

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

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2023 Membership Goal: TBD Current Status: 1941 Members

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

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2022 - 2023 OFFICERS

	
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COMMANDER'S CALL

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

As the month of July has come and gone, we are back to normal as much as we can be for August. We will hold our monthly Dart Tournament, Pool Tournament, Texas Hold'em Tournament and the MOCA Bingo. Come enjoy yourself and the others that play, as they all have a good time. Keep an eye on the Calendar for all the events to happen as scheduled or changed or updated. We try to keep the Calendar up to date.

We've had another good month. I am excited to see so many new members coming to the Post, enjoying the fellowship, and getting caught up with other members. Our comradeship is something that not just any one can understand. Due to some great volunteers, we are able to have some great Thursday night meals. Thank you to all those that

volunteered to make that happen.

The Canteen is still serving lunch 7 days a week. Check our website Calendar page for the kitchen hours and Blue-Plate Specials served Tuesday through Friday.

Our big Independence Day celebration went extremely well! I was thrilled to see so many members visit and enjoy the special day. I received many compliments on how well it went, and that the food was outstanding. It makes me so proud to see everyone that come out and share the day with the most Patriotic people I know. This is what we all took the oath for — to protect our Independence! No one deserves to celebrate it more than we do.

We are starting preparations for our Annual Family Appreciation Festival Labor Day Weekend picnic. I look forward to this picnic. It's such a great time enjoying the day with all my Comrades and their families. There will be lots of food and games for children and adults. This takes a lot of work, So, as

ATTENDEES NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

Please review the items below and support your Post!

- Post/Aux Meeting: Aug 2nd 7:00 PM
- Pool / Dart Tournaments: Aug 6th: 12:00 PM / 5:30 PM
- MOC/A Meeting: Aug 9th 7:00 PM
- MOCA Bingo: Aug 13, 1:00 PM
- District 2 SOI / Meetings: Aug 20th, 9;00 AM / 1:00 PM
- Texas Hold'em: Aug 20th 6:00 PM
- Thursday Night Dinners: GYOS Aug 18th / MOC 25th
- Friday Shrimp Special: Every Friday 5:30 - 8:30 PM -SHRIMP COOK NEEDED!

Post 392 - Needs You!

always, we appreciate anything you can do to help the planning committee, which will be meeting soon. Stay tuned for meeting dates and times.

This is your Post! We are always adding new members, so come them and build and meet friendships. Our Post is only as good as you make it. We are a great Post, but we can always get better. If you have an idea, or want to get involved more, there are plenty of opportunities for both. Our Post meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month and 7:00 Our House Committee p.m. meeting is the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., and it's open to all Post members to attend bring up ideas and/or concerns. You can also use the Suggestion Box. The House Committee Chairman reads and responds to everv signed submission put into the box. That being said, please remember our members are our brothers and sisters, and their family is our family. You never know how your actions can affect a life. 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 John Flavin <u>commandervfw392@gmail.com</u> 757-450-0844

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8/4 USCG established in 1790
- 8/6 Chinook helicopter shot down in Wardak Providence, Afghanistan, killing 38, including 17 US DEVGRU special operation forces in 2011
- 8/6 The Enola Gay drops world's 1st atomic bomb over Hiroshima in 1945
- 8/7 Operation Desert Shield begins in 1990

- 8/11 Last US ground combat unit departs from South Vietnam in 1972
- 8/12 Battle of Bunker Hill (Hill 122, Korea) begins in 1952
- 8/14 Official announcement of Japan's unconditional surrender in 1945
- 8/20 US Marines deployed to Lebanon in 1982



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Fellow Brother and Sisters,

First off, I cannot express enough the gratitude and support that I felt from all of you after the passing of my husband. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. It's going to be a long, emotional road ahead, but we will eventually get to where we need to be.

Please continue to show your support for the Post by coming out and volunteering to support our events, as we have lots of opportunities coming up. And we are always in need of volunteers, especially a volunteer shrimp cook for our Shrimp Special every Friday evening, until we find another cook for the Post.

