



Post 392

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States General MacArthur Memorial Post 392

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2020 Membership Goal: 1940
Current Status: 1863 Members

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

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2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

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COMMANDER'S CALL

Brothers and Sisters,

Greeting Comrades, I do hope everyone is doing good and have been staying safe and healthy. As the month of June has come and gone, we are recovering, and getting back to some kind of normal from the COVID-19 pandemic. We are bringing back some of the events; we were able to have the Dart tournament, and Texas Hold'em tournament. Keep an eye on the calendar for all the events to happen as scheduled or when events get changed and updated. We try and keep the calendar up to date.

There is some good news though, I see things starting to improve around the area, as more people are getting out, and restrictions are being lifted. Let us hope and pray we are moving in the right direction.

We have had a good month, and

I am really excited to see so many of our members coming back to the Post and enjoying the fellowship and getting caught up with the other members. Our Comradeship is something that not just anyone can understand. We have had some great volunteers and was able to have 3 Thursday night meals. Thank you to all those that volunteered to make that happen. Our Canteen is still serving lunch 7 days a week. Check the schedule to see when the canteen kitchen is open. We also were able to get all the Memorial Day flags picked up and put away, thanks to our JROTC volunteers and the adults that were there to supervise them.

Our big Independence Day celebration is going to happen this year. We will have a Hog Roast on the 4th of July. Come out and support our Post and share the day with the most Patriotic people I know. This is what we all took the oath for, our Independence, and nobody deserves to celebrate it more than we do. We also have

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

PLEASE REVIEW ANY ITEM BELOW AND
TAKE ACTION!

- **Post/Aux Meeting:**
July 6th 7:00 PM
- **Pool Tournament:**
July 3rd 12:00 PM
- **Dart Tournament:**
July 3rd 5:30 PM
- **Independence Day Picnic**
July 4th 12:00 - 3:00 PM
- **MOC/MOCA Meeting:**
July 13th 7:00 PM
- **Texas Hold'em:**
July 17th 6:00 PM
- **Thursday Night Dinners:**
July 1st, 15th, 29th
- **Friday Nights - Shrimp:**
Every Friday 5:30 - 8:00 PM

POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!

added new events to our schedule; the 1st Saturday of the Month is a Pool Tournament starting at noon. If you are a pool player, come on out and enjoy yourself and the others that play. They seem to have a good time.

This is your Post. Make sure you come and support your Post and enjoy the comradery of your fellow members. We are always adding new members; come and meet them and build friendships. Our Post is only as good as you make it, and we are a great Post that can always get better. If you have an idea, or want to get involved more, there are plenty of opportunities, and ideas are always welcome. Our Post meeting is the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Our House Committee meeting is the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm, and it's open to members to come and bring up ideas and or concerns. You can always use the suggestion box. The House Committee Chairman reads and responds to everyone, who puts one in, and signs it.

If you have read any of my newsletter articles, there is something that has always been near and dear to my heart. We lose way too many lives to suicide. I think every day and every month should be suicide awareness. We all have heard about the 22-a-day on the suicides. So please everyone, let us take care of one another, let's be kind to one another, and make sure, if someone needs to talk, we are there to listen. You never know your actions can affect a life. If you put them off it may be too late. As always be a friend to those in need. Suicide is a serious problem with our veterans, keep them in your prayers, and it never hurts to be friendly to them, it just may save their lives.

If you know of a member, or a veteran who is in need, sick, or their family is sick, please bring it to our attention. I know we are all praying for Jose Cintron. Please continue to pray for his recovery and his family. The word is good on his recovery, but he has a long way to go, and all the support he can get will help out tremendously.

Post Commander
Troy Wagers
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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



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is in full swing now, and as we enter July the 4th of July Picnic approaches rapidly. It is so great to be able to have these gatherings again. It's a good feeling to walk into the Post and see people at the bar and enjoying themselves in greater numbers again. Also planning is in the

works for the annual Family Picnic on Labor Day weekend. I won't say anything more, because I know Jennifer, the JR Vice CDR, will be filling us in.

I know last month, in my last post as JR Vice, I thanked all those who volunteered and helped with the Buddy Poppy Drive over the Memorial Day weekend. Everything from the Spaghetti Dinner, to those who manned the booth was great. As it turned out, we only had enough volunteers to man ONE booth, and that was at the Package store. The fundraiser coming at the same time the COVID restrictions were being lifted probably didn't help. We still netted approximately 3300 dollars, and I want to add a special thanks to someone that I just met this year, who was responsible for over half of that total, and his name is Ed Evans. He takes a Buddy Poppy can around to various establishments soliciting donations. I just want to once again remind everyone how important the funds we raise are in helping our brothers and sisters in need. There was a time when there were enough volunteers to man tables all 3 days at the NEX, Commissary, and Package Store. It would be wonderful to reach that level again.

