



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
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2010 Membership Goal 1800
Current 2009 Membership 1695 / 97.2 %

JUNE 2010 - VOLUME 21, NUMBER 12

2009 –2010 Officers

Post Commander.....Joe Brady	Ladies Auxiliary President.....Chris Cassirer
Sr. Vice Commander.....Dave Curtis	Ladies Aux. Sr. Vice President.....Denice Moran
Jr. Vice Commander.....Vacant	Ladies Aux. Jr. Vice President.....Suzie Forehand
Quartermaster.....John Phillips	Ladies Aux. Chaplain.....Gail Stanley
Chaplain.....Vacant	Ladies Aux. Treasurer.....Mary Richards
House Committee Chairman.....Ralph Stephens	Seam Squirrel.....Doug Keller
Service Officer.....Gunnar Gudjonsson	M.O.C.A. President.....Gail Payne
Surgeon.....Ernie Cox	Judge Advocate.....Pete Gebelein

COMMANDERS CORNER

Comrades and Sisters

This is my last entry as your Commander, Dave Curtis will be taking over the Post on June 13, 2010 after the convention in Richmond. The Post and I need your help, we are 40 members short of attaining 100%. Do you know someone who has not been reinstated or a new member waiting for you to sign them up, do it?

I can not thank enough the folks who have made my year as your Commander, one to remember; we have had good times and good parties, good gathering and met some new and wonderful people.

We have lost some people who are now hopefully looking down and taking care of us. They will all be missed.

In closing let me pass on two

things; MEMBERSHIP is important and "Learn to Listen; and Listen to Learn.

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

New Annual Members:

- Rodney G. Busitzky
- James A. Darby
- Omar R. Elhoss
- Donald W. Ellis
- Lloyd J. Gorski
- Brian S. Zellner

Reinstated Annual Members:

- Russell J. Bary Sr.

Transfer & Returning Members:

- Charles M. Grant - Annual
- Dale L. Miller - Annual

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard.

Birthdays: I wish a very "Happy Birthday" to Robert G. Branyan II, John W. McCoy, Ernest R. O'Rourke, Steven D. Unik and 121 fine comrades.

I also extend Birthday Wishes to Betty Dewitt, Patricia F. Lidtke, Sara E. Seymour and 25 other fine sisters.

Post Meetings: Post meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is at 19:00 (7 pm) on 1 June, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

SPECIAL DATES

- 5/29 Cemetery Flags Out
- 5/30 Buddy Poppies
- 5/31 Memorial Day Observed
- 6/1 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7PM

- 6/8 MOC/MOCA
Meetings 7PM
6/10-6/13 Department Conv.
6/26 VA Hospital Visit
1:00 PM
6/30 House Committee Mtg
7:00 PM

Joe Brady
Post Commander
Email: trngo@cox.net

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

This month begins another Post year, they sure go by fast. We will have the usual commitments and will need to get the volunteers to continue to support the Post functions. Each month we visit the VA Hospital on the last Saturday of the month for bingo or a movie. It would be nice to have new volunteers to help out. Ask any Post Officer if you would like to get involved.

The grass area to the west of the Post is private property and is not a parking area. We are negotiating with the owners of the property to lease the area and would like to show that we are good neighbors. Please do not use this area for parking.

The Post meeting on the first Tuesday of the month is a business meeting. If you want to have an input on how the Post is run try to attend the meetings as often as possible. Remember **you** have a vote, use it. We usually have less than 30 members attending and I know we can do better.

Now that the summer months are here please drive and play safe. When leaving the Post and crossing London Bridge be extremely careful as

there has been an increase in accidents and a few fatalities.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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

THIRTY FIVE (35) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

William H. Murray Jr.

THIRTY (30) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Charles B. Thiebaud

TEWNTY (25) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Kenneth Harper
Francis D. Kay
Daniel L. Milliman

FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Fredrick E. Brooks
Timothy H. Moes

TEN (10) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

John S. Asmussen

FIVE (5) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Michael J. Bouchard
Bruce J. Cuppett
Heidi S. Gallant
Roger D. Hoskins
Thomas G. Mathews
Christopher M. Morgan
Albert J. Sims

Dave Curtis
Senior Vice Commander
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JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cemetery Flags Collection,
Jun 1
State Convention, Richmond,
10 - 13 June
Vets Hospital visit, June 26

Please contact a Post Officer if you can assist with any Post event. Our strength is in our volunteers.

The **Patriotic Festival, June 4 - 6**, is a salute to U.S. Armed Forces at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. Military displays and demonstrations include Navy Dive Tank, EOD Detachment Norfolk, USMC Fast Co, and 7th Sustainment Brigade. For more information, visit www.patrioticfestival.com.

