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COMMANDER'S
CALL

Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings, Comrades. I do hope everyone is doing good and have been staying safe and healthy.

Now on to May 2022. Our year has been going extremely well, with lots of great events are happening every week. Keep an eye on the calendar for all the scheduled events or events that get added, changed, or updated. We try and keep the Calendar up to date, so check it and our Facebook Page often. I want to make sure I take the time to thank our Post and Auxiliary members. We have hit a major milestone earlier than anyone expected. We have already qualified for recognition as an All-American Post. Our Membership has taken off, because of the members that make everyone that visit our Post feel at home. We are continually doing the great things out in the community, and the word is out that we are doing awesome work here. Please continue to take pride in our Post and keep up the great work and awesome support. I know I get a lot of the credit, but only because I hold the position I do. Trust me when I say it's the support of our members that is the reason for our success. THANK YOU.

Congrats to the Post and Auxiliary Officers elected in April that will be sworn in this month and take office in June. John Flavin will return as our Post Commander, and Carol Mueller will be the next Auxiliary President. Here is the list of Post 392 Officers for the 2022 - 2023 Term of Office that begins in mid-June:

- Elected:John Flavin, Commander
- John Flavin, Commander
 Jennifer Cuevas, Sr. Vice Commander
- James Wikkerink, Jr. Vice Commander
- John Phillips, Quartermaster
- Michael Marushia, Adjutant
- Mary Benson, Chaplain
- Troy Wagers, 3-Year Trustee (Continued on next page)

ATTENDEES NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

- <u>**Post / Auxiliary Meetings**</u>: May 3rd 5th 7:00 PM
- MOC/MOCA Breakfast: May 1st and 8th 8:30 AM
- <u>Pool / Darts Tournaments</u>: May 7th 12:00PM / 5:30PM
- <u>MOC/MOCA Meeting</u>: May 10th 6:30 PM
- <u>Grill Your Own Steak Night</u>: May 19th 6:00 PM
- MOCA Bingo/Texas Hold'em: May 21st 1:00 PM / 6:00 PM
- <u>House Committee Meeting</u>: May 25th 6:30 PM
- <u>Buddy Poppy Dinner</u>: May 26th 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- <u>Buddy Poppy Weekend</u> May 27th through 29th
 - Post 392 Needs You!

• Joshua Heger, 5-Year House Committee Member

Appointed Positions:

- Neil Siegfried, Surgeon
- Michael Marushia, Adjutant
- Scott DeVost, Officer of the Day
- Joshua Heger, Guard

Congratulations to all those elected and appointed, and thank you for your support to keep our Post one of the best in the entire ranks of the VFW!

I know you will keep the push on to make this Post even better. Also, Congrats to all of our Awardees from our Community Service Awards Night. We got to honor some of the finest local young adults there are with the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy essay winners, Scout of the Year, and the Patriotic Art competition. We also were honored to recognize the best among the Virginia Beach's Police, Fire, EMS, and Sheriff's Department First Responders.

This is a great way to recognize our community servants for the job they do.

You can always use the Suggestion Box, as the House Committee Chairman reads to, reviews with the House Committee, and responds to every signed suggestion put into the box. With that being said, please remember our members are our brothers and sisters, and their family is our family, so please be respectful of everyone.

If you have read any of my newsletters, there is something that has always been near and dear to my heart. As we enter the Easter season, it becomes even more important. We lose way too many lives to suicide. I think every day and every month should be for suicide awareness. We all have heard about the 22 a day on the suicides. 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. You never know your actions can affect a life, if you put them off it may be too late. As always be a friend to those in need, suicide is a serious problem with our veterans, keep them in your prayers, and it never hurts to be friendly to them, it just may save their lives.

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

> Post Commander Troy Wagers <u>commandervfw392@gmail.com</u> (757) 636-2592

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5/1 Major combat operations in Iraq ended in 2003
- 5/2 Osama bin Laden killed by US Forces in 2011
- 5/3 Battle of the Coral Sea begins in 1942
- 5/8 V-E Day in 1945
- 5/16 Armed Forces Day (est. August 1949)
- 5/20 101st Airborne captures Hamburger Hill (in Vietnam) in 1969
- 5/25 Memorial Day traditions started in the 1860's



Happy May Day Brothers and Sisters!

May is here and with it come several events that help us both Honor the Dead and Remember the Living. Memorial Day weekend we will be placing flags on Veterans and First Responders gravesites in our 5 cemeteries. Last Veterans Day we were blessed with a huge turnout. It would be great to see the same thing this month. Flags will be put out Saturday 28, May. Colors is at 0800, so please arrive NLT 0745.

Also, that weekend, the Buddy Poppy Drive will be going on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the 27th, 28th, and 29th. We NEED lots of volunteers for the Commissary, NEX, and Package store. The last several times we have had to drop the NEX spot due to lack of participation. It would be great to be able to man all three locations without having to ask folks to double up and take several just to man two of them. The money raised ALL goes to help our vets so come out and help us haul in some cash!

