



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
General MacArthur Memorial Post 392
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2016 Membership Goal: 1,913
Current Status: 103.4% (1,882 of 1,821 Members)

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

**2014-2015
ALL STATE!**

JULY 2015 - VOLUME 27, NUMBER 1

2014 - 2015 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
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Hipolito Camacho	Ladies Aux. Jr. Vice President....	Dinah V. Devins
Quartermaster.....	John H. Phillips	Ladies Aux. Treasurer.....	Ellen Stogsdill
Chaplain.....	Robert G. Duvall	Ladies Aux. Chaplain.....	Ingrid Epperson
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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

Comrades, it with tremendous pride that I assume the helm of VFW POST 392 as the new Post Commander “kid” on the block! I appreciate all the pointers, “Heads UP”, bits of wisdom, and a lot of know how that has been passed on to me by previous Commanders and comrades who have worked so hard in the past to set a high standard of excellence here. I look forward to a busy, challenging, productive year and invite ALL of you to get involved and pitch in any way you can! TEAMWORK is and will always be the key to a highly successful POST.

The Department of Virginia convention at Williamsburg was highlighted by OUR OWN Doug Keller being elected as the new STATE COMMANDER. A well-deserved selection of a great comrade who has spent many

years with the VFW paying his dues in the trenches!

We did receive ALL-STATE honors with a banner and thanks to all involved who made that happen. I was more than humbled by being chosen as the VFW State Recruiter of the Year and accepted the awards on behalf of all my comrades here at the Post. Inspiration, Motivation, Perspiration, and resilient Determination seemed to have carried the day!

Comrades, as the Senior-Vice Commander pointed out, we still need more Comrades to step to the plate and volunteer for many of our programs as well as key events. I intend to push hard to get MAX participation and involvement throughout the year.

I see another busy month in July with a fresh start on membership and getting our feet wet on different projects coming up!

Looks like July 17-21 will be the National Convention in Pittsburgh,

PA and I wish all attendees a safe journey, great time and productive week.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Post Meeting:** July 7th, at 7 PM. All members may attend
- **VA Hospital Visits:** July 25, BINGO (Team 1) at Hampton VA Hospital, see any Officer
- **American Red Cross:** Urgently need blood donors, call 1-800-448-3543, or see any Officer
- **Post Picnic:** Sept 6, will need set up, clean up, manage games and events, see any Officer
- **Campbell Soup Labels:** benefits VFW NHC (National Home for Children), bring in your can labels to any Officer
- **Funeral Services:** as required, see Chaplain Bob Duvall
- **Recruit Members:** applications at the Post, see any Post Officer

POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP! THE LIFELINE OF THE VFW!

Stay tuned, Film at Eleven!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 7/1 Battle of Gettysburg begins in 1863
- 7/4 Independence Day (1776)
- 7/8 Gen MacArthur appointed Commander-in-Chief of UN Forces, Korea in 1950
- 7/12 Lt Reasoner: 1st USMC to receive Medal Of Honor in Vietnam, 1965
- 7/22 Uday and Qusay Hussein killed in gun battle, Iraq War in 2003
- 7/27 Korean Armistice Agreement signed in 1953
- 7/29 USS Forrestal fire in 1967
- 7/30 USS Indianapolis sank by Japanese torpedoes in 1945

NEW MEMBERS

I extend a warm welcome to the new members who were voted in at the last regular meeting:

New/Transfer/ Life Members:

Gregory J. Ciaccio, Robert P. Clark, Paul Davis, Nannette L. Murray, Nicholas Rivera

Life Installment:

Daryl D. Baker Jr.

New / Transfer/ Re-Instated / Annual Members:

Thomas D. Harbeck, Craig M. Dudgins, Richard Pedroza, Michael B. Seabolt, Sterling P. Silver II, and Doy J. Utsler

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard!

BIRTHDAYS

May I wish a "Happy Birthday" to Joseph F. Brichter, Theresa J. DeChamplain, Bobby Gallagher, Duane E. Gordon, Clovis J. Schweers, Peggy Ann Austin, Hilary A. Haver, Anne J.

Kennedy, Denene M. Messinger, and 177 other fine Comrades and Sisters!

Post Commander

Douglas M. Iles

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades, first let me say it is an honor to serve as your new Sr-Vice Commander for the upcoming year. I will try my best to serve the Post with great pride and honor. We have a lot to do and accomplish this year, but we cannot do it alone, we need your help.

