

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

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> 2021 Membership Goal: 1940 Current Status: 1887 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 that everyone is doing well and staying safe and healthy. We are finishing with the month of February, and what a month it has been. If you missed the Quilts of Valor Ceremony, you missed a very touching day. I want to thank all that were there, and the 12 Ladies that participated on Quilts of Valor National Sewing Day.

Time sure seems to be flying by. We are still moving forward and gaining more momentum as we go. Our monthly events are doing well and gaining more support. If you are a pool player, dart thrower, poker player, or a bingo player, we have it scheduled; just check the calendar for the dates and times. From my observation it's always a fun time and everyone enjoys the competition and the comradery of their fellow members.

Be sure to check regularly for changes on our website and Facebook page. There are events that come up at the last minute or changes that need to be made due to unforeseen circumstances.

March is upon us and we have another full schedule of events going on. The St. Patrick's Day Pool / Darts Tournaments: Parade is going to happen in Norfolk on March the 12th and we are entered to march in the parade. Anyone wanting to join us and show our support for our Veterans by marching with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and show we are the one of the best Post in the country is welcome to join us. By all means come out and enjoy the day. More information will be posted on our website and Facebook as it becomes available.

We have had some great entertainment on the Friday Nights in February. We look forward to more in March. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the evening. Tim Horton and Bryan Dunn did great shows for us, and DJ Shannon always does a great job. Look to see who is coming and enjoy some music, dancing, and our Shrimp Special.

ATTENDEES NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

- **Post / Auxiliary Meetings:** March 1st 7:00 PM
- March 5th 12:00PM / 5:30PM
- **MOC/MOCA Breakfast**: March 6th & 20th 8:30 AM
- MOC/MOCA Meeting: March 8th 6:30 PM
- Saint Patrick's Day Parade March 12th 9:00 AM
- **MOC Auxiliary Bingo:** March 19th 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- **Texas Hold'em Tourney:** March 19th 6:00 PM
- House Committee Meeting: March 30th 6:30 PM
- Friday Night Shrimp Special: Every Friday 5:30—8:00 PM

Post 392 - Needs You!

Our Cootie Breakfasts are going strong. I still can't find a better deal in town, and guess what, all the proceeds go to our Hospital Fund. What could be a better breakfast than that. If you want a great breakfast on a Sunday morning, come on out the 6th and the 20th of March between 8:30 and 11. The breakfast is served the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and includes everything you eat. Non-alcoholic drinks included. Please join us and support our breakfast teams and if you want to volunteer you are always welcome to come and help.

We will open Nominations for the Post Officers at our March Meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer or getting more involved in the Post functions, please contact one of the current Officers and come to our meeting. There is a lot that we do to help our Veterans and our community. The more we are involved, the better we become, and the better off our Post will be. Our Veterans need us to step up and assist in taking care of the issues they are having. We need more of our younger members to step up and get involved, as you are the future of this Post and the VFW, and the future is now! There is a great supporting cast for all the officers.

I know you know what I am about to say. What is very near and dear to my heart. We lose way to many people to suicide, that can be prevented. We know about the 22-a-day. 1-a-day is to many to lose this way. So please everyone, let's 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 or direct them to the right place to get the help they need. You never know; what you say or do could save a life, you may never know that a kind word to someone may have just saved their life, and a kind gesture may change that person's mind away from dreadful suicidal thoughts. So always be a friend to those in need as suicide is a very serious problem with our veterans. Keep them in your prayers and it never hurts to be friendly to anyone. It just may save a life. Think about that for a minute.

If you know of a member, veteran, or their family member that is in need or ill, please bring it to our attention.

Post Commander Troy Wagers commandervfw392@gmail.com (757) 450-0844

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



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters!

Two months gone already in 2022. Time sure flies. From the looks of the weather lately the Groundhog was wrong about the 6 more weeks of winter.

This year for membership renewals, anyone who renews for a Life Membership will get a free metal membership card. If you're planning on being around for a while it can be a pretty good money saver. Also, any new members who join with a Life Membership will get a free card. If

any of you have friends or acquaintances that qualify for membership and you feel they would be good comrades make sure you tell them about everything happening at the Post and how it would benefit them!

> SR. Vice Commander Richard Craig srvice commandervfw392@gmail.com (757) 513-4905

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.

