

# February 2022 - VOLUME 33, NUMBER 8

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<b>COMMANDER'S</b>
CALL

Brothers and Sisters,

Greeting Comrades, I do hope everyone is doing well and have been staying safe and healthy. I am getting really excited for what is coming our way. We have entered 2022 with our regularly scheduled events, those being our Dart tournament, Texas Hold'em tournament, MOCA Bingo, and last but not least, our monthly Pool Tournament. If you are a pool player, come on out and enjoy yourself and the others that play, they seem to have a good time. The Dart tournament went really well, with probably the largest group I have yet seen playing, and all had a good time.

Now on to Feb 2022. Our New Year has kicked off with a bang. Keep an eye on the Calendar for events scheduled, changed, or updated. Our Adjutant keeps the calendar up to date, sometimes on very short notice.

Let's talk a bit about upcoming February events. We start off with

something I have been working on for quite some time. I am excited to say we are going to have a Quilts of Valor presentation at our Post on February 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have never witnessed one before it is a very touching event. I hope this is the first of many we host. On Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, performer Bryan Dunn will be providing live acoustic guitar entertainment from 6-10 PM. Then on February 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a Grover Gaming Tournament, as was requested by our members a while ago, now that COVID isn't controlling our lives as much. And YES, it's back - Casino Night will be held on February the  $26^{\text{th}}$ , with a Mardi Gras theme! Get tickets vour and enjoy the festivities for this great event!!

This is your Post. Make sure you come and support your Post and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Post members. We are always adding new members, so come meet them and build friendships. Our Post is only as good as you make it. We are a great Post that can always get

## ATTENDEES NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

- Post / Auxiliary Meetings: February 1st 7:00 PM
- <u>Pool / Darts Tournaments</u>: February 5th 12:00PM / 5:30PM
- <u>MOC/MOCA Breakfast</u>: February 6th & 20th 8:30 AM
- <u>MOC/MOCA Meeting</u>: February 8th 6:30 PM
- <u>MOC Auxiliary Bingo</u>: February 12th 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- <u>Texas Hold'em Tourney</u>: February 19th 6:00 PM
- <u>House Committee Meeting</u>: February 23rd 6:30 PM
- <u>MOC/MOCA Casino Night</u>: February 26th 7:00 PM
- Friday Night Shrimp Special: Every Friday 5:30—8:00 PM

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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 held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month and 7:00 pm. House Committee Our meeting is the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm. It is open to all members to bring up ideas and or concerns. You can always use the suggestion box, as the House Committee Chairman reads and responds to every signed suggestion submitted. With that being said, please remember our members are our brothers and sisters, their family is our family, and be respectful of everyone.

If you have read any of my newsletter articles, you know there is something that is always near and dear to my heart. As we enter 2022, it is even more important. We lose way too many lives to suicide. I think every day should be about suicide awareness. We all have heard about the 22 a day suicides. Please everyone, let's take care of one another, 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, as 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, veteran, or their family member that is in need or ill, please bring it to our attention.

Post Commander Troy Wagers <u>commandervfw392@gmail.com</u> (757) 450-0844

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

2/1 President Reagan orders withdrawal of US Marines from Beirut in 1984 2/8 US Forces secure Guadalcanal in 1943

2/15 USS Maine sinks in Havana Harbor in 1898

2/22 Operation Junction City begins in Tay Ninh Providence, Vietnam in 1967

2/23 U.S. flag raised on Iwo Jima in 1945

2/25 Iraqi Scud missile hits US barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia in 1991



Greetings, Brothers and Sisters! February is here and the Groundhog will be peeking out. I sure hope he doesn't see a shadow! I prefer the milder winters.

Last month wasn't particularly a great one for me. COVID came to visit just after Christmas, and then decided to turn into a Sinus infection. What a great couple of weeks I had over the holidays!! Due to my illnesses, I haven't been able to visit the Post to try out the food in the Canteen since we hired the new manager and cooks, but I hear it's really good and am looking forward to getting back.

As always, there are plenty of opportunities for fellowship on the Calendar, including our Friday Night Shrimp Special, Darts and Pool Tournaments, Texas Hold'em Card tourney, MOCA Bingo, and our twice a month Cootie Breakfasts. I hope to see you soon and often!

> SR. Vice Commander Richard Craig <u>srvice</u> <u>commandervfw392@gmail.com</u> (757) 513-4905

## <u>Continuous Membership</u> <u>Awards</u>

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.

