



Post 392

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
General MacArthur Memorial Post 392  
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2020 Membership Goal: 1940  
Current Status: 1849 Members

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

## October 2021 - VOLUME 33, NUMBER 4

### 2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....	Troy J. Wagers	Auxiliary President.....	Dinah V. Doyle
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### COMMANDER'S CALL

Brothers and Sisters,

Greeting Comrades, I do hope that everyone is doing good and staying safe and healthy. As the Month of September has come and gone, time sure seems to be flying by, we are still moving forward and gaining more and more momentum as we go. Our monthly events are going well, and gaining more support. If you are a pool player, dart thrower, poker player, or a bingo player, we have it scheduled; just check the calendar for the dates and times. From my observation it's always a fun time and everyone enjoys the friendly competition and the comradery of their fellow members.

Always keep a lookout for changes on our web page or Facebook page. There are events that come up at the last minute or some changes that need to be made for unforeseen circumstances.

We have had a Great Month, and wow what excitement has been going on. Our Annual Family Day Appreciation Festival, was outstanding. We had over 200 Post and family members come out and enjoy the day. It was so much fun, and we even raised some money for our Veterans Relief fund. The volunteers did a great job, preparing everything, to cleaning up. A special "shout-out" to our Jr. Vice who chaired the event. Jennifer Cuevas did an outstanding job, especially with some of the curve balls thrown at her with the COVID crisis still in effect.

I must say our Patriot Day/ 9-11 remembrance, recognitions was my highlight of the year so far, with the sight of some of Virginia Beach's finest coming out to help us recognize the day. The VB Police Dept. sent out 12 uniformed officers, the Emergency Medical Services sent out 4 techs, and the Fire Dept. came with a truck and 3 firefighters. We did morning

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

PLEASE REVIEW ANY ITEM BELOW AND  
TAKE ACTION!

- **Post Meeting:**  
October 5th 7:00 PM
- **Pool Tournament:**  
October 2nd 12:00 PM
- **Battleship Run:**  
October 5th
- **Dart Tournament:**  
October 2nd 5:30 PM
- **MOC/MOCA Breakfast:**  
October 3rd/17th 8:30 AM
- **MOC/MOCA Meeting:**  
October 12th 6:30 PM
- **Texas Hold'em:**  
October 16th 6:00 PM
- **Children's Halloween Party:**  
October 23rd, 12:00 – 3:00PM

**POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!**

colors where our Active Duty Member Jonathan came in uniform to raise the Holiday Flag to half-mast. It was so impressive and we had a large crowd of our members show up too. I can't say enough for the support that day. Thank you all.

Our Texas Hold-em tournament was a big success. Thank you John Flaven and Ronnie Steele for organizing and running that event.

Our Cootie Breakfast started off with a bang. I still can't find a better deal in town, and guess what, all the proceeds go to our Hospital fund. What could be a better breakfast than that. So if you want a great breakfast on a Sunday morning, come on out the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October and the 17<sup>th</sup>. The breakfast is served the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 8:30 – 11:00, \$9.00 for the breakfast to include everything you eat and drinks included. So come out and support our breakfast teams, and if you want to volunteer you are always welcome to come and help.

The big event to start off October is our annual Battleship Run. This is always a great time. The date is October 2nd; registration starts at 8:00am; first bike out at 9:30. All vehicles are welcome. You don't need to be on a bike; 4-wheelers are welcome to participate along with 2 or 3 wheelers. So, come out and help support the event. The committee is working hard to make it happen. The Kid's Halloween party is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-3:00. We also have a couple of community outreach projects going on. We will be looking for volunteers; check out the web page and face book for dates and times. We want to show the community we care and we are here to do our part and continue to grow. We will also be doing a recruiting booth at the Virginia Beach Gun Show on

the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of October. If you would like to volunteer there be sure to register on a sign-up sheet that is posted.