March 2022

35 Years Continuous Service: Richard N. Tommaselli

30 Years Continuous Service: Michael J. O'Tool

25 Years Continuous Service: Mark A. Brekke, Clyde J. Greene, Daniel E. Mitchell Sr.

20 Years Continuous Service: Charles W. Cain, Lweis L. Moore Jr., James J. Porta, Terry G. Whalen

15 Years Continuous Service: Leo J. Scott III

10 Years Continuous Service: Ronald L. Beltz, Mary E. Johnson, Zackary M. Maxey, Frank E. Rough, Steven H. Wilkins

In order 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

Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

Happy March! We have multiple events that are coming up and we need volunteers to support them. We will be marching in the Norfolk St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12th, beginning at 9a.m. Memorial Day weekend is not that far off and we will need people to man the Buddy Poppy stations and collect donations. The Post is hopping with two new cooks and new entertainment! Come have some great food, drinks, and be entertained as you support your Post. Let's show our fellow members and other veterans what Post 392 is all about!!

JR. Vice Commander Jennifer R. Cuevas <u>irvice</u>

commandervfw392@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues are \$40.00. Annual Members can pay their dues at Post 392, online at <u>vfw.org</u>, 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. This will prevent the Post emails from going to your SPAM folder!



QUARTER-MASTER

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 is 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!

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL:

Approximately 40% of the on-file Post and Auxiliary postal mail addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are incorrect. Please update them via email to 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, 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 757-486-5875 vfwpost392@gmail.com

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.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings all from your Post 392 Chaplain.

Another month has adorned us and we are now into March. I do hope that all are well and are doing all you can to help support the post.

March inspiration:

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

Many waters cannot quench love, Neither can floods drown would it: If a man give the substance of his house for love. He would utterly be contemned.

Anyone needing assistance please give me a call.

Father, I look to You to defend me. I take up the shield of faith and believe You for protection. Help me to be ready. In Jesus' name, Amen.

> Post Chaplain John Flavin <u>chaplainvfw392@gmail.com</u> <u>757-450-0844</u>

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. Please call the Post and/or Chaplain John Flavin or Auxiliary Chaplain Connie Wilson, as appropriate, at your first opportunity.

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:

Stu Carson, PARC Gale Allen, Home Bill Sowers, Home

TAPS

SAMUEL JOHNSON, 27 Jan 22

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 <u>chaplainvfw392@gmail.com</u> 757-458-0844



AUXILIARY

Sisters & Brothers.

I hope everyone is doing well. Daylight Savings Time starts at 2:00AM on March 13th!!

Some exciting events are coming up soon:

- The 53rd Ocean View St. Patrick's Day Parade is on March 12, 2022. The time is 9am to 12pm. Please arrive by 8:45am on East Evans Street just east of Granby Street if you would like to walk in the parade. More information is available at https://norfolkparade.com/
- The next Auxiliary Bake Sale will be on Friday, March 18, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm. If you would like to donate a dessert it would greatly be appreciated. If you would like to assist at the bake sale table, please be at the Post at 5:30 p.m.
- There will be a Craft Fair and Easter Egg Hunt at Post 392 on April 9th from 10am to 2pm. The Easter Egg Hunt will be from 12pm to 2pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post for children ages 10 and under. Tables for the Craft Fair are \$20.00 per table. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post for table reservations.

I would like to thank everyone again for the 2,400 Valentines that were prepared for Veterans and First Responders. Thank you so much for your help. The Valentines were delivered to the VA Hospital, along with 80 toiletry bags and Listerine packs. Post and Auxiliary members also delivered Valentines and baked goods to VB Fire Station 3, along with thank you cards that were made from the students

Strawbridge Elementary School. They were so excited to receive all of the goodies!!! Photos of both events were posted on our Facebook pages.

Post Jr. Vice Jennifer Cuevas is still taking orders for MAGA (Make Auxiliary Great Again) tshirts and sweatshirts. If you would like to place an order, you can reach her at Jennifer.cuevas09@hotmail.com or 757-353-7243. The cost of a tshirt is \$25.00 (2XL is \$30.00) and sweatshirts are \$35.00 (2XL is \$40.00). All profits will go to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Walk she will participate in this year.

We are still updating our active membership roster: Please contact Ellen Stogsdill at ellenstogsdill@cox.net or Judy Lupole at luvedale88@verizon.net with any changes you may have.

Thank you to everyone who attended the February Meeting. Please attend our upcoming 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 meeting will be Tuesday, March 1st 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 by email at n2runn1@yahoo.com

VFW Auxiliary President Dinah Doyle pres392@auxvfwva.org



CONTINUOUS AUXILIARY 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:

March 2022

15 Years Continuous Service: Rhonda R. Richardson

10 Years Continuous Service: Dinah V. Doyle, Patricia B. Johnson, Sandra D. Walker

<u>5 Years</u> Continuous Service: Roxanne Douglass, Rita Orsino, Carol Poreda

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

VFW Auxiliary Secretary Judy Lupole <u>luvedale88@verizon.net</u> (757) 581-2702



CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

Monday-Thursday.... 1100-2200 **Friday** 1100-2300 **Saturday-Sunday** 1100-2200

On Cootie Breakfast Sunday's the Canteen opens at 1000

KITCHEN HOURS

Monday- Kitchen closed. Air fryer items, pizza oven, soup, chili and hotdogs/sausages available at the bar.

