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2011 Membership Goal 1800
Current 2011 Membership 1536 Members, 90.14%

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2010—2011 Officers	
Post Commander.....	Dave Curtis
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Pete Gebelein
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Bill Sowers
Quartermaster.....	John Phillips
Chaplain.....	Bob Duvall
House Committee Chairman.....	Ralph Stephens
Service Officer.....	Gunnar Gudjonsson
Surgeon.....	Ernie Cox
Ladies Auxiliary President.....	Denice Moran
Ladies Aux. Sr. Vice President.....	Suzie Forehand
Ladies Aux. Jr. Vice President.....	Judy Lupole
Ladies Aux. Chaplain.....	Maureen DeGrush
Ladies Aux. Treasurer.....	Mary Richards
Seam Squirrel.....	Joe Brady
M.O.C.A. President.....	Gail Payne
Judge Advocate.....	Lyle Soule

COMMANDERS CORNER

Comrades and Sisters

Happy New Year to all. This past Holiday season has brought out the best of the members of this Post. There is not enough room in this Newsletter to thank all of the individuals who volunteered their time to make the Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas projects a great success. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Chuck Kelly who generously donated a lot of time and effort to decorate the Post, Gramps and Lyle for the Thanksgiving Dinner effort. For all of the members of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Post who have worked so hard all I can say is thank you, you make the General MacArthur Post shine.

We now have two volunteer teams to make the monthly visit to the VA Hospital in Hampton. We still need four more volunteers to make up a third team. With four volunteers on each team we can still get the job done if one volunteer can't make it. With three teams each team will only have to do the VA Hospital once every three months. In 59 days (March 1st) nominations will be open for the 2011-2012 Post Officers. Now is the time to start thinking about the Comrades that we want to take over the operation of the Post. If anyone is interested in running for office make it known. We will also be needing committee chairmen for the Post programs. It would really be great if some of our new members would

be interested and get involved. Haven't paid your 2011 membership dues yet? After the 31st of December you will not be a member in good standing unless your dues are current. To make our Membership goals we still need more new members, let's get busy and make an all out effort to get to 100%.

Dates to remember:

- 1/8 Vets Hospital Visit
- 1/14-1/16 Winter Council
- 1/26 - House Committee Mtg

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

New/Transfer Life Members:

- Vincent P. Carrico
- Patrick J. Maley
- Michael C. Quesenberry

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New/Transfer Life Members:

John A. Ficke
William A. Geiger
Christopher B. Lynn
Henry H. Maurer
Kyle R. Ryder

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard.

Birthdays:

I wish a very "Happy Birthday" to Daniel J. Murphy, William R. Sowers, Dale W. Sufficool and 129 fine comrades. I also extend Birthday Wishes to Nyrell V. Looney, Judith Lupole, Mary Richards and 20 other fine sisters.

Post Meetings: Post meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is at 1900 (7 PM) on 4 January, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Membership Eligibility

Question: Can a Post require a DD214 before accepting an individual's application?

Answer: No. Section 103, Paragraph 3, of the National By-Laws, provides that "**the Post Reviewing Committee shall not recommend acceptance of an application unless eligibility has been fully determined.**" The Post is accountable for the eligibility of every member accepted into membership." There is nothing in the National By-Laws stating that a **DD214** is the only document required to substantiate eligibility. Copies of orders, payroll vouchers, etc.,

are other sources of eligibility.

Therefore, all applicants are required to provide proof of eligibility prior to be voted into the VFW.

Yours in comradeship;
Dave Curtis
Post Commander

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to pass on some info I received from a good friend of mine.

This E-Mail was forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Dept of Veterans Affairs.