.SR. Vice Commander
Richard Craig
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(757) 619-2867

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.

July 2021

35 Years Continuous Service:

Robert J. Bailey, Michael L. Crowder, John E. Evans, Stuart W. Onsurd, I.E. Richardson III

30 Years Continuous Service:

Gale L. Allen, Edward W. Blind, Scott W. Leason, Craig A. Ludwig, Howard L. Marsh, Scott I. Patterson, Frank Switzer, Anthony A. Williams

25 Years Continuous Service:

Harry M. Hutchison

20 Years Continuous Service:

Eric T. Diggs, Allan L. Hux, Leslie E. Lawton

15 Years Continuous Service:

John B. Amick,
James B. Bragaw

10 Years Continuous Service:

Kevin R. Cowgill, Tony L. Drew, Creg K. Griffin, Joseph P. Halzack, John D. Likus, Jason R. Porter, Ricky J. Rickman

5 Years Continuous Service:

Danny F. Scott Jr

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

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for nominating me as Junior Vice I'm expecting to learn a lot from our fearless leader Troy and all the other ones who have had this position and other leadership roles before me.

I'm a mom of 4 wonderful boys and a very supportive (most of the time) husband. I look forward to working with all of you.

Be sure to look for updates on our upcoming Labor Day Family Picnic.

JR. Vice Commander

Jennifer R. Cuevas

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QUARTER- MASTER

NOTICE

This is my last year as the Post Quartermaster.

Anyone interested in running for this position must know basic accounting and have knowledge of Microsoft products, EXCEL, ACCESS, Publisher, Power Point. Our accounting program we use is Peachtree. This job requires an extensive amount of training.

If seriously interested contact the Post Quartermaster

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues are \$40.00. Annual Members can pay their dues at Post 392, online at vfw.org, or by mail directly to:

VFW National Headquarters

Third Floor, Room 316

406 West 34th St.

Kansas City, MO 64111

(please include your membership#)

Consider changing your Annual Membership to a Life Membership and make a life long commitment to serving your fellow service members and Veterans. Life Installment plan is available as an

option to the one time payment for Life Membership.

E-NEWSLETTER

The Post Newsletter and Calendar are available online for free! To view them, go to vfw392.org and click on the links along the left side of the page.

On the Newsletter page, you can sign up to receive the monthly notification about the Newsletter, Calendar of Events, and other Post related communications by clicking on the "Subscribe to the VFW Post 392 Mailing List" link.

Ensure that you add the domain "vfw392.org" to your address book, it'll 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 would 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!

NOTE: Approximately 40% of the Post and Auxiliary addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are incorrect. Please update, email preferred at 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

(often the case with our active duty military members) 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
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings Comrades,

Thank you for trusting in me to be your Chaplain for the coming year. I shall give you advice, hope, and calmness as might be needed. a verse for you all.

I came to learn about Catherine Hamlin, a remarkable Australian surgeon, through reading her obituary. In Ethiopia, Catherine and her husband established the world's only hospital dedicated to curing women from the devastating physical and emotional trauma of obstetric fistulas, a common injury in the developing world that can occur during childbirth. Catherine is credited with overseeing the treatment of more than 60,000 women.

Still operating at the hospital when she was ninety-two years old, and still beginning each day with a cup of tea and Bible study, Hamlin told curious questioners that she was an ordinary believer in Jesus who was simply doing the job God had given her to do.

I was grateful to learn about her

remarkable life because she powerfully exemplified for me Scripture's encouragement to believers to live our lives in such a way that even people who actively reject God "may see your good deeds and glorify God" (1 Peter 2:12).

The power of God's Spirit that called us out of spiritual darkness into a relationship with Him (v. 9) can also transform our work or areas of service into testimonies of our faith. In whatever passion or skill God has gifted us, we can embrace added meaning and purpose in doing all of it in a manner that has the power to point people to Him.

