



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
 General MacArthur Memorial Post 392
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2011 Membership Goal 1800
Current 2011 Membership 1583 Members, 92.9%

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2010—2011 Officers			
Post Commander.....	Dave Curtis	Judge Advocate.....	Lyle Soule
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Pete Gebelein	Ladies Auxiliary President.....	Denice Moran
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Bill Sowers	Ladies Aux. Sr. Vice President.....	Suzie Forehand
Quartermaster.....	John Phillips	Ladies Aux. Jr. Vice President.....	Judy Lupole
Chaplain.....	Bob Duvall	Ladies Aux. Chaplain.....	Maureen DeGrush
House Committee Chairman.....	Ralph Stephens	Ladies Aux. Treasurer.....	Mary Richards
Service Officer.....	Gunnar Gudjonsson	Seam Squirrel.....	Joe Brady
Surgeon.....	Ernie Cox	M.O.C.A. President.....	Gail Payne

COMMANDERS CORNER

Comrades and Sisters

Congratulations to our new life member Jenny McCorkle. She is our first winner in the quarterly drawing for a free life membership. Would you like to be the next winner? Entry is easy, just attend our monthly business meeting and sign the attendance sheet. For each meeting you attend you get another free chance. If already a life member the prize is \$100. The next drawing is on April 4th. Think of all the pull tickets you can buy with that. We are still behind in meeting our membership goals.

Dates to remember:

- 2/1—Post Meeting
- 2/6—Super Bowl
- 2/8—MOC Scratch

- 2/12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/14 Valentines Day
- 2/20—Daytona 500
- 2/21—Washington's Birthday
- 2/23 - House Committee Mtg

New Members: I extend a warm welcome to the new members who were voted into our Post at the December regular meeting.

New/Transfer Life Members:
Corey D. Schaad

New/Transfer Annual Members:
Larry E. Mulholland
William L. Reich

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard.

Birthdays:

I wish a very "Happy Birthday" to James F. Benson, Donald E. Brown, Kimberly A. Frost,

Burton H. Jones, and Christopher A. Wszolek and 108 fine comrades. I also extend Birthday Wishes to Marian D. Bryant, Brenda Demoulin, Joanie Hanna, Mary A. Harnden, Kristin Isfeld and 21 other fine sisters.

Post Meetings: Post meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is at 1900 (7 PM) on 1 February, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Membership Eligibility

Question: Can a Post require a DD214 before accepting an individual's application?

Answer: No. Section 103, Paragraph 3, of the National By-Laws, provides that "**the Post Reviewing Committee shall not recommend acceptance of an application unless eligibility has been fully determined.**" The Post is accountable for the eligibility

of every member accepted into membership." There is nothing in the National By-Laws stating that a **DD214** is the only document required to substantiate eligibility. Copies of orders, payroll vouchers, etc., are other sources of eligibility. Therefore, all applicants are required to provide proof of eligibility prior to be voted into the VFW.

Yours in comradeship;
Dave Curtis
Post Commander

david.ha.curtis@verizon.net

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

The following comrades have earned the Continuous Membership Award indicated below. Please attend the next General Membership Meeting to receive your lapel pin. If you are unable to attend the meeting, contact any Post officer and your pin will be presented. If your name has not been listed and you believe that an award is due, please contact the Quartermaster.

THIRTY (30) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Robert L. Conrad

TWENTY FIVE (25) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

John E. Balius
Wayne M. Determan
Charles E. Hopler
Michael B. McManus

TWENTY (20) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

William L. Barkley
Robert D. McRae
Donald E. Melia
William Sowers

FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

John M. Baldwin III
Aubrey D. Dugger
Wayne A. Jensen
Leon A. Mackey
Richard S. Otto
Cory B. Phillips
Robert Walker

TEN (10) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Robert J. Agnor
William H. Carlton
Thomas R. Dussman Jr.
O. Keith Evans
Shawn K. Hurdle
Thomas A. Jackson
Michael L. Piotter

FIVE (5) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Jose L. Amaro
Stephen DiMichele
William L. Dugan

Wayne E. Duprey
Jose Ibarra Jr.
Emil M. Mull

SR. Vice Commander
Peter Gebelein
pete [djfan516@cox.net]

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

WOW!!! What a great football season!!! Doug, Frank and all made it even better by inventing and executing the BFD "snack attack" menu during the gridiron battles.

