



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: 1865 Members

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

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2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

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COMMANDER'S CALL

Brothers and Sisters,

Greeting Comrades, I do hope everyone is doing good and have been staying safe and healthy. As the month of August has come and gone, we are moving forward with a lot of momentum. We are continuing with some of the events; we were able to have the Dart tournament, and Texas Hold'em tournament and the MOCA Bingo, and, last but not least, our Pool Tournament. If you are a pool player, come on out and enjoy yourself and the others that play, they seem to have a good time.

Keep an eye on the calendar for all the events to happen as scheduled or events get changed and updated, we try and keep the calendar up to date.

The good news keeps coming in and, I see things still improving around the area, as more people

are getting out, and starting to enjoy themselves again. Let's hope and pray we are moving in the right direction.

We have had a good month, and I am excited to see so many of our members coming back to the Post and enjoying the fellowship and getting caught up with the other members. Our Comradeship is something that not just any one can understand. We have had some great volunteers and was looking for volunteers to cook for our Thursday night meals. Thank you to all those who volunteered to make that happen. Our Canteen is still serving lunch 7 days a week. Check the schedule to see when the canteen kitchen is open.

We hosted what turned out to be a really great School of Instruction, and District 2 meeting. Those present learned something that will help us better serve our members and veterans. We had a special guest here. Past Commander in Chief Hal Roesch. I know we made a great

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (see any Post Officer for details)

PLEASE REVIEW ANY ITEM BELOW AND
TAKE ACTION!

- **Post Meeting:**
September 7th 7:00 PM
- **Pool Tournament:**
September 4th 12:00 PM
- **Family Day Picnic:**
September 5th 12:00 - 5:00 PM
- **Dart Tournament:**
September 11th 5:30 PM
- **MOC/MOCA Breakfast:**
September 12th/26th 8:30 AM
- **MOC/MOCA Meeting:**
September 14th 7:00 PM
- **Texas Hold'em:**
September 18th 6:00 PM
- **MOCA Bingo:**
September 18th, 1:00 – 3:00PM

POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!

impression on him with all of our members being the gracious host. We did as we always do for our guests; we put our best foot forward and let them know this is the place to be, and we are the members to lead us all into our mission.

We are ready to start our Annual Family Appreciation Festival Labor Day Weekend picnic. I always look forward to this, its such a great time, enjoying the day with all my Comrades and their families. Lots of food and games for children and adults. This takes a lot of work and it's the volunteers that really make it happen, that's for sure. So, as always, we appreciate anything you can do to help out, preparation team will be making all the preps, for the 5th of September, the day of the picnic. This is still a huge event and takes a lot of effort from our committee. Make sure you let them know how much we appreciate all the work they put in.

This is your Post, make sure you come and support your Post, enjoy the comradery, of your fellow Post members. We are always adding new members, come and meet them and build friendships. Our Post is only as good as you make it, and we are a great Post, that can always get better. If you have an idea, or want to get involved more, there are plenty of opportunities, and ideas are always welcome. Our Post meeting is the 1st Tuesday of the month and 7:00 pm, our House Committee meeting is the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm, and it's open to members to come and bring up ideas and or concerns. You can always use the suggestion box also. Our House Committee Chairman reads and responds to everyone who puts one in, and signs it. With that being said, please remember, our members are out brothers and sisters, and their

family is our family, be respectful of everyone.