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our legal Council has requested that we coordinate with DOD to inform military installations, particular mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any service. In addition, GC request that if you have examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and representation of claims for benefits please send any information to MR. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty Staff Attorney of the General Counsel (0222 G2), Department of

Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW. Washington, D.C 20420, Phone (202) 461-7699

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 (30) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Haldean P. Holland
Robert J. Wysocki

TWENTY FIVE (25) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Donald E. Meyer
William E. Pierce
William A. Hopper

TWENTY (20) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

James R. Bellamy
Joseph S. Errico
Kim Krewson
Betty J. Norris
James L. Peters

TEN (10) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Martin H. Roach

**FIVE (5) YEARS
OF CONTINUOUS
SERVICE**

Aaron M. Auger
Terry F. Osborne
Robert T. Renner
George L. Blocher
James F. Joyner

SR. Vice Commander
Peter Gebelein
pete [djfan516@cox.net]

**JUNIOR VICE
COMMANDER**

I hope all of you had a very merry Christmas. December was a great month for all of us. The sound of our children and grandchildren laughing and enjoying the season was worth a lot to all of us. In particular, I want to thank the Ladies Aux President Denise Moran and her crew for their Children's Christmas Party, Gramps and his crew put off another great Christmas dinner and New Years Eve party. It was also hard to beat their efforts of Thanksgiving but they did it. I shouldn't mention names because I miss so many of them but Mary Richards, Gail, Amy Kiger, Betty, Nida and so many others have been so helpful to us. I also must mention the ladies who simply bake cakes and cookies for us. The football games on Saturday and Sunday are a real blast and the food prepared by Frank, Bob, Doug and gang is outstanding. The camaraderie and just all around fun is impressive. If you haven't attended, you need to get over

and root on your team. Remember, we have several TVs and your game will be on one of them.

Junior Vice Commander
Bill Sowers
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QUARTERMASTER

**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.

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. So please keep in touch and fill out an address change form and mail it to me at the post.

Email:
post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com

John H. Phillips
Quartermaster

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Comrades & Sisters

Ladies Auxiliary:

VFW Veterans and Ladies

Auxiliary assisting our veterans.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist in the transportation, for members to and from medical appointments and other medical needs. Also volunteers for funeral ceremonies.

If you would like to volunteer your free time by assisting, please contact Gunnar, Doug Keller, or Post Chaplain Duvall in the main office.

SICK CALL:

We have Comrades and Sisters who have fallen ill or been injured and who are Hospitalized or at home recovering.

Long Term Members Location:

**Short Term Members Hosp/
Home: 60 days.**

Les Lawton. . . Home
Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

TAP'S:

None to report
Remember to check the Post Bulletin Board within the Chaplains Corner for most recent updates.

PLEASE 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 brothers and sisters as family, then who are we to call

upon?

We would like to extend our wishes to all VFW Post # 392, members and families – Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bob Duvall
Maureen DeGrush
VFW Chaplains

Ladies Auxiliary
President

Hope all of you had a happy and healthy holiday. And now a New Year is upon us, time for resolutions and starting the New Year right. I hope you all will join me in make this year a great one for our post and our veterans.

Membership should be one of each of our resolutions this year. Talk it up to friends, co-workers and family. When you are recruiting remind prospective members that even if they don't have time to volunteer, adding their one voice to our legislative choir will make the VFW and our veteran's issues heard loudly in Congress.

Please see the MOCA article for some wonderful upcoming activities that you can get involved with, even if you're not a Cootie.

Thanks to all my ladies for all your help this past year. You've been wonderful.

.Denice Moran
Ladies Auxiliary President
Email:
dmoran@specialtyproducts.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 December 7th, 2010. Auxiliary President Denice Moran stands ready to decorate you with the Continuous Membership awards indicated.

THIRTY (30) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE

Florrie J. Poole

TWENTY (20) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE

Mary E. Doughtie

FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE

Mary Richards
Treasurer

MOC / MOCA

Well we couldn't have a regular Scratch due to the lack of bodies, so we had a round table meeting. We had fun and discussed a few things like Christmas parties and giving to the Children and the Vets. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Still looking for a Cootie to help as Hungry Cootie. Be careful with the changing weather and the other drivers. Do

Not put presents in back seat in plain view to temp a robber; lock them in the trunk. Dress warmly and stay safe.

