



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

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2016 Membership Goal: 1,913
Current Status: 1,525 Members

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

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2014 - 2015 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....	Douglas M. Iles	Ladies Auxiliary President.....	Colleen Lewis
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COMMANDER'S CALL

COMRADES AND SISTERS

Comrades, September found us gainfully employed with key events and projects; i.e. Patriot Day (9/11); Flame of Hope, POW/MIA Day, participating in NAS OCEANA Air Show (after much ado), and the Neptune Festival on the Beach Boardwalk ... just to name a few challenges.

On 6 Sept, the Post celebrated its annual picnic over the Labor Day weekend and really had a great time. Hats off to the Picnic committee with Jr-Vice Commander at the "tip of the spear" and with Sr-Vice Commander and 45+ volunteers working hard. All volunteers worked tirelessly and efficiently, and their effort showed with wonderful food, music, entertainment, and camaraderie among members, families, and guests.

Membership statistics have been provided from National, and it shows that our membership team will be gainfully employed again this year to reach our goal of 100 percent or better! If you would like to assist in recruiting new members and work on a membership team, contact Sr-Vice Commander or any Post Officers.

On 12 Sept, our Service Officer Joe Brady and I had the privilege of meeting Army retired Lt Gen. Michael Linnington, the newly appointed director for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). His team was in town to meet with 140 families who have lost loved ones from past conflicts. He stressed the importance of continuing the mission and recovering our fallen from the fields of battle throughout the globe. He wants his agency to provide the fullest possible accounting for those from past conflicts.

He expressed that he was

particularly glad to see the VFW represented at this DOD Forum for families of missing serviceman ... *continued on page 2*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Post Meeting:** Oct 6, at 7 PM. All members may attend
- **Poker Run:** Oct 3, 9 AM, see Flip or any Officer
- **VA Hospital Visit:** Oct 17, 9 AM, hosting VA Hospital Vets at Post 392. See any Officer
- **Children's Halloween Party:** Oct 31, 1 PM, see any Officer
- **Buddy Poppies:** November, details to follow, see any Officer
- **Cootie Breakfast:** every Sunday, see Cooties or any Post Officer
- **American Red Cross:** Urgently need blood donors, call 1-800-448-3543, or see any Officer
- **Recruit Members:** see any Officer

POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!

and he stated that he has briefed the VFW concerning his mission and job at the National Convention. Our National Commander stated he had the fullest support from the VFW.

WE NEVER LEAVE A VET BEHIND and NOBODY TAKES BETTER CARE OF VETS THAN WE DO!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/5 Operation Phantom Fury begins in Northern Babel, Iraq in 2004
- 10/7 US-led airstrikes of Afghanistan begin after Taliban refuse handing over Osama bin Laden in 2001
- 10/8 US and S. Vietnamese launch 'Operation Sealords' in 1968
- 10/13 Continental Congress authorizes first US Naval force in 1775
- 10/23 First Service Member selected to be honored as the Unknown Soldier in 1921
- 10/20 US Army's 187th ARCT made 1st combat parachute assault in Korea for the Battle of Yongju in 1950
- 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 in at the last regular meeting:

New / Transfer/ Installment / Life Members:

Jeremy D. Barnes, Gwendolynn B. East, Clara M. Moran, Gary L. Orr Jr., Timothy M. Richard, Kristopher Leger

New / Transfer/ Re-Instated / Annual Members:

Kurt F. Easton, Kenneth M. Ferguson Jr., Derrick S. Madsen,

Trini E. Ocon, Robert L. Richardson, Adam R. Sinsel, Joseph D. Spector, Lisa M. Verdin, John R. White

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard!

BIRTHDAYS

May I wish a "Happy Birthday" to David R. Goldstein, Steven E. Graves, Brad A. Lewis, Hugh R. McCabe, Lyle T. Soule, Ernest S. Wroblewski, Lille C. Cassirer, Shirley Dean, Suzanna Forehand, Elizabeth Girouard, Shirley Humphrey, Denise E. Moran, Erin M. Powers, and 181 other fine Comrades and Sisters!

Post Commander

Douglas M. Iles

[commander@
vfw392.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:commander@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com)



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades, well things are picking up Post wise, we have a lot happening as we speak. We have the NAS OCEANA Air Show coming up 19-20 September and the Neptune Festival is held 25 - 27 September. We really need some comrades to step up to the plate and help with our efforts on these events.

