



**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**  
**General MacArthur Memorial Post 392**  
 2408 Bowland Parkway  
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 www.vfw392.org

**2011 Membership Goal: 1,714**  
 Current Membership: 1,402 Members at 81.84%

## October 2011 - VOLUME 23, NUMBER 4

### 2011 - 2012 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....	Peter Gebelein	Ladies Auxiliary President.....	Suzie Forehand
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Bill Sowers	Ladies Aux. Sr. Vice President.....	Judy Lupole
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Chuck Bledsoe	Ladies Aux. Jr. Vice President..	Maureen DeGrush
Quartermaster.....	Donald E. Brown	Ladies Aux. Chaplain.....	Sue Sowers
Chaplain.....	Bob Duvall	Ladies Aux. Treasurer.....	Elizabeth Moynihan
House Committee Chairman.....	Ralph Stephens	Seam Squirrel.....	Bill Moran
Service Officer.....	Gunnar Gudjonsson	M.O.C.A. President.....	Pam Myers
Surgeon.....	Merle W. Gootee	Judge Advocate.....	Doug Keller

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

#### COMRADES AND SISTERS

This past month was a busy one for everyone, the Post Picnic, VFW's Birthday, Patriot's Day, the Oceana Air Show, the Poker Run, etc ... all that among regular Post business. But as busy as it was, we all pulled together and made the month of September a great success.

Without the help of each and every volunteer at the Post Picnic, it wouldn't have happened. And the volunteers who worked so hard on the George Myers Poker Run made it a lot of fun. It was a good turnout, and together we generously contributed to the cause.

My hat is off, and I give a sincere THANK YOU to everyone involved in all of the

events, and those who support the Post's day to day affairs.

I just want to let everyone know ahead of time that The Veterans Parade is being held on Friday, November 11, 2011 in Virginia Beach. I sure would like to see an impressive turn out from Post 392.

Please remember that October 31st is Halloween. So please be careful of the trick-or-treater's while driving around town.

As always, Comrades and Sisters, if anyone has any questions or suggestions - please feel free to contact me or any of the post officers.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/4 Post Meeting
- 10/8 US and S. Vietnamese launch 'Operation Sealords' in 1969
- 10/13 Continental Congress authorizes first US naval force in 1775
- 10/19 British General Cornwallis

surrenders at Yorktown 'ending' the American Revolution in 1781

10/23 First body is selected to be honored as the Unknown Soldier in 1921

10/26 House Committee Meeting

10/28 Soviet Premier orders withdrawal of missiles from Cuba in 1962

#### NEW MEMBERS

I extend a warm welcome to the new members who were voted into our Post at the last regular meeting.

- New/Transfer Life Members:

Ronald Brock  
 Michael Marushia  
 Andrew J. Udziela

- New/Transfer/Re-Instated

Annual Members/  
 Life Installment:  
 Thomas J. Camp Jr.  
 Shawn P. Landis

Maria A. Ruiz  
Michael D. Spangenburg

Thank you for your service and  
welcome aboard.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

May I wish "Happy Birthday"  
to Lyle T. Soule, David R.  
Goldstein, Merle W. Gootee, and  
142 fine comrades! I also extend  
"Birthday Wishes" to Lillie C.  
Cassirer, Suzanne Forehand,  
Elizabeth Moynihan, Virginia  
D. Marsh, and 34 fine sisters!

### **POST MEETINGS**

Post meetings are held the first  
Tuesday of each month. Our  
next meeting is at 19:00 (7 pm)  
on October 4th, I am looking  
forward to seeing all of you at  
the meeting.

**Post Commander**  
**Peter Gebelein**  
**757-641-6377**  
**djfan516@cox.net**

### **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

Many thanks to those who  
attended the post picnic on 9-10.  
I would try to mention all who  
helped but only Chuck, the  
Junior Vice knows all of them.  
Maureen was very involved also,  
and I thank both of them and  
their committee.

We had a real nice colors  
ceremony at 0800 on 9-11. This  
was Patriots day and there was  
quite a few folks who turned out.  
Most of the poker run bikers  
were even there. Joe played taps  
and chaplain Bob said a nice  
prayer.

The following words were said  
in honor of those who suffered  
that day:

### **"PATRIOT DAY 2011.**

Ten years ago today, an attack was  
made on our country. On  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, over 3,000  
Americans were killed in a  
cowardly attack by Muslims led by  
Osama Bin Laden. Like Pearl  
Harbor and the Alamo, this tragedy  
will not soon be forgotten.

