



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
 General MacArthur Memorial Post 392
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2011 Membership Goal 1800
Current 2011 Membership 1621 Members, 95.13%

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

COMMANDERS CORNER

Comrades and Sisters

Haven't attended a Post business meeting yet? Now is the time to get your feet wet. This month we will be nominating the Post Officers for 2011-2012. It is very important that we elect the best qualified. It would be great if we could interest some of our new members in becoming involved. Nominations are open to all members who are current in their membership. When nominated you must have verified your eligibility and have the proof on file with the Quartermaster. Each month the Quartermaster asks all members to update their current address. Evidently many members do not read this notice. I recently mailed Post Cards to all

members who are not current with their dues. Many were returned (address unknown). These previous members will have their names removed from our newsletter mailing list starting with this issue. It's a waste of our limited resources to try and contact "Address Unknown" members. Check out the Chaplains TAPS column. You will notice that we are reporting many passing's several years after the fact. This is happening because we are not promptly notified of the passing. Our Quartermaster has been checking SSN's on the web and this is our only source of information. If you are a surviving family member of a VFW Veteran please contact the Quartermaster of the Post so that we can pay our proper respect for a departed Comrade.

Dates to Remember:

- 3/1 - Post meeting
- 3/5 - District 2 Meeting
- 3/13 - DST begins
- 3/23 - Community Awards
- 3/30 - House Committee Meeting

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

New/Transfer Life Members:
Douglas E. Stafford

New/Transfer/Re-Instated Annual Members:

- Christopher M. Bowman
- Sylonia D. Brown
- Peyton M. Brown
- Derry T. Chalker Sr.
- John M. Coffelt
- Robert D. Eberle
- Brandon M. George
- Brandi M. Gutierrez
- Jemery T. Lambert
- John D. Moore
- Dale H. Oran

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Andy M. Patrick
Charles Rivera
Robert J. Ryan
Nickolas Skias
Douglas E. Stafford
Sandie M. Tollet

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard.

Birthdays:

I wish a very "Happy Birthday" to Ernest L. Cox, William L. Dean, William P. Moran, Helen T. Short, Benjamin L. Wright and 119 fine comrades. I also extend Birthday Wishes to Carol Leszczynski, Mary F Nickerson, Ruth H. Spencer, Betty L. Stephens and 18 other fine sisters.

Post Meetings: Post meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is at 1900 (7 PM) on 1 March, 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

david.ha.curtis@verizon.net

**SENIOR VICE
COMMANDER**

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**

Noel J. Santos

**TWENTY FIVE (25)
YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE**

John H. Phillips

**TWENTY (20) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS**

SERVICE

Virgil W. Asbury
Andre J. Dumas
Larry D. Gregory
Gregory J. Hallinan
James M. Temple
Herman L. Turk
Robert J. Varljen

**FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE**

Bruce A. Bass
John W. Faulkner
Robert P. Olson
Larry O. Utter
Bill D. Zelms

**TEN (10) YEARS
OF CONTINUOUS
SERVICE**

Kenneth H. Ferguson

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

Michael J. Bobby
Gregory J. Ciaccio
Darrell L. Cole
Daniel J. Fuentes
Jaime Ibanez-Estevéz
Robert C. Kirkbride
Larry R. Lavigne
Charles K. Leathers
Gary K. Lulfs
William T. Tucker

**SR. Vice Commander
Comrades and sisters.**

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In more than 200 years of our nation's history, there has never been an officially recognized symbol that reminds us daily of the sacrifices made by the members of our military who lost their lives in service to our country. Until now. The Honor and Remember Organization has created an emblem with which every patriotic American can acknowledge daily the ultimate freedoms we enjoy. The honor and Remember flag recognizes all individuals who have died as a result of serving in the United States military dating back to the founding of our Nation. The flag serves as a symbol of national gratitude for the thousands of American men and women who bravely made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. The flag also helps to promote healing for the thousands of families that deserve recognition for the sacrifice of a lost loved one. It will be a Nationally recognized reminder to all Americans of the value of each individual life given for our freedom.