Tuesday-Wednesday, Thursday.. 1100-1400, 1700-1830 **Friday....** 1100-1400, 1730-2030 **Saturday1200-1800**

 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

CANTEEN MANAGER

We are happy to announce that due to a change in circumstances, Shelly Hughes has returned as our Canteen Manager. She is happy to be back, and is looking forward to continuing the positive changes made to the Bar and Kitchen over the last several months.

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, including our weekly Shrimp Special!"

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.

LOCKER DUES

Now is the time to renew your 2022 locker dues. If dues are not paid by 1 March 2022 all contents of the locker will be removed and become property of the Post.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS Hours / Menu 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Salad and dessert included. Following is the dinner menu for this month (call Post to confirm):

March 6th	March 20th		
TO BE DETERMINED	TO BE DETERMINED		
\$9.00	\$9.00		
5:00 - 7:00PM	5:00 - 7:00PM		
Prepared by: ???	Prepared by: ???		

Note: Our **Thursday** Night **Dinners** are normally prepared by volunteer staff. all volunteers are not available, then one of our Cooks will prepare items off the normal dinner menu. If you'd like to help with serving, cleanup, or dishwashing - please contact the Canteen Manager or Assistant Canteen Manager Teresa McMillion at (757) 486-5875, or at the email address canteenmanager392@gmail.com.

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 March. Please come and enjoy the music with your family and friends as scheduled on Fridays from 6:00 to 10:00 PM:

March 4th Heather Edwards Band 6-10PM	Feb 11th TBD 6-10PM
Feb 18th DJ Shannen 6-10PM	Feb 25th TBD 6-10PM

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 - 8:30 PM

EZ Peel Shrimp are back & larger! 1/2 lb. for \$6.00 / 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! Thank you for your service and support!

Shelly Hughes Post 392 Canteen Manager 757-486-5875 canteenmanager392@gmail.com



Sisters & Brothers,

Spring is just around the corner and Daylight savings time is March 13, 2022, don't forget to set your clock forward by an hour.

Elections for MOCA will be at the March 8th meeting, if you would like to hold a position please let us know and attend this meeting. Installation will also be in March, a date will be announced shortly.

MOCA bingo was on February 19th, we had such a great time!! Thank you to everyone who donated prizes. The next bingo will be Saturday, March 19th from 1pm to 3pm. Please bring a friend!!!

Casino Night was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all of our wonderful volunteers.

Breakfast is still going great!!! The dates for the March breakfasts are March 6th and March 20th. Volunteers are always needed.

It would be great to see more members at our meetings. 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 Ingrid Epperson stands by for any member who may need our help.

The next MOCA meeting will be February 8th at 7pm. Hope to see everyone there!!! Thanks for everything that you do.

Feel free to contact me if you need anything. I can be reached at 757-560-0493 or n2runn1@yahoo.com

MOC Auxiliary President Dinah Doyle (757) 560-0493





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 in advertising, please contact the Quartermaster.

STATE OF VIRGINIA VETERANS AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE

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

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

30 West Queen's Way Hampton, Virginia 23669 (757) 552-0026 ext. 305 davidr@laseva.org

VETERANS CRISIS LINE

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

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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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
27	28	MAR 1	2	3	4	5	
	•VFW/AUX STAFF Meeting :6:30PM	•VFW/AUX Post Meeting 7:00PM	• MCL Meeting 7:00PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment Heather Edwards Band 6-10 PM	• Monthly Pool Tourney @ Noon • Darts Tournament 5:30	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
MOC/MOCA Breakfast—Team 1 8:30 - 11:00		MOC / MOCA 6:30 PM Meeting			Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment TBD 6-10PM	• St. Patrick's Day Parade 10:00AM	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
Daylight Savings Time Begins @2:00AM Spring 1 Hour Ahead	• FRA 166 Staff Meeting 7:00PM	• IOOB Meeting 7:30PM	AOA Meeting 6:00 PM MCL Staff Meeting 7:00PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Bake Sale 5:30—8PM Entertainment DJ Shannen 6-10PM	• MOCA Bingo 1:00 - 3:00PM • Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:00PM	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
MOC/MOCA Breakfast—Team 2 8:30 - 1100	• FRA 166 Branch Meeting 7:00PM			VVA Chapter 969 Board Meeting 7:00PM	Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment TBD 6-10 PM		
27	28	29	30	31			
	•Mayor Vet Comm 5:30PM •HRCVO 7:00PM	• VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00PM	House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM				
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