



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 392

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

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2025 Membership Goal: 2117 current members
Current Status: 1824 Life, 2131 Total Members

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

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2024 - 2025 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....	James W. Wikkerink	Auxiliary President.....	Fred Jennings
Sr. Vice Commander.....	John W. Flavin	Auxiliary Sr. Vice President.....	Bob DeChamplain
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Kevin M. Hébert	Auxiliary Jr. Vice President.....	Michelle Wikkerink
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House Committee Chairman.....	Duane E. Gordon	Auxiliary Conductress.....	Kimberly Sawyer
Service Officer.....	Vacant	Canteen Manager	Shelly B. Hughes
Surgeon.....	Theresa J. Parisi	M.O.C. Seam Squirrel.....	Ronnie Steele
Judge Advocate	Duane E. Gordon	Post Adjutant/Webmaster.....	Michael T. Marushia



COMMANDER'S CALL

Greetings Comrades!

I come to you this month with my final newsletter as your Post Commander. I would first like to extend my appreciation to the Post Officers and Staff this year who have done an amazing job, I appreciate each and every one of you. I would also like to thank every member who volunteered this year for the events we had scheduled; none of them could have been completed without your helping hands. Again, thank you very much. I would also like to wish Kevin Hébert, his Post Officers and staff the highest success in the upcoming year. I know the Post will be in good hands and do well.

May was another busy month for the Post, and I am happy to say it was another successful month. We went to five different schools to present NJROTC awards to some very deserving cadets and saw many of them at our Flags Out event over Memorial Day

weekend. Our Buddy Poppy Drive was another huge success this time, due in large part to JVC Kevin Hébert's exceptional organization and his way of getting folks to volunteer. We attended our final District meeting and held elections for the district. Troy Wagers was elected District CDR, Jim Wikkerink was elected SVC and Kevin Hébert was elected as Judge Advocate for the upcoming year. Congratulations to everyone! I wish you a great year.

June is going to be a busy month, as well as a time of transition for the Post. The Department of Virginia Convention will take place June 18th - 22nd. Once the new Department Commander is sworn in on the 21st, the 2025-2026 Post Officers will be officially in place at that time.

At the time of this writing, the Post is at 100.99% membership. We need 22 new or renewed members to meet the 102% goal for All-American. Thank you to all who have recruited and brought new members into the VFW. I ask that you keep the press on, as we have until June 30th to meet our

ATTENDEES NEEDED (see any Post Officer for details)

- **Monthly Post/Aux Meetings:**
Jun 3rd / 7:00 PM
- **Monthly Pool/Darts Tournaments:**
Jun 7th / Noon / 5:30 PM
- **MOC Meeting:**
Jun 10th / 7:00 PM
- **Thursday Evening Dinner:**
Jun 12th / 5:00 -7:00 PM
- **Flag Day Colors Ceremony:**
Jun 14th / 8:00 AM
- **Quilts of Valor Ceremony:**
Jun 14th / 1:30 PM
- **VFW VA State Convention:**
Jun 19th -22nd Daily
- **House Committee Meetings:**
Jun 25th, 6:30 PM
- **Grant Pollock VFW Ritual:**
Jun 28th /1:00 PM @ Post 392
- **Monthly Trivia Night:** Jun 30th / 7:00 PM
- **Live Entertainment Fridays:**
See list on Page 5 for information

POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!

goal. It is attainable and I am sure we will be there as we have in the past.

I want to thank the Post for your support over the past year. We could not have gotten where we are without the help and assistance "TEAM 392" is known for. Farewell as your Commander. I hope to see you around the Post.

**Post Commander
James Wikkerink**

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Last month was exceptionally busy for our Post. First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Post Officers, particularly Commander Kevin Hébert. I have every confidence that you will excel in your role and keep Team 392 at the forefront of all Posts. To our Past Post Commander, Jim, rest assured that your legacy will live on; we will continue to be known as Team 392, with Kevin and Bob leading us forward. I also want to acknowledge incoming Jr. Vice Tom and Sr. Vice Steve; we are certainly in capable hands.

Over the past month, we engaged in a service project, attended five NJROTC award ceremonies, held the installation of our officers, placed 9,000 flags at five cemeteries, and successfully executed the Buddy Poppy event. For your enjoyment, we will host a Dart Tournament on the first Saturday of the month, with registration beginning at 5:30 PM, with play starting at 6:00 PM. This will be a double-elimination format. The dart enthusiasts are looking for more teams and to challenge other Posts for some friendly competition and bragging rights.