Please see the Volunteer Lists posted on the bulletin board (in the back of the Canteen), and sign up or see the Commander or Senior Vice Commander. We really would appreciate the help.

The main goal upcoming is to get our recruiting efforts up ensuring we keep getting new comrades signed up, and they become an integral part of our Post. I am still seeing the same comrades volunteering. What we need to see is some of the newer comrades

participate and pair up with some of the older comrade's to learn the ropes and have a good time. After all - isn't that why we all came onboard to help fellow vets?

The Post picnic was a huge success! Thanks to all who volunteered and those who braved the weather to have a great time. Cootie Breakfast has started back up, so make sure you come out and support the cause. Breakfast buffet is only \$8.00 for all you can eat, which is not bad. All proceeds benefit the VA Hospital, so come on down and get your grub on. Till next time.

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

AWARDS

The following Members have earned Continuous Membership Awards. 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.

35 Years Continuous Service:

David G. Moller

30 Years Continuous Service:

Robert A. Borges, Robert L. Grater, Richard L. Preston, Johnny V. Standridge

20 Years Continuous Service:

Donald P. Ballard, Harry E. Bright Jr., Thomas F. Clark, Robert E. Mulvihill, Darrell W. Teegarden

15 Years Continuous Service:

Terry J. Douglas, Thomas R. Sams

10 Years Continuous Service:

Steven A. Brazenos, David E. Moochler, Edwin A. Ramirez, Michael J. Waranis

5 Years Continuous Service:

Johnnie M. Beamon, Maxine A.

Butler, Michael J. Fogelman, Robert A. Gilbert, Rodney L. Pastore, Jon K. Reeve, Charles M. Sisson, James A. Wilson

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

SR. Vice Commander
Steven Graves
sr-vicecommander@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

To the members, family, and friends of VFW Post 392, I want to personally thank each and every one of you who played a role (whether small or large) in a most successful 2015 VFW Post 392 Annual Family Picnic Event on 6 September. As I mentioned in previous VFW newsletters, we were seeking volunteers to help out in the preparation and orchestration of this picnic event. Many of you took on this challenge, coming out to support us in the organization, choreography, and follow-on cleanup activities. Your commitment and dedication to making this a extraordinary event is highly commendable and we look forward to next year's family picnic. Of special mention is that despite the weather, we had a relatively good showing, and fun was had by all; especially those engaged in the "Water Tank" games.

Now we need to focus our attention to the remainder of the month of September. FYI, VFW Post 392 was heavily engaged in the NAS Oceana Air Show from 19-20 September, and at the Neptune Festival from 25-27 September at the Oceanfront, Virginia Beach. Again, these

opportunities presented ways for each of you to come out and support the VFW in one capacity or another.

Again, the key takeaway here is that your active participation/volunteerism, whether small or large, goes a long way in making VFW Post 392 a vibrant organization.

In closing, take a look at the remaining September Schedule of Events (SOE), and let me/us know how you can help out. October is just around the corner, and many more fun activities/functions await us all.

Again, any recommendations or suggestions for improvements at the VFW are welcomed, and highly encouraged. Don't be bashful or timid about doing so! The bottom line is that WE want you to be an integral and contributing member of this Post. .

Jr. Vice Commander
Hipolito Camacho
jr-vicecommander@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com



QUARTER- MASTER

2016 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 of Events are available online, for free! To view them online, go to www.vfw392.org and click on the appropriate link 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 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. So when your mailing address changes, be sure to fill out an address change form, and 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 include your telephone number and email address.

Quartermaster
John H. Phillips
post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

HOW SHOULD YOU PRAY FOR A DYING FRIEND?

A comrade informed me that a doctor says a friend of his has a few months to live, and didn't know how he should be praying.

Should he pray that God will heal

him, or should he pray instead that he'll feel God's presence and not to be afraid of death?

Certainly you should pray for you friend's healing, and you should also pray that he will sense God's presence and peace in the face of death.

Does this sound like a contradiction? But in reality, it isn't. Because what you're really praying for is that God's will may be done in his life. Neither you nor anyone else knows the future; in spite of the grim diagnosis your friend or family member been given, God is all-powerful, and at times God does intervene to reverse situations like this.