I'm looking for a Vice Chairman for the Membership Committee to help retain and recruit new members, so if you are up for the challenge please see me or Commander Iles.

The Buddy Poppy drive was a huge success, thanks to all who donated their time, it was greatly appreciated, we raised over \$7000, again thank you all who participated.

All the programs the VFW supports takes some work to make these things happen. And they require help from the members of each Post they belong to. We really would like to see more support from other members of the Post. I would like for all the Post members to take the time and reflect on why you really became a member of VFW Post 392.

I always hear the words 'I will help' but when an event happens we only get one or two. Case in point on the last Buddy Poppy drive we had one location not even covered for the last day of the drive. And we had one other

location wrapped up early due to lack of volunteers.

I hope we can get a little better on this front this year comrades. We really cannot do what we do without you, so please look at the doors between the meeting room for upcoming events and help us out. We thank you so much.

We are in the planning stages of our Annual Post Picnic which will be held on the 6th of September. So see the Jr-Vice Commander or Ladies Auxiliary Jr Vice President to help out.

Our monthly Poker Tournaments are going very good, check the bulletin board to see when the next one is for July.

As the New Year begins, Comrades, let's make this a banner year for Post 392 and let's stand up and be noticed positively throughout the VFW community!

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

AWARDS

The following Members have earned Continuous Membership Awards. 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:

Michael A. Kennedy

30 Years Continuous Service:

John J. McCarron, Mitchell K. Metzger, George W. O'Neal

25 Years Continuous Service:

James B. Dadson, Lee A. Hawks, Paul J. Hoban

20 Years Continuous Service:

Don F. Morris, John M. Pendergrass

15 Years Continuous Service:

Leon R. Bundy Jr.

10 Years Continuous Service:

Dwayne J. Cardin, Keith D. Hammargre, Patricia A. Hubbard, David J. Kearney, David S. Ralston, Josh A. Van Haelen

5 Years Continuous Service:

Frank W. Girod, Jenny L. McCorkle, Gregory J. Schleyer, Earl B. Smith, James F. Szewczyk, Richard J. Wert

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, I am extremely pleased and blessed in assuming the role, duties, and responsibilities as your new Junior Vice-Commander. Although, I am relatively new to this whole process, I firmly believe that with your moral support and encouragement, I can uphold this important position to the same standards set by prior Junior Vice-Commanders.

What has really impressed me with VFW Post 392 in my short time as a member is the "closeness" and mutual respect that each member has for one another. This makes it more of a family environment, and one that I truly believe we can make better.

I am here to support the new Post Commander, Doug Iles, in the execution of his duties and responsibilities, as well as supporting the other new leadership members.

As I march down this path, I will be soliciting your inputs on a variety of things. First thing that

comes to mind is the Post Picnic Event which is scheduled for 6 September. As the Committee Chair, I am looking for volunteers to help out in the preparation and orchestrating of this event. Although we already have prior Committee members stepping up to the plate, it is never too late to provide whatever assistance you can.

Additionally, as I get my "feet wet and firmly in place," I will be approaching each and every one of you to pitch in any way you can. As the new Post Commander remarked earlier, TEAMWORK is and will always be the key to a highly successful POST. We can definitely use more Comrades to step to the plate and volunteer for many of our programs and key events.

In closing, I am humbled to be your new Junior Vice-Commander and I look forward to meeting you all in person. Of note, I am headed out of the country for a few weeks, but come mid-July, I will be looking to press forward with the Post Picnic Event preparations, as well as supporting other projects of importance to the Post. All I ask is for your involvement in making VFW Post 392 the premier Post in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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

2015 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 of Events are available online, for free! To view them online, go to 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 Post emails from going to your SPAM folder!

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

On 14 June 2015, as we go into New Year, our New Post Officers take on their new responsibilities. Let us try to give them our support a little more. As VFW members, we also need to give a 110 % to supporting our Post.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The following comments are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, But it is a "Steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry that won't last very long either.
5. Old friends are like gold! New friends are a diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, my child it's just a bend, not the end."
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; When God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He

replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; Sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

Suggested reading: Proverbs 16:7

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.