As this challenging year comes to a close, I feel a sense of sadness.

As your Post Sr. Vice Commander, and twice Past Post Commander, I have worked diligently for both you and the veteran community. I am bidding farewell with an open heart, looking toward my future endeavors. I will be moving to Connecticut, where I have already visited the VFW there. That said, I will maintain my membership with Post 392, as my loyalty to you and our community remains steadfast. This past year has been tough on me and on the community as a whole. Thank you for the honor of serving as your Post Sr. Vice Commander. I now pass my chair to Steve Wilkins. and encourage all of you to support him and his team as we look forward to another successful year at VFW Post 392. ,

Sr. Vice Commander

John Flavin

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Dates to remember

- 6/4 The Battle of Midway begins in 1942
- 6/6 D-Day, Allies invade France in 1944
- 6/8 Israeli forces attack the USS Liberty in 1967
- 6/9 US Forces launch Operation Peninsula Strike, Tigris River, Iraq, in 2003
- 6/14 Flag Day proclaimed by President Wilson in 1916
- 6/15 US Forces begin invasion of Saipan in 1944
- 6/16 1st Marine Division victory in Battle for the Punch Bowl, Korea, in 1951
- 6/25 Korean War begins in 1950
- 6/28 US Forces launch first Vietnam offensive in 1965
- 6/29 Tomb of Vietnam Unknown Serviceman identified as 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie, USAF, in 1998



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades,

May has been a very busy month with our Post! This month we completed our Day of Service volunteer event on May 3rd. It was a huge success and placed us one step closer to receiving All-American status. We joined other local area Posts at our VFW VA District 2 meeting on May 10th, where we elected new district officers. We also had our own installation ceremony later that day for our 2025-2026 Post and Auxiliary Officers. On Fridays we enjoyed shrimp specials along with live entertainment every week. Saturdays were filled with pool and dart tournaments, bingo and Texas hold-em. On the 1st and 2nd Sundays we enjoyed an incredible breakfast for an unbeatable price conducted by our Cootie Pup Tent 9. On May 22nd we enjoyed the kickoff of our Buddy Poppy fundraising event with a spaghetti dinner. On Saturday May 24th, we placed flags on the gravesites of nearly 10,000 veterans throughout our community during our Memorial Day Weekend Flags Out event. Finally, we enjoyed an excellent night of Val Kilmer movie trivia from the "Huckleberry of Trivia" himself, Steve "Good Steve" Wilkins. As you can see, we have been very busy, and I hope you were able to join us this month and in the coming months.

I would like to take a moment to personally thank you each of you for electing me as your next Post Commander. I am humbled by your support, and I am eager to be the best Commander I can for you. The job of leading a Post as great as ours is not an easy task, as one may imagine. As I have always stated in my newsletter inputs, "Many hands make light work",

and I could not lead this Post without a strong team of officers, and the incredible support of the great VFW Auxiliary that we have. I look forward to a wonderful year. I am excited, and motivated to do what I can to help us leave an impact on the veteran community within our District, State, Nation, and Worldwide. I challenge each of you to show up for one volunteer event, to bring a friend to each meeting, and to do just a little bit to help somewhere in our Post. We are not the team we are or able to improve without the input from our members. I look forward to seeing you at the Post! Many hands make light work!

I will see you at the Post!

**Jr. Vice Commander
Kevin Hébert**

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**QUARTER-
MASTER**

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.

June 2025

40 Years Continuous Service:

Kenneth Harper:

30 Years Continuous Service:

Timothy H. Moes

25 Years Continuous Service:

John S. Asmussen

20 Years Continuous Service:

William L. Ackerman, Bruce J. Cuppett, Heidi S. Gallant, Roger D. Hoskins, Thomas G. Mathews,

Christopher M. Morgan

15 Years Continuous Service:

Donald N. Baum, Jeffrey D. Bull,
Charles D. Savage

10 Years Continuous Service:

Daryl D. Baker Jr., Nannette L. Murray

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 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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

WWW.VFW392.ORG

E-NEWSLETTER

The VFW Post 392 Newsletter and Calendar are available online for free! If you are currently receiving a hard copy of the Newsletter via the USPS, we ask 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.

