



Post 392

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
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2021 Membership Goal: 1940
Current Status: 1833 Members

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2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....	Troy J. Wagers	Auxiliary President.....	Dinah V. Doyle
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COMMANDER'S CALL

Brothers and Sisters,

Greeting Comrades! I hope everyone is doing well and have been staying safe and healthy. As the year of 2021 has come and gone, we are moving forward with a lot of momentum. We enter 2022 with the same events; we are able to have our Darts tournament, Texas Hold'em tournament, MOCA Bingo, and last but not least, our Pool Tournament. If you enjoy any of these activities, come on out and enjoy yourself and the others that play, as they all have a good time.

Since we publish these newsletters early, I never got to talk about the Thanksgiving Meal. What a great turnout! I have been working these meals for several years, and this was by far the best turnout I had ever seen. It couldn't have been done without all the great volunteers that helped. From cooking, to set up, to clean up, it is truly a team event. I have no doubt our Christmas Dinner is going to

be just as great. Christmas is always a fun time for me here at Post 392. We had a ton of fun at the Christmas Party, during Shop with a Vet, and at the Kid's Christmas Party. We had donations to take to the VA Hospital, and of course the generous donations to support our Angel Tree. Thank you to the Post members and the greatest Auxiliary around. Together, we made this time of the year special for a lot of people.

Now on to 2022 - Welcome to our New Year. Let's keep up the momentum and make this year even better than 2021. Keep an eye on the Post Calendar for all the events scheduled. As events get added, changed, and updated, we will keep the Calendar up to date.

I have to mention some things that did happen since the last Newsletter. If you hadn't seen on Facebook or heard, Dick Barber, a disabled veteran who served in the Navy from 1949 - 1974, needed some assistance. We worked with

ATTENDEES NEEDED (see any Post Officer for details)

- **Post Meeting:**
January 4th 7:00 PM
- **Pool Tournament:**
January 8th 12:00 PM
- **Darts Tournament:**
January 8th 5:30 PM
- **MOC/MOCA Breakfast:**
January 9th & 23rd 8:30 AM
- **MOC/MOCA Meeting:**
January 11th 6:30 PM
- **Auxiliary Bingo:**
January 15th 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- **Texas Hold'em Tourney:**
January 15th 6:00 PM
- **House Committee Meeting:**
January 26th 6:30 PM
- **Friday Shrimp Special:**
Every Friday 5:30—8:00 PM

POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!

some Seabees from Little Creek, some Chief Selects, and Home Depot, and built a wheelchair ramp at the home of his son, where he lives. We also heard of a young couple, he being on Active Duty and she, a disabled veteran, needing a wheelchair for her. Post 392 stepped in and bought her a new wheelchair, giving her more independence to get around on her own. These are two wonderful stories that really improved the lives of 2 veteran families. The smiles on their faces would make anyone's heart melt. Be proud of VFW Post 392 for what we are able to do.

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 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 1st Tuesday of the month and 7:00 pm. Our House Committee 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
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DATES TO REMEMBER

1/6 Operation Deckhouse V (Mekong Delta, Vietnam) began in 1967

1/9 US carried out air strikes on al-Qaeda operatives within Somalia in 2007

1/14 USS Enterprise flight deck fire (accidental rocket detonated) in 1969

1/16 Operation Desert Storm (Iraq) begins in 1991

1/25 Operation SMACK, assault on Spud Hill (Korea) in 1953

1/26 USN Lt. Evert Alvarez Jr spends his 2,000th day as a POW (Vietnam) in 1970

1/29 Taliban forces clash with U S Forces near Adi Ghar Mountains (Afghanistan) in 2003



**SENIOR VICE
COMMANDER**

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters!

It seems almost hard to believe, but here we are already starting a new year. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year. My deepest wish is for everyone to have a better year than the last, even if 2021 was a good one for you.

The last several months we have had quite a few new and transferring members. If you see a new face around the Post, please make sure to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome. That's one of the best ways to make sure they come back often, and aren't just members on paper for a year or so before they fade away. It would be great to get as many as possible involved in the Post 392 community.

SR. Vice Commander
Richard Craig
commandervfw392@gmail.com
 (757) 513-4905

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.

January 2022

45 Years Continuous Service:
 James J. Naulty

35 Years Continuous Service:
 David B. Wilbur, Clyde K. Hogendobler

30 Years Continuous Service:
 Anthony F. Dominguez, John M. Barringer, Donald F. Norton, Christopher A. Wszolek, Donald T. Ward, William J. Weber

25 Years Continuous Service:

Richard E. Petersen, Anthony J. Oubre

20 Years Continuous Service:

Robin R. Kissinger, John T. Been, Ronald K. Woods

15 Years Continuous Service:

Robert W. Bullen, Robert L. Cowan, Raymond D. Moyer, James M. Keller, William J. Simpson, James M. Maloney, Gregory A. Smith, Kevin W. Rubel, Mark J. Santos, James H. White Jr.

10 Years Continuous Service:

Gerald E. Haueter Jr., Joseph A. Elliott, Gregory J. Ciaccio

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 all of our Christmas functions, including the Christmas Party, Show with a Vet, the Kid's Christmas Party, Angel Tree, and New Year's Eve Potluck Dinner and Party,

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

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QUARTER- MASTER

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.

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The best method would be to email it to the Post.

Quartermaster

John Phillips

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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



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings all from your Post 392 Chaplain.

I do hope that you are all doing well. Last month was a busy and fun month at the post. Welcome into the New Year I pray that 2022 will be a good year for all.