That day left an indelible mark on  
our lives. As we witnessed the  
tragedy of the victims and the  
heroism of other Americans on that  
day, we saw that in the wake of  
these cowardly attacks, a new  
generation of soldiers and sailors  
stood ready to answer the call of  
duty. National pride and patriotism  
rose again from these ashes to unite  
us worldwide to combat the enemy  
in his land, not ours.

Today we face the challenge of  
those outside, and inside, our  
country who would destroy us and  
our way of life. We must stand tall  
to fight these evil ones wherever  
they may be and with whatever it  
takes to stop their threat to our  
security and freedom.

General Eisenhower once said,  
"History does not long entrust the  
care of freedom to the weak and  
timid." Sadly, there are some even  
in our country who would sell our  
way of life down the river in the  
pursuit of their own egotistical  
concepts of political correctness.  
We must stand firm against those  
who will not carry the torch of our  
traditional freedoms. We must  
resolve to continue the commitment  
of our fathers to keep our nation the  
land of the strong, the free, and the  
brave.

When the towers fell, President  
Bush's words of "I hear you  
America, and the people who did  
this will hear all of us soon," were

to become prophetic. In May of  
this year, the leader of this  
cowardly attack was killed by our  
Navy and military.

God bless you and God bless  
America."

### **CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP**

#### **AWARDS**

The following comrades have  
earned Continuous Membership  
Awards as 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-Five (35) Years Of  
Continuous Service:**

Calvin K. Davis

- **Thirty (30) Years Of  
Continuous Service:**

Alan E. Harling

- **Twenty (20) Years Of  
Continuous Service:**

Edward M. Pierce

- **Fifteen (15) Years Of  
Continuous Service:**

Jess P. Dawson  
Bobby W. Thompson

- **Ten (10) Years Of  
Continuous Service:**

Lester L. Aker  
Cyrus L. Hart  
Clarence R. Otto  
Robert G. Ruger  
Monty C. Stover



• **Five (5) Years Of Continuous Service:**

Steve V. Austin  
Joseph H. Brewer  
Howard J. Collins  
Michael C. Fields  
Kevin M. Jobin  
Richard A. Labranche  
Arlene A. McKinsey  
Joseph J. Mero  
Michael A. Mitcho  
Jack C. Neighbors  
William J. O'Dell  
Roger S. Perkins  
Richard R. Riker  
Gregory S. Schoolcraft  
Lester C. Serman Jr.  
Matthew A. Smith  
John E. Starling  
Edward G. Wilkinson

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

**SR. Vice Commander  
Bill Sowers  
bosn@sprynet.com**

**QUARTERMASTER**

**NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE  
ONLINE AND BY EMAIL**

The newsletter is now available via email! To sign up, go to our website at [www.vfw392.org](http://www.vfw392.org), select NEWS, scroll down, and enter the following: first name, last name, email address, and Membership ID Number. Check the 'Yes' box, click 'Submit', and you'll be signed up.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Even though we are no longer mailing 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.

**Quartermaster  
Donald E. Brown  
post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com**

**CHAPLAIN'S  
CORNER**

**TEMPORARY SHORT TERM  
ILLNESS OR INJURIES  
LISTING**

Read the Post Bulletin Board daily for most recent up-dates as individuals become sick or recover.

**LONG TERM ILLNESS OR  
INJURIES LISTING**

The following named members have a serous long term illness/injuries, that require them to be in the listed location for continuous care:

- Burt Jones  
Kings Grant Room 203
- Nick Nickerson  
VA Hosp/Hampton Home
- Jules Dumas  
N.C. Med Asst Home

Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. If you are unable to visit, send a get well card to let them know they are in your thoughts and that you care. Or if you know them personally, a call will let them know that you care.

**TAPS**

The following list honors and remembers our post veteran members in their passing during the last month(s) :

- Lenny Anderson  
4 August 2011

On (Saturday) September 04,

2011, 3:00 PM., Memorial Service by Staff and members was held for our departed comrade, Lenny Anderson, upon request of his daughter (Lora). Comrade Andersen's ashes (remains) will be taken to his hometown of Eire, PA, for a memorial service with family and friends.

At our monthly meeting, Draping of the Charter was conducted, also a prayer of solemn tribute was given on behalf of our departed comrade.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Comrades, when you or a family member falls ill, are injured, hospitalized, or experience the loss of a loved one - PLEASE contact the Post As Soon As Possible and let us know.

