

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

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> 2023 Membership Goal: 1975 Current Status: 1973 Members

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2022 - 2023 OFFICERS

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CALL

Brothers and Sisters,

I do hope everyone is doing well and have been staying safe and healthy. The month of December has come and is soon to be gone. Since this edition is being published early, let me cover a few things from the past month. For November, our day of putting Veteran and First flags on Responder gravesites couldn't have gone better. Over 250 Post, Auxiliary, NJROTC, Active Duty and other volunteers placed well over 8000 flags over 2 days. The Veterans Day Parade cancelled due to a tropical storm. Our Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success. Thank you to all that volunteered. Keep an eye on the Post Website Calendar Page for scheduled events, including those that get changed, updated, or cancelled. The good news keeps coming in. Let's hope and pray we are moving in the right

direction. As we move into January, there is a lot of great holiday cheer to pass around. Let's make sure we reflect on the reason for the season. Let's be thankful for our Active-Duty Military Members out there protecting us so we can celebrate Christmas in peace. I remind you that on Dec 25th, we will have the best Christmas dinner there is, so come and join us. If you want to volunteer (and we can always use more volunteers), we welcome all help. We still need volunteers to cook and cleanup for our Friday Night Shrimp Specials. This is your Post! Please visit and support your Post and enjoy the comradery of your fellow Post members. We continually add new members, so please come meet them and build new friendships. Our Post is only as good as you make it. Though we are a great Post, we can always get better. If you have an idea or want to get more involved, there are plenty of opportunities and new ideas are always welcome.

ATTENDEES NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

- Post/Auxiliary Meetings: January 3rd, 7:00 PM
- Pool Tournament: January 7th 12:00 PM
- <u>Darts Tournament</u>: January 7th 5:30 PM
- MOC/MOCA Breakfast: January 8th & 22rd 8:30 AM
- MOC/MOCA Meeting: January 10th 6:30 PM
- Prime Rib Dinner: January 19th / 5:00 -7:00PM
- MOCA Bingo/Texas Hold'em: January 21st 1;00PM / 6:00PM
- House Committee Meeting: February 1st 6:30 PM
- Friday Shrimp Special: Every Friday 5:30—8:00 PM

Post 392 - Needs You!

Our Post meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 Our House Committee meeting is on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. It is open to members to come and bring up ideas and or concerns. You can also use the Suggestion House Committee The Box. Chairman reads and responds to every signed message received. With that being said, please remember our members are our brothers and sisters. Their family is our family, so please be respectful of everyone.

As we enter the Holiday season, it is even more important. We lose way too many lives to suicide. I think every day and every month should be for suicide awareness. We all have heard about the 22-aday suicides. 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. You never know how 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. It never hurts to be friendly to them, as 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. Happy Holidays to you All!!

Post Commander John Flavin <u>commandervfw392@gmail.com</u> 757-450-0844

DATES TO REMEMBER

1/6 Operation Deckhouse V (Mekong Delta, Vietnam) began in 1967

1/9 US carried out air strikes on al -Qaeda operatives within Somalia in 2007

1/14 USS Enterprise flight deck fire (accidental rocket detonated) in 1969

1/16 Operation Desert Storm (Iraq) begins in 1991

1/25 Operation SMACK, assault on Spud Hill (Korea) in 1953

1/26 USN Lt. Evert Alvarez Jr spends his 2,000th day as a POW (Vietnam) in 1970

1/29 Taliban forces clash with U S Forces near Adi Ghar Mountains (Afghanistan) in 2003



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Fellow Brother and Sisters,

This year was a rough year for me and my family. I truly appreciate the support I have received from fellow Comrades my and Auxiliary members. Hopefully, 2023 will be a much better better year for us all. We need to continue to press on and serve our veterans. With all the events we have each month, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer, help our fellow veterans, and make this the best Post in the VFW. Please continue to take care of one another. All of you have been wonderful this past year and I truly feel that we are family. Thank you for everything you've done, not just for me, but for our fellow veterans and our families.

> Sr. Vice Commander Jennifer R. Cuevas

commandervfw392@gmail.com



Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

As we welcome 2023 in I hope that everyone had a safe and happy Holiday season. were several events that took place last month and I saw several members participating at each of them, I hope that is a sign of things to come. As we move forward in the new year there are still more things coming. always we have our monthly events as well as our Bi-weekly Sunday breakfast. check calendar online for the latest updates and any changes to events. One of the biggest events we hold each month is on the first Tuesday at 1900. This would be our monthly Post/Aux meeting, if you are an member come to the meeting to see what is going on and let your voice be heard. There is a lot of information that is passed at these meeting and decisions about our post that are Come and see what is happening at your post at the next meeting on Jan 3. As always Comrades, stay safe and have a Happy New Year.