## February 2022

**50 Years Continuous Service:** Rick R. Hamblen, Anthony Hardock Jr.

**40 Years Continuous Service:** Gary L. Keasling

**35 Years Continuous Service:** James L. Bedeaux

**30 Years Continuous Service:** David G. Killen, Robert E. Lavelle, William S. Nelson

**25 Years Continuous Service:** Randy J. Catt, Michael J. King, Terrell Wheeler Sr

**20 Years Continuous Service:** Roy A. Hoenig, Jay R. Miller, Patrick J. Raggiani, Ward R. Robbins, Charles D. Townsend

**15 Years Continuous Service:** Paul V. Abney, David L. Beck Jr., Thomas C. Bohling, Robert D. Dean Jr., James R. Nichols

**10 Years Continuous Service:** Dann Burrell, Joseph W. Cool, Mark E. Emmons, Stanford R. Freeman Jr. Bruce L. Nelson

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 month finds you all well. The New Year is upon us, so we have some amazing events coming up that we are in NEED of volunteers. If you have any Casino type skills like Black Jack dealer or roulette table operator, we can use you. February 26<sup>th</sup> when we hold our Marci Gras themed Casino Night fundraiser for our MOC/MOCA Veterans Fund. This is an awesome night of fun and festivities that we look forward to every year! You don't want to miss this fun night of play and prizes!! Please purchase your tickets or come lend a helping hand. Thank you for all you are doing.

If you want to be involved in your Post activities, 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 <u>jrvice</u> commandervfw392@gmail.com

## Membership Dues

Annual dues are \$40.00. Annual Members can pay their dues at Post 392, online at <u>vfw.org</u>, 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!



#### QUARTER-MASTER

## 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 be to email it to the Post. If you drop it off or email it, please remember to include your telephone number and email address!

#### 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 757-486-5875 vfwpost392@gmail.com

## **NOTICE** <u>This is my last year as the Post</u> <u>Quartermaster</u>.

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



Greetings all from your Post 392 Chaplain.

Comrades, I hope that all are well and getting out more often than not. The Post remains open and busy, so look closely at the Calendar to see all the events coming up.

This is the lesson for February:

Soldiers throughout time have known the importance of shields. Facing danger and the possibility of death or injury, they have welcomed the protection offered by shields.

Styles and shapes of shields have changed to reflect new technologies and weapons. Depending on place and time, shields have been made from animal hide, wood, or various metals. Some have been plain while others were elaborately decorated. But during battle, soldiers know that an effective shield can save their lives.

People find various ways to be shielded. Some trust in their jobs or resources. Others hide behind governments or armies. Some retreat to secluded hideaways. But the Bible teaches that none of these can protect us perfectly. All these human shields have imperfections that can fail. The only perfect protection is to trust God.

The Psalmist urgently wanted people to understand this truth. Over and over, he urged everyone to "trust in the Lord." It was a message he cried to Israel, the house of Aaron, and all who fear the Lord. He certainly would convey the same message to us. Our only effective shield is to trust God.

Remember that you have an adversary who is prowling like a roaring lion. He is seeking to devour you and your family. The world can be and often is a dangerous place. Make sure you trust in the Lord, as He is your shield.

Father, I look to You to defend me. I take up the shield of faith and believe You for protection. Help me to be ready. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### Post Chaplain John Flavin <u>chaplainvfw392@gmail.com</u> 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:

## Stu Carson, SPA Mike Boche, Home Bill Sowers, Home

## Taps

#### JOSEPH M. BURKE, 13 Jan 22 JANE A. CHAVIS 10 Dec 21

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 <u>chaplainvfw392@gmail.com</u> <u>757-458-0844</u>



Sisters & Brothers,

I hope everyone is staying warm and well during this cold weather!! First, I would like to congratulate Jill Valora for winning her Lifetime Membership!!! The drawing was held at the January meeting.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in preparing Valentines for Veterans. It was a great event, and so many Veterans are going to be so happy to receive these cards from us.

The next Bake Sale will be held on Friday, February 18, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm. If you would like to donate a pastry or dessert, it would greatly be appreciated. If you would like to assist at the Bake Sale table please be at the Post at 5:30 p.m.

The next District Auxiliary Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at VFW Post 4411 in Franklin, VA. The meeting will begin promptly at 12pm.

Post Jr. Vice Jennifer Cuevas is taking orders for MAGA (Make Auxiliary Great Again) t-shirts and sweatshirts. If you would like to place an order for one or more of these shirts you can reach her at Jennifer.cuevas09@hotmail.com

or 757-353-7243. The cost of a tshirt is \$25.00 (2XL is \$30.00) and sweatshirts are \$35.00 (2XL is \$40.00). All profits will go to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Walk she will be participating in later this year.

Bob DeChamplain is still taking orders for Auxiliary Polo Shirts. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post. Please order yours today!

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the January 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 held on Tuesday, February 1st, at 7pm. We hope to see everyone there!!! Thanks for everything that you do for our Veterans and our Post!!! Feel free to contact me if you need anything. I can be reached at 757-560-0493 or n2runn1@yahoo.com

VFW Auxiliary President Dinah Doyle pres392@auxvfwva.org



## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

## Continuous Auxiliary <u>MembershipAwards</u>

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:

## February 2022

**35 Years Continuous Service:** Oma E. Maxwell

**10 Years Continuous Service:** Sandra A. Kress, Wanda K. White

**5 Years Continuous Service:** Karen L. Anderson, Kathie Clark, Troy A. Frye, Ann P. Greenawalt, Marti McCorkhill, Greg McCorkhill, Judy A. Timmerman

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

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



CANTEEN

## **Canteen Hours**

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

On Cootie Breakfast Sunday's the Canteen opens at 1000

## KITCHEN HOURS

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

## New Canteen Manager

We would like to extend our thanks to Richard "Rick" Schwartz, who has served us as the Canteen Manager since October, 2021. Rick has resigned for personal reasons, effective February 1st, 2022. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.