If you have read any of my newsletter articles, there is something that has always been near and dear to my heart. We lose way too many lives to suicide. I think every day and every month should be suicide awareness. We all have heard about the 22-a- day on the suicides. So please everyone, let's take care of one another, lets 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
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9/1 Battle of Tal Afar (Iraq) begins in 2005
- 9/2 V-J Day: Japan surrenders ending WW II in 1945
- 9/11 Patriot Day: remember September 11th, 2001
- 9/13 Battle of Heartbreak Ridge (Hill 931, Korea) begins in 1951
- 9/13 Francis Scott Key writes Star Spangled Banner in 1814
- 9/14 Operation Attleboro launches in Tay Ninh, Vietnam in 1966
- 9/17 Citizenship / Constitution Day: US Constitution was signed in 1787



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

9/23 VFW established in 1899

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It's hard to believe it's September already, but here we are, and hopefully the Dog Days of August are behind us. With the new month comes another milestone, one that, for me at least, seemed hard to believe. This month marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. As I think back to first hearing of the attack and seeing the plane crashes on the news, it is hard to believe it's been that long, when sometimes it seems like only yesterday. Lets make sure that we always remember not only those whose lives and families were impacted on that terrible day, but ALL those and their families that have given, sacrificed, and continue to give since the very beginnings of our great country.

This month we have a great opportunity to celebrate and fellowship with our comrades and their families for the Labor Day Family Picnic. Please come out and support our efforts by volunteering some of your time. There are plenty of other happenings at the Post to take part in, also; Thursday night Dinners, Texas Hold'em, Pool and Dart tournaments, Bingo, and Friday Night Shrimp. Coming up in the next few months, also, are the Golf Tournament, and Battleship Run. Make sure you check the monthly Calendar and FaceBook often for updates.

.SR. Vice Commander
Richard Craig
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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.

September 2021

70 Years Continuous Service:

Bernard T. Hanrahan

35 Years Continuous Service:

Michael J. Dunn, Dennis C. Haas,
Delbert L. Vanette

30 Years Continuous Service:

William Cox, Kenneth L.
McMurray, Jeffrey L. Waugh,
Johnny R. Wertz

25 Years Continuous Service:

Richard W. Gray, Calvin W. Hall,
Samuel Johnson, Gary E. Mock,
Charles R. Montgomery Jr

20 Years Continuous Service:

Bryan K. Sowers

15 Years Continuous Service:

William D. Bankart, David R.
Drew, William A. Maxcy,
Robert E. Norman

10 Years Continuous Service:

Thomas J. Camp Jr.,
Shawn P. Landis

5 Years Continuous Service:

Jean-Pierre Barter, Laura G.
Benton, Willie D. Bostic, Scott C.
Burson, Hayden L. Hanes,
David J. Licciardello, James M.
Partamian, Evertt T. Ronk, James
M. Tishko, Gillermo Torres, Scott
P. Vermeulen, Brandon M. Wilson

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

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is well and in good health. I want to personally thank all of you that have supported me and my Breast Cancer Walk fundraising. I have made my goal and this walk will be even more personal to me with my mother's recent diagnosis.

I am very excited and looking forward to the Labor Day Family Picnic, especially since we couldn't have one last year. We will be starting Cootie breakfasts this month. We will be increasing our prices to \$9.00 for adults. So come out and support your Post. Watch for the monthly calendars for all the events, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

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

**jrvic
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, 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, 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.

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



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings everyone,

I do hope that all are well. Another month has gone by and we are doing well. The functions at the Post are happening and all are invited to ATTEND.

Last month the post Commander and I delivered to the VA Hospital 108 Bags of goodies, and we were greeted by the director of operations. He told us that we Post 392 are the only people that came to the hospital bearing gifts. Although the hospital is not allowing visitors other than family that there were ways that we could

help out.

Have you ever skipped a meal? Maybe your day was too busy, or you simply forgot to stop and eat. It really affects you, doesn't it? You start to feel weak, irritable, and tired the longer you go without food because you need it for your body to function properly. This is something that happens all the time, spiritually. Let's take a look at Matthew 6, and you'll see what I mean.

In Matthew 6:11, in the middle of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray for our daily bread when He says, "Give us this day our daily bread." Is He referring to our provision? Yes, but I think He's talking about more than just our natural, physical provision. Throughout the Old and New Testament, many Scriptures refer to the Word of God as bread. So, with that in mind, is it possible that Jesus is telling us to pray every day for a word from God—for our daily bread?