Signup sheets will be posted in the usual place at the Post. Come in and sign up!!

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

<u>Continuous Membership</u> <u>Awards</u>

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.

<u>May 2022</u>

60 Years Continuous Service: Jack J. Hilgers

35 Years Continuous Service: Michael R. Lynch, Gerd W. Marker, Jack L. Wilson Jr **25 Years Continuous Service:** Charles R. Alexander, Terrence W. Bobka, Samuel P. Hamaker, Eric L. Rigsby

15 Years Continuous Service: David J. Bozak

10 Years Continuous Service: Donald J. Belanger, Richard J. Chipchak, Jeffrey P. Dunham Jr., Eugene W. Hook, James R. Ingram, Kenneth M. Lyndon Jr.

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,

We have a very important event in May. I have posted the sign-up sheet for our Memorial Day Weekend Buddy Poppy Fund Drive. Please come out and support your Post, as all funds raised are used for veteran's support programs. We will have 3 locations that we need to cover, the NAS Oceana Commissary, NEX, and Package Store. This past November, we didn't have enough volunteers to cover all 3 locations. We need to ensure they are covered in May. Please come out and show your support for the best post around.

Let's show our fellow members and other veterans what Post 392 is all about!!

JR. Vice Commander Jennifer R. Cuevas <u>jrvice</u> <u>commandervfw392@gmail.com</u>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.VFW392.ORG



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!

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: We still have many 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 your 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 is to email it to the Post.

> Quartermaster John Phillips 757-486-5875 vfwpost392@gmail.com



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Brothers and Sisters,

Offer hospitality to one another . . . use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:9–10

"Kumain ka na ba?" (Have you eaten?)

This is what you'll always hear as a visitor in many homes in the Philippines, where I'm from. It's the Filipino way of expressing care and kindness for our guests. And regardless of your reply, your host will always prepare something for you to eat. Filipinos believe that true kindness isn't just saying the standard greeting but also going beyond words to show real hospitality.

Rebekah too, knew all about being kind. Her daily chores included drawing water from the well outside town and carrying the heavy jar of water home. When Abraham's servant, who was very thirsty from his journey, asked for a little water from her jar, she didn't hesitate to give him a drink (Genesis 24:17–18).

But then Rebekah did even more. When she saw that the visitor's camels were thirsty, she quickly offered to go back to draw more water for them (vv. 19–20). She didn't hesitate to help, even if it meant making an extra trip (or more) to the well and back with a heavy jar.

Life is tough for many people, and often a small gesture of practical kindness can encourage them and lift their spirits. Being a channel of God's love doesn't always mean delivering a powerful sermon or planting a church. Sometimes, it can simply be giving someone a drink of water. — Karen Huang

Who do you know who might need some encouragement? What act of practical kindness can you offer to encourage them?

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:

Barbara Grossnickle, unknown

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NORMAN L. KILFOYLE 23 MAR

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> <u>757-458-0844</u>



Sisters & Brothers, I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the beautiful weather!

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and chairpersons. Please give them your support for the upcoming year. The Officers elected are:

- Carol Mueller, President
- Dinah Doyle, Sr. Vice President
- Ingrid Epperson, Jr. Vice President
- Ellen Stogsdill, Treasurer
- Judy Lupole, Secretary
- Connie Mitchell, Chaplain
- Jobil Bullock, Conductress

• Michelle Wikkerink- Guard On Saturday, May 14, 2022 there will be a District Meeting at Post 392. Lunch is at noon, a joint meeting at 1pm and then Auxiliary meeting afterwards. At 5pm there will be a social hour with installation of officers at 6pm. Please attend if you can.

The Easter Egg hunt and Craft Fair were so much fun!!! Thank you to all of the volunteers. You are the BEST!!!

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods for the bake sale. What a great turnout!!! It was a huge success and all of them were so yummy!!! There will not be a bake sale in May, the next one will be June 17th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Events for this month are:

- May 7th- VFW Day of Service Cleanup at Bayville Park – 9am to 12pm
- May 8th- Mothers Day- Cootie Breakfast
- May 26th- Buddy Poppy Dinner
- May 27 to May 29- Buddy Poppy Drive
- May 28- Flags Out, 0800

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 be going to the Breast Cancer Walk she will be participating in this year. We are still updating our active membership roster: Please contact Ellen Stogsdill –

<u>ellenstogsdill@cox.net</u> or Judy <u>Lupole-luvedale88@verizon.net</u> with any changes you may have.

Thank you to everyone who attended the April Meeting. 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 Connie Mitchell stands by for any member who may need our help.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3rd 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

n2runn1@yahoo.com

VFW Auxiliary President Dinah Doyle pres392@auxvfwva.org



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

<u>Continuous Auxiliary</u> <u>Membership Awards</u>

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:

May 2022 25 Years Continuous Service: Jan Gossen

20 Years Continuous Service: Mary J. Burkhalter, Debra M. Glaser

15 Years Continuous Service: Sue Griffin

5 Years Continuous Service: Isobel Short

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

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



CANTEEN

<u>Canteen Hours</u>

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

On Cootie Breakfast Sunday's the Canteen opens at 1000

<u>Kitchen Hours</u>

<u>Monday- Kitchen closed</u>* Air fryer items, pizza oven, soup, chili and hotdogs/sausages available at the bar. **Tuesday-Wednesday:** 1100-1400

* Hot Dogs, Chili, and Pizza may be obtainable on Mondays, 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

WEEKENDS AT THE VFW Start the weekend with Friday's Social Hour Prices from 5-7 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.