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 at the location listed below:

- **Jan Gebelein**
(Home)
- **Frank Myler**
(Home)
- **Mary Stogsdill**
(Home)

TAPS

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

- **Pamela J. Strickland**
Passed: 23 May 2015
- **Debra L. Botchie**
US Navy (Retired)
Passed: 31 May 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

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters and Comrades! First off, I want to congratulate our own Doug Keller, our new State Commander! Also congratulations goes out to our new Post Commander Doug Iles for winning two prestigious membership awards! And congratulations goes out to Sue Sowers for doing such an outstanding job as Scholarship Chairman! One of her students won third place at Department level for Patriotic Art! Sherry Weber, Tina Brown, and Ellen Stogsdill did such a wonderful job with membership that we won the Early Bird contest!

I want to thank every single member for being a part of our Auxiliary, for without you we couldn't have achieved our banner this year. While we didn't win as many awards as we did in years past ... I know that we all put our hearts, time, sweat, and sometimes tears into helping our Veterans and their families. And that is what it really is all about.

We all have a common bond, somebody in our family served in the Armed Forces during a time of combat overseas. That is what makes us Sisters. And like all families we are going to have squabbles, bumps in the road, and outright disagreements. But that is

what makes us stronger, to learn from each other, to listen, and work together to achieve our goals.

Every single one of you are important. Every single one of you has a voice and deserves to be heard. You all have my respect and admiration, and I am proud to call you my Sister.

While at Department convention we learned that there some VERY IMPORTANT resolutions to be voted on at the National Convention in July. Please, I urge all of you to read them and let one of our Officers know where you stand on these subjects. We, the delegates, will be going to make sure your vote counts! If you have any questions or comments please feel free to email me at lewiscolleen2@gmail.com. I look forward to try and answer any questions you may have or even discuss anything that may be on your mind.

In closing, I want to send out prayers for all of our sisters who may be ill or dealing with any personal issues. Our Chaplain, Ingrid Epperson, stands at the ready to help you in any way she can! God bless you all, and thank you again for allowing me to represent you as President this year.

Ladies Auxiliary President
Colleen Lewis
lewiscolleen2@gmail.com



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

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:

35 Years Continuous Service:
Gale Given

30 Years Continuous Service:
Betty L. Stephens

10 Years Continuous Service:
Laura Ann Lee-Dunn,
Norena White

5 Years Continuous Service:
Amy Kiger, Sue C. Sowers

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer
Ellen Stogsdill
post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com



CANCER AID AND RESEARCH

CANCER DANCE

It saddened us to have to say that this will be our last Cancer Aid and Research input. National has voted to remove this program from our committees. The cancer grants will still be available for those of you that need them. You can get the cancer form from the Ladies Auxiliary National website.

The reason behind the removal is that National wants us to work more in helping our Veterans with the many programs out there. Their goal this year is to raise a million dollars.

We would like to thank everybody for their support that you showed the Ladies Auxiliary during our annual Cancer Aid and Research fundraiser which was held on April 18th (Cancer Dance). It was a wonderful evening and everybody had an awesome time. We would like to THANK everybody that attended and for all the generous donations that were received through

organizations, local businesses and you ... whether it was a donation for a daffodil to honor/in memory of a loved one or attending the fundraiser. With your generous donations we raised a total of **\$9,500.00**.

We would also like to thank the Battleship Run Chairmen and their Committee for the donation of \$1,103.00 to the Ladies Auxiliary for our Cancer Aid and Research program. We thank everybody from the bottom of our hearts. Without your help we would have not been able to reach such an AWESOME amount.

Once again, we thank everybody from the bottom of our hearts for your support and devotion in helping to find a cure for this divesting disease that has affected you, a loved one, and/or friends. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEARTS!!!!

Support the Fighters

Admire the Survivors

Honor the Taken

And Never Give Up Hope

For more information on cancer, aid, & research, visit the National Cancer Institute online at: www.cancer.gov.

Chairpersons
Tina Brown & Judy Lupole
post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com

RELAY FOR LIFE

Good morning. Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation I have for all of the VFW-392 volunteers who assisted and participated over this past weekend's Relay for Life Event held at Salem High School, Virginia Beach 6-7 June 2015. VFW - 392 raised over \$5,300

(\$2,500-Goal), that's double what our goal was set out to be. I'm hopeful to add to our donation totals by selling the remainder of 2015 JEEP WRANGLER 4 Door SUV Raffle Tickets. Raffle Tickets are \$10 apiece.