It is important that we extent our hand in anyway possible to aid and comfort our fellow comrades and family in their time of need.

We each maintain a certain degree of self-reliance and independence, but if we cannot fall back upon our VFW brothers and sisters as family, then who are we to call upon?

**OUR MONTHLY BREAD**

**The Best Friend**

It's an honor I cherish, and one I try (seek) to live up to – but don't always do so. It's a privilege of hearing my wife say. "**You're my best friend,**" which she dose often. As much as I love her, though, occasionally I say or do something that is not so "best friend-ish." In reality, no matter how hard we try, we cannot live up to the high standard of being a friend who never lets others down. We all fail from time to time --- forgetting to do what we should or

simply allowing selfishness to build a barrier between us.

As believers, we take comfort in knowing that we are called a friend of God, and he is a true friend who will never falter. Michael Gungor's produce joyous song called "Friend of God that captures the wonder of this relationship when it asks, "Who am I that you are mindful of me?"

In the bible it says that Abraham was called "the friend of God," and that friendship was related to his faith (2 Chron. 20:7; James 2:23). Jesus explained how we can receive that designation as well. He said to His disciples, "You are my friends if you do whatever I command you" There is no better friend, for we know that He will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5).

Looking for the best friend ever? You can't do better than the Lord Himself. For his Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. Also remember your spouse try to pray together and received communion body and blood of Christ side by side, strengthen the relationship with each other and with God.

Comrade's brothers and sisters November will be here very soon upon us, and the good old Turkey dinner. But we must remember those who are less fortunate with family, who's out of work or just can't make it due to the economy because our poverty rate has it an 18 year high. If you know of someone needs assistance please, contact

Post to see if we can help. God Bless All.

**Post Chaplain  
Robert Devall**

**Ladies Aux. Chaplain  
Sue Sowers**

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**LADIES AUXILIARY  
PRESIDENT**

Dear Sisters,

My thanks go out to Chris Cassirer, our Americanism chairman, for her hard work last month. Not only did Chris share the teardrop stickers reminding us that September was Military Suicide Prevention month, she also organized the September 9 candlelight ceremony to remember those who died in the attacks on September 11. In addition, she arranged the moving September 16 POW/MIA commemoration ceremony.

**Breakfast for Hospitalized Veterans** - please join us to provide breakfast at the Post for veterans from the Hampton VA Medical Center on October 8.

**Cancer** - Gail Payne has arranged the opportunity for those interested and able to participate in the Race for the Cure on October 15. It is a 2 mile walk at the oceanfront to raise funds for Cancer Awareness.

<https://secure.info-komen.org/site/TRR/17957937>

The link above will get you to our team "Ladies Aux to the VFW 392" for registration. The donation is \$30, but you get a shirt & a bag of goodies.

**Contests** - November 1, the due date for the Patriot's Pen and the Voice of Democracy entries, is

approaching. Please encourage your children, grandchildren, etc. to enter. See last month's newsletter for more information, or call the Post.

**Dues** - the end of our membership calendar year is fast approaching. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so soon.

**Halloween** - the annual children's Halloween Party will be held from 1-3 pm on October 29. If you have little goblins, princesses, etc. who would like to attend, please place their names on the sign-up sheet in the Canteen.

Signing up your children and grandchildren for the party is necessary, so that the Halloween Party committee can properly plan for the number of participants. You do not want the little ones to miss out on this exciting event!

**Fun**—the upcoming Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser! Look for information soon to be advertised at the Post.

In conclusion, to those of you who are ill or otherwise indisposed, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Ladies Auxiliary President  
Suzie Forehand**

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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 October 4th, 2011. Auxiliary President Suzie

Forehand stands ready to decorate you with the Continuous Membership awards indicated.

• **Fifteen (15) Years Of Continuous Service:**

Teresa L. Cassirer  
Janice Petersen

• **Ten (10) Years Of Continuous Service:**

Dreann Lynn Holt  
Teresa L. Leclar

• **Five (5) Years Of Continuous Service:**

Susan L. Hernandez  
Ruth H. Spencer

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

**Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer  
Elizabeth Moynihan**

**SURGEON**

How many times have you asked your doctor to explain your condition, only to leave the office still confused?