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):

<u>May 19th</u>	<u>May 26th</u>		
GRILL YOUR OWN STEAK NIGHT	BUDDY POPPY SPAGHETTI DINNER		
\$20.00	\$9.00		
5:00 - 7:00PM	5:00 - 7:00PM		
Prepared by: YOU (or us)!	Prepared by: Bob DeChamplain		

Note: Our Thursday Night **Dinners** are normally prepared by an all volunteer staff. If 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 Shelly Hughes Assistant or Canteen Manager Teresa McMillion at (757) 486-5875, or via the Canteen Mgr email address canteenmanager392@gmail.com.

Our Friday Evening Dinners, which include our weekly Shrimp Special, are held from (5:30 - 8:30 PM). These dinners require a few volunteers to assist with cooking the shrimp, taking orders and service as well. Please contact the Canteen Manager or Assistant Manager to assist.

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Below is the entertainment for May. Please come and enjoy the music with your family and friends as scheduled on Fridays from 6:00 to 10:00 PM:

<u>May 6th</u>	<u>May 13th</u>
Tim Hopkins	Brian Dunn
6-10PM	6-10PM
<u>May 20th</u> DJ Shannon 6-10PM	May 27th To Be Determined 6-10PM

CANTEEN SPECIALS

Mon/Wed/Fri

Mon/Wed 3-7pm / Fri 5-7pm Come in and enjoy our low Social Hour Prices to start your evening!

Fridays: Steamed Shrimp

5:30 - 8:30 PM

EZ Peel Shrimp are back & larger! 1/2 lb. for \$7.00 / 1 lb. for \$13.00 If you have comments or suggestions for our Canteen, please let us know. <u>All written</u> <u>comments or suggestions must be</u> <u>signed for consideration</u>! Thank you for your service and support!

Shelly Hughes Post 392 Canteen Manager 757-486-5875 <u>canteenmanager392@gmail.com</u>



Sisters & Brothers,

I hope everyone had a great Easter and I hope everyone is doing well.

MOCA bingo was on April 23rd, we had such a great time and a great turnout!! Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, the donations are truly appreciated. The next bingo will be Saturday, May 21st from 1pm to 3pm. Please bring a friend!!!

There are only two more Cootie Breakfasts left until our summer break. We will serve on May 7th and then hold our last Cootie breakfast for this season will be on Mother's Day, May 8th. Volunteers are always needed to help, especially on the 8th when all Moms are excused for that day! Thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone who came in for breakfast.

It would be great to see more members at our meetings. The VA is about to open up to additional access, so we hope to soon be able to schedule functions with the Veterans at the hospital in Hampton and at Post 392. 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 May 10th 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

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The following Post member is commissioned as Notary Public in the Commonwealth of Virginia:

• Joseph G. Brady

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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 Post Adjutant at

webmaster@VFW392.org





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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MOC/MOCA Breakfast Team 1 830-1100	• VFW/AUX STAFF Meeting :6:30PM	• VFW/AUX Post Meeting s 7:00PM	• MCL Meeting 7:00PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment Tim Hopkins 6-10 PM	 Day of Svc Noon Pool Tourney Noon Dart Tourney 530
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
MOTHER'S DAY! MOC/MOCA Breakfast—Team No Moms 8:30 - 1100	• FRA 166 Staff Meeting 7:00PM	MOC/MOCA Meeting 7:00PM			Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment Bryan Dunn 6-10PM	 District 2 Quarterly Meeting @Noon Post 392 & Auxilian Officer Installations 6:00PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	FRA 166 Branch Meeting 7:00PM	• IOOB Meeting 7:00PM	AOA Meeting 6:00 PM MCL Staff Meeting 7:00PM	Dinner: Grill Your Own Steak Night 5-7:00 PM	Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Bake Sale 5:30—8PM Entertainment DJ Shannen 6-10PM	 MOCA Bingo 1:00 PM Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:00PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				 Buddy Poppy Dinner 5:00-7:00 VVA Chap 969 Board Mtg 7 PM 	BUDDY POPPYS NAS Oceana 10-6 Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment TBD 6-10 PM	BUDDY POPPYS NAS OCEANA 10 AM - 6 PM Colors/Flags Out 0800
29	30	31	JUNE 1	2	3	4
BUDDY POPPYS NAS OCEANA 10 AM - 6 PM	Memorial Day Flag Retirement TBD Mayor Vet Comm 5:30PM HRCVO 7:00PM	• VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00PM	House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment TBD 6-10 PM	Flags In
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