Overall, we had 29 volunteers come out and brought food and drinks, assisted in camp site set-up, breakdown and walk the many laps, over an 18 hour period, needed to raise funds and cancer awareness.

The overall event raised over \$272,000. It appears many who stopped by and visited our campsite, viewed our participation favorably and are looking forward to next year's 2016 Relay for Life, Virginia Beach. It was a great VFW recruiting opportunity. Once again, thanks to ALL!

Captain Mike "Breeze" Barea
US Navy (Retired)



CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

Monday-Thursday.... 1100-2200

Friday..... 1100-0000

Saturday-Sunday..... 1100-2200

(Sunday's with Cootie Breakfast,
the Canteen opens at 10 AM)

KITCHEN HOURS

Monday-Friday..... 1100-1400

Saturday / Sunday closed

WEEKENDS AT THE VFW

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

The Canteen opens at 11:00 AM on Saturdays and Sundays. Come out and enjoy a cold beer or beverage.

And - come join our Racing Fantasy League and watch every

NASCAR Sprint Cup Race televised at the Post on the multiple big screen TV's. Come out and enjoy the races - bring the family!

On Sunday race days, the kitchen is open with a limited menu. Remember, Wi-Fi is available at the Post, so can bring your tablet, laptop, or other wireless enabled device to track the race stats live (or entertain the kids).

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

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

July 2nd <u>BBQ Chicken</u> potato salad, baked beans, roll, & dessert \$8.50	July 9th <u>Lasagna</u> spinach, garlic bread, salad, & dessert \$8.50
July 16th <u>Fish-n-Chips</u> roll, salad, & dessert \$8.50	July 23rd <u>Pork Loin</u> mashed potatoes, corn, roll, salad, & dessert \$8.50

July 23rd <u>Grill Your Own Steak</u> bake potato, roll, salad, & dessert \$12.00

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:

July 3rd Shane Dollar DJ	July 10th Tim Hopkins Live Music
July 17th Shannon Cooper DJ	July 24th Jim Berry Karaoke & DJ

July 31st

Shane Dollar

DJ

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

Chairperson

Pete Gebelein

Manager

Joe Halzack

canteen@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com



POST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Volunteers Needed

There are still 108 memberships who's dues have expired / will expire by November 2015.

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.

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. Recording the number of donors reflects in our community services.

www.redcrossblood.org/midatlantic

1-800-RED-CROSS

(1-800-733-2767)

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.

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!

LADIES AUXILIARY **MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Sisters, It's about that time of year again where we start thinking of our membership dues. "I'm sure you are thinking that

"wait, it's only April and I just paid my dues! My dues aren't due until December 31!" Well that is true, but this is for us Early Birds! Remember "The early bird catches the worm" and you could be the lucky one to never have to pay dues again.

You see, from the months of June through October 31st, your dues will only be \$20.00! And you will be entered into a drawing for a Life Membership! Sounds great, doesn't it? Well it gets better, because if you pay your dues in June through October 31st, you will have TWENTY chances to win a Life Membership!

The drawing for the Life Membership will take place during our meeting on November 3rd, 2015.

And remember, starting November 1, renewal dues will increase to \$25.00.

Tired of paying yearly dues? Why not consider becoming a Life Member? If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Post at 757-486-5875 and one of our Auxiliary Officers will be glad to help you!

Good luck and hope to see you at the meetings!

**2015-2016 Membership
Committee**

POST 392 WEB SITE

The VFW Post 392 website (vfw392.org) has been reformatted and updated with a cleaner, smoother look, and a new feature designed to allow us to disseminate Post information and activities in a timely manner. Please take a few moments to visit the website and check it out.

To that end, VFW Post 392 can now be found on Twitter at:

twitter.com/VFWPost392. You can also find us directly by searching on Twitter for the name @VFWPost392. This account will be utilized to post updates and information in real time, to ensure that our members and followers can have the best information available on our activities.

If you don't subscribe to Twitter, the account feed has been added to the Post 392 website Calendar page:

vfw392.org/calendar/calendar.htm.

You can follow the feed there.

**Adjutant & Webmaster
Michael T. Marushia**

LADIES AUXILLIARY

Encourages Volunteerism During VA's "Summer of Service"

Ladies Auxiliary VFW National President Ann Panteleakos and President-elect Francisca Guilford would like to jointly call on all members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW to engage in the Department of Veterans Affairs' new initiative "Summer of Service."