While at the Winter Council this year I had the honor to see a family receive this Flag. It was really touching. If anyone would like to support the congressional bill that recognizes the flag, contact your U.S Senators or House of Representatives. If you would like any other info you can e-mail

www.HonorandRemember.org

Remember this month you nominate you new officer for year 2011 and 2012.

Peter Gebelein
pete djfan516@cox.net

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Coming up on Memorial Day weekend is POPPY day and I'll be looking for VETS and Ladies to "shake their cans" for poppies. The signup sheets will be on the doors. VOLUNTEERS are what make us SPECIAL!!! Contribute your share of time for others!!!

If anyone has any ideas to improve our meeting attendance, please see one of the officers.

We do everything we can to make the post your home away from home. It is a place for friends to meet and share in camaraderie. Complaints have been received about crude language at the bar. Please watch your language and if you must, keep it low!!!! It isn't cool!!!!

Junior Vice Commander
Bill Sowers
641-0471
bosn@sprynet.com

QUARTERMASTER **NEWSLETTER** **AVAILABLE ONLINE** **AND BY EMAIL**

The newsletter is 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 and Member ID Number 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.hrcocmail.com
John H. Phillips
Quartermaster

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Comrades & Sisters

TAPS

The following comrades and sisters have answered the final summons:

Connie Click
16 Jan 2011
James C. Pait
15 Jul 1993
Gordon T. Joyner
29 Nov 2010
Donald V. Ramsey
22 July 2010
Patrick E. O'Keeffe
30 Jan 2009
Ernest A. Graham
31 Mar 2010

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

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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.

Bob Duvall
Maureen DeGrush
VFW Chaplains

Ladies Auxiliary President

Happy Irish Month, yes, in our house it's a month long celebration. I hope to see all of you out in Ocean view on the 12th for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We hope to have a great turn out of ladies to march or ride. Please let me know if you will be attending and if you would prefer to ride.

Our Blind Auction and Covered Dish Supper is March 19th at 6 PM. We are raising funds for Dee Guillory's (of District 1) campaign for National Guard. Please bring your favorite covered dish and a wrapped gift to be auctioned. This should be lots of fun and Dee Guillory would be an outstanding representative for the state of Virginia, so let's get out and support her. Dinner from 6-7PM, Auction 7PM till?

All of us are at least a little Irish this month, so here's a Irish blessing for all of you. May you always walk in sunshine. May you never want for more. May Irish angels rest their wings right beside your door.

Denice Moran
Ladies Auxiliary President
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 March 1st, 2010. Auxiliary President Denice Moran stands ready to decorate you with the Continuous Membership awards indicated.

TWENTY FIVE (25)
YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE

Carol E. Frevele

TEWNTY (20) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE

Teresa V. Gaughan

FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE

Joann G. Bedeaux

TEN (10) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE

Patricia F. Lidtke

FIVE (5) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS

SERVICE
Carol Denning
Sarah G. Jones

Mary Richards
Treasurer

MOC / MOCA

Thanks to all who attended the **Grand Council Meeting** in Williamsburg. If there is any interest in running for a Grand office, please contact me.

Funny story: As I walked into the post after an audit at 4809, (yes I missed our elections at the last meeting), I was immediately informed that "I had been fired!!!" YES!! We have a new slate of officers!!! They are as follows:

President Pam Myers
Thank you Thank you Thank you!

Sr. Vice Denice Moran
I'm not moving up!

Jr. Vice Dorita Thoms
I knew I got into something!

Treasurer Patty Stokes
Forever!

Chaplain Maureen DeGrush
you did so well in the Aux!

Conductress Connie Duck
surprise everyone!

Guard Phyllis Bledsoe
hafta have the Canadian!

Secretary Tina Brown
can't do it without ya!

Hospital Chairman Gail Payne,
yeah, they got me on this one!