Sr. Vice Commander Jennifer R. Cuevas srvice

commandervfw392@gmail.com

Continuous Membership <u>Awards</u>

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

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

August 2022

60 Years Continuous Service: Stephen G. Koontz

40 Years Continuous Service: William E. Owens III

30 Years Continuous Service: Robert L. Webster, Neal E. Brown Jr.

25 Years Continuous Service: James B. Bugtong Jr., John R. Monday Jr., Reuben Reinick Jr, Jimmy D. Story, George J. Ladd

20 Years Continuous Service: Timothy M. Richard, Alfred L. Tennyson

15 Years Continuous Service: Frederick Avitto

10 Years Continuous Service: Charles L. Moran, Eric J. Whitecotton, James A. Howard, Shawna J. Gugel, Richard A. Foley, James A. Brock

In order to maintain continuous membership eligibility in the VFW, you must pay your dues prior to the expiration date on your card.

Thank you for your service, and congratulations!



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe while you are out and enjoying the great weather we have been having. July has been a great month and we had a wonderful turn out for the 4th of July picnic. Speaking of Picnics, our next big one is going to be the September Labor Day Weekend Family Appreciation picnic on Sunday, September 4th. This is always a huge event but along with our other events, this month we will need a lot of help from the

Post membership to make this a success. Sign-up sheets will be posted around the Post, so if you see something and want to help out, PLEASE sign up. Our Post is only as good as the members in it, and we have some awesome members, so let's all pitch in and have a great year!

JR. Vice Commander James Wikkerink irvice

commandervfw392@gmail.com 757-270-8537

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.VFW392.ORG



QUARTER-MASTER

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues are \$40.00. Annual Members can pay their dues at Post 392, online at <u>vfw.org</u>, or by mail directly to:

VFW National Headquarters

Third Floor, Room 316
406 West 34th St.
Kansas City, MO 64111
(please include your membership#)
Consider changing your Annual
Membership to a Life Membership
and make a life long commitment
to serving your fellow service
members and Veterans. Life
Installment plan is available as an
option to the one time payment for
Life Membership.

E-Newsletter

The Post Newsletter and Calendar are available online for free! To view them, go to vfw392.org and click on the links along the left side of the page.

On the Newsletter page, you can sign up to receive the monthly notification about the Newsletter, Calendar of Events, and other Post related communications by clicking on the "Subscribe to the VFW Post 392 Mailing List" link. Ensure that you add the domain "vfw392.org" to your address book. This will prevent the Post emails from going to your SPAM folder!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members, we all need to maintain a current address with the VFW. When your mailing address changes, be sure to fill out an address change form, mail it in, or drop it off at the Post. The best method is be to email it to the Post. If you drop it off or email it, please remember to include your telephone number and email address!

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL:

We still have many on-file Post and Auxiliary postal mail addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are incorrect. Please update them via email to vfwpost392@gmail.com.

<u>Updating Your Contact</u> <u>Information</u>

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

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



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to all VFW Post 392 Officers, members and friends, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior. Praying for all the military and their families near or Sending deepest my condolences to the families of our Post that went home to be with God. Remember, God said "come to me, all who labor and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is burden easv. and light" (Matthew 11:28-30). Casting all your anxieties on him. because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

Praying for all the members that are sick and shut in. Lastly, praying that while we are all absent from one another, we will never be absent from God presence. Amen.

Any issues of concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me...

Post Chaplain Mary Benson <u>chaplainvfw392@gmail.com</u> 757-572-8233

Help Us Take Care of Each Other

When you or a family member falls ill, are injured, hospitalized, or experience the loss of a loved one - *please* contact us *ASAP*! It is important that we extend our hand in any way possible to aid and comfort our fellow Comrades and family in their time of need. Please

call Post Chaplain Mary Benson or our Auxiliary Chaplain, Connie Wilson, as appropriate, at your first opportunity. Timely notification is very important to their mission!

Illness / Injuries

Please read the Post's Bulletin Board for updates of Members on the Illness / Injury List.

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

Barbara Grossnickle, Home Roseann Briesacher, Home Pat Lidtke, Home Jocko Raines, Home Dave Simones, VBG Mike Botchie, VBG ICU

TAPS

PAST POST COMMANDER DOUGLAS M. ILES 11 JULY 2022 GLEN B. CHANEY 5/17/22 DENNIS HOBBS 6/26/22 MELVIN PURVIS 7/12/22 DANA JOHNSON 7/17/22

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 Mary Benson <u>chaplainvfw392@gmail.com</u> 757-572-8233



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings, Sisters & Brothers,

On June 20th, VFW Post 392 hosted members of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, which creates one-of-a-kind quilts to honor the service of selected veterans. We had 15 members and guest sewing new quilts, followed by a ceremony where 4 of our Post

members received a QOV, along with 6 other guests. It was a great day and congratulations to John Phillips, Tom Magowan, Ken MacDonald, and Patrick Doyle for being honored at this event. I also want to give a big shout out to Anne Brothers for all of her work to make this a successful event.