Now there is a web site that provides that information in words and pictures we all can understand:

[http://  
ramanan50.wordpress.com/2011/  
05/08/interactive-sites-on-  
medical-information/](http://ramanan50.wordpress.com/2011/05/08/interactive-sites-on-medical-information/)

There you will find the following subsections:

- Diseases and Conditions
- Tests and Diagnostic Procedures
- Surgery and Treatment Procedures

**Surgeon  
Merle Gootee**

**MOC**

Fellow Coots,

Well another month has come and gone. We held the Poker Run along with the Post and raised about \$1200.00 for Cancer Aid & Research.

The first breakfast was September 18<sup>th</sup>. October 15<sup>th</sup> will be a Casino Day at Richmond VA Hospital with Dale City. Pup Tent 9 Fun Day is Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

At the time of this writing the following Cooties are under the weather: Frank Frevele, Joe Brady, and Frank Myler. I hope you all are feeling better so you can get back to work.

Speaking of which I know many of you volunteer a lot of your free time to support our many functions. However, I need your support at the Scratch, we were unable to hold a Scratch in September because we lacked enough cooties to conduct business.

Yes, there were those who were in the hospital and even those on vacation. But without the membership support we can not conduct business and have a lousy time.

I hope to see you all at the next Scratch, the 6th October.

**Seam Squirrel  
Bill Moran**

**MOCA**

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the meeting called to order at 7pm. Thank you for all the members that could make it this month. It is with great regret

that our Chaplain must step down. She is not leaving us but she feels at this time she needs to step back a little. We look forward to her still being involved but in other capacities.

This brings us to the announcement that we will elect a new chaplain in November.

Please REMEMBER:

- TOMB TREK, November 4-6
- FALL COUNCIL POST 392, September 17
- MCGUIRE VA HOSPITAL CASINO DAY, October 15, Richmond

Please continue to come and support your fellow comrades and sisters in all of their endeavors.

Thank you!

PS: On another note I would like to thank everyone for their support and help this year with the POST poker run. It was a great success and fun was had by all. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

**MOCA President  
Pam Myers**

**POST  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY!!**

This is the time of the week to unwind from the rat race and enjoy 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.

**WEEKENDS AT THE VFW**

Weekends at the VFW has something for everyone. The Canteen will open at 11AM 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.

**Chairman  
Ralph Stephens  
Manager  
Joe Halzack**

**THURSDAY NIGHT  
DINNERS**

**October 6th, 2011**

Polish Kielbasa with Sauerkraut  
Boiled Potatoes  
Hot Rolls  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Dessert  
Cost: \$7.50

**October 13th, 2011**

Stuffed Peppers with  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables  
Hot Rolls  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Dessert  
Cost: \$7.50

**October 20th, 2011**

Teriyaki Ribs with Rice  
Green Beans  
Hot Rolls  
Fresh Salad Bar  
Dessert  
Cost: \$7.50

**October 27th, 2011**

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

**FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT**

Below is the entertainment for this month, come and enjoy the music with your friends every Friday from 7PM to 10PM.

**October 7th, 2011**

Monica Arnold  
Karaoke & DJ

**October 14th, 2011**

Tim Hopkins  
Live music

**October 21st, 2011**

Capt Moose  
Karaoke & DJ

**October 28th, 2011**

Jim Berry  
DJ

**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**

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

The following Post members are

commissioned as Notary Public's for the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- Service Officer, Gunnar Gudjonsson
- Chaplain, Bob Duvall

They are authorized to legally notarize documents such as Power of Attorney, Bill of Sale, Will, Living Will, etc. Please check with the VFW main office for appointment.

Be aware that under the VA code the notary must acknowledge:

- (1) Signer must personally appear before the notary.
- (2) Signer (s) must positively be identified
- (3) Signer must swear to or affirm under oath the accuracy of the document.

**Acceptable Forms of Identification:**

(To be acceptable, the ID must be current, contain a photo and physical description of the card holder, have the card holder's signature, and a serial or ID number.)

- (1) Driver's license or State issued ID card.
- (2) U.S. Passport
- (3) Foreign Passport, validated by INS.
- (4) Driver's license issued in Mexico or Canada
- (5) U.S. Military ID Card.

We do not rely on Social Security cards, credit cards, or a photo ID card issued by non government entities. Under the law the notary has the right to refuse, if he/she suspects something may be false or wrong.

**COOTIE BREAKFAST**

Please mark your calendars, **Cootie Breakfast every Sunday**

from 0900-1130!

Please come and join us, you won't be disappointed!