I *fully* believe God has a word for you every day and that word will strengthen and nourish you all day long. However, there are a lot of Christians who are weak and tired because they aren't getting their daily bread from His Word. They're going weeks and months without eating what's readily available to them. God cares for us, like a shepherd cares for his sheep, and He's provided us with the nourishment we need—but it's up to us to actually eat it.

When you start reading the Bible every day, God will speak to you through it. He'll encourage you and prepare you for situations you're going to encounter each day. Sometimes a word you get in your daily reading can provide nourishment for someone else, too. I can't tell you how many

times I find myself talking to someone, and when they start to tell me about what they're going through, I'll remember, "That's what I read about this morning!" Then I can use that word to encourage and speak life to them. You never know when God is going to speak a word to you that will change your life or the life of someone around you.

Remember this and be forever faithful

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:

Jose Cintron
Home

Joe Desermoux
Home

Jim Messinger
Home

TAPS

Delbert D. Edwards
Passed: 30 July

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



AUXILIARY

Sisters & Brothers,

September is upon us and hopefully cooler weather is on the way.

The District 2 meeting was held at VFW Post 392 on August 14th. The School of Instruction was very informative. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that help set up, clean up and for the delicious desserts that were provided. Thank you for attending, it was a great day!!!

Our school supply drive is underway, there is a box in the canteen for donations along with a list of supplies that are needed.

Sunday, September 5th is the Labor Day Family Picnic at the Post from 12pm to 5pm. We are in need of volunteers, please sign up at the Post.

Upcoming events:

- Friday, September 23, 2021 from 7am to 5m – 9th Annual Hearts for Heros Fishing Trip at Rudee Inlet.
- Saturday, October 2, 2021 – Battleship Run.
- Friday October 8, 2021 at 8am -VFW Post 19th Annual Golf Tournament at Aeropines Gof Course(Hornet).
- Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 1pm to 3pm -Childrens Halloween Party

Volunteers are always needed for these events. Please let us know if you can help.

We are still updating our active membership roster: Please contact Ellen Stogsdill – ellenstogsdill@cox.net or Judy Luphole-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 you soon at upcoming events.

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

The next meeting will be September 7th 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
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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

AWARDS

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:

August 2021

30 Years Continuous Service:
Barabara H. Haas

25 Years Continuous Service:
Sandra K. Drew

20 Years Continuous Service:
Dana B. Johnson, Dawn M. Thiele

10 Years Continuous Service:
Clara I. Camp

5 Years Continuous Service:
Pamela Burson, Joseph Pawlak

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

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



CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

Monday-Thursday.... 1100-2200
Friday..... 1100-2200
Saturday-Sunday1100-2200

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
Saturday1200-1800
Sunday1200-1800

** 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!

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:

Sept. 23rd

Grill Your Own Steak

\$17.00

5:00 - 7:00PM

**Prepared by:
John Flavin**

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:

**September
3rd
DJ Ben**

**September
10th
TBD**

**September
17th
DJ Shannen**

**September
24th
TBD**

Our entertainment for the month of September 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 - 8:00 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



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

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

MOCA

Sisters & Brothers,

It is hard to believe that September is already here, and school is starting, hopefully cooler weather will be starting too.

Exciting news: MOC/MOCA breakfast will be starting soon, if you would like to volunteer, please let us know. There are 2 breakfast teams, and a schedule will be posted soon.

MOCA Bingo was held on August 21st. I would like to thank everyone that has been donating prizes to Bingo, we appreciate these items so much. We had such a great time, and it was wonderful to see so many new members!! Come and join the fun at our next Bingo, which will be Saturday, September 18th from 1pm to 3pm at the Post. Please bring a friend or two. Prize donations are greatly appreciated. The kitchen is also open while we are there, come enjoy a great meal too!!!

It would be great to see more members at our meetings. 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 September 14 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

MOCA Auxiliary President, Pup Tent #9

Dinah Doyle



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