The MOCA Christmas in July will now be Christmas in August. The date for delivery is August 5th. We will put Goody Bags together on August 4th at 6:00 pm. Please volunteer to come out and help us put these Goody Bags together.

The next VFW Auxiliary Department School of Instruction is at on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 8:00 am, at VFW Post 637 in Hopewell, Virginia. I encourage our new officers to attend this event. The District 2 School of Instruction is on August 20, 2022 at 9:00 am, here at Post 392. Lunch will be served at noon. A Joint Meeting will be at 1:00 pm and the Auxiliary meeting will be at 2:00 pm.

VFW District 2 is holding a Tides Fundraiser at Harbor Park on 4 September. Gates open at 3:00 and the game starts at 4:00. The District will earn \$4 per ticket sold. The District Honor Guard will participate during the National Anthem. Please pass this info around to your friends and families. The more tickets we sell, the more money the District will raise. You can use the QR code on the flier located at the bottom of our Post 392 Website Calendar (http://www.vfw392.org/ calendar/calendar.htm) to purchase tickets. District 2 Adjutant Kathy Goodall has tickets so you can get them from her. Asking for checks or cash. Checks will be made out to VFW DISTRICT 2. If you have questions, please let me know.

I also want to congratulate our Post 392 Auxiliary members on their election or appointment to the Department of VA Auxiliary positions as follows:
Fred Jennings, Department
President (Big Paw]
Jennifer Winn,. Department
Conductress
Dinah Doyle, Department Youth
Activities Chairman
Carol Mueller, Department Ways
and Means Chairman
Judy Lupole. Department First
Lady/Big Paw Personal Secretary

Please note that on July 1, 2022, memberships new annual increased to \$40.00. There will be a drawing in January 2023 for two (2) lifetime memberships. If you renew your membership by the end of July 2022, you will have 80 changes win lifetime to membership, August 2022 - 40 changes, September 2022 - 30 October 2022 - 20 changes, November and changes and December 10 changes.

Post Sr. Vice Jennifer Cuevas is still taking orders for MAGA (Make Auxiliary Great Again) t-shirts and sweatshirts. If you would like to place an order, you can reach her at Jennifer.cuevas09@hotmail.com or 757-353-7243. The cost of a t-shirt is \$25.00 (2XL is \$30.00) and sweatshirts are \$35.00 (2XL is \$40.00). All profits will go to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Walk she will participate in this year

We are still updating our active membership roster: Please contact Ellen Stogsdill at ellenstogsdill@cox.net or Judy Lupole at luvedale88@verizon.net with any changes you may have. Please attend our upcoming 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 Tuesday, July 5 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 757-647-1511 or by email at yagal54@hotmail.com.

Auxiliary President Carol Mueller vagal54@hotmail.com pres392@auxvfwva.org 757-647-1511



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

CONTINUOUS AUXILIARY 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 2022

45 Years Continuous Service: Barbara A. Grossnickle

35 Years Continuous Service: Brenda I. Mullen

30 Years Continuous Service: Iris E. Vowell

15 Years Continuous Service: Wanda S. Wood

10 Years Continuous Service: Charlotte Gregg

5 Years Continuous Service: Deborah J. Hamblen

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

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



CANTEEN HOURS

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

(On Cootie Breakfast Sunday's from September to May, the Canteen opens at 1000)

KITCHEN HOURS

* Hot Dogs, Chili, and Pizza may be obtainable on Mondays, Saturdays, and Sundays. These air fryer menu items are 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 **3-6 PM**! The kitchen is open Friday, 5:30 to 8:30 PM, "with all of our menu items, including our weekly Shrimp Special!"

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

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

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS Hours / Menu 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Salad and dessert included. Following is the dinner menu for this month (call Post to confirm):

August 18th	August 25th
GRILL YOUR OWN STEAK NIGHT	MOC/MOCA DINNER
\$20.00 5:00 - 7:00PM Prepared by: YOU (or us)!	\$9.00 5:00 - 7:00PM Prepared by: MOC/A Members

Our Thursday Night Note: **Dinners** are normally prepared by an **all** volunteer staff. volunteers are not available, then one of our Cooks will prepare items off the normal dinner menu. If you'd like to help with serving, cleanup, or dishwashing - please contact the Canteen Manager Shelly Hughes or **Assistant** Canteen Manager Teresa **McMillion** at (757) 486-5875, or via email at the Manager address: canteenmanager392@gmail.com.

