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From the Commander:

My Fellow Comrades and Auxiliary,

Another month has come and gone. It seems like only a couple of days ago I was writing the September newsletter. We had a busy month with Patriot's Day, POW/MIA Day and VFW Day all commemorated this past month.

Thank you for all the donations for Hurricane Florence relief drive. We have shown the State that VFW Post 4809 and Auxiliary takes care of all!

We will be hosting a FREE Veterans Health fair on Saturday October 6th from 9 AM to 1 PM. All Veterans must bring proof of being a Veteran, (i.e. Retired ID card, DD-214, or VA identification card). A lite breakfast and lunch will be served. Flyers are posted throughout the Post with the details. Extra flyers are in the Canteen if you want to post them where you think Veterans would see them. This is open to all Veterans so please get the word out.

Did you know for every 5 people you recruit you get a chance in a drawing to accompany the VFW Commander in Chief on a vacation to Hawaii next spring? If you recruit 25 new or reinstated members you get an extra 10 chances for the drawing. So, let's get out there and start recruiting!

Eagle Scout Candidate Roger Riffle held his fundraiser dinner on September 21st. This was to finance the building of a ceremonial fire pit to allow us to retire flags in a dignified and respectful manner on a more regular basis. We will be dedicating it on Veterans Day.

*****IMPORTANT ACTION ITEM*****

During the Vietnam War, Veterans who served in the offshore waters of Vietnam drank, bathed in, and cooked with water contaminated by Agent Orange. They are now arbitrarily and unjustly denied benefits for illnesses associated with Agent Orange exposure. On July 25, 2018, the House of Representatives unanimously passed H.R. 299, the *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018*. This bipartisan legislation would end the injustice of denying care and benefits to Veterans who suffer from life-threatening health conditions. H.R. 299 is now stalled in the Senate. The VFW needs your help to make sure this bill is passed before the end of the year. If the Senate fails to do so, the bill will die and may never be considered again.

Take Action: Contact your Senator to demand that the Senate swiftly pass H.R. 299. The Senate must not delay passage of this important bill while Blue Water Navy Veterans sicken and die from diseases related to exposure to Agent Orange.

Use the following web address to send this to your Senators:

<http://capwiz.com/vfw/utr/1/HFADBBVKDJV/LDLKBBVK/DKN/11741867726>

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Please wear a red shirt every Friday. On random Fridays if you have a red shirt on you will get 50 cents off your first beverage of the day.

Respectfully Yours,
Commander Scott Bannon

Upcoming Events:

Oct 7th Start of Operation Enduring Freedom

Oct 8th Post meeting 7:00 PM

Oct 12th Post Dinner 6:30 PM

Oct 13th Dept. Commander's Homecoming
in Crozet, VA. 4-8 PM

Oct 16th House Committee 7:00 PM

Oct 17th VA Hospital Bingo 6:30 PM

Oct 18th Recognition of Women
in Military Service 6:30 PM

From the Auxiliary President:

Brothers, Sisters & Comrades,

We begin October with our Auxiliary meeting on Oct 1st at 7 PM. Auxiliary dinner Oct 5th will be Stuffed Green Peppers, Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Rolls. Veterans' Health Fair will be at Post 4809 Oct 6th 9 AM to 1 PM. The Auxiliary will be providing a light lunch, if you would like to help set up or with serving please be in the kitchen by 10:30 AM. Department Commander Ken and President Patty homecoming will be Oct 13th 4 to 8 PM at Pro Ra Nata Farm Brewery in Crozet, VA. VA Hospital bingo with the VFW and Auxiliary will be Oct 17th at 6:30 PM at the VA Medical Center. Volunteers meet at 6 PM. Assisting hospitalized Veterans with their bingo cards and serving snacks, it is a great evening. Congratulations to our newly elected Auxiliary Chaplain Pam Snedecor. Thank you for accepting this position.

Updates on some of our programs and events:

VFW National Home/Buddy Poppy: September's dinner raised over \$200 for the National Home for Children. In "Memory & in Honor" cards that were displayed in the canteen with the monies being donated to the Buddy Poppy program. Good job Gloria K. and a big thank you to all members for your support.

Hospital Program: The Day of Caring was held Sep 27th at the VA Medical Center in Hampton. Thanks to all who helped. The patients always enjoy the Auxiliary "ducky pond".

Eagle Scout Project: Thank you to all the members who helped with Rodger's fundraising dinner on Sep 21st.

Scholarship Programs: School is in session and so our Scholarship Programs begin. Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Young American Patriotic Award applications have been delivered to 11 Norfolk Schools by our Chairpersons Bob Clinebell and Gloria K. These programs provide scholarships to students up to \$30,000. Contact the chairpersons if you need more information.

Veterans and Family Support: Commander Ken Wiseman had asked the Posts and Auxiliaries of the Dept. of Virginia to donate non-perishable food, water, supplies and monies to send to assist hurricane Florence victims in the Carolinas. Items donated were gathered from around the State and delivered by truck from the State Headquarters. Thank you all for your contributions.

Welcome to our 2 newest members Craig Casper & Charles Thebarger Jr!

2019 annual membership dues are being collected now. Early bird special is \$14 from now until Dec 31st, 2018. Your current card will expire then, and dues will be \$25. Get yours in the mail today and save \$\$\$\$\$. Life membership is available at any time.

