



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
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2018 Membership Goal: 2,035
Current Status: 1733 Members

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2017 - 2018 OFFICERS

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COMMANDER'S CALL

COMRADES, SISTERS AND BROTHERS

I would like to start out by saying thanks to all the volunteers that come out to help with things at the post and VA Hospital. If you have not been out for one of the events or dinners, please stop in and see what all we have going on. We always need more volunteers to help and can have a lot of fun doing it.

The upcoming month has a lot going on, starting with the District meeting at Post 8545, 223 Washington Street, Smithfield, on the 3rd of March.

The Department Commander's and President's Homecoming is on March 10 at Battlefield Post 9808 at 7165 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville.

Then on 19 March we will be hosting dinner for the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It will be at our post on the 19th of March. Will be providing more information as it becomes available.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3/2 Battle of Bismarck (WW II) started in 1943
- 3/8 US Marines land at Da Nang, Vietnam in 1965
- 3/11 US Army Corps of Engineers established in 1779
- 3/14 US / UN forces recapture Seoul, Korea in 1951
- 3/16 Pres. Reagan orders troops into Honduras in 1988
- 3/17 Civil War's Battle of Kelly's Ford in 1863
- 3/19 US and coalition forces initiate Iraq War in 2003
- 3/29 Last of US troops withdraw from Vietnam in 1973

**NO ONE DOES MORE
FOR VETERANS**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (see any Post Officer for details)

PLEASE REVIEW ANY ITEM BELOW AND TAKE ACTION!

- **Post Meeting:** Mar 6 at 7 PM.
- **DISTRICT 2 MEETING** MAR 3
Post 8545 Smithfield 12:00PM
- **ST PATRICK'S DAY** MAR 17
PARADE
- **Thursday Night Dinner:** every 1st & 3rd Thurs, cash register attendant, dish washers and Servers needed.
- **American Red Cross:** Urgently need blood donors, call 1-800-448-3543
- **Cootie Breakfast:** Mar 11 & 25
Twice a Month
- **MOCA Bingo:** Mar 10
1:00PM

POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!

NEW MEMBERS

I extend a warm welcome to the new members who were voted in at the last regular meeting and a resounding thank you to our transfers and reinstating members:

Transfer/ Life Installment / Life Members:

Conor Flaherty, Nelson Lipscomb
Jason Sapida, Jessie Smith

Transfer/ Annual Members:

Brent Faulkner,
Katherine Rickerson

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard!

BIRTHDAYS

Daryl Baker Jr, Joseph Cool,
William Cupper, John Heistand,
Harry McBrien, William Moran
Warren Raine

Auxiliary

Thomas Gardner, Sara McCabe,
Katherine Kennon, Bryan Norton,
Ruth Spencer, Betty Stephens,
and 168 other fine Comrades,
Sisters and Brothers!

Post Commander Mark K. Winn

commandervfw392@gmail.com



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades, Auxiliary,

Casino night went very well, and I hope everyone had a good time. Thank you to all volunteers! If you want to have a really fun time, join us for the St. Patrick's Day parade in Ocean View.

Please, if your membership dues are due, please renew or send me an e-mail saying you are not going to renew. Once again, if you moved, or you have a new phone number, or e-mail, let the Post know so we can change it in our records.

Upcoming events:

Mar 3rd District 2 Meeting VFW
Post 8545 Smithfield Va Lunch
12:00 Meeting 1:00 P.M.

Mar 6th Post elections.

Mar 10th Homecoming VFW Post
9808 Mechanicsville Va.

Mar 17th St. Patrick's Day Parade,
Ocean View.

Until next month:

Always remember our Veterans,
and, God Bless America.

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.

50 Years Continuous Service:
Robert Freitag

35 Years Continuous Service:
Kenneth Dray

30 Years Continuous Service:
Bobby Jackson, Robert Munson,
Joseph Neary

25 Years Continuous Service:
James Collins, Lawrence Dennis,
Lewis Holt, David Nichols,
Mark Wassil

20 Years Continuous Service:
Steven Williams,
Richard Burnham

15 Years Continuous Service:
Herbert Troupe, Michael Allen,
Kenneth Vincent

10 Years Continuous Service:
James Hazlett, Stacy Tate

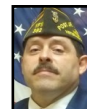
5 Years Continuous Service:
Samuel Brown, Bradley Webster,
Richard Lamb, Duane Gordon,

Kyle Holcomb, Kyle Tuggle
Christopher Pearson

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

**SR. Vice Commander
T.J. DeChamplain**

srvice
commandervfw392@gmail.com



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Brothers & Sisters,

We are getting deep into our new year and many opportunities await our Post and Auxiliary members. The first weekend of the month, we held a recruiting drive at the Virginia Beach Convention Center Gun Show. Our membership drive will run through May and we need your assistance in finding new members as well as encouraging annual members for continuing support.