We still have the play off and SUPER BOWL to go!! This year's SUPER PARTY will be a great time for all of us football fans. I hope to see all of you there!!

Coming up soon is POPPY day and I'll be looking for VETS and Ladies to "shake their cans" for poppies.

I hope all of you had a great holiday season and I look forward to seeing you around the post. REMEMBER, VOLUNTEERS are what makes us SPECIAL!!! Contribute your share!!!

Junior Vice Commander
Bill Sowers
641-0471
bosn@sprynet.com

QUARTERMASTER

NEWSLETTER
AVAILABLE ONLINE
AND BY EMAIL

The newsletter is now available via email, go to our website at www.vfw392.org, select NEWS and scroll down, enter the following, first name, last name, email address Member ID No. and sign up.

Change of Address

Even though we are no longer mailing out the newsletter, we need to maintain a current address on our members, here at the post and at national headquarters. So please keep in touch and fill out an address change form and mail it to me at the post.

Email:
post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com

John H. Phillips
Quartermaster

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Comrades & Sisters

Ladies Auxiliary:

VFW Veterans and Ladies
Auxiliary assisting our
veterans.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist in the transportation, for members to and from medical appointments and other medical needs. Also volunteers for funeral ceremonies.

If you would like to volunteer your free time by assisting, please contact Gunnar, Doug

Keller, or Post Chaplain Duvall in the main office.

SICK CALL:

We have Comrades and Sisters who have fallen ill or been injured and who are Hospitalized or at home recovering.

Short Term Members Hosp/
Home: 60 days.

Les Lawton. . . Home
Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

TAP'S:

None to report
Remember to check the Post Bulletin Board within the Chaplains Corner for most recent updates.

PLEASE NOTE:

Comrades, when you or a family member falls ill, please contact the Post and let us know. It is important that we extend our hand in any way possible to aid and comfort our fellow comrades in their time of need. We each maintain a certain degree of self-reliance and independence but if we cannot fall back upon our VFW brothers and sisters as family, then who are we to call upon?

We would like to extend our wishes to all VFW Post # 392, members and families – Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bob Duvall
Maureen DeGrush
VFW Chaplains

Ladies Auxiliary President

Great news!! Our Auxiliary is at 100% membership! For you lucky

ladies who attended January's meeting, you got to see your president do "the membership dance of celebration". Thanks to all who made the extra effort to call members and all those who supported the effort to reach 100%. I can't wait for Convention to represent 392 Auxiliary for this outstanding achievement.

Dates to remember: Feb.1 Post and Aux. meetings 7PM

Feb. 26 – VA Hospital visit.

Please check the calendar for other events. February is the month of love. I hope all of you will take some time to appreciate your loved ones in some special way. Remember to show that love to our Veterans in whatever way you can. David Grayson said "Looking back, I have this to regret, that too often when I loved, I did not say so."

My thanks again to all my ladies who have worked so hard and are always there to lend a helping hand whenever needed.

Denice Moran
Ladies Auxiliary President
Email:

dmoran@specialtyproducts.net

LADIES AUXILIARY
MEMBERSHIP

Dear sisters:

The sisters listed below are requested to attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Auxiliary to be held on December 7th, 2010. Auxiliary President Denice Moran stands ready to decorate you with the

Continuous Membership awards indicated.

**FIFTEEN (15) YEARS
OF CONTINUOUS
SERVICE**

Dixie L. Sandifer

**TEN (10) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE**

Carolyn J. Olson
Christine J. Powers

**Mary Richards
Treasurer**

MOC / MOCA

What is the VFW Honor Degree? The answer is simple it is a group of men and women who take care of the Veterans. Our Military Order of the Cooties in this Post 392, Pup Tent 9; has approximately 60 members.

The Cooties along with the Ladies Aux, have had a lot of success in the past, serving the Vets good food and most of the work has been done by the women.

As your Seam Squirrel I am asking you Cooties to get into the act of showing you really care about the position you hold as a member of the "Honor Degree".

When we have a scratch and the same 5 or 6 cooties arrive, I wonder where the rest of you are.