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The February 5. road trip to McGuire VA Hospital for Casino Day with PT 14 from Dale City was a resounding success. The Veterans couldn't have been more pleased and the volunteers had the best time.

The only thing was that most of us stayed over to play with the members of Post 6364, Richmond, and had a really lousy time.

MOC/MOCA Installation will follow the regular Cootie/Aux meetings on March 8th. All newly elected officers should plan to attend. Food and Cootie libations will be available.

We continue to repeat that there is a severe need for blood supplies in our locality. If you are able to donate, please do so and report to me as Hospital Chairman

Your officers stand ready to serve you and our veterans in any capacity.

Gail M. Payne
MOCA President

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE PUP TENT #9

On 7 May (Saturday), the Cooties and Auxiliary will hold our annual Casino Day for patients at the VA Hospital in Hampton, Virginia. Our hospitalized Veterans really enjoy the way we run a Casino Day. We usually have about 100 patients. Additionally, after the gaming tables close, all

chips are counted out and prizes awarded, we have lunch with the patients. This consists of pizza, lots of desserts and soft drinks.

I am encouraging Post members to come out and assist us as we always need dealers and volunteers to help tote all our equipment. Plus folks to help us serve the patients are really welcome. You do not have to be a Cootie to help with this worthy cause. As just about everyone knows, the Cooties do about 33 breakfasts a year on Sundays. The monies raised from our breakfast helps pay for these recreational outings for hospitalized veterans. On average, we spend \$3,000.00 on prizes and foods for Casino Day. If you volunteer to help us, it is most appreciated. If you come out and support and enjoy our breakfasts, the Cooties thank you very much. We meet at the Post at 10:30 AM the morning of 7 May and carpool to Hampton. We start gaming at 1:00 PM.

**PAST SEAM SQUIRREL
STU CARSON**

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

Sunday's Cootie breakfast is served from 9:00 to 11:30 AM, 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, on Sundays with all your favorites on tap and in bottles.

We have six (6) TVs, five (5) are large Flat Screens. The 2011 NASCAR Sprint Cup season is in full swing, so come out and cheer for your driver. Social hour prices will be in effect for all Official NASCAR Sprint Cup races.

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

**RALPH STEPHENS
CHAIRMAN
BETTY STEPHENS
MANAGER**

ENTERTAINMENT

Below is the entertainment for the month of March 2011 from 7PM – 10PM.

**Friday
March 4th, 2011**

Tim Hopkins

**Friday
March 11th, 2011**

Jim Berry DJ

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Friday
March 18th, 2011

Monica Arnold DJ

Friday
March 25th, 2011

Capt Moose

THURSDAY NIGHT
DINNERS

March 3, 2011

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

March 10, 2011

Spaghetti/Meat Balls
Corn
Garlic Bread
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

March 17, 2011

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

March 24, 2011

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Peas
Hot Rolls/Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

March 31 , 2011

Pork Roast
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls/Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

VFW POOL TOURNAMENT

The annual VFW pool tournament commences in April 2011.

HELP WANTED

Wanted an individual to be the team captain, the team 5 players. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. The schedule is to play each VFW Posts 993, 3160 and 4809 Twice, once away and once at home.

ELECTRONIC SCAMS

The FBI has a new website documenting electronic scams at www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/e-scams

If you receive e-mail at work or home that is suspicious, it's worth checking the FBI records.

GET OFF THE COUCH

It is that time of the year when we are fed up with the cold and can not wait for the warm weather and what we are going to do when it gets here. Well let's get off the couch and go on a well deserve cruise to the Caribbean. Right now there are some nice deals around the end of May . I am talking 5 to 7 nights of making new friends, renewing old

acquaintances, warm waters, nice shows, pools, and most of all romance. Do you want breakfast in bed, being pampered, and treated like royalty then this is where you want to be. Now this ship is not haze and gray. You will not be required to stand any midnight watches but you will be able to party till after midnight. Interested. Call me and let's see what we can do.