In a press release on May 26, 2015, VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald announced the Summer of Service as way to engage more citizens in the important and wonderful work of volunteering in VA Medical Centers and other facilities. Read the press release [HERE](#).

President Panteleakos and President-elect Guilford would like the members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW to lead the nation in bringing in the most new volunteers.

As one of the top providers of volunteers, hours and donations for the VA's Voluntary Service Program (VAVS), Ladies

Auxiliary VFW members can make a tremendous impact for veterans nationwide by helping to expand the volunteer program.

"More volunteers means more veterans are being helped," said President Panteleakos. "All year long we have been doing just that, with thousands of volunteers and hours, and millions of dollars in donations. I know we can be leaders this summer."

President Panteleakos and President-elect Guilford are asking jointly for members' assistance, as they recognize that the new program year will start in the middle of summer.

"We want to show our joint commitment to this important program," said President-elect Guilford. "Let's make this happen together."

As part of VA's Summer of Service, the Department has committed to hosting an open house in VA facilities the week of June 28 to spur increased local engagement and welcome members of the community interested in supporting the needs of Veterans. The VA has also established the following goals to achieve by Labor Day:

- **Increasing Volunteers:** Committed to engaging with 100,000 volunteers to support care and benefits programs and local events.
- **Increasing Community Partners:** Committed to expanding current agreements to provide services and support reaching more than 15,000 Veterans and family.
- **Recruiting Medical Professionals:** Hiring clinicians and clinical support staff to further expand access to care and homelessness.

- **Congress:** Host Congressional Members and Staffs at VA facilities across the country.

Learn more at:

<http://www.va.gov/vasummerofservice/>

or talk to your local Hospital Chairman, VAWS Representative or Deputy Representative on how you, your family and your friends can participate.

Thank you for all you do for Veterans and their families!

**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
National Headquarters**

FACEBOOK

Keep up to date with the most current announcements, events, changes, and news pertaining to VFW Post 392 by checking us out on Facebook.

The Post 392 Facebook page is www.facebook.com/VFW392.

The Ladies Auxiliary page is www.facebook.com/groups/VFWPost392LAUX.

**Adjutant & Webmaster
Michael T. Marushia**

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 at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, or send a text message to 838255 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 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

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POST 392 PICNIC

Volunteers Needed

We are planning our annual Post Picnic for **September 6th!** More details will be available in the following months, keep checking back in the newsletter and on our Post websites.

We are looking for volunteers to assist organizing, set-up, clean up, events, etc. Sign up sheets will soon be posted in the Canteen.

If you have any questions, please contact the Junior Vice Commander, or any Post Officer.

GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER

Have you done a legal tune-up lately?

So, how long since you've completed all your estate planning documents? When was the last time you read them? It's a good idea to review your documents at least every five years or upon an event that might require an edit of your documents (like your executor can no longer serve). First of all, locate your documents. If you can't find them, make an appointment with legal to re-do them. Second, read each document carefully. On your will, double check the names of beneficiaries; executors, etc. (Did your daughter get married since you wrote the last will?) or if you even made a will? Are the

executors and trustees still the right people for the job? Do you still want the same distribution of your assets?

Review your living will and health care power of attorney. Are your wishes expressed in those documents still what you want? Are the agents you appointed still the right people to make these decisions for you? Have their names or contacts information changed? If you have a durable financial power of attorney, are the agents you appointed still the right people to make these decisions for you? Have their names or contact information changed? Do you want to change what your agents can do for you if you become incapacitated?

If any of your documents need changes, contact legal for assistance in revising your documents. Active duty or retired service members and their ID card holding family members may be eligible for free legal assistance. For more information on modifying or updating your documents and/or to find a legal assistance office near you, call your nearest military installation JAG section.

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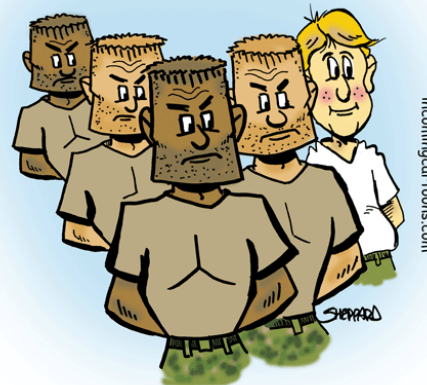
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are no longer with us,
Our Comrades and Sisters,
Our Family and Friends:

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