The only way you can have an input on how the Post and Pup Tent are run; is by coming to the Meeting and the Scratch. Voice your opinion and vote.

PLEASE attend the meetings and scratches, show your support. Thanks

Joe Brady Seam Squirrel
MOCA President
gpayne@specialtyproducts.net

Upcoming MOC/MOCA Event

On 5 February, the cooties of Pup Tent #9 are doing a joint Hospitalized veteran Program with Pup Tent #14 Dale City, VA and Pup Tent #5 Phoebus, Va. Our program is to do a special Casino Day for the patients at the McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond, VA.

Until this scheduled event, the only Cooties in Virginia to do elaborate Casino Days for patients has been our Pup Tent at VFW Post 392. Early on the 5th of February, we will convoy from the Beach to Richmond with all of our gaming equipment. We will also earn hospital hours and mileage. As this is a Pup Tent 14 evolution, we will basically be there to advise and assist. They will be taking care of dealers, prizes, food, etc. Like every major function, anyone volunteering to help us will be graciously welcomed. Our game plan is to spend the night in Richmond acting like Cooties are suppose to – indulging in copious amounts of Cootie Kool-Aid at the Richmond VFW Post and returning Sunday, 6 Feb 2011. However, if you wish to go and return after the Casino Day is finished, that is entirely your decision. We will also be safe guarding our equipment. Again, help is needed to haul and setup the equipment. Please, you don't have to be a Cootie to help as VFW/Cooties get hospital hours

credit, including mileage. A signup sheet will be put up at the Post.

This will be fun and such a worthy cause.

KEEP THEM SMILING IN
BEDS OF WHITE LOTCS
STU, "LET'S TALK TRASH"
CARSON

CANTEEN HOURS

SAT - THURS 11AM - 10PM

FRIDAY 11AM - 11PM

**We now taking
applications for a cook. If
interested please see
Betty.**

Thank God It's Friday!!

This is the time of the week to unwind from the rat race enjoying a quiet evening of entertainment, socializing with your friends and taking a great opportunity to make new friends. Social hour prices are in effect from 4 to 6 PM. From 6:00 to 8:00 PM the kitchen will offer steamed shrimp and our full menu is available.

ENTERTAINMENT

Below is the entertainment for the month of December 2010 from 7PM – 10PM.

Friday

February 4, 2011

Tim Hopkins

Friday
February 11, 2011

Jim Berry

Friday

February 18th, 2011

Premium Blend

Friday

February 25th, 2011

Capt Moose

DJ & Karaoke

THURSDAY NIGHT
DINNERS

February 3rd, 2011

Beef Tips

Buttered Egg Noodles

Green Beans

Hot Rolls

Fresh Salad Bar

Dessert

Cost: \$7.50

February 10th, 2011

Pork Chops in

Mushroom Sauce

Mashed Potatoes

Buttered Beets

Hot Rolls

Fresh Salad Bar

Dessert

Cost: \$7.50

February 17th, 2011

Meat Loaf

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Corn

Hot Rolls

Fresh Salad Bar

Dessert

Cost: \$7.50

February 24th, 2011

BBQ Chicken Leg Quarters

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Peas

Hot Rolls

Fresh Salad Bar

Dessert

Cost: \$7.50

STATE OF VIRGINIA
VETERANS AFFAIRS
REPRESENTATIVE

Every Tuesday from 11 AM to 4 PM, Ms Elizabeth Bonin is at the Post to answer your questions concerning veteran's affairs. She has provided this valuable service and helped many of our comrades and sisters get the benefits they solely earned. She stands ready to assist you.

So, please come out and talk to her.

Liz Bonin

WEEKENDS AT THE VFW

Cootie breakfast is off and running, so come out and enjoy the best breakfast anywhere, eggs to order, omelet, waffles, pancakes, etc. for only \$7.00.

Weekends at the VFW has something for everyone. The Canteen will open at 10AM, with all your favorites on tap and in bottles.

We have six (6) TVs, five (5) are large Flat Screens. We have the NFL football package so you can watch your favorite team. Social hour prices will be in effect from 1-4 PM for all NFL games.