This is our Post, it's only as good as you want it to be. You are the one that makes a difference each and every day. Your support will only make us better, which I know is hard to believe, knowing we are the best Post around. You can make it known to everyone how great we really are, by your support and bringing new and improving ideas to the table. I am game to do anything that is legal, and safe. So, if you have an idea, bring it to the table and be ready to run with it. I will support and help as needed, but the Officers can't do it all alone. It takes everyone getting involved, and communication to be successful.

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

If you know of a member or a family member or any veteran that

is in need or sick; please bring it to our attention.

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

### 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 to hand 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



### **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The year seems to be rolling on by. Here it is October already. I know the JVC will have a lot to remark about the Fall Family Picnic Labor Day Weekend, so I just wanted to briefly say how great it was seeing everyone come out and have some good food and a great time. Now that I've mentioned that, remember that we always need volunteers to come out and help support the events.

This month we have some great opportunities to give back, and fellowship. The Battleship Run

happens on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also happening are Thursday Night Dinners, Texas Hold 'em, Pool and Dart Tournaments, Cootie Breakfasts, Bingo, and Friday Night Shrimp. Make sure you check the monthly Calendar and Face Book often for updates

**.SR. Vice Commander**  
**Richard Craig**  
**srvice**  
**commandervfw392@gmail.com**  
**(757) 619-2867**

### **CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP** **AWARDS**

The following individuals have earned Continuous Membership Awards. If you are listed below, please attend the next Post Meeting to receive your lapel pin.

If you are unable to attend, contact any Post Officer. If your name has not been listed and you believe that an award is due, please contact the Quartermaster.

#### **October 2021**

##### **25 Years Continuous Service:**

Bobby W. Thompson,  
Larry M. Williams

##### **20 Years Continuous Service:**

Lester L. Aker, Robert G. Ruger,  
Monthy C. Stover

##### **15 Years Continuous Service:**

Joseph H. Brewer, Howard J.  
Collins, Michael C. Fields, Arlene  
A. Gardner, Kevin M. Jobin,  
Richard A. Labranche, Michael A.  
Mitcho, William J. O'Dell, Roger  
S. Perkins, Lester C. Serman Jr.,  
John E. Starling

##### **10 Years Continuous Service:**

Fletch W. Bridges, Damian R.  
Donald, Michael D. Lund,  
Rickie L. Richards, Sean S. Sill

##### **5 Years Continuous Service:**

Dwyane A. Demaio, Leroy  
Dowdy Jr., Robert A. Guenther,  
Jime E. Hordeski, Matthew L.  
Larson, Robert B. Maccall II

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**

"Happy October" Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank everyone who helped make the picnic a success we couldn't have done it without you.

As the weather gets cooler keep in mind we still have things going on at the post and we are always in need of volunteers.

**JR. Vice Commander**  
**Jennifer R. Cuevas**  
**jrvice**

**commandervfw392@gmail.com**



### **QUARTER- MASTER**

#### **NOTICE**

##### **This is my last year as the Post Quartermaster.**

Anyone interested in running for this position must know basic accounting and have knowledge of Microsoft products, EXCEL, ACCESS, Publisher, Power Point. Our accounting program we use is Peachtree. This job requires an extensive amount of training.

If seriously interested contact the Post Quartermaster

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Annual dues are \$40.00. Annual Members can pay their dues at Post 392, online at [vfw.org](http://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 are available online for free! To view them, go to [vfw392.org](http://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, it'll 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 would 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!

NOTE: Approximately 40% of the Post and Auxiliary addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are incorrect. Please update, email preferred at [vfwpost392@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost392@gmail.com).



## Updating Your Contact Information

The Post maintains the, name, address, phone number and email address for all our members and Auxiliary. If any of this information has changed, please contact the Post Quartermaster so we can update our database. If you are planning on moving anytime in the upcoming future, please contact us as soon as you have your new contact information so we can stay in touch with you and ensure you get Post information.

When your mailing address changes, be sure to fill out an address change for, mail it in, or drop it off at the Post.

The best method would be to email it to the Post.