Among the many exhibits and artifacts exploring the harsh reality of slavery and its aftermath in the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC, I was grateful to discover the Contemplative Court. This tranquil room features translucent walls of bronze glass, and water appears to rain down from the ceiling into a pool.

As I sat in that peaceful space, a quote on the wall from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. caught my eye: "We are determined . . . to work and fight until justice rains down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream." These powerful words are drawn from the Old Testament book of Amos.

Amos was a prophet living among a people who were involved in religious activities, such as celebrating festivals and offering sacrifices, but whose hearts were far from God (Amos 5:21-23). God rejected their activities because they'd turned away from His commands, including those regarding justice toward the needy and oppressed.

Instead of religious ceremonies devoid of love for God and others, Amos wrote that God longed for His people to demonstrate genuine concern for the welfare of all people—a generous way of living that would be a mighty river bringing life wherever it flowed.

Jesus taught the same truth that loving God is connected with loving our neighbors (Matthew 22:37-39). As we seek to love God, may it come from hearts that

also treasure Justice.

**Post Chaplain
John Flavin**
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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 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:

Mike Botchie SPA
Fred Mitchell, Home
Stu Carson, Home

TAPS

WILLIAM T. WHITMORE JR,
30 NOV

ROBERT P. OLSON 30 AUG

**STEPHEN L. BRYANT 23
NOV**

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 had a great holiday and Happy New Year!!

We had so many wonderful events in January. The Children's Christmas Party was so much fun. 39 children attended. Santa and his elf delivered goodies to the children and Santa's workshop was awesome!!!

Our Post and Auxiliary delivered 200 goody bags, cards, and lap blankets to the VA Hospital. They were so appreciative. We are still not able to go into the Hospital for visits, but we can still drop off gifts. The Angel Tree helped so many children in need this Christmas. Thank you to everyone who picked up an Angel and made this Christmas a joy for many families. Food Baskets and gift cards were also given to the families.

The Christmas Party was so much fun. There were 100 members and guests in attendance. The food and desserts were delicious, along with great entertainment by DJ Shannon. Congratulations to the 3 Ugly Sweater winners; your outfits were great!

The Post/Auxiliary Bake Sale was again a huge success. The next Bake Sale will be on Friday, February 18, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who participate in all of these events. You are the Best!!! We could not do all of these events without you! Thank you for your time, donations, and the love you put into being a member of the Auxiliary and the Post.

Winter Council is January 7-9, 2022 at the Renaissance Portsmouth Waterfront Hotel.

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

Thank you to everyone who

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

Our Chaplain Connie Mitchell stands by for any member who may need our help.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 4th 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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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:

January 2022

40 Years Continuous Service:
Beryl I. Deary

25 Years Continuous Service:
Dawn Bourque

20 Years Continuous Service:
Susan M Powers

10 Years Continuous Service:
Teresa Evans, Sherry L. Weber

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

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



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

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

<u>Jan 6th</u>	<u>Jan 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 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 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM:

<u>January 7th</u>	<u>January 14th</u>
TBD	TBD
<u>January 21st</u>	<u>January 28th</u>
DJ Shannen	TBD

Our entertainment for the month of January is not complete. Please watch our social media sites and / or call the Post for further information.

Canteen Manager

We are currently accepting applications / resumes for our Post 392 Canteen Manager position. See any Post Officer.

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!

Richard "Rick" Schwartz
Post 392 Canteen Manager
757-486-5875

canteenmanager392@gmail.com



MOCA PUP TENT #9 UPDATE

Sisters & Brothers, Happy New Year 2022!!

MOCA Bingo is back for the month of January. Please bring a friend. It will be on Saturday, January 15th from 1pm to 3pm.

After a long delay, our Casino Night will be held in February. A date and time will be announced soon, along with the times and dates for the planning committee meeting. We look forward to a great time!

The dates for the January Cootie breakfasts are January 9th January 23rd. Come on out and enjoy a delicious breakfast with us. Breakfast is served from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are always needed.

The Children's Christmas Party was so much fun. 39 children were in attendance. Santa and his elf delivered goodies to the children and Santa's workshop was

awesome!!!

The MOCA Grand of Virginia Winter Council is January 8, 2022 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm, at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel in the Madison Room.

It would be great to see more members attending 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 see soon at upcoming events.

Our Chaplain, Ingrid Epperson, stands by to assist any member who may need our help.

The next MOCA meeting will be January 11th 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 n2runn1@yahoo.com

MOC Auxiliary President
Dinah Doyle
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POST ANNOUNCEMENTS

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All ads are paid advertisements,
and are not endorsed by the
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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.

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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

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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

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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	1
			• House Committee Meeting 6:30PM		• Post Pot Luck NYE Party 7:00 PM - Midnight	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	• VFW/AUX STAFF Meeting :6:30PM	• VFW/AUX Post Meeting 7:00PM	• MCL Meeting 7:00PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30 - 8:30PM	• Monthly Pool Tourney @ Noon • Darts Tournament 5:30
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
MOC/MOCA Breakfast—Team 1 8:30 - 11:00	• FRA 166 Staff Meeting 7:00PM	• MOC / MOCA 6:30 PM Meeting			Friday Night Shrimp 5:30 - 8:30PM	• MOCA Bingo 1:00 - 3:00PM • Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:00PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	• FRA 166 Branch 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 Shannen	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
MOC/MOCA Breakfast—Team 2 8:30 - 1100	• Mayor Vet Comm • HRCVO 5:30PM Meeting 7:00PM	• VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00PM	House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM	
30	31					
	VFW Staff Mtg 6:30P					

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