But death is inevitable for every one of us, and you should not think your prayers have failed if it's God's time for your friend or family member to depart this life. Pray, therefore, for God's will be done, trusting that His way is always best. The Bible says, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us" (1 John 5:14).

So let your friend or family member know you're praying for them. But ask God also to help you be a comfort and encouragement to them. By pointing them to Christ and the hope we have of heaven because of Him. If your friend or family member has never trusted Christ, urge them to commit their life to Him today. Then encourage them to look beyond this present life to heaven's everlasting joy. Then, the Bible says, "There will be no more death, or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the old order of things has passed away" (Revelation 21:4)

POST CHAPLAIN POSITION

If you have the desire to become a Certified Christian Chaplain, it is open for men and women, my fellow comrades - through the National Chaplains Association/ National Chaplains Institute.

Receive Certification/Credentials also be Ordained. If you request further information please see your Post Chaplain Bob Duvall.

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 anyway possible to aid and comfort our fellow Comrades and family in their time of need.

ILLNESS / INJURIES

Please read the Bulletin Board at the Post for most recent up-dates of Members on the Short Term Illness / Injury List.

The following members have serious, long term illness, or injury, requiring continuous care:

- **James J. Ramsey**
(Home)
 - **Terry Steinbaugh**
(Va Bch Rehab, Room 70)
 - **Marjorie Hickey Wayland**
(Nursing Home)
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TAPS

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

- **Clair A. Schwob**
Passed: 17 May 2015
- **David A. "Pops" Reed**
US Army (Retired)
Korean War POW
Passed: 24 August 2015

- **Charles W. "Charlie" Brown, Jr.**
US Navy (Retired)
Passed: 25 August 2015
- **Beverly A. Worrell**
Passed: 25 August 2015

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.

District 2 Chaplain
Post 392 Chaplain
Robert Duvall
chaplain@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello Comrades and Auxiliary Members!

Last month we were the first in the District to welcome 7 new male members into our family. And I must admit I am proud and fortunate to welcome them to our Post! I look forward to meeting many more new family members and returning family members as well!

In September we remembered 9/11 day at the Post, and thank you goes out to Judy Lupole, Commander Doug Iles, and Hal Casey. It was a very moving ceremony, one to remember. Also we had a ceremony at the Flame of Hope on September 17th to remember POW/MIA along with the Patriot Guard and Oceana's Commodore and XO.

September 19th - 20th we had a booth at the Air Show, and last but not least, we had a booth at the Neptune Festival as well. Yes, so a very busy month indeed, and I truly appreciate all of the support and volunteers that came out!

Thank you!

In October we will be hosting the Hampton VA residents on the 17th. If you can help us out or even just want to come out and meet and greet - our guests will be gathering at 9:00 AM.

Then on the 22nd, we will be having our annual Oktoberfest dinner! This is a fundraiser for our very own Department Commander Doug Keller's homecoming! Dinner starts at 6:00 PM, so please come out and show your support!

On October 31st is the Children's Halloween Party from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Sign up sheets will be out by the middle of the month. Please, we use the sign up sheets so that we can have an accurate head count of our little ghouls and princesses, and we don't have anyone left out!

Our monthly meeting is on the 6th, starting promptly at 7:00 PM.

I would like to have an informal School of Instruction for our new members and any other members that may wish to join. But I am having a difficult time scheduling! If any of you are interested or have any ideas, please let me know!

These newsletters are sent out to inform and to let everybody know what is going on at our Post. I am hearing so many people saying that they didn't know about our events. So please, if you or you know of anybody not receiving these articles, let the Quartermaster or our Treasurer know so that your information can be updated.

I hope and pray that all of you are enjoying this beautiful crisp fall weather in good health and spirits! Our Officers are standing by to help in any way we can! And as always, if you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at

the Post or by email.