After interviewing multiple candidates, we have hired Lisa Kuny as our new Canteen Manager, effective February 1st, 2022. Lisa has a long history in food service. We look forward to her leadership and improvements in service to our members and other customer. If you see Lisa, please welcome her to the Post!

## 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.

## LOCKER DUES

Now is the time to renew your 2022 locker dues. If dues are not paid by 1 March 2022 all contents of the locker will be removed and become property of the Post.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS Hours / Menu 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Salad and dessert included. Following is the dinner menu for this month (call Post to confirm):

<u>Feb 6th</u>	<u>Feb 20th</u>		
TO BE DETERMINED	TO BE DETERMINED		
\$9.00	\$9.00		
5:00 - 7:00PM	5:00 - 7:00PM		
Prepared by: ???	Prepared by: ???		

Note: Our Thursday Night **Dinners** are normally prepared by all volunteer staff. an If volunteers are not available, then one of our Cooks will prepare items off the normal dinner menu. If you'd like to help with serving, cleanup, or dishwashing - please contact the Canteen Manager or Assistant Canteen Manager Teresa McMillion at (757) 486-5875, or at the email address canteenmanager392@gmail.com.

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

#### FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Below is the entertainment for this month, come and enjoy the music with your friends every Friday from 6:00 to 10:00 PM:

<u>Feb 4th</u>	<mark>Feb 11th</mark>
Tim Hopkins	Bryan Dunn
6-10PM	6-10PM
<u>Feb 18th</u>	<u>Feb 25th</u>
DJ Shannon	Tim Hopkins
6-10PM	6-10PM



## 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 <u>EZ Peel Shrimp</u> are back & larger! 1/2 lb. for \$6.00 / 1 lb. for \$12.00

If you have comments or suggestions for our Canteen, please let us know. <u>All written</u> <u>comments or suggestions must be</u> <u>signed for consideration</u>! Thank you for your service and support!

Lisa Kuny Post 392 Canteen Manager 757-486-5875 <u>canteenmanager392@gmail.com</u>



Sisters & Brothers,

I hope you have a great Valentines Day!! Keep yourself warm and safe during this cold weather.

MOCA Bingo was on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout and a great time. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes. The next bingo will be Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. Please bring a friend!!!

Casino Night will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022, from 5pm to 10pm, at the Post. Tickets are available at the bar. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, which includes 1 drink ticket, appetizers, and \$1,000 in chips. We are in need of volunteers to deal blackjack, work the roulette and craps tables, and deal Texas Hold'em. We are also in need of setup and cleanup There is a sign-up assistance. sheet at the Post. If anyone would like to donate appetizers, there is signup sheet for that also

Breakfast is going great!! It is served from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The dates for February breakfast are February 7<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers to cook, serve, and clean up are always needed.

It would be great to see more members at our meetings. 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 Ingrid Epperson stands by for any member who may need our help.

The next MOCA meeting will be February 8th at 7pm. Hope to see everyone there!!! Thanks for everything that you do Feel free to contact me if you need anything. I can be reached at 757-560-0493 or <u>n2runn1@yahoo.com</u>

#### MOC Auxiliary President Dinah Doyle (757) 560-0493





#### **<u>NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING</u>** All ads are paid advertisements, and are not endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 392 is offering advertising space in our newsletter. Our monthly circulation is over 2100. All ads must be submitted and approved by the Post prior to the 15th of each month. If you are interested in advertising, please contact the Quartermaster.

## STATE OF VIRGINIA Veterans Affairs <u>Representative</u>

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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

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David Rivard, Esq., Attorney

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## 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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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	•VFW/AUX STAFF Meeting :6:30PM	• VFW/AUX Post Meeting 7:00PM	• MCL Meeting 7:00PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment Tim Hopkins 6-10 PM	Monthly Pool Tourney @ Noon     Darts Tournament 5:30
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MOC/MOCA Breakfast—Team 1 8:30 - 11:00		MOC / MOCA 6:30 PM Meeting			Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment Bryan Dunn 6-10PM	• MOCA Bingo 1:00 - 3:00PM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	FRA 166 Staff Meeting 7:00PM	• IOOB Meeting 7:30PM	AOA Meeting 6:00 PM     MCL Staff Meeting 7:00PM	VVA Chapter 969 Board Meeting 7:00PM	Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment DJ Shannon 6-10PM	<ul> <li>Grover Gaming Tourney 1:00PM</li> <li>Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:00PM</li> </ul>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
MOC/MOCA Breakfast—Team 2 8:30 - 1100	• FRA 166 Branch Meeting 7:00PM	• VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00PM	House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment Tim Hopkins 6-10 PM	CASINO NIGHT— MARDI GRAS THEME 7:00PM—10:00PM
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