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!

Updating Your Name, Address and Contact Information

VFW Post 392 maintains the name, address, phone number and email address for all our Post and Auxiliary members. If any of this information has changed for you since you joined the Post, please notify the Quartermaster by phone or email so he can update our databases. If you are planning on moving anytime in the upcoming future (often the case with our active duty military members) 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 a USPS address change form, mail it in, or drop it off at the Post.

DECEASED MEMBERS:

Please contact the Post when a member passes. If members are only reported as deceased to VFW National, we find this out only by checking the National Deceased list, which does not provide the deceased's date of death. Also, VFW National Headquarters often lists members from our Post as deceased without us knowing. Sometimes these members have been deceased for many years. Last year, VFW National reported 31 of our members deceased. When we find out that a member is deceased, often the members contact information is not up-to-date, so we are unable to do a follow-up with the family.

We maintain a permanent wall plaque for the names and dates of our deceased members. Please help us honor them!!

Quartermaster
John Phillips
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Comrades, Auxiliary & friends, I greet you in the Blessed name of Jesus Christ our Lord & Savior.

Happy June everyone! Did you know that, depending on where you are, June hosts either the longest or shortest day of the year? On either June 20th, 21st, or 22nd, depending on the year, (here we go again) it is the longest day (summer solstice) in the northern hemisphere or the shortest day (winter solstice) in the southern hemisphere. How confusing that must be for those who live near the equator!

June is thought to be named after the Roman God of marriage, Juno. June hosts several well-known, as well as some obscure holidays. US Flag Day is observed on June 14th and commemorates the adoption of the US flag by the Second Continental Congress in 1777. It was officially established as a national holiday in 1949. In England, June is observed as "National Smile Month". Now that's something the United States should look into.

June 19th is Juneteenth or Freedom Day. June 26th is the first day of the Islamic lunar calendar & the end of June signals the halfway point in the year.

National Chocolate Ice Cream Day is June 7th & this year Father's Day falls on June 15th. To me that seems like poor planning. Why not combine the two?!

It's interesting how we celebrate Father's Day. Last month, on Mother's Day, we fathers celebrated by taking our wives/ mothers out to dinner. This month, on Father's Day, we fathers celebrate by taking our wives/ mothers out to dinner. Hey, it

beats an ugly tie!!

This month typically begins the summer vacation season. Should you & your family travel, I wish for you much enjoyment & pray for safe travels.

Please continue to be kind to one another. Support & pray for one another.

Since June is the month of marriage, I leave you with this concerned question from six year old Neil: "Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in the church. Is that OK?"

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

In His Name,

Post Chaplain
Don Jackson
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757-469-0789

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 Don Jackson or our Auxiliary Chaplain Gloria Jackson, as appropriate, at your first opportunity, as 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:

Temporary Illness or Injury
James Maloney- Lake Taylor
Rehab Room 7A
(PPC) Bill Sowers—Home

TAPS
GRANT POLLOCK
MAY 3, 2025

SERGE DRILLOCK,
APR 24, 2025
MICHAEL DINNEN
FEB 13, 2025
JOHN A. CHENEVERT
MAY 6, 2025
ISAAC R. THOMPSON
MAY 6, 2025

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.



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Brothers, Sisters and Comrades,

This will be my last newsletter input for the year 2024-2025!! We have accomplished a lot of important things this year but there is still work to be done. We are 100 percent reported in every program, and we are well above our membership requirements. I know I have said it before, but I am going to say it again **THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE.** Without each and every one of you we could not get done what we do for our Veterans.

On May 10th we held our District 2 Convention. I would like to thank District 2 Auxiliary President Dinah Doyle for an outstanding year as President. She once again made 392 very proud!! I am honored to have been elected as the 2025-2026 Auxiliary District President. I look forward to working with all the newly elected and appointed officers of District 2.

After our district meeting, Team 392 held our installation of officers. Bob DeChamplain is the new Auxiliary President, and Kevin Hébert is the new Post Commander, effective on June 21st once the new State Commander is sworn in. I look forward to

working with you this year.