Ladies Auxiliary President
Colleen Lewis
lewiscolleen2@gmail.com



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

AWARDS

The Sisters listed below are requested to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary President stands ready to decorate you with the awards indicated:

20 Years Continuous Service:
Roseann Briesacher, Donna M. Pifer

15 Years Continuous Service:
Wilma L. Cruz, Mary J. Otto,
Suzanne M. Sams, Emily E. Sutton, Barbara J. Vandiver

10 Years Continuous Service:
Mary K. Ingram, Donna M. Maione

5 Years Continuous Service:
Kanokphorn Rechtenbaugh

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer
Ellen Stogsdill
post@vfw392.hrcoxmail.com



MOC

Listen up Fellow Coots, just a reminder that Tomb Trek is right around the corner. It will start on Friday 30th of October and end with the laying of wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Sunday 1st of November.

Registration at the Sheraton can be made at (703) 521-1900. For more Information go to events tab on www.lotcs.org.

Our first breakfast was held on 12 Sep things went good thanks to the help of many of Team three's assistance. We are still in need of volunteers to help. These Breakfast we hold are the biggest fundraiser we have for our hospital fund. So please come out have a good breakfast and/or give a hand.

Please remember to log in the book at the Post ALL hospital work and Vets visits. Or you can email it to Dave Goldstein.

Our next Scratch is scheduled at 7 pm on Oct 13th. Until then may God Bless our Troops, our Veterans, and their families.

Seam Squirrel
Mark Winn



MOCA

We have the 81st Tomb Trek 2015 coming up at Arlington National Cemetery. This year the Trek to the Tomb of the Unknowns will be held on 30 October thru 1 November 2015. We are staying at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel (900 South Orme Street, Arlington, Virginia 22204 Telephone: 703-521-1900).

Room rates are \$105.00 plus tax. Contact Hotel directly for reservations and mention Military Order of the Cootie for discount. Parking is \$ 10.00 per day.

If you did the early Full Registration it is \$85 (the Banquet is \$50, the Bus Ticket is \$15, and the registration is \$20).

After the 1st of October 2015, Full Registration is \$100 (Banquet will be \$55, the Bus Ticket will be \$20, and Registration \$25).

Please remember to report your Hospital work to; MOCA Hospital Chairman, Gail Payne

gail101@cox.net stands ready to receive your hospital, nursing home & rehab hours, mileage and any donations or gifts. Please report them and the dollar amount.

Chaplain Dinah Devins stand ready to assist any members in need.

You, the members of MOC/MOCA #9 and Post 392 & AUX make a difference in the lives of our hospitalized Veterans and their families with the work that you do each day. I thank you for keeping them smiling in beds of white. May God Bless you all.

MOCA President
Jennifer Winn

Jen_moca@cox.net



OCTOBER: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month - a time to promote regular mammograms and increase early detection of breast cancer when there is the best chance for treatment.

About 1 in 8 women in the United States will get breast cancer. Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women.

So please, take it seriously. If you are age 40 to 49, talk with your doctor about when to start getting mammograms and how often you need them. At the age of 50 and up, mammogram are every 2 years. Talk with a doctor to decide if you need one more often.

Take the mystery out of getting tested for breast cancer, and read this health finder article:

<http://1.usa.gov/mkcCKf>

'Need to know' information if

you are diagnosed with breast cancer in an online booklet at:

<http://1.usa.gov/mzL2Dz>

Concerned about costs? Find a free or low-cost mammogram program near you:

www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/screenings.htm

For more information on cancer, aid, & research, visit the National Cancer Institute online at: www.cancer.gov.

Chairpersons

Tina Brown & Judy Lupole
post@vfw392.hrcmail.com



CANTEEN HOURS

Monday-Thursday.... 1100-2200
Friday..... 1100-0000
Saturday-Sunday1100-2200
(Sunday's with Cootie Breakfast, the Canteen opens at 10 AM)

NEW KITCHEN HOURS

Monday-Thursday.... 1100-1400
Friday .. 1100-1400 & 1800-2000
Saturday / Sunday 1200-1800

WEEKENDS AT THE VFW

Football & NASCAR

Start the weekend with Friday's **Social Hour Prices** are from **4:00 -6:00 PM!**

And the Canteen now opens at **11:00 AM on Saturdays and Sundays**. Come out and enjoy a cold beer or beverage.

And - come join our Racing Fantasy League and watch every NASCAR Sprint Cup Race televised at the Post on the multiple big screen TV's.

Come out and enjoy the football games - and bring the family with you!

SUNDAY FOOTBALL SPECIAL

392 Bistro

1:00 - 6:00 PM

Every Sunday the kitchen will be open from 1 PM to 6 PM for Sunday Football! We have nine televisions around the Canteen, so you will definitely have a good view to support your team.