Chuck Ember
463-5562

**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Virginia
"Posts and Members Flag
Program"**

The Department of Virginia Veterans of Foreign Wars has made an arrangement with CVSF1ags.com of Indiana where our posts or members can purchase flags and flag related items at wholesale prices. Department headquarters will receive a \$1.00 per flag contribution (excluding stick flags) for each flag contribution (excluding stick flags) for each flag purchased from CVS through this program. Contributions from this program are used for our mission of supporting veterans.

How to Use This Program

- You will place your orders directly with CVS; you need not contact Dept. Headquarters when ordering, unless you have any questions.
- For fax orders, make copies of the order form found in the catalog. Fax your completed order to (765) 668-4290.
- You may phone your orders in if you prefer toll free 866-691-0308.

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(Be sure to identify yourself with the VFW (VA))

- You may order online from the CVS website; www.cvsflags.com (Again, be sure to identify yourself with the VFW (VA))

- They offer FREE shipping with orders of one dozen or more flags, mix or match. (Excluding stick flags.)

- VA VFW posts will be offered Net 15 day terms.

- All US flags are made in the United States. Typical ship time for most products is 24 hours.

- If you are not satisfied with any product from CVS, simply return it for replacement or refund. (Does not apply to normal wear)

Please look the program price list over, if it makes economic sense please consider purchasing your flags and flag related items through this program

WHAT ARE WE ABOUT

Since it's founding, the VFW has been a cornerstone in the community. Troop support, youth activities, volunteering and scholarship programs are a few of the ways VFW shines in the many communities where Posts are located.

VFW honors veterans through fund-raising efforts, sponsorship of special events for disabled veterans and by symbolically recognizing volunteer service. Donations also help victims of natural disasters and less fortunate children.

VFW has played an instrumental role in virtually

provision of needed services to veterans by a grateful nation. For more than a century our organization has worked tirelessly to guarantee veterans are provide all the health care and entitlements they have earned through their service and sacrifice in defense of our nation in a prompt and compassionate manner by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal departments and agencies.

As you can see your membership is very important to you and the VFW. When our National Legislators go to the Hill they have 2.1 million members. In the eyes of our Congressional Legislators that many members are a lot of constituents. If you have a reason for not wanting to be a VFW member or have any questions you can correspond with me at david.ha.curtis@verizon.net and I will do my best to answer any questions.

Can you imagine a relaxing day in the sun, no wind, comfortable clothing, cold libations and being frustrated?

You can have all that by signing up for the Juvenile Diabetes Best Ball Golf Tournament scheduled for April 29th. Sign up now and don't be left out. Check out our flyer on the VFW 392 web site..





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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Feb 27	FEB 28	MARCH 1	MARCH 2	MARCH 3	MARCH 4	MARCH 5
Cootie Breakfast Team 2	VFW/LAUX Staff Meeting 5:30 PM	Post /LAux Meetings 7 PM POST NOMINATIONS	USMC League' Mtg 7:00PM	Chicken Fried Steak	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Tim Hopkins	Franklin Post 4411 2nd District Mtg. Lunch - Noon Mtg - 1:00 PM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cootie Breakfast Team 3		MOC / MOCA Meetings 7 PM Cootie Installation	American Legion 110 Mtg	Spaghetti/Meat Balls	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Jim Berry DJ	St. Patrick's Day Parade
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Cootie Breakfast Team 1 Salty Dawg Meeting	FRA 166 Staff Mtg		USMC League' Mtg AO Assn Mtg	Ham/Cabbage/Carrots/	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Monica Arnold DJ	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Cootie Breakfast Team 2	FRA Branch 166 Mtg	Vietnam Vets Meeting	Community Awards	Fried Chicken	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Capt. Moose DJ & Karaoke	Hampton VA Movie Team 3
27	28	29	30	31		
Cootie Breakfast Team 3			House Committee Meeting 7:00PM	Pork Roast		
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