Our Chaplain, Gloria Jackson, stands by for any member who may need our assistance. Thanks for everything that you do for our Veterans and our Post!!! I can be reached at 757- 477-5086 or at fredlyj@verizon.net, or you can reach our Secretary Judy at 757-581-2702 or

luvedale88@verizon.net. She will make sure I get the message.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday June 3rd, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Auxiliary President
Fred Jennings
fredlyj@verizon.net
757-477-5089



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

**Auxiliary Members In Good
Standing 596/449 Life Members**

CONTINUOUS AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

All who have not received their longevity awards are requested to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of our VFW 392 Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary President stands ready to decorate you with the awards indicated:

15 Years Continuous Service:
Hui Sik Crowder

*Thank you for your service and
congratulations!*

VFW Auxiliary Secretary
Judy Lupole
luvedale88@verizon.net
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CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

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

KITCHEN HOURS

Monday- Kitchen closed*
Tuesday-Thursday: 1100-1400,

Tuesday-Thursday: 1700-1900

Friday: 1100-1400, 1730-2030

Saturday/Sunday: 1300-1700*

** 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*

SOCIAL HOURS

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

MEMBERS BOTTLES

Bottle storage behind the bar is for
short term storage ONLY. Bottles
are tracked and will be removed
after 90 days if not utilized.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you haven't paid your locker
dues, you no longer have a locker.
All contents in your locker have
been removed and stored in a
secure area.

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 on
weekends. When the kitchen is
closed, the *menu items above are
available. **We show all NASCAR
CUP Races on our big screen
TV's!** The Kitchen is open for
menu service on Saturdays and
Sundays from Noon to 5:00 pm
during the NASCAR Season.

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
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**FAJITAS AND
MARGARITAS DINNER**
**(BYOB, we'll provide the mix
and salt!)**

JUN 12 1700-1900

\$15.00

No Registration Required!

**Note: IF A REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED FOR A DINNER,
PRE-PAYMENT MAY ALSO
BE REQUIRED.** This ensures
we don't over-prepare and lose
money on these fundraising
events!! If you have questions,
please contact our **Canteen
Manager Shelly Hughes** or
**Assistant Canteen Manager
Teresa McMillion** at (757) 486-
5875, or via email at:
canteenmanager392@gmail.com.

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Below is the live entertainment
scheduled for April. Please come
enjoy the music with us!

Jun 6th BRUCE TODD 6:30-9:30PM	Jun 20th DJ SHANNON 6-10PM
Jun 13th MARTY MOORE 6:30-9:30PM	Jun 27th NOAH REINHART 6:30-9:30PM

**Our Friday Evening Dinners,
which include our weekly
Shrimp Special, are held from
5:30 - 8:30 PM.**

Fridays: Steamed Shrimp

EZ Peel Shrimp are back & larger!
1/2 lb. for \$9.00 / 1 lb. for \$16.00.
Fried Shrimp Dinner: \$11.50
(Prices as of Sep 15th, 2023)

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



MOC PUP TENT #9 UPDATE

Fellow Coots of Pup Tent #9, Life Membership Dues will increase about 15%, effective 1 June 2025. Please get with CCDB Dave Goldstein to upgrade to a Life Membership and forgo any future dues increases.

We have scheduled Casino Night for Saturday, September 13th, 2025, from 5-10 PM. We will need a lot of help to conduct this event, including registration desk, dealers, chip counters, and runners, so please keep an eye out for when we post a signup sheet.

We will have our next monthly meeting on June 10th at 7:00 PM. We need more active Coots at our meetings. All current Cooties should attend.

MOC Seam Squirrel
Ronnie Steele
ADJDIST2@VFWA.ORG



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

Our program for the 2024-2025 years is completed. Thank you all that participated and supported the committee and entrants. Entries for the 2025-2026 season are due starting in October. Stay tuned!

Sue C. Sowers
Scholarship Chairperson
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The following Post members are
commissioned as Notary Publics
in the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- Robert DeChamplain
- David Sage

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A century ago, in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, the VFW National Home for Children began as a place where families left behind by war could remain together. Today, as simply the VFW National Home, it 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 at <https://vfwnationalhome.org/about-us/history/>.



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NATIONAL HOME

IN CRISIS? NEED HELP OR GUIDANCE? IT'S ONLY A PHONE CALL AWAY!!

**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

Send comments, corrections, or complaints about our content to webmaster@vfw392.org. Thanks!

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor:
We are looking for a Post 392 member to assume the duties of Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. Must have experience in editing web pages and publications. Please contact Post Adjutant Michael Marushia for further information on this position.



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