a boy is summoned by the Magi to the scene of Christ's birth. Unlike the wise men, however, the drummer has no gift—so he gives what he has. He plays his drum, saying, "I played my best for Him."

This echoes the worship Jesus described when He told of the widow and her two coins: "'Truly I tell you,' he said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on' " (Luke 21:3-4).

All the drummer boy had was his drum and all the poor widow had were her two coins, but the God they worshiped was worthy of their all. He is worthy of our all as well, having given His all for us.

Have a safe holiday and see you next year.

Post Chaplain
John Flavin
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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:

William Whitmore, SNG

Fred Mitchell, SNG

TAPS

ROBERT P. OLSON, 30 AUG
NANCY IHRER (Aux) 22 SEP

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
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AUXILIARY

Sisters & Brothers,

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas!! Please stay safe and enjoy spending the holidays with your loved ones.

The Post/Auxiliary bake sale was again a huge success. Thank you to everyone who made delicious desserts and helped working the bake sale table. We will continue to have a bake sale on the 3rd Friday of the month (Dec 17th).

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped place flags and the cemeteries and helped with the Buddy Poppy Drive. The Buddy Poppy dinner was delicious and we had a great turnout, thanks also to all of those volunteers who helped out that night.

It was a **Great** day for the Veterans Day Parade. It was so good to see so many of our members in attendance.

The judging is complete for the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. Thank you so much to the volunteers who helped in judging.

Don't forget to stop in and grab an angel from the angel tree.

There are many events coming up for the month of December:

December 4th – Post Christmas Party – 5pm to 10pm (volunteers needed). If anyone would like to donate an appetizer for social hour, there is a sign up sheet at the Post.

December 17th – Post/Auxiliary Bake Sale 5:30 to 8:00 pm (volunteers needed).

December 18th – Kids Christmas Party and Santa's Workshop – 12pm to 3pm

December 25th – Christmas Dinner at the Post – 12pm to 5pm

December 31st – New Years Eve Party – Potluck- bring a dish - 7pm -12pm

Bob DeChamplain is taking orders for Auxiliary Polo Shirts. There is a sign up sheet at the Post.

We are still updating our active membership roster: Ellen Stogsdill at ellenstogsdill@cox.net and Aux Secretary Judy Lupole at luvedale88@verizon.net can be contacted with any updates.

Please continue to send in your early bird dues, the earlier you pay the more chances you have to win a Life Membership.

Thank you to everyone who attended the November Meeting. 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.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be December 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
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 (757)477-5086



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

CONTINUOUS AUXILIARY 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:

December 2021

30 Years Continuous Service:
 Nyrell V. Looney

20 Years Continuous Service:
 Shirley A. Douglas

15 Years Continuous Service:
 Suzanne M. Kuntz, Dorothy L. Moore, Priscilla A. Myers, Cheryl Walton, Bonnie Walton

10 Years Continuous Service:
 Ingrid Fisher, Kathleen A. Halzack

5 Years Continuous Service:
 Rita A. Clifton, Jonathan Gordon, Lisa A. Rowe, Kathleen K. Sargent, Marilyn Tumilty, Mark K. Winn II

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

 **Veterans Crisis Line**
 1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

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, including our weekly Shrimp Special!"

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 - 7:00 PM

Salad and dessert included. Following is the dinner menu for this month (No Dinner Dec 16th):

<u>Dec. 3rd</u>	<u>Dec. 25th</u>
TO BE DETERMINED	Traditionl Christmas Dinner
\$9.00	FREE TO ALL
5:00 - 7:00PM	12:00 - 5:00PM
Prepared by: ???	Prepared by: Post and Auxiliary

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 Richard Schwartz** or **Assistant Canteen Manager Teresa McMillion** 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 (except Christmas Eve) from 7:00 to 10:00 PM:

December 3rd TBD	December 10th TBD
December 17th DJ Shannen	December 31st NYE PARTY

Our entertainment for the month of December 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 - 8:30 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! Thank you for your service and support!

Chairperson **Manager**
Steven Graves **Richard Schwartz**
canteenmanager392@gmail.com



MOCA PUP TENT #9 UPDATE

The Cootie Breakfasts are going amazingly well, with over 100 in attendance at the last breakfast. Volunteers, we couldn't do it without you!!! Please join us for a delicious breakfast on Dec 5th and 19th, 8:30 - 11:00AM. Please volunteer and/or support!!

MOCA Bingo will not be held in December due to scheduling conflicts. It will return in January.

The Kid's Christmas Party and Santa's Workshop will be held on December 18th from 12pm to 3pm.

The next MOCA meeting is Dec 14th at 7pm. Please attend meetings so we can all work together for a successful year. I hope to see everyone there! Thanks for all that you do.

Our Chaplain Ingrid Epperson stands by for any member who may need our help. Feel free to contact me if you need anything.

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POST ANNOUNCEMENTS

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and are not endorsed by the
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15th of each month. If you are interested in advertising, please contact the Quartermaster.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

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

- Joseph G. Brady

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**
30 West Queen's Way
Hampton, Virginia 23669
(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.

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



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