**Quartermaster  
John Phillips**

**[vfwpost392@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost392@gmail.com)**



## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Greetings comrades,

Another month has passed and I do hope all are of you are doing well. Last month was busy with all that was happening within the post and in the Veteran community. We are blessed to have as many of our members coming back and enjoying the Post activities. Darts, Texas Hold "Em", Thursday Steak night and Breakfast returning.

The Lord will STAND BY YOU. The Lord will DELIVER YOU. The Lord will PROVIDE FOR YOU. The Lord will BLESS YOU. The Lord will GUIDE YOU. The Lord will PROTECT YOU. The Lord will FAVOUR YOU. The Lord will REMEMBER YOU. The Lord will VISIT YOU. The Lord will ADVERTISE YOU. The Lord will

PROMOTE YOU. The Lord will BEAUTIFY YOU.

John W. Flavin  
757-450-0844

## 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.

### 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:

**Joe Desermoux**  
Home

### TAPS

**Delbert D. Edwards**  
Passed: 30 July

**Patricia O'leary**  
Passed: 11 August

**Franklin C. Haskins**  
Passed: 21 August

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**  
**[chaplainvfw392@gmail.com](mailto:chaplainvfw392@gmail.com)**



## **AUXILIARY**

Sisters & Brothers,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the beautiful weather.

We had a great meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Three new members took their obligations. We were so happy to see so many new faces.

The Labor Day Picnic was an awesome event and we had a great time. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted throughout the day.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Patriots Day. A huge thank you to our first responders for attending. It was an amazing event.

Our school supply drive was a huge success. We donated over \$1,200 in school supplies. Thank you for all of the donations!!!

There will be two community outreach programs in October. One will be cleaning up (raking, picking up limbs and mulching) Great Neck Park with the Department of Recreation in Virginia Beach. It will be in early October, I will provide a date very soon. On October 16<sup>th</sup> we will be volunteering at the SPCA on Holland Road. We will be assisting in morning operations from 8am to 11am in the kennel and cattery. The SPCA will allow 6 of us to volunteer. There will be sign up sheets at the Post.

Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 12pm to 3pm is the Children's Halloween Party. There is a sign-up sheet for children 10 and younger at the Post. You must sign your child/children up to attend the party.

Come out and enjoy the Oktoberfest dinner on October 28, 2021 at the Post. Dinner will be served from 5pm to 7pm. The cost is \$12.00.

We are still updating our active membership roster: Please contact Ellen Stogsdill – [ellenstogsdill@cox.net](mailto:ellenstogsdill@cox.net) or Judy [luvedale88@verizon.net](mailto:luvedale88@verizon.net) with any changes you may have.

Please continue to send in your early-bird dues. The earlier you pay the more chances you have to win a Life Membership.

Please attend meetings so we can all work together for a successful year. I would like to welcome all new members and hope to see you soon at upcoming events.

Our Chaplain, Connie Mitchell, stands by for any member who may need our help.

The next meeting will be October 5th 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](mailto:n2runn1@yahoo.com)

**VFW Auxiliary President**  
**Dinah Doyle**  
[pres392@auxvfwva.org](mailto:pres392@auxvfwva.org)  
(757)477-5086



## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

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:

### October 2021

#### **25 Years Continuous Service:**

Janice Petersen

#### **20 Years Continuous Service:**

Dreann L. Holt, Teresa Leclear

#### **15 Years Continuous Service:**

Susan L. Hernandez,  
Ruth H. Spencer

#### **5 Years Continuous Service:**

Elizabeth A. Mace

*Thank you for your service and congratulations!*

**VFW Auxiliary Secretary**  
**Judy Lupole**  
[luvedale88@verizon.net](mailto:luvedale88@verizon.net)  
(757) 581-2702



## CANTEEN

### CANTEEN HOURS

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

*On Cootie Breakfast Sunday's the Canteen opens at 1000*

### KITCHEN HOURS

**Monday-Wednesday... 1100-1300**  
**Thursday.. 1100-1300, 1700-1830**  
**Friday..... 1100-1300, 1730-2030**  
**Saturday .....1200-1800**  
**Sunday .....1200-1800**