Come join your Comrades and Sisters for some good food, drinks, and football!

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

Below is the dinner menu available every Thursday from 6:00 - 7:30 PM:

Oct 1st

Lasagna
garlic bread,
salad, & dessert

\$8.50

Oct 8th

Fried Chicken
mashed potatoes,
gravy, veggie,
roll, salad, &
dessert

\$8.50

Oct 15th

Yankee Pot
Roast
potatoes, carrots,
onions, roll, salad,
& dessert

\$8.50

Oct 22nd

Oktoberfest
wiener schnitzel,
German potato
salad, purple
cabbage,
knockwurst, roll,
salad, & dessert

\$8.50

Oct 29th

Prime Rib

bake potato, roll, salad, & dessert

\$12.00

WANTED:
PART TIME COOK

The Canteen is looking for a part time cook for evenings and weekends.

See Joe Halzack for more details, and please apply at the Canteen if you are interested.

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>Oct 2nd</u> Shane Dollar DJ	<u>Oct 9th</u> Tim Hopkins Live Music
<u>Oct 16th</u> Shannon Cooper DJ	<u>Oct 23rd</u> Jim Berry Karaoke & DJ

Oct 30th

TBD

If you have any comments or suggestions for our Canteen, please let us know! And thank you for your service!

Chairperson **Manager**
Pete Gebelein **Joe Halzack**

canteen@vfw392.hrcocmail.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 for our newsletter. We have a monthly circulation of 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 John Phillips, Post 392 Quartermaster, for pricing and availability at (757) 486-5875.

STATE OF VIRGINIA VETERANS AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE

Please welcome **Virginia Pauley** as our new 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
Fax: (757) 552-1882

virginia.pauley@dvs.virginia.gov

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Donors Needed

American Red Cross's 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)

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.

VA HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Volunteers Needed

Just about every month we visit the Veterans at the VA Hospital. We're providing them camaraderie, some fun, and a break from their everyday life at the hospital.

These events are supported by volunteers. If you would like to participate, please contact any of the Officers at the Post.

Please, we could seriously use the help, and I promise you will have a great time! The Vets enjoy our visits, and it's just as fun for us as it is for them!

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

AUX Members, it's about that time of year again where we start thinking of our membership dues. "I'm sure you are thinking that "wait, it's only April and I just paid my dues! My dues aren't due until December 31!" Well that is true, but this is for us Early Birds! Remember "The early bird catches the worm" and you could win the Life Membership.

You see, from the months of June through October 31st, your dues

will only be \$20.00! And you will be entered into a drawing for a Life Membership! Sounds great, doesn't it? Well it gets better, because if you pay your dues in June through October 31st, you will have TWENTY chances to win a Life Membership!

The drawing for the Life Membership will take place during our November 3rd meeting. And remember, starting November 1, renewal dues will increase to \$25.00.

Tired of paying yearly dues? Why not consider becoming a Life Member? If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Post at 757-486-5875 and one of our Auxiliary Officers will be glad to help you!

Good luck and hope to see you at the meetings!

2015-2016 Membership Committee



October 3rd, 2015

Registration: 09:00 - 10:30

\$10 per Rider / \$5 per Passenger

Post 392 presents the 10th Annual Memorial Run / 2nd Annual Battleship Run. Instead of competing for best / worst poker hands, you will be playing a game of 'battleship' with most hits /

least hits awards.

It's all in fun, and for a worthy cause. Because ALL PROCEEDS benefit sponsored cancer research and Post 392 Veterans Assistance Programs in memory of George Myers.

So come out and joins us! Before the run, there will be a breakfast buffet (\$6.00). And after the Poker Run, we will have a free lunch at Post 392, along with awards, 50/50 drawings, door prizes, raffles, and more!

And just remember: you do not have to have a motorcycle to be in the run. ALL wheels are welcome.

VETERANS CRISIS LINE

VA offers a network of support for all our Nation's Veterans and their families and friends. Veterans in emotional crisis and their loved ones can call the free and confidential Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, or send a text message to 838255 to connect with a qualified crisis counselor who can help.