Jr. Vice Commander James Wikkerink <u>irvice</u> commandervfw392@gmail.com 757-270-8537



QUARTER-MASTER

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.

January 2023

35 Years Continuous Service: William J. Bailey

25 Years Continuous Service: Patrick J. Walsh

20 Years Continuous Service: Leonard L. Agee, Gregory R. Downs, Patrick H. Hughes, David Lawhorn, Raymond P. Lichniak

15 Years Continuous Service: Jeffery Bates, Richard H. Schwartz

10 Years Continuous Service: William L. Deanes, Daniel P. Kennedy, Michael L. Albanese, Adam C. LaReau

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!

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.VFW392.ORG

E-Newsletter

The Post Newsletter and Calendar are available online for free! If you are currently receiving a hard copy of the Newsletter via the USPS, we as that you subscribe to our e-mailing list so we can reduce printing and

mailing costs to our members. To view these documents online, go to vfw392.org and click on the links along the left side of the page to view each page. Please note that a Social Security Information Page has been added to our website.

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

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.

Updating Your Contact Information

The Post maintains the, name, address, phone number and email address for all our members and Auxiliary. If of anv information has changed, it is very important that you contact the Post Ouartermaster so he can update our member 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 essential Post information.

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

Quartermaster John Phillips 757-486-5875

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to all VFW Post 392 Officers, members and friends, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Remembering all the military and their families near and afar. I am praying for God's grace mercy and intervention in the lives of all our families.

I thank God for the year 2022 but thanking him even more for the upcoming New Year, 2023!!!. I know many of us might we wondering what the New Year 2023 will bring. I am asking God to fill our lives with joy, peace, love, happiness, good health, prosperity, humility, strength, perseverance and so much more blessings for all.

We know that trials and tribulation will come to us, when we least expected but continue to trust God no matter what life brings your way. As we begin the New Year, I encourage you to meditate on the following scriptures:

The Lord is my rock,... He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior (2 Samuel 22:2-3).

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good (Romans 12:9).

We encouraged...you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory (1 Thessalonians 2:12).

May you be richly rewarded by the Lord...under whose wings you have come to take refuge (Ruth2:12).

"Consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25) The Father of compassion and the God all comfort...comforts us in all our troubles (2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

VFW 392 family, may God continue to bless you and keep you all year round. Have a great HAPPY NEW YEARS!!!

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 opportunity. Timely first 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:

PPC Stu Carson, Home Barbara Grossnickle, Home

TAPS

PAST POST COMMANDER
RALPH STEPHENS,
01 DEC
DAVID G. MOLLER, 25 OCT
HARRY J. SCALIONE,
18 NOV
BENNIE L. WYCOOP, 21 NOV
TOM W. MOWEN, 19 NOV
JOHN E, BURNS, 15 NOV
CHARLES D, SHOEMAKE,
23 NOV

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,

The December 3rd, 2022 Post/ Auxiliary Christmas Party was a huge success. A lot of fun was had with our entertainer, DJ Shannon! Also, thanks to all who volunteered at the children's Brunch with Santa on Saturday, December 17th.

A big welcome to our three (3) new members, Waylon Johnson, Dillon McHargue, and Joy Chartier. I hope to see all of you soon at upcoming events.

January 5, 2023 is the registration deadline the for Winter Council Meeting from January 12 - 15, 2023 at the Renaissance Portsmouth, Hotel. All tickets must be pre-purchased. There will be no tickets sold at the Winter Council meeting. Contact Judy Lupole or Ellen Stogsdill for registration information.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Please try to attend our upcoming meetings so we can all work together for a successful year. Hope to see everyone there!!!

The Auxiliary Bake Sale is normally the 3rd Friday of the month from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm., but in January there won't be a Bake Sale.

Post Sr. Vice Jennifer Cuevas is still taking orders for MAGA (Make Auxiliary Great Again) tshirts 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.

Our Chaplain Connie Mitchell stands by for any member who may need our help. 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 vagal54@hotmail.com.

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



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Total Auxiliary Members In Good Standing 503

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:

January 2023

NONE

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

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



CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

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

(On Cootie Breakfast Sundays 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 the 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 **3-7 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 weekends.

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):

<u>January 19, 2023</u> PRIME RIB DINNER, \$19.00

Our Thursday **Dinners** are normally prepared by volunteer staff. all 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 Hughes **Assistant** Shelly or 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 table service. Please contact the Canteen Manager or Assistant Manager to assist.