Joe Brady Seam Squirrel

Since Santa and all his helpers are Very, Very Busy, this month, our annual **Visit to the VA Hospital** will be held in January after the Holidays, this year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 22nd. Denice Moran & I will be shopping after Christmas and we will be ready to stuff the Goodie Bags on Wednesday, January 19th.

Santa's Workshop, held in conjunction with the Children's Christmas Party, was held on December 19th. We had 40 very happy children who took gifts home to put under the tree for their parents. Thank you to all the elves who wrapped all those gifts!

The Grand Council Meeting will be held Friday, January 14th at the Williamsburg Fort Magruder Crowne Plaza. Please plan to attend if possible. At this time there are no plans for a fundraiser during the Saturday night Cootie Dance.

Dorita Thoms, MOCA Chaplain stands ready for any information ...498-7213.

REMINDER: There is a severe need for blood supplies in our locality. If you are able to donate, please do so and report to Aux. Hospital Chairman, Denice Moran. Thank you ladies for all you do for our wonderful organization.

Happy Holidays to all! Please stay safe as you get Happy!
Gail M. Payne
MOCA President
gpayne@specialtyproducts.net

Upcoming MOC/MOCA Event

On 5 February, the cooties of Pup Tent #9 are doing a joint Hospitalized veteran Program with Pup Tent #14 Dale City, VA and Pup Tent #5 Phoebus, Va. Our program is to do a special Casino Day for the patients at the McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond, VA.

Until this scheduled event, the only Cooties in Virginia to do elaborate Casino Days for patients has been our Pup Tent at VFW Post 392. Early on the 5th of February, we will convoy from the Beach to Richmond with all of our gaming equipment. We will also earn hospital hours and mileage. As this is a Pup Tent 14 evolution, we will basically be there to advise and assist. They will be taking care of dealers, prizes, food, etc. Like every major function, anyone volunteering to help us will be graciously welcomed. Our game plan is to spend the night in Richmond acting like Cooties are suppose to – indulging in copious amounts of Cootie Coolaid at the Richmond VFW Post and returning Sunday, 6 Feb 2011. However, if you wish to go and return after the Casino Day is finished, that is entirely your decision. We will also be safe guarding our equipment. Again, help is needed to haul and setup the equipment. Please, you don't have to be a

Cootie to help as VFW/Cooties get hospital hours credit, including mileage. A signup sheet will be put up at the Post. This will be fun and such a worthy cause.

KEEP THEM SMILING IN
BEDS OF WHITE LOTCS
STU, "LET'S TALK TRASH"
CARSON

Thank God It's Friday!!

This is the time of the week to unwind from the rat race 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.

ENTERTAINMENT

Below is the entertainment for the month of December 2010 from 7PM – 10PM.

Friday
January 7th 2011
Tim Hopkins

Friday
January 14th 2011
Capt. Moose D.J.

Friday
January 21st 2011
Premium Blend

Friday
January 28th 2011
Monica D.J.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

January 6th 2011
Spaghetti/Meat Balls

Corn
Garlic Bread
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

January 13th 2011

Ham & Cabbage
Potatoes
Carrots
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

January 20th 2011

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

January 27th 2011

Pork Roast
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

STATE OF VIRGINIA VETERANS AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE

Every Tuesday from 11 AM to 4 PM, Ms Elizabeth Bonin is at the Post to answer your questions concerning veteran's affairs. She has provided this valuable service and helped many of our comrades and sisters get the benefits they solely earned. She stands ready to assist you. So, please come out and talk to her.

Liz Bonin

WEEKENDS AT THE VFW

Cootie breakfast is off and running, so come out and enjoy the best breakfast anywhere, eggs to order, omelet, waffles, pancakes, etc. for only \$7.00.

Weekends at the VFW has something for everyone. The Canteen will open at 10AM, with all your favorites on tap and in bottles.