A few new ideas from several members, involving food availability when the kitchen is not in operation, may be coming soon.

I've had recent interest of a VFW Post 392 Softball Team from local commands to include a few of our members. This is a great way to help draw some of the young veteran and dependents from our community.

We're looking at scheduling our next Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament soon and a Cornhole Tournament in the spring.

If you have ideas please send me an email, call my cell phone number below, or drop a **signed** suggestion in our Post Suggestion Box. Unsigned suggestions are not reviewed.

As always we'll have plenty going on with our volunteer efforts and your help will always be

needed: whether it's Thursday/
Friday Night Dinners, Bingo with
the Vets at the VA Hospital.

My Phone (757) 619-2867

Jr. Vice Commander
Neil A. Siegfried
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commandervfw392@gmail.com



QUARTER- MASTER

2018 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!

Quartermaster
Donald Brown

vfwpost392@gmail.com



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Every day is a day of
remembrance. We only need to
take the time.*

Comrades and all,

When most of us were on active
duty, our daily tasks were in
answer to specific directives and
orders. Of course there was also,
the chain of command. Our
obligation (under contract) to our
country was 24/7, 365.

Things are much different now,
we know, after our discharge and/
or retirement from the armed
forces. We now choose the
directives and orders we want to
follow. We have all chosen to be a
member of the VFW, Post 392.

We are all members of a
volunteer organization. We are
comrades.

Comradery

Comradery: the feeling of
closeness and friendship that
exists between companions;

*the special comradery that exists
between soldiers that have*

*experienced the crucible of
combat together.*

Synonyms of *comradery*:
brotherhood, community,
company, companionship,
fellowship, society.

Almighty God, we, your
servants, turn to You for your
continuing blessings upon us.
Help us to always work together
as comrades as we provide support
to our veterans and their families.

We ask for special blessings on
our active duty members, their
families, and comrades serving
throughout the world. Amen.

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:

- **Joe Palmer**
(SEN Nursing Home Rm 211)
- **Chuck Bledsoe**
(Home)
- **Frank Myler**
(Home)
- **Joe Halzack**
(VB Gen)



TAPS

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

Arthur Goodwin, PPC
Passed: 30 Jan

Leon Hickey
Passed: 29 Jan

Peter A. Gebelein, PPC
Passed: 16 Jan, 2018
POST 4809

Clarence R. Kinney Hickey
Passed: 16 Feb

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
Tom Tumilty
chaplain392@gmail.com



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Sisters and Brothers,

As we MARCH into Spring, I hope everyone is well.

In February we went to the VA Hospital for Bingo with our wonderful Veterans. It was a great time, and thank you for volunteering. Also, the hats that were crotched by Mary Richards and friends were delivered to Chesapeake Regional Medical Hospital. There were 70 hats given to the special babies with heart problems.

We are always in need of volunteers. Sign-up sheets for upcoming events are located on the bulletin board.

There events coming up in March are:

March 3- District Meeting
Smithfield VFW Post 8545 –
12:00 PM- Lunch
1:00 PM- Meeting

March 17th– St Patrick's Day
Parade

There will be NO Bingo this month at the VA Hospital because of Easter Weekend.

Please come to our meetings. We would appreciate your input; your voice should be heard. Please ask questions. That is how we all learn. If you don't understand a motion that has been put on the floor, or if there's a discussion about events, etc., just raise your hand, be recognized, stand up and ask it to be explained.

We appreciate your dedication and wanting to learn and get more involved.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be March 6, 2018 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.

VFW Auxiliary President
Dinah Doyle



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

AWARDS

Sisters who have yet to receive their awards 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:

35 Years Continuous Service:
Mary Richards, Joan Ember

30 Years Continuous Service:
Florence Conover

25 Years Continuous Service:
Deborah Jones

20 Years Continuous Service:
Jessica Mahon, Joanie Hanna
Latisha Almy

5 Years Continuous Service:
Tina Gordon

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

VFW Auxiliary Treasurer
Ellen Stogsdill
ellenstogsdill@cox.net



CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

Monday-Thursday.... 1100-2200
Friday..... 1100-2400
Saturday-Sunday 1100-2200

*On Cootie Breakfast Sunday's the
Canteen opens at 1000*

KITCHEN HOURS

Monday-Wednesday... 1100-1300
Thursday.. 1100-1300, 1700-1830
Friday..... 1100-1300, 1800-2000
Saturday Closed
Sunday Closed

** Hot Dogs and Chili may be obtainable on Saturdays and Sundays, as available*

** Regular menu items will not be available during any holiday or event dinner specials (unless specified)*

WEEKENDS AT THE VFW

Start the weekend with Friday's **Social Hour Prices from 4-6 PM!** The kitchen opens Friday, 6 to 8 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 being served). When the kitchen is closed, we do have

Hotdogs, Chili and Pizza 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

New Hours / New Menu
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Thursday Dinners include salad and dessert. Below is the dinner menu available and pricing for this month:

<u>Mar 1st</u>	<u>Mar 15th</u>
<u>Lasagna</u>	<u>Liver & Onions</u>
<u>Chicken</u>	
<u>Alfredo</u>	
<u>\$ 7.50</u>	<u>\$7.50</u>
<i>Prepared by</i> <i>Bob</i> <i>DeChamplain</i>	<i>Prepared by</i> <i>Janis Silcox</i>

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 Tina Brown** at (757) 486-5875, or at the email address below.