**Our Breakfast Teams need help!** We need volunteers for all three teams, and we also need back-up cooks for all three teams. If you should volunteer as a back-up cook, you would only have to fill in when the regular cook cannot be there.

You do not have to be a Cootie to volunteer, we welcome anyone who wishes to join us. We are all volunteers working for a most worthy cause. Every penny we make goes to our hospitalized Veterans. In addition to the work, we have a lot of fun and make some great friends.

If anyone is willing to help us, there is a signup sheet at the Post. Or for more information, you can call the Breakfast Chairman, Doug Keller (757-418-3178), or Patty Stokes (757-468-9249).

**Breakfast Chairman  
Doug Keller  
Co-Chair  
Patty Stokes  
Cash Coordinator  
Frank Frevele**

**PUP TENT 9 COOTIE  
BREAKFAST SCHEDULE  
2011-2012**

The Cootie Breakfast will be CLOSED the followings dates:

- Thanksgiving, Nov 27th 2011
- Christmas, Dec 25th, 2011
- New Year, January 1st, 2012
- Easter Sunday, April 8th, 2012

The following table reflects the dates on which Team will hold breakfast. The team leaders are

“Pimp Daddy” Doug for Team One. Team Two leader is Larry Peterson and Brad Inman. Team Three leader is Willie Dean.

<b>Team One</b>	<b>Team Two</b>	<b>Team Three</b>
Sept 18	Sept 25	Oct 2
Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23
Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13
Nov 20	Dec 4	Dec 11
Dec 18	Jan 8	Jan 15
Jan 22	Jan 29	Feb 5
Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26
Mar 4	Mar 11	Mar 18
Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 15
Apr 22	Apr 29	May 6
May 13	-	-

This year the first breakfast was handled by Team One. Next year it will rotate to Team Two, following year with Team Three.

**CALLING ALL GOLFERS!**

Mark your calendars, the annual **Tommy Schryver Golf Tournament** will be held on October 14, 2011. This year's event will be held at Honey Bee Golf Course. It will be an 8:00 a.m. shot gun start.

A signup sheet will be posted at the Post for anybody interested in playing. It is \$60.00 per person.

If you are a company or an organization interested in sponsoring a hole for \$100.00, or know anybody that is, please contact me or Tina. Or you can call the Post at 486-5875.

I will also be looking for anybody that would like to volunteer in helping the day of the tournament

on the course and back at the Post. If interested, there is a sign up sheet at the Post, or please contact me.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the golf course for a great day of golf and fun. Remember all the proceeds that are made go to help with your Veterans.

**Golf Chairman  
Jack Ellsworth  
Co-Chair  
Tina Brown**

**CANCER AID AND  
RESEARCH**

October is Breast Cancer Month. Early detection saves lives. Please remember to do self exams and have your annual mammogram. It only takes a minute of your time and could save your life.

Breast cancer just doesn't accrue in women; men can also get breast cancer. If you find a lump in your breast please go have it checked you can't take the chance either. If you can't afford to have a mamma graph there is web sites that offer the service free of charge.

Our prayers are with everybody that has this horrible disease and receiving treatment. For everybody that has fought and is cancer free, we pray for a healthy life for you.

Let us celebrate less cancer and more birthdays!

**Chairman  
Tina Brown  
Judy Lupole**

**TROOP 392**

Our first Troop 392 meeting for the 2011-2012 Scouting year will be Wednesday, 14 September at VFW Post 392 starting at 6:45 p.m. ALL meetings will be at the Post on Wednesday evenings

starting at 6:45 p.m.

We want to WELCOME a new member - Tristan Gibson.

BRING a friend to our first meeting!! Remember, we want to build our Troop back up to 3 patrols . . . so, ask your friends to come out and join us.

Our first activity for our New Year will be "Shooting Sports Weekend" - September 23-25, 2011. This weekend will include Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, and PAINTBALL!! The cost for the weekend is \$30.00 for all shooters. Adults not shooting is \$10. I need to know if you are attending Not Later Than September 14th!

Come to the next meeting ready to contribute your ideas for monthly activities!!

Our Senior Patrol Leader this Year is Josh Tubb (our next Eagle Scout) - everyone come out and show your support.

Additionally, Ms. Virgili has volunteered to lead our Neptune Festival booth again this year. We need everyone to volunteer a block of hours helping at our booth this year. This is our also a major opportunity for recruiting new members to the Pack, Troop, and Venturing Crew. The Neptune Festival is Friday 30 Sep, Saturday 1 Oct and Sunday 2 Oct.