Veterans and people who are concerned about a Veteran can also go to 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

COOTIE BREAKFAST

Breakfast every Sunday

9:00 - 11:30 AM

Where else can you have a

fantastic breakfast with family and friends ... and know that all the proceeds go directly to support our local hospitalized Veterans? Please mark your calendars for September to come and join us for a wide variety of breakfast foods, meats, eggs, fruit, and more. There's always coffee, or maybe have something a little stronger if you wish. You won't be disappointed!

Volunteers Needed

We could still use volunteers. You don't 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, please contact Flip or any Post Officer.

NEW "VFW AUXILIARY" WELCOMES MEN

As of August 21, 2015, the Ladies Auxiliary is now known as the VFW Auxiliary! We are now accepting male family members into our AUX. The requirements for membership are exactly the same as before. This is NOT a merger of the Men's Auxiliary! Male applicants that were a member of the Men's Auxiliary needs to fill out the new member's application and show proof of eligibility. Please contact the Membership Chairman Tina Brown or Treasurer Ellen Stogsdill.

OKTOBERFEST

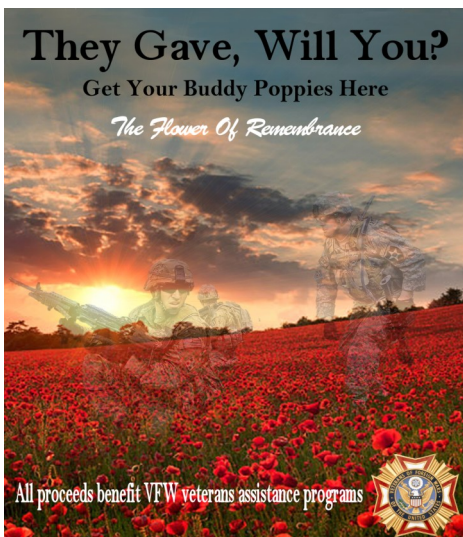
October 22nd

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Post 392 Auxiliary is having a Oktoberfest feast at Post 392! Come join us for the a good time,

it's open to all! The dinner is from 6 - 7:30 PM. For \$8.50 it will include wiener schnitzel, German potato salad, purple cabbage, knockwurst, roll, salad, & dessert.

This is a fundraiser for our very own Department Commander Doug Keller's homecoming! Come out and show your support!



BUDDY POPPIES

Yes, that's right, it's Buddy Poppy time again come November! If you haven't volunteered for Buddy Poppy's before, please consider it. It's well worth your time to volunteer. Because all of the Buddy Poppies we distribute are assembled by disabled Veterans. And the money raised by distributing them goes to maintaining state and national Veteran's rehabilitation and service programs.

VOLUNTEERS are what make this all happen! So please, contribute your share of time for a great cause and take pride in your efforts to benefit others!

Stand by for the November schedule and locations.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY **October 31st**

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Sign up sheets will be posted in the Canteen come mid-month. Please sign up to ensure we have an accurate head count of our little ghouls and princesses. We don't want anyone left out!

We could always use more volunteers for set up, clean up, and events. If you'd like to lend a hand, please contact any Officer.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Volunteers Needed

We're planning Post392's annual Thanksgiving Dinner for November. This dinner is free to all who attend.

We are asking for donations now of turkeys and pre-cooked spiral hams (these hams save cooking and carving time). Volunteers sign up sheets will be up soon for cooking, servers, clean up, etc. As well as a list of food items that can be donated.

Now is the time to become a part of this great tradition. Help make this upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner a success by setting aside food and / or time as a volunteer. It takes many volunteers to make this a success.

CORRECTIONS

We welcome any comments, suggestions, or complaints about errors that warrant correction. They can be directed to any of the Post 392 Officers, or email them directly to the Newsletter Chairman at: mcullen4@live.com, or the Webmaster at: webmaster@VFW392.org.

UNKNOWN SOLDIER

(excerpt from www.history.com)

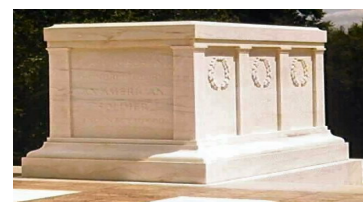
On October 23, 1921, in the French town of Chalons-sur-

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. The original records showed the four bodies selected represented the remains of soldiers where 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."

Once back in the United States, the Unknown Soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C.





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