QUARTERMASTER

MEMBERSHIP LIFE INSTALLMENT PLAN

Attained Age by 12/31
.....1-Time Pmt 12-mo...24 mo

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To Age 30..\$425	40.39...	20.23
31-40.....410	39.02...	19.58
41-50.....375	35.84...	18.05
51-60.....335	32.20...	16.32
61-70.....290	28.11...	14.36
71-80.....225	22.20...	11.53
81 & over...170	17.20....	9.14

Using the Installment Plan, \$35 will be deducted with the first credit card payment, with 11 or 23 Monthly payments, which includes a \$1.75 per month administration fee. The member will be issued a provisional Life Membership card initially, followed by a permanent card when all payments have been made. A member may elect to pay by check, credit card or ACH Debit. Non-payment could potentially result in being dropped from the payment plan and applying any funds received to future years' dues.

Change of Address

Even though we are no longer mailing out the newsletter, we need to maintain a current address on our members, here at the post and at national headquarters. Please keep in touch and email me at post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com or fill out an address change form and mail it to me at the post.

NEWSLETTER
AVAILABLE ONLINE
AND BY EMAIL

The newsletter is now available via email, go to our website at www.vfw392.org,

select NEWS and scroll down, enter the following, first name, last name, email address Member ID No. and sign up.

John H. Phillips
Quartermaster

Email:
post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

SICK CALL

The following members of the Post have fallen ill or have been hospitalized:

- Tommy Jo Camp VBG Rm 362
- Ed Wilkerson VBG
- Nick Nickerson VA Hosp Nursing Home
- Betty Dewitt Bayside Rehab Rm 18A

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and we wish you all a speedy recovery.

Gail Stanley
Chaplain

TAPS

The following comrades and sisters have answered the final summons:

- Paul Schwartz 10 March 10
- John E. Molloy 30 March 10
- Homer J. Johnson 1 April 10
- Hebert G. Dooley 28 April 10
- Robert P. Chassar 14 May 10

The march of our comrade is over and he lieth down in the house appointed for all the living. May the Lord give his grace and comfort to his family in this time of sorrow.

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

Gail Stanley
Chaplain

LADIES AUXILIARY
JUNE NEWSLETTER

When I was preparing to assume the office of President, I knew I had to begin the year with a goal to reach.

It goes without saying I wanted to bring us together not only as an Auxiliary, but as one willing to join the Post with a common cause, helping our Vets.

Three other things were on the top of my list. 100% membership which we surpassed, 100% reported, which we are and two fund raisers to help the in-coming President to achieve her goals as well. It gives me great pleasure to say, if all goes well with the Flea Market, all has been accomplished!

The drawing for the Mother's Day Basket was won by Maureen DeGrush who was present to receive her winnings. The money raised surpassed our wildest dreams. Although the Ladies Auxiliary sponsored both fund raisers, they were and are supported by members from both sides of the Post and I am grateful

for the joint efforts put forth.

A year seems like a long time before it begins and now it seems like yesterday. Our losses were big with the passing of beloved members as we give thanks for those members who were so ill but have survived and are back with us again.

I thank each and everyone who mentored, volunteered, and carried me through this year and I wish only the best for Denice in her year ahead.

CHAPLAINS, Gail Stanley or Annette Bush stand by ready to respond to all needs. Please call the Post with any information the membership may need to know and the message will be passed on quickly.

For those sisters who cannot be with us due to illness or locale our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remain,

**Dedicated
Chris Cassirer
Ladies Aux. President
E-mail: ccassirer@cox.net**

**LADIES AUXILIARY
MEMBERSHIP**

Dear sisters:

The sisters listed below are requested to attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Auxiliary to be held on June 1st, 2010. Auxiliary President Chris Cassirer stands ready to decorate you with the Continuous Membership awards indicated.

**THIRTY (30) YEARS
OF CONTINUOUS
SERVICE**

Helen Bovinette

**Mary Richards
Treasurer**

M.O.C. / M.O.C.A.

Casino day was a big success. We had 94 veterans come out and participate. There was 27 Cooties and lady Bugs and with the help of the VA Hospital Staff pulled off one of our most successful and largest (94+ Veterans). Patty Stokes and her crew out did themselves. The Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) Grand Commander and Grand President of the Lady Bugs were on hand to help.

To pull off this Grand Casino Day the cooties traveled 1,290 miles invested 215 hours and spent over \$2,600.00 for prizes and food. As usual the VA Hospital Vets had a very lousy time, and our fellow Cootie Frank Nickerson stopped by to say hello to us all.

Mary Nickerson was saying that the Doctors at the VA Hospital were looking for something to do on Friday nights in the nursing home area. They were thinking of Karaoke for a couple of hours. At our last scratch we voted to go ahead and set something up. You'll be hearing more about this in the future.

State Convention 10-13 June 2010 and the Grand Scratch will also be held during Convention. The 4th Supreme convention will be held at the Doubletree hotel in Arlington, VA on July 16-17. Supreme Headquarters reported Virginia membership in the MOC at 104.28% Grand thanks all the Cooties for making this a really LOUSY year.