We have six (6) TVs, five (5) are large Flat Screens. We have the NFL football package so you can watch your favorite team. Social hour prices will be in effect from 1-4 PM for all NFL games.

SPECIAL NOTE FOOD NOW AVAILABLE ON WEEKENDS

SATURDAY'S

From 12 Noon to 4 PM

Comrade Frank Myler prepares Ham & Cheese and Turkey & Cheese Subs.

SUNDAY'S

From 1 PM to 4PM.

All prepared by volunteers

Frank Myler

Bob DeChamplain

Doug Keller

Hot Wings, Pizza, Bratwurst, Real Polska Kielbasa, Homemade Meatball Subs, French Fries & Onion Rings.

SUNDAY'S

From 4:30PM to End of 3rd

Quarter: Prepared by

Bob DeChamplain

TACOS

Also, chili, hotdogs and free popcorn are available. Come down and spend a great afternoon with your comrades and sisters at the Post.

RALPH STEPHENS
CHAIRMAN
BETTY STEPHENS
MANAGER

THIRD ANNUAL CHILLLI COOK-OFF

Now is the time for all you CHILLLI Chef's to fine tune your recipes and get ready for the 3rd annual cook-off on 23 January (NFC/AFC Playoff). You always brag about how your CHILLLI is the best and now is the time to put up or shut-up. Prizes to be given for the top 3. The winners will be chosen by a fully unrecognized, unbiased, and incompetent panel or by a vote of all chili lovers in attendance. The judging panel members will also be kept secret to prevent any bribery attempts (HA). Keep checking the bulletin for further information.

Your Friendly Chilli Committee

VETS BENEFITS LECTURE

Angela N MANZ, an "Elder Law" attorney (that's for us slightly aging people) will be presenting information about VA Benefits that many don't realize you qualify for on Tuesday 11 JAN 2011 at 10 AM at VFW General MacArthur Memorial Post 392, located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, just off

London Bridged road behind the Blue Horseshoe Tattoo parlor. Angela is also "**certified**" by the Veterans Administration to act as council for VA issues. She will be presenting information that many veterans do not realize they are qualified to receive. Her presentation (about 1 hr) is full of useful information and she welcomes questions anytime during her presentation. Just raise your hand and she will address the issue or your questions. Please mark **10 AM TUESDAY 11 JAN 2011** on your calendar and plan on attending. We will be using the small meeting room and light snacks will be served.

VETERANS AND FAMILY SERVICE PROGRAM

Another Holiday Season has come and gone. Hoping you had a good one. We have been busy working with the Chaplains Office at Oceana Naval Air Station. On Friday, December 17, 2010 we meet 8 Families with 10 children to participate in **SHOP WITH A VET**. We went to the Navy Exchange (Toy Department) and gave each child \$50.00 to get whatever they wanted. Seven Volunteers from the Post and Auxiliary helped the children with their shopping. The children ages were from 3 years to 10 years. Each child spent their money wisely.

CHRISTMAS NEEDY FAMILIES AND ANGEL TREE.

We worked with 5 active duty Sailors from Oceana Naval Air Station. With these families there were 23 children. We put their names on our Angel Tree at the Post along with 4 children from a Homeless Family. **Our** members again came through. In less than one day and all the Angels were taken from the tree. The Veterans and Family Service Program Committee gives you a **BIG THANK YOU.** On Wednesday December 22, 2010 the Families came with their children to pick up their Food Basket. We had a party planned with Santa. Each child got to talk to Santa and he gave them each their gift from under the Angel Tree.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Christmas dinner was a tremendous success thanks to all of the volunteers who showed up to help. We had three families, Will and Cyndie Paynter, Jake, Kendall, Gary & Gina Walton and also April Hitchcock, all who are non-members showed up and volunteered to help set up and clean tables. Why can't more members do this, especially if non-members show up to help.

