



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
 General MacArthur Memorial Post 392
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Membership Goal 100%
Current 2011 Membership 1661 Members, 97.48%

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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
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COMMANDERS CORNER

Comrades and Sisters

We are getting very close to the end of this VFW Year. There is still time to complete some of our projects. Buddy Poppy's is a big one. With a good turnout of volunteers we should replenish our Relief Fund. Remember you can do Buddy Poppy's at any time of the year. We have an over abundance of Poppy's in the storage shed. Get some of our Comrades and Sisters together and make an effort to distribute most of them. We are still a little short on recruiting new members. Thanks to all that have been making the recruiting effort. One more push should put us over the 100% mark.

We are finally getting a break in the weather, higher temperatures and humidity require you to pay attention to your physical condition while working in the yard or are involved in sporting activity. Stay hydrated and don't overdo it.

Dates to remember:

- 5/3 Post Meeting
- 5/7 CASINO DAY
- 5/8 VE Day
- 5/10—MOC Scratch
- 5/14 Post/Laux Installation
- 5/15 2nd District Meeting
- 5/26 Buddy Poppy Dinner
- 5/28 Flags Out
- 5/30 Memorial Day **COLORS**
- 5/31 Flags In
- 6/1 - House Committee Mtg

**BUDDY POPPY
 DISTRIBUTION
 5/26 THRU 5/29**

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

New/Transfer Life Members:

- Michael P. Fehr
- Jamison R. Jamison
- Vincent E. Rost Jr.
- Harry J. Smith Jr.
- Bret A. Sourbrine
- Daniel J. Tanner

New/Transfer/Re-Instated

Annual Members:

- Donald R. Adams
- Kaylee M. Ainsworth
- Kyle L. Anderson
- Matthew F. Bahner
- Ronald W. Clark
- Matthew C. Cullen
- Kenneth E. Gilbertson
- David E. Gregory Jr.
- Michael T. Marushia Sr.
- Raymond S. McClintock
- Michael A. Oakley
- Raymond R. Renaud

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Daniel A. Yater

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard.

Birthdays: I wish a very "Happy Birthday" to Charles E. Ember, Joseph A. Fosnocht, Peter A. Gebelein, Jonathan Harnden, Douglas R. Keller, Charles E. Kelley and 140 fine comrades. I also extend Birthday Wishes to Tina M Brown, Priscilla A. Myers, Mary E. Stogsdill and 18 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 3 May, 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**](mailto:david.ha.curtis@verizon.net)

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades & Sisters,

I would like to congratulate all new incoming Officer's of General MacArthur Post 392 for the years 2011-2012.

I found this poem and I wanted to share with you all since my son is in Afghanistan.

Take A Moment To Thank A Veteran

When you see someone in uniform,
someone who serves us all,
doing military duty,
and answering their country's call,

Take a moment to thank them
For protecting what you hold dear;

Tell them you are proud of them;
Make it very clear.

Just tap them on the shoulder,
Give a smile, and say,
"Thanks for what you're doing
To keep us safe in the USA!"

Senior Vice Commander
Pete Gebelein
[**djfan516@cox.net**](mailto:djfan516@cox.net)
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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

Hubert B. Clardy

TWENTY (20) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Shawn L. Burmister
Gary J. Caflisch
Charles R. Hamilton II
Thomas O. Morgan
James E. Newman
Clifton L. Proctor
William E. Taylor

FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Michael G. Carpenter
Samuel T. Critelli
Jerry Franklin
Michael Gottwals
David L. Gracie
Charles N. Lucia
Shanna K. Matthews
Walter F. Mays
John G. Murphy

TEN (10) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE

William K. Cole
Terry T. Dillon
Jim H. Goolsby

Anastasia D. King
Paul W. Mellott

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

Amanda N. Awtry
Peter T. Hunt
Edward A. Martin
James J. Ramsey
Dean T. Rodgers
Robert D. Summerford

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

**JUNIOR VICE
COMMANDER**

I attended the LADIES AUXILIARY cancer fund raiser and was AMAZED at how well it was received. ATTA BOY Girls... You done good!!!! Not only was it a good party but most everybody won a gift of some kind and the cancer fund was presented a WHOPPING amount of donations!!

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

We are still getting complaints about some of the loud F word usage at the bar... If you can't restrain yourself, remember that the bartenders can impose a 3 day suspension on you and the house committee can add another 30 days. We all cuss

some but try to keep it DOWN to your immediate locality or else be embarrassed by being asked to leave. NUFF SAID!!!