SPECIAL NOTE

FOOD NOW

AVAILABLE ON

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY'S

From 12 Noon to 4 PM

Doug Keller

Bob DeChamplain

Doug Keller

Hot Wings, Pizza, Bratwurst,
Real Polska Kielbasa, Homemade
Meatball Subs, French Fries &
Onion Rings.

SUNDAY'S

From 4:30PM to End of 3rd

Quarter: Prepared by

Bob DeChamplain

TACOS

Also, chili, hotdogs and free
popcorn are available. Come
down and spend a great afternoon
with your comrades and sisters at
the Post.

RALPH STEPHENS

CHAIRMAN

BETTY STEPHENS

MANAGER

POSTAL MATCHES

The NRA and the VFW have a program for Junior and Adult Small-bore Rifle, Sporter Air Rifle and Precision Air Rifle Postal Matches. These matches are fired during December only and are due (or postmarked) to NRA by December 31st. I have received only one entry form just a few days ago and will try to get a few more for those who are interested. Obviously we can't participate for this year but should be able to compete next year. The pamphlet list the requirements and the awards that will be given by the NRA and the VFW. NRA rule books are now available on line in PDF format at <http://www.nrahq.org/complete/nra-rule-books.asp>. A printed copy will be available at the Post for those interested.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

RENEW NOW

It takes a lot of time and money to send out reminder notices or bother you with telephone calls

PLEASE DO IT NOW it's your VFW, continue your support.

At the present time we have 290 members who are no longer in good standing because they did not renew their membership. The 290 who did not renew encompass the years 2009 and 2010.

Since it's founding, the VFW has been a cornerstone in the community. Troop support, youth activities, volunteering and scholarship programs are a few of the ways VFW shines in the many communities where Posts are located.

VFW honors veterans through fund-raising efforts, sponsorship of special events for disabled veterans and by symbolically recognizing volunteer service. Donations also help victims of natural disasters and less fortunate children.

VFW has played an instrumental role in virtually every significant legislation passed in the 20th century, as well as bills developed in the 21st.

The mission of our Washington office is "To honor the Dead by Helping the Living" by prevailing on Congress and Administration to fulfill this nation's

commitment to care and provide for her defenders and their dependents in their time of need, and to ensure that the United States remains ever vigilant, while maintaining a strong national defense.

The VFW National Legislative Service represents the organization before the United States Congress to advance legislation that is beneficial to veterans and our active duty military and to work towards the defeat of legislation that would harm them. The founding principle of the VFW is to ensure the provision of needed services to veterans by a grateful nation. For more than a century our organization has worked tirelessly to guarantee veterans are provided all the health care and entitlements they have

The founding principle of the VFW is to ensure the provision of needed services to veterans by a grateful nation. For more than a century our organization has worked tirelessly to guarantee veterans are provide all the health care and entitlements they have earned through their service and sacrifice in defense of our nation in a prompt and compassionate manner by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal departments and agencies.

As you can see your membership is very important to you and the VFW. When our National Legislators go to the Hill they have 2.1 million members. In the eyes of our Congressional Legislators that many members are a lot of constituents. If you have a reason for not wanting to be a VFW member or have any

questions you can correspond with me at david.ha.curtis@verizon.net and I will do my best to answer any questions.

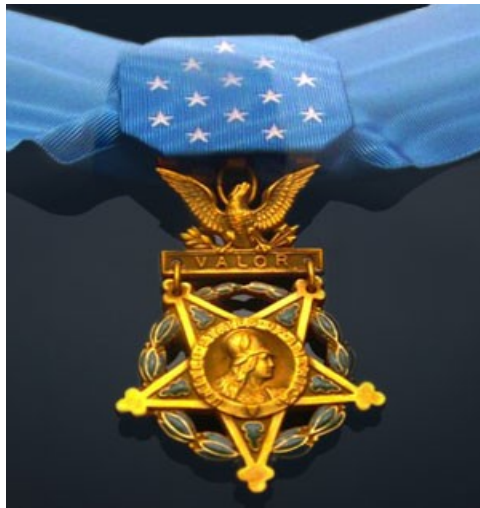


Did You Know?