Bring a friend to Troop 392!!

**YIS**  
**Wes Gibson**  
**(757) 615-8300**

### CORRECTIONS

Last month's News Letter incorrectly listed the Canteen Manager as Betty Stephens. The correct current Manager is Joe

Halzack.

Our apologies for any confusion or issues this error may have caused.

We welcome any comments, suggestions, or complaints about errors that warrant correction. They can be directed to any of the Post 392 Officers.

### UNKNOWN SOLDIER

*(excerpt from www.history.com)*

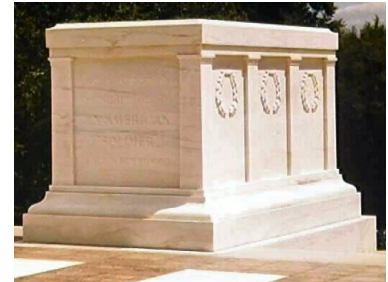
On October 23, 1921, in the French town of Chalons-sur-Marne, an American officer selects the body of the first "Unknown Soldier" to be honored among the approximately 77,000 United States servicemen killed on the Western Front during World War I.

According to U.S. National Archives in Washington, four bodies were transported to Chalons from the cemeteries of Aisne-Marne, Somme, Meuse-Argonne and Saint-Mihiel. All were great battlegrounds of WW I. As the service records stated, the identity of the bodies was completely unknown: "The original records showing the internment of these bodies were searched and the four bodies selected represented the remains of soldiers of which there was absolutely no indication as to name, rank, organization or date of death."

The four bodies arrived at the Hotel de Ville in Chalons-sur-Marne on October 23, 1921. At 10 o'clock the next morning, French and American officials entered a hall where the four caskets were displayed, each draped with an American flag. Sergeant Edward Younger, the man given the task of making the selection, carried a spray of white roses with which to mark the chosen casket. According

to the official account, Younger "entered the chamber in which the bodies of the four Unknown Soldiers lay, circled the caskets three times, then silently placed the flowers on the third casket from the left. He faced the body, stood at attention and saluted."

Bearing the inscription "An Unknown American who gave his life in the World War," the chosen casket traveled to Paris and then to Le Havre, France, where it would board the cruiser Olympia for the voyage across the Atlantic. Once back in the United States, the Unknown Soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C.



### INCOMING



"NYers will stop for a slice and a drink almost anywhere"

INCOMING Cartoons provided by John Sheppard.

Visit his website at:

[www.incomingcartoons.com](http://www.incomingcartoons.com)

**VFW POST 392**

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**Annual Tommy Schryver  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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**Friday, October 14, 2011**

**Honey Bee Golf Course**

**The game is**

**“Four Man Florida Best Ball”**

**Price is \$60.00 per player**

**Shotgun Start at 8:00 A.M.**

**Sign up list posted in the Canteen**

**Or call 486-5875.**

**A wonderful cook your own steak  
dinner at the Post will follow the  
day of golf.**

**Lots of Prizes to be awarded!**

# VFW

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>October 1</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
• Cootie Breakfast Team Three	• VFW / LAUX Staff Meeting 5:30 PM	• VFW / LAUX Meeting 7:00 PM		• Polish Kielbasa 6 - 7:30 PM	• Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM • Entertainment Monica Arnold	• VA Hospital Breakfast 10:30 - 1:30 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
• Cootie Breakfast Team One • Salty Dawg Mtg	• FRA 166 Staff Meeting	• MOC / MOCA Meeting 7:00 PM		• Navy Birthday • Stuffed Peppers 6 - 7:30 PM	• T. Schryver Golf Tournament • Steamed Shrimp • Entertainment Tim Hopkins	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
• Cootie Breakfast Team Two	• FRA Branch 166 Meeting		• USMC League Meeting 7:00 PM • AOA Assoc Mtg	• Teriyaki Ribs 6 - 7:30 PM	• Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM • Entertainment Capt Moose	• VA Hosp BINGO 12 - 3:00 PM Team One
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
• Cootie Breakfast Team Three			• Vietnam Vets Meeting • House Com. Mtg. 7:00 PM	• Grill Your Own Steak 6 - 7:30 PM	• Steamed Shrimp 6 - 8 PM • Entertainment Jim Berry	• Kid's Halloween Party 1:00 - 3:00 PM
• Cootie Breakfast Team One	• Staff Meeting 5:30 PM					