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

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

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 mail out the newsletter to everyone, 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

**Robert Devall
Maureen DeGrush
Chaplain**

Ladies Auxiliary President

How quickly time flies when we are busy with work for a great cause. The calendar year is almost half over and my year as President is down to the last two months. I can't thank my ladies enough for all their help and support. It is a true joy to do great work with such great people. I would like to especially thank Mary Richards for her many years of service to our Auxiliary and to the VFW. She and Dave make a great team and will be sorely missed. Please be sure to book your rooms for the Department of Virginia Convention in June. Contact Mary Richards so she can register you for the Conference. Email me for more information. Congratulations to our newly elected line officers, I'm sure you will all do an outstanding job in 2011-2012. Incoming President Suzie Forehand, Sr. Vice Judy Lupole, Jr. Vice Maureen Degrush, Treasurer Beth Moynihan, Chaplain Sue Sowers, Conductress Patty Stokes, Guard Amy Kieger and 3-Year Trustee Maryanne Harden. Thank you all for your service.

.Denice Moran
Ladies Auxiliary President
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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, 2011. Auxiliary President Denice Moran stands ready to decorate you with the Continuous Membership awards indicated.

TWENTY FIVE (25)
YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE
Patricia Paul

TEWNTY (20) YEARS
OF CONTINUOUS
SERVICE
G. Linnenburger

TEN (10) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE
Ramona C. Miller

FIVE (5) YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS
SERVICE
Kristin Isfeld
Glenda A. Robinson

Mary Richards
Treasurer

MOC / MOCA

Saturday 7 May is Casino Day

at the Hampton VA Hospital. You do not have to be a Cootie to join in, everyone is welcome. For those not familiar with it we haul a Roulette Wheel, Craps Tables, Black Jack Tables, and Poker Tables to the hospital and run an ACTUAL CASINO for a couple hours. At the end we give out prizes to all the guests, everyone gets something. Then the pizza's etc. come out for lunch.

For those of us putting it on it is a day of work but quite enjoyable. For all those interested in joining us there are signup sheets and details at the Post. It does not matter if you know the face of a card from the back, there is a job for everyone. Saturday, May 7th is **Casino Day**, at the Hampton VA! Volunteers and **DEALERS ARE NEEDED!!!!** Please contact **Bill or Denice Moran, if you can help out.** This is a great event for both the patients and the Cooties. If you haven't attended one, come on out! You need not be a member to volunteer!

After May 1st, things will slow a bit for the MOCA. It will be time to think about making reservations for June **Grand Convention** at the Ramada in Richmond.... Yes the hotel has been sold again....The dates are June 9-12 with Grand Convention to be announced. The phone # is 804-285-2000.

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 it to me, as Hospital Chairman.

As this is my last newsletter article, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the Cooties and Ladybugs, for their encouragement and support of the

last 4 years. I know that Pam Myers will do a wonderful job as President and will also be fully supported by the membership.

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

To those members who cannot be with us due to illness or locale, our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Gail M. Payne
Soon to be Ex-MOCA President!!!!

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.

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 Sundays 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.

NOTE:

LAST BREAKFAST 8 MAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

Weekends at the VFW have 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 May 2011 from 7PM – 10PM.

**Friday
May 6th, 2011
DEMI**

**Friday
May 13th, 2011
Jim Berry DJ**

Friday

May 20th, 2011

Capt Moose
DJ & Karaoke

**Friday
May 27th, 2011**

Tim Hopkins

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

May 5th, 2011

Pork Chops in
Mushroom Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

May 12th, 2011

Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Corn
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

May 19th, 2011

Cream of Chicken
Buttered Noodles
Broccoli
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$7.50

May 26th, 2011

Grill Your Own Steak
Baked Potato
Sautéed Mushrooms & Onions
Hot Rolls
Fresh Salad Bar
Dessert
Cost: \$9.50

WANTED

Newsletter Editor

The position of newsletter editor is open as of the July 2011 issue—written in mid-June. Hours are flexible, there is no dress code — you can work in the buff if you want to.

It only takes a couple hours a month and you can do it anywhere you want.

If you are interested talk to the incoming commander.



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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MAY 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cootie Breakfast Team 1	VFW/LAUX Staff Meeting 5:30 PM	Post /LAux Meetings 7 PM		Pork Chops in Mushroom Gravy 6-7:30PM	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment DEMI	CASINO DAY
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Cootie Breakfast Team 2 VE Day Mothers Day	FRA 166 Staff Mtg	MOC / MOCA Meetings 7 PM	Marine Corps League 7PM	Meatloaf 6 - 7:30 PM	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Jim Berry	Post Officers Installation 7PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Dist 2 Mtg Post 4809 Lunch 1PM Salty Dawg	FRA Branch 166 Mtg		American Legion 110 Mtg	Cream of Chicken 6 - 7:30 PM	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Capt. Moose DJ	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Vietnam Vets Mtg	USMC League' Mtg AOA Assn Mtg	Buddy Poppy Dinner Spaghetti/ meat/veggie sauce Buddy Poppy's	Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM Entertainment Tim Hopkins Buddy Poppy's	Hampton VA Movie Flags Out Buddy Poppy's
29	30	31				
Buddy Poppy's	Memorial Day Colors 8AM	Flags In				
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