Douglas Albert Munro was born in Vancouver, Canada, of American parents, on October 11, 1919, but spent his entire life previous to his enlistment in South Cle Elum, Washington. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Munro of South Cle Elum. Douglas Munro was educated at the South Cle Elum Grade School and was graduated from the Cle Elum High School in 1937. He attended the Central Washington College of Education for a year and left to enlist in the United States Coast Guard in 1939. He had an outstanding record as an enlisted man and was promoted rapidly through the various ratings to a signalman, first class.

In the action [where he was killed in action], Munro had already played an important part, since he was in charge of

the original detachment of ten boats that had landed the Marines at the scene. He had successfully got them ashore and then had headed his boats back to a previously assigned position. Almost immediately upon his return, he was advised by the officer in charge that conditions had been different than had been anticipated and that it was necessary to evacuate the men immediately. Munro volunteered for the job of heading the boats for the evacuation. In charge of the rescue expedition, he brought the boats in-shore under heavy enemy fire and proceeded to evacuate the men on the beach. When most of them were in the boats, complications arose in evacuating the last men, whom Munro realized would be in the greatest danger. He accordingly so placed himself and his boats that they would serve as cover for the last men to leave. It was thus that he was fatally wounded -- protecting the men after he had evacuated them. He remained conscious sufficiently long only to say four words: "Did they get off?" He died, therefore, with the realization that his mission had succeeded and his final assignment had been carried out. In addition to the Medal of Honor, Munro was also awarded, posthumously, the Purple Heart Medal, and was eligible for the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.



Medal of Honor Citation

Rank and organization: Signalman First Class, U.S. Coast Guard Born: 11 October 1919, Vancouver, British Columbia. Accredited to Washington.

Citation: For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty as Petty Officer in Charge of a group of 24 Higgins boats, engaged in the evacuation of a battalion of marines trapped by enemy Japanese forces at Point Cruz Guadalcanal, on 27 September 1942. After making preliminary plans for the evacuation of nearly 500 beleaguered marines, Munro, under constant strafing by enemy machineguns on the island, and at great risk of his life, daringly led 5 of his small craft toward the shore. As he closed the beach, he signaled the others to land, and then in order to draw the enemy's fire and protect the heavily loaded boats, he valiantly placed his craft with its 2 small guns as a shield between the beachhead and the Japanese. When the perilous task of evacuation was nearly completed, Munro was instantly killed by enemy fire,

But his crew, 2 of whom wounded, carried on until the last boat had loaded and cleared the beach. By his outstanding leadership, expert planning, and dauntless devotion to duty, he and his courageous comrades undoubtedly saved the lives of many who otherwise would have perished. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

THIS HERO IS THE ONLY COASTGUARDS MAN TO RECEIVE THE NATIONS MEDAL OF HONOR





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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN		MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT	
JAN	30	JAN	31	FEB	1	FEB	2	FEB	3	FEB	4	FEB	5
Cootie Breakfast Team 1		VFW/LAUX Staff Meeting 5:30 PM		Post /LAux Meetings 7 PM		USMC League' Mtg 7:00PM		Beef Tips Buttered Egg Noodles 6-7:30PM \$7.50		Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Tim Hopkins			
	6		7		8		9		10		11		12
Cootie Breakfast Team 2		FRA 166 Staff Mtg		MOC / MOCA Meetings 7 PM		American Legion 110 Mtg		Pork Chops In Mushroom Sauce - Mashed Potatoes - Buttered Beets 6 - 7:30 PM		Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Jim Berry		Lincoln's Birthday	
	13		14		15		16		17		18		19
Cootie Breakfast Team 3 Salty Dawg Meeting		FRA Branch 166 Mtg Valentines Day				USMC League' Mtg AOA Assn Mtg		Meat Loaf - Mashed Potatoes - Gravy - Corn 6 - 7:30 PM \$7.50		Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Premium Blend			
	20		21		22		23		24		25		26
Cootie Breakfast Team 1		Washington's Birthday (Observed) President's Day		Vietnam Vets Meeting Washington's Birthday		House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM		BBQ Chicken Leg Quarters - Mashed Potatoes - Peas 6- 7:30 \$7.50		Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Capt. Moose		Hampton VA Movie Team 2	
	27		28	MAR	1	MAR	2	MAR	3	MAR	4	MAR	5
Cootie Breakfast Team 2		VFW/LAUX Staff Meeting 5:30 PM		Post /LAux Meetings 7 PM									
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