A special thanks to all of our members who stepped up and donated turkeys, hams and other food products for these holiday dinners. There was so much food donated for Thanksgiving that we did not have to purchase much for the Christmas dinner. A total of 66 people were served a Christmas dinner.

Lyle Stole showed up every day to help cook and carve the 6 turkeys and 5 hams with me. Ralph Stevens was a staple helping me organize the Christmas Dinner. John Phillips spent the entire day from 8 AM until 6 PM in the deep sink cleaning all of the dirty dishes and dirty pots & pan. Michael Thompkins showed up at the crack of dawn and did whatever was asked. I'll make a sous-chef out of him yet. John Wood also showed up early to help Cook and carve food.

Without the help of many members and non-members, Will and Cyndie Paynter, Jake, Kendall, Gary, and Gina Walton and April Hitchcock, who showed up before 9 AM and set up the tables, cut the desserts, and helped clean the tables our Commander, Dave Curtis and Mary Richards of the AUX also spent the majority of the day serving in any way that they could, this dinner would not have been the success that it was.

A SPECIAL BRAVO ZULU (non-member) April Hitchcock who signed up to join the VFW AUX and also took an application to sign up her husband, who is currently serving in Afghanistan.

GRAMPS

New Year's Eve Party

Due to a lack of Post support the party had to be cancelled. Only 36 of the 85 available tickets were sold. Even with all the hard work that Gramps had done we would have gone in the hole again this year without better ticket sales and Post participation. Now that Gramps is retired from the kitchen he can spend more time with Mille who was wondering if she still had a husband.

Many thanks gramps for all your hard work. Enjoy your trip to Florida.

The VFW Boy Scout Troop 392 held a Court of Honor on 22 December at the Post. Many of our Scouts were honored with certificates of accomplishment and various medals. The awards presented are to many to list but all represented many hours of hard work to achieve their goals. Six receiving awards had contributed over 4600 hours of volunteer service. Well done Wes and all the troop leaders.

POSTAL MATCHES

The NRA and the VFW have a program for Junior and Adult Small-bore Rifle, Sporter Air Rifle and Precision Air Rifle Postal Matches. These matches are fired during December only and are due (or postmarked to NRA by December 31st. I have received only one entry form just a few days ago and will try to get a few more for those interested. Obviously we can't participate for this year but should be able to compete next year. The pamphlet list the requirements and the awards that will be given out by the NRA and the VFW. NRA rule books are now available on-line in PDF format at <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nra-rule-books.asp>. A printed copy will be available at the Post for those interested.



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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN		MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT	
DEC	26	DEC	27	DEC	28	DEC	29	DEC	30	DEC	31		
NO Cootie Breakfast				Vietnam Vets Mtg	House Committee Mtg 7:00 PM	Chicken Leg Quarters 6-7:30PM	New Years Eve Party		HAPPY NEW YEAR				
2		3		4	5	6	7		8				
NO Cootie Breakfast		VFW/LAUX Staff Meeting 5:30 PM		Post /LAux Meetings 7 PM	USMC League' Mtg 7:00PM	Spaghetti/Meatballs 6 - 7:30 PM	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Tim Hopkins		Vets Hospital Visit Breakfast 10:30 - 1:30PM				
9		10		11	12	13	14		15				
Cootie Breakfast Team 1 Salty Dawg Meeting		FRA 166 Staff Mtg		MOC / MOCA Meetings 7 PM	American Legion 110 Mtg	Ham & Cabbage 6 - 7:30 PM	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Capt. Moose DJ Winter Council		Winter Council				
16		17		18	19	20	21		22				
Cootie Breakfast Team 2 Winter Council		FRA Branch 166 Mtg			USMC League' Mtg AOA Assn Mtg	Fried Chicken	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Premium Blend		Hampton VA Bingo				
23		24		25	26	27	28		29				
Cootie Bkfst Team 3 Cootie Bkfst Team 1				Vietnam Vets Mtg	House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	Pork Roast 6-7:30PM	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Monica DJ						
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