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

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

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

August 5th Bryan Dunn 6-10PM	August 12th Peter Pascanik 6-10PM
August 19th DJ Shannon 6-10PM	August 26th Bryan Dunn 6-10PM

CANTEEN SPECIALS

UPDATED!!

Mon - Fri 3-6pm / Thurs 3-7pm Come in and enjoy our low Social Hour Prices to start your evening!

Fridays: Steamed Shrimp

5:30 - 8:30 PM

EZ Peel Shrimp are back & larger! 1/2 lb. for \$7.00 / 1 lb. for \$13.00

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

Shelly Hughes
Post 392 Canteen Manager
757-486-5875

canteenmanager392@gmail.com

WE NEED TO HIRE A COOK. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION,
PLEASE CONTACT THE CANTEEN
MANAGER



Sisters & Brothers,

We are in the process of planning some family friendly events for the rest of the year so please check out the VFW Post 392 Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/VFW392) to keep up with the coming events.

The Pup Tent #9 MOC/MOCA are now sponsoring the Thursday Night Dinner on the last Thursday of each month.

We have BINGO on Saturday August 20th from 1 to 3. Donations of prizes is always greatly appreciated. If you have never been to BINGO come and join us, it is always a good time. Our Christmas in July got pushed back so we are now planning on stuffing goodie bags Thursday August 4th and I will be driving up to the VA Hospital on August 5th to deliver them. Unfortunately, this is just a drop off, and not a time for our members to spend time with our veterans. Fingers crossed that we can spend time with the veterans in person real soon.

To our members, please come and join us for a meeting. on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. We have new members that would love to meet their fellow members, plus the Post has a fantastic Taco Night on Tuesday nights. Hope to see you there.

Thank you for all that you do for our veterans. Please feel free to contact me if you need anything. I can be reached at

<u>nsyuskiw@yahoo.com</u> or 757-477 -3548

> MOC Auxiliary President Norine "Nonie" Kuhn nsyuskiw@yahoo.com (757) 477-3548



NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING All ads are paid advertisements, and are not endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars

VFW Post 392 offers advertising space in our newsletter. Our monthly circulation is over 2000. 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 Ouartermaster.

STATE OF VIRGINIA VETERANS AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE

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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

30 West Queen's Way Hampton, Virginia 23669 (757) 552-0026 ext. 305 davidr@laseva.org

The National Suicide
Prevention Lifeline is now:
988 Suicide and Crisis
Lifeline



988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. While some areas may be currently able to connect to the Lifeline by dialing 988, this dialing code will be available to everyone across the United States starting on July 16, 2022.

CORRECTIONS

We welcome any comments, suggestions, or complaints about errors that warrant correction. They can be directed to any of the Post Officers, or email them directly to the Post Adjutant at

webmaster@VFW392.org







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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
31	AUG 1	2	3	4	5	6		
	• VFW STAFF Meeting: 6:30PM	•VFW Post and Auxiliary Meetings 7:00PM	• MCL Meeting 7:00PM	• MOC/A Goody Bag Prep for Christmas in August at VA Hospital 7:00PM	Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment Bryan Dunn 6-10 PM	Pool Tourney NoonDart Tourney 5:30		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
	• FRA 166 Staff Meeting 7:00PM	• MOC/MOCA Meeting 7:00PM			Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment Peter Pascanik 6-10PM	MOCA Bingo 1300		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
	• FRA 166 Branch Meeting 7:00PM	• IOOB Meeting 7:00PM	AOA Meeting 6:00 PM MCL Staff Meeting 7:00PM	Dinner: Grill Your Own Steak Night 5-7:00 PM	Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment DJ Shannon 6-10PM	 District 2 SOI 0900 D2 Meetings 1300 Texas Hold'em Tourney 6:00PM 		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
	• Mayor's Vet Comm 5:30PM • HRCVO 7:00PM		• American Legion Post 110 Meeting 1900	• MOC/A Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 • VVA Chap 969 Board Mtg 7:00	Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment Peter Pascanik 6-10			
28	29	30	31	SEPT 1	2	3		
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