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:

Jose Cintron
Home

Joe Desermoux
Home Sick

Christian Chenard
Home

TAPS

Benard P. Sherry Jr.
Passed: 9 October

Robert A. Foley
Passed: 8 May

Patrick E. Coughlin
Passed: 4 June

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
chaplain392@gmail.com



AUXILIARY

Sisters & Brothers,

I am very honored and excited to serve as Auxiliary President, VFW Post 392 for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to an awesome year and will do my best to serve the Auxiliary. Congratulations to the new officers and chairmen for the year 2021-2022. Our new officers are: Senior Vice President – Carol Mueller, Jr. Vice President- Ingrid Epperson, Conductress-Jennifer Winn, Chaplain-Connie Mitchell, Guard- Austin Farley, 1st Year Trustee- Ingrid Epperson, 2nd Year Trustee- Bob DeChamplain, 3rd Year Trustee- Teresa Evans, Secretary- Judy Lophole and Treasurer- Ellen Stogsdill. Thank you to Fred Jennings, our Auxiliary President for the past 2 years, you did a great job, and all of your hard work was truly appreciated.

We are updating our active membership roster: Please contact Ellen Stogsdill –

ellenstogsdill@cox.net or Judy
Luphole-luvedale88@verizon.net
 with any changes you may have.

Upcoming events for July are
 July 4: 4th of July Celebration
 VFW Post 392 from 12pm to 5pm.
 Please come and enjoy the day.

July 8-11: National Commander-
 In Chief Hal Roesch
 Homecoming, Portsmouth, VA
 Renaissance Waterfront Hotel.

July 18: 10:00 am- Department
 School of Instruction, VFW Post
 9808, Mechanicsville, VA.

July 24: 10:00 am – Department
 School of Instruction, VFW Post
 1264, Roanoke, VA.

July 31-August 3: National
 Convention, Kansas City, MO.

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
 July 6, 2021, 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
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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

CONTINUOUS 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 2021

20 Years Continuous Service:

Amanda L. Lund

10 Years Continuous Service:

Helena C. Carrico,
 Carol G. Mueller

5 Years Continuous Service:

Bernice Halvorson,
 Sandra Parsons

*Thank you for your service and
 congratulations!*

VFW Auxiliary Secretary
Judy Lupole
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 (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!

The Canteen opens at 11:00
 AM on Saturdays and Sundays
 (10:00 AM on Sundays when
 Cootie Breakfast is served). When
 the kitchen is closed, we do have
 the menu items, listed above,
 available on Saturdays and
 Sundays!

Come out and enjoy a cold beer
 or beverage! We have multiple big
 screen TV's. Bring the family - the
 Canteen is smoke free and Wi-Fi
 is readily accessible.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

Hours / Menu

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Salad and dessert included.
 Following is the dinner menu for
 this month:

<u>July 1st</u>	<u>July 15th</u>
Ziti w/Red Sauce & Sausage 5:00—6:30PM	Grill Your Own Steak 5:00—6:30PM
Prepared by: Amy Carter	Prepared by: YOU

July 29th

BBQ Chicken

Prepared by:
 Janice Silcox

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**
Shelly Hughes or the **Assistant**
Canteen Manager Debra
 Messado 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>July 2nd</u> DJ Ben	<u>July 9th</u> TBD
<u>July 16th</u> DJ Shannen	<u>July 23rd</u> TBD

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

CANTEEN SPECIALS

Fridays: Social Hour

4 - 6 PM

Come in and enjoy our Social Hour Prices to start your weekend!

Fridays: Steamed Shrimp

5:30 - 8:00 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, and thank you for your service!

Chairperson Steven Graves
Manager Shelly Hughes
canteenmanager392@gmail.com



POST ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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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Pembroke Office Park
287 Independence Blvd.
Pembroke Two, Suite 130
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Office: (757) 552-1884

NOTARY PUBLIC

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

- Joseph G. Brady

He is 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
- Signee must affirm, under oath, the accuracy of the document.

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.

LEGAL AID OFFICE

Veteran Free Legal Services

Estate Planning, Consumer matters, public benefits, and family law.

David Rivard, Esq., Attorney

Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia

291 Independence Boulevard
Pembroke 4, Suite 532
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462
(757) 552-0026 ext. 305
davidr@laseva.org

VETERANS CRISIS LINE

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Phone: 1-800-273-8255

Web: veteranscrisisline.net

Text Message: 838255

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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TROOPS**

Post Officers - 2021-22



L to R: Judge Advocate: Steven Graves (Scott DeVost - Stand in) , Adjutant: Mike Marushia, Quartermaster: John Phillips, SR Vice Richard Craig, Commander: Troy Wagers, JR Vice: Jennifer Cuevas, Chaplain: John Flavin, Neil Siegfried,



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