Our hospital work has been extremely lousy with over \$246,000 reported. We installed a new Pup tent and visited the National Home for Children. All in all we had a real lousy time doing it and we were good at it.

**Doug Keller
Seam Squirrel
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Gail M. Payne
M.O.C.A. President
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**HOUSE COMMITTEE
AND CANTEEN**

House Committee meetings are open to all membership. If you have any problems, complaints, suggestions or if you just want to get involved in the operation of the Canteen, please come to the meeting.

CANTEEN HOURS

Sat - Thurs 11 am - 10 pm
Friday 11 am - 12 pm

LUNCH

Monday thru Friday
Full Menu & Daily Specials
11 am - 2 pm

Thank God It's Friday!!

This is that time of the week to unwind from the rat race by enjoying a quiet evening of entertainment, socializing with your friends and taking a great opportunity to make new friends. Social hour prices are in effect from 4 to 6 PM.

From 6:00 to 8:00 PM the kitchen will offer steamed

shrimp and our full menu is available.

Below is the entertainment for the month of June 2010 from 7PM – 1000PM.

Friday

June 4th, 2010

Lloyd Gorsky
DJ & Karaoke

Friday

June 11th, 2010

Tina Unik
DJ & Karaoke

Friday

June 18th, 2010

DEMI

Friday

June 25th, 2010

Tim Hopkins
DJ & Karaoke

THURSDAY NITE DINNER

Enjoy the “Chef of the Night”
dinner 6 - 7:30 PM
Children 6 - 12 are half price;
Under 6 are free.

June 3rd, 2010

Turkey Breast
Bread Dressing & Gravy
Mixed Veggies
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert

Cost: \$7.50

June 10th, 2010

Beef Tips Over
Noodles
Peas & Carrots
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert

Cost: \$7.50

June 17th, 2010

B.B.Q. Pork Chops
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Hot Rolls

Fresh Salad Bar

Dessert

Cost: \$7.50

June 24th, 2010

Grill Your Own Steak

Baked Potatoes

Sautéed Mushrooms & Onions

Hot Rolls

Fresh Salad Bar

Dessert

Cost: \$8.50

SUNDAY AT THE VFW

Sunday at the VFW is a day with something for everyone.

We have six (6) TV's, four (4) are large Flat Screens. The Direct HDTV NFL Sports Package was a great success and everyone gets to see the game of their choice, hopefully we will do it again for the 2010 season.

Come down and spend a Sunday afternoon with your comrades and sisters at the Post.

Ralph Stephens

House Committee Chairman

Betty Stephens

Manager

STATE OF VIRGINIA

VETERANS AFFAIRS

REPRESENTATIVE

Elizabeth Bonin, Veterans Claims Representative is at the post every Tuesday, 1 - 4 PM. She can answer your questions, provide valuable information and assistance for the benefits you have earned.

Liz Bonin

455-0814

Email: Elizabeth.bonin@dvs.virginia.gov

SCOUTING BUILDS CHARACTER

POST 392 intends to revitalize our sponsorship for a Cub Scout Pack 392 and a Boy Scout Troop 392. Our new scouting program will begin meetings starting in September 2010. We are looking for new Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts members. If you have a child or you know of a child that is between ages 7-10 then they need to think about Cub Scouts and if they are 11 years old (or 10 and finished the 5th grade) then they are ready for Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. Our VFW Post knows that helping our youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. If you want to be part of our POST scouting program or know of a youth that wants to start scouting, *Please*, contact Wes Gibson at H: 757-486-4219 or C: 757-615-8300.



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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MAY 30 Buddy Poppies	31 Memorial Day Observed Buddy Poppies	1 Flags In Post /LAux Meetings 7 PM	2 Marine Corp League Mtg.	3 Turkey Breast Bread Dressing and gravy 6 - 7:30 PM	4 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Tina Unik	5
6	7	8 MOC / MOCA Meetings 7 PM	9 AM Legion Post 110 Mtg	10 Beef Tips Over Noodles Mashed Potatoes 6 - 7:30 PM	11 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Tina Unik	12
13 Salty Dog Mtg	14 Flag Day FRA 166 Staff Mtg	15 Mayor's Vets Cmte Mtg	16 7:00 PM AO Assoc 7:00 PM USMC League Staff	17 BBQ Pork Chops 6 - 7:30 PM VVA Planning Mtg	18 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Capt. Moose	19
20	21 FRA Branch 166 Mtg	22	23	24 Grill own Steak 6 - 7:30 PM	25 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Tina Unik	26 1:00 PM Bingo @ VA Hosp
27	28 AM Legion Post 81 Mtg	29 VVA Meeting	30 House Committee Meeting 7 PM	JULY 1	2 Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Patrick Byrd	3