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

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

<u>Jan 6th</u>	<u>Jan 20th</u>
Bryan Dunn	DJ Shannon
6-10PM	6-10PM
<u>Jan 13th</u>	Jan 27th
Tim Hopkins	OPEN
6-10PM	6-10PM

SOCIAL HOURS

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 \$8.00 / 1 lb. for \$15.00. Fried Shrimp Dinner: \$10.50 (Prices as of Dec 1st, 2022)

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!

MEMBER BOTTLES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2022:

Members who have bottles behind the bar: If you haven't used your bottle at least ONCE in the past three (3) months, your bottle/s will be removed and stored in the Commander's Locker. Should this impact you, see the Bartender to claim it.

Shelly Hughes
Post 392 Canteen Manager
757-486-5875

canteenmanager392@gmail.com

<u>LOCKER DUES</u>

Locker dues expired 31 December 2022. You have until 31 January 2023 to pay your dues. If you haven't paid your dues, the contents of these lockers will be removed and stored. You will be required to pay for the replacement lock (\$15.00). The locker will be reassigned to members on the waiting list.



Sisters & Brothers, Happy Winter! Here's to a happy 2023!

We have a lot of things happening this month, so please keep an eye on the Post Calendar and the Facebook page.

Breakfast is going really well. If you haven't yet, please join us on the First and Third Sundays of most months. There will be no breakfast on the first Sunday of January, as it is New Years Day. The January breakfasts will be on January 8th and 22nd. For \$9.00, you get all you get breakfast, dessert, coffee & juice. Remember the proceeds go to help our hospitalized & infirmed veterans.

We will resume Bingo on January 21st from 1:00-3:00. It's a fun way to spend some time with friends and win a prize or two.

We will also have our Christmas in January for the VA Hospital on January 28th. We can always use as many hands as possible to get things packed to send to the patients at the VA. Contact me, preferably by phone, for more information.

Finally, we will have our Cootie Fun Day on January 7th from 10-1. For those that have not been yet, all newer Cooties will get their Cootie name.

As always, 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 nsyuskiw@yahoo.com or 757-477 -3548

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the VFW Auxiliary gives out four scholarships to assist auxiliary members and their immediate family members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or career direction at a vocational/technical school.

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year, one in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the American college or vocational/technical school of the awardee's choice.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.

Applicant must be one of the following:

- Current VFW Auxiliary Member*
- Spouse of the current VFW Auxiliary Member*
- Son/Daughter of current VFW Auxiliary Member*

*Qualifying member must have

been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one (1) year by the application submission deadline.

HOW TO ENTER:

Go to www.vfwauxiliary.org, click on Scholarships & Contests, click on Continuing Education where you can download the application form.

- Answer all questions on the application form.
- Write a brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing your commitment to your goals and how this scholarship will help you attain those goals.

WHERE TO FILE:

The application is to be filed with the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters direct. You can either email it or send by postal mail. The email/mailing address can be found on the application.

WHEN TO FILE:

The application process opened July 2022 and will continue until February 15, 2023, the deadline date for submission.

Connie Mitchell Scholarship Chairperson



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NOTARY PUBLIC

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

· Joseph G. Brady



NATIONAL HOME

Almost a century ago, the VFW National Home for Children began as a place where families left behind by war could remain together. Today, the National Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of America's military and veterans' families. Learn more about the National Home and help us support its important mission by visiting History - VFW National Home for Children (click link to open doc)

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

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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

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	•VFW/AUX STAFF Meeting: 6:30PM	·VFW Post and Aux Meetings 7:00PM			Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Entertainment Bryan Dunn 6-10PM	 MOCA Cootie Fun Day 1000-1300 Pool Tourney-Noon Darts Tourney 1730
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Cootie Breakfast Team 1 Serving 0830-1100		• MOC/MOCA Meeting 7:00PM	• MCL Meeting 7:00PM		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30 - 8:30PM Entertainment Tim Hopkins 6-10 PM	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	•FRA 166 Staff Meeting 7:00PM	• IOOB Meeting 7:00PM	AOA Meeting 6:00 PM MCL Staff Meeting 7:00PM	• Prime Rib Dinner 1700-1900 \$19.00	Shrimp	 MOCA Bingo 1300- 1500 Texas Hold'em 1800
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
• Cootie Breakfast Team 2 0830-1100	• FRA 166 Branch Meeting 7:00PM					Christmas in January at the VA Hospital
29	30	31	FEB 1	2	3	4
Chili Cookoff during NFL playoff game 1300-1500	• Mayor's Vet Comm 5:30PM • HRCVO 7:00PM	• VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00PM	House Committee Meeting 6:30PM American Legion Post 110 Meeting 1900		Friday Night Shrimp 5:30—8:30PM Live Entertainment TBD	Pool Tourney- NoonDarts Tourney 1730
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