*\* Hot Dogs, Chili, and Pizza may be obtainable on Saturdays and Sundays. The air fryer menu items (available when kitchen is closed):*

*Chicken Wings, Curly Fries, French Fries, Jalapeno Poppers,*

*Mozzarella Sticks, and Popcorn Chicken*

### WEEKENDS AT THE VFW

Start the weekend with Friday's **Social Hour Prices from 4-6 PM!** The kitchen opens Friday, 5:30 to 8:30 PM, "with all of our menu items, including our weekly Shrimp Special!"

The Canteen opens at 11:00 AM on Saturdays and Sundays (10:00 AM on Sundays when Cootie Breakfast is served). When the kitchen is closed, we do have the menu items listed above available on Saturdays and Sundays!

Come out and enjoy a cold beer or beverage! We have multiple big screen TV's. Bring the family - the Canteen is smoke free and Wi-Fi is readily accessible.

### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

Hours / Menu

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Salad and dessert included. Following is the dinner menu for this month:

<u>Oct. 21st</u>	<u>Oct. 28th</u>
<b>Grill Your Own Steak</b>	<b>Octoberfest</b>
\$17.00	\$12.00
5:00 - 7:00PM	5:00 - 7:00PM
Prepared by: John Flavin	Prepared by: Post Auxiliary

**Note:** Our **Thursday Night Dinners** are all volunteer staff. If you'd like to help with serving, cleanup, or dishwashing - please contact the **Canteen Manager Shelly Hughes** or the **Assistant Canteen Manager Debra Messado** at (757) 486-5875, or at the email address below.

Our **Friday Evening Dinners** (5:30 - 8:30 PM) require a few volunteers as well. Again, please contact the Canteen Manager or Assistant Manager.

### FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Below is the entertainment for this month, come and enjoy the music with your friends every Friday from 7:00 to 10:00 PM:

<u>October</u> <u>1st</u> TBD	<u>October</u> <u>8th</u> TBD
<u>October</u> <u>15th</u> DJ Shannen	<u>October</u> <u>22nd</u> TBD

Our entertainment for the month of October is not complete. Please watch our social media sites and / or call the Post for further information.

### CANTEEN SPECIALS

#### **Fridays: Social Hour**

4 - 6 PM

Come in and enjoy our Social Hour Prices to start your weekend!

#### **Fridays: Steamed Shrimp**

5:30 - 8:30 PM

EZ Peel Shrimp are back & larger!  
1/2 lb for \$6.00 or 1 lb for \$12.00

If you have comments or suggestions for our Canteen, please let us know. All written comments or suggestions must be signed for consideration, and thank you for your service!

**Chairperson** Steven Graves  
**Manager** Shelly Hughes  
[canteenmanager392@gmail.com](mailto:canteenmanager392@gmail.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 in our newsletter. Our monthly circulation is over 2100. All ads must be submitted and approved by the Post prior to the 15th of each month.

If you are interested in advertising, please contact the Quartermaster.

### STATE OF VIRGINIA

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

### REPRESENTATIVE

Pembroke Office Park  
287 Independence Blvd.  
Pembroke Two, Suite 130  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
Office: (757) 552-1884

### NOTARY PUBLIC

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

- Joseph G. Brady

### LEGAL AID OFFICE

#### **Veteran Free Legal Services**

Estate Planning, Consumer matters, public benefits, and family law.

#### **David Rivard, Esq., Attorney**

#### **Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia**

291 Independence Boulevard  
Pembroke 4, Suite 532  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462  
(757) 552-0026 ext. 305  
[davidr@laseva.org](mailto:davidr@laseva.org)

## VETERANS CRISIS LINE

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

### CORRECTIONS

We welcome any comments, suggestions, or complaints about errors that warrant correction.

They can be directed to any of the Post Officers, or email them directly to the Webmaster at

[webmaster@VFW392.org](mailto:webmaster@VFW392.org)



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