Note: For prime rib & grill your own steak, serving time will be 5:00PM to 7:00PM.

Our **Friday Evening Dinners** 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>Mar 2nd</u> TBD	<u>Mar 9th</u> Billy
<u>Mar 16th</u> Shannon	<u>Mar 23rd</u> TBD
<u>Mar 30th</u> TBD	

Our entertainment for the month of March is not complete as of yet. 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

6 - 8 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 **Manager**
Kevin Graves **Shelly Hughes**
canteenmanager392@gmail.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 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 please contact the Quartermaster.

STATE OF VIRGINIA VETERANS AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE

Virginia Pauley is our 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
virginia.pauley@dvs.virginia.gov

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.

LEGAL AID OFFICE

Veteran Free Legal Services

My name is David Rivard. I am a Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid office in Virginia Beach. We provide free legal services in civil matters to qualifying low-income Virginians. Some of the areas of law we provide assistance with are housing, estate planning, consumer matters, public benefits, and family law.

If this sounds like something you believe your members can benefit from or are interested in, or you know of any other organizations in the area that we may be able to assist, please contact me at my office (757) 552-0026 or you can contact me at the email address below. Thank you very much.

David Rivard, Esq.
Staff 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

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The last two scholarship programs are nearing the end. **Scout of the Year** applications are due to the Post on March 1, 2018.

Eagle Scouts, Girl Scouts earning Gold Award, Venture Summit Award recipients and Sea Scout Quartermaster Award Recipients are eligible to submit their application for this scholarship.

The Scout of the Year applications can be found online at www.vfw.org or from the Tidewater Boy Scout Council, or from the Scholarship Chairman. I can email a copy to anyone who needs this form. Scoutmasters have copies also. The first place winner from our Post will have their paperwork submitted to the next level of judging: The VFW Department (state) Chairman. Please make sure you read the instructions on the application and submit all the pertinent paperwork.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL !!

All scouting groups are wonderful programs. They encourage patriotism, leadership, duty to God and Country, duty to others and duty to self. They also offer friendship within their troops because they each belong to an elite group of boys and girls and their peers.

The last scholarship is **The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Award**. It is sponsored by the VFW Auxiliaries and is open to all students in grades 9-12. The deadline is March 31, 2018 to our Post. The instructions are specific on certain

items, such as flag presentations in the art, the types of art that cannot be entered (**No digital art and no photographic art is accepted**).

Please make sure that the instructions have been followed carefully and the explanation of Patriotism expressed in the artwork is attached. The application should be attached to the back of the artwork. One last item; be sure to follow correct flag etiquette when drawing the flag on your artwork. Contact Scholarship Chairman for applications.

Our Awards Ceremony for the Scholarship winners and Civil Servant winners will be held on Wednesday, April 11th at 7:00 pm at Post 392. All are welcome to attend. I especially hope the members who helped with the judging will attend this evening to see the fruits of their work from all the hours of judging. There will be a reception following the awards ceremony to congratulate all the winners.

For anyone who has questions or who needs an entry form for the two upcoming scholarship programs, my email is suesowers46@gmail.com.

SUE SOWERS
SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

VETERANS CRISIS LINE

Veteran Affairs offers a network of support for all our Nation's Veterans and their families. Veterans in emotional crisis and their loved ones can call the free and confidential Veterans Crisis Line to connect with a qualified crisis counselor who can help.

Anyone concerned about a Veteran, can also go to the website 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

Text Message: 838255



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Donors Needed

American Red Cross' 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)

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



COOTIE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY - March 11th & 25th

WHERE: VFW # 392

TIME: 8:30 AM -11:00 AM

COST: \$8.00 ALL YOU CARE TO EAT

Eggs to Order - Scramble Eggs - Omelets - Bacon - Sausage - Corned Beef Hash - Home Fried Potatoes - Pancakes - Waffles - French Toast - Biscuits
Toast - Sausage Gravy - Grits - Fruit - Juices - Coffee

COME JOIN US AND HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

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- ★ Licensed Since 2001 / Broker Since 2006
- ★ Bronze Circle of Excellence Award 2016
- ★ United States Navy (Retired)
- ★ Member In Good Standing VFW Post 392

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