Commander's Red Shirt Friday
"Remembering Everyone Deployed"

Believe We Can Do It!
Georgette Bannon – Auxiliary President



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From the Post Chaplain:

Comrades and Sisters,

We have been very fortunate in that we did not have any news of anyone passing away since our last newsletter. This announcement is always something to be extremely thankful and grateful for. Please continue to pray for Gordy Dodson, Phil Klinefelter, Tim Dawley's wife, Hoppy Dillard's wife and any other Comrades, Sisters, and family members that might be undergoing health issues in your thoughts and daily prayers. They continue to need any love and support we are able to provide.

Never forget to pray for all our active duty service members, DOD civilians and their families both stateside and overseas, especially those serving in combat theaters of operation.

Also remember if you or a family member should become ill, are injured, admitted to the hospital or experience the loss of a loved one, be sure to contact me, Jim Wold at (757) 532-2993 or the Post Home. One of our most important responsibilities as VFW members is to offer support and assistance whenever possible to our fellow Comrades, Sisters and their families.

The post is always in need of volunteers to go to the VA Hospital in Hampton and help out with our monthly bingo at the Spinal Cord Department (3rd Wednesday of the month), it is very rewarding. Wednesday night bingo takes a few more people because you are moving a lot, helping patients with their cards, handing out prizes etc. If interested, please contact me.

With My Utmost Respect,
Jim Wold
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From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Brothers, Sisters, and Comrades,

As your newly elected Auxiliary Chaplain, I look forward to serving as Chaplain and wish everyone a healthy and happy year.

Please contact me if you know of any members that are ill, hospitalized or have passed.

Love and Prayers,
Pam Snedecor
VFW Post 4809 Auxiliary Chaplain
757-508-6268

From the Auxiliary Buddy Poppy & National Home Chair Person:

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

I am the "Buddy Poppy" and National Home chairperson this year. I am enclosing some information that you might be interested in. It is my hope that this will help all know why we do what we do with Poppies and National Home funds raised. Please read below:

*****BUDDY POPPY/ VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN*****

While in the past, "Buddy" Poppy and the VFW National Home for Children fell under the Veterans & Family Support Ambassador, this program year, this mighty little flower and the wonderful safe haven that is the National Home will have its own National Ambassador – Renee Fulk.

The "Buddy" Poppy has been an integral part of the VFW community for more than 95 years. As the VFW's official memorial flower, the poppy represents the blood shed by American service members. The "Buddy" Poppy has raised millions for the welfare of Veterans and their dependents. "Buddy" Poppies are still assembled by disabled, hospitalized, aging and in-need Veterans. The program also provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national Veterans' rehabilitation and service programs, and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children. The VFW National Home for Children gives active-duty military, Veterans, their families and descendants of members of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary the tools they need to build better lives. Qualifying military and Veteran families can live rent-free for up to four years while receiving educational support, child care, counseling, life skills training and more at no cost. Visit vfwnationalhome.org

Respectfully,
Gloria Klinefelter



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From the Seam Squirrel:

Fellow Cooties,
Good Day,

First, I would like to apologize for doing a lousy job last month during one of our busiest weekends for the Cootie Safari. In addition, this was due to a work-related item which is going to continue throughout the year, however, I will do my best to schedule around scratches and meals. A huge “crummy” thank you to Blank Bum performing my duties in my absence!! Great “lousy” job.

Secondly, I would like to thank as always, all the crummy volunteers that we have that continue to support the weekend dinners and breakfast. It does not go unnoticed and you are completely horrible, however, awesome for your support.

Lastly, looking in the Month of October the following weekend we will need some support:

- Oct 21 – Cootie Bingo VA Hospital
- Oct 26 – Cootie Burgers
- Oct 30 – Cootie Breakfast
- Nov 1 – 4 Tomb Trek

That is all for now until next month!!

**“Busier than a Bee” “Closer than a Brother”
“Keep them Smiling in Beds of White”**

Yours in LOTCS,
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From the MOCA President:

I hope everyone had minimal (if any) damage from our 'hurricane'. Please keep our neighbors to the south in your prayers.

I apologize for any inconvenience over canceling dinner last month.

This month dinner will be Oct. 19, serving pork chops, stuffing, baked apples, salad & rolls. All for \$8.00.

Hospital Bingo is Oct. 21... please come out and have some fun with the Veterans. You do not have to have volunteer training to participate. 😊

Volunteer training is being offered at the Hampton VA Oct 23, 6-9pm and Oct 24, 9-12 am. You can call to reserve a spot @ Volunteer services 757 728-3124.

Thanks to everyone who supported the MOCA by buying pistachios.

If anyone has an idea for a fundraiser, I would love to hear about it.

Anyone want to do a Halloween costume contest? 🎃 or a pumpkin carving contest?

MEETING OCT. 09 @ 7:00

Thanks for all your support

"Keep'em smiling in beds of white"

Vickie Petersen 435-850-8270
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From the Canteen:

We offer Pizza, Cheeseburgers, Lumpia, Mozzarella Sticks, and Loaded Potato Skins daily in the Canteen. Come on out and enjoy some snacks!

Upcoming Dinners for October 2018:

October 5th: The AUX Dinner is Stuffed Green Peppers.

October 12th: The Post Dinner is Jambalaya.

October 19th: **The MOCA Dinner is Pork Chops.**

October 26th: **COOTIE Burgers and Fries/Onion Rings.**

October 28th: **SUNDAY Breakfast by the COOTIES from 0930 to 1100.**

Canteen Entertainment for October 2018:

October 5th: Lou Caretta.

October 12th: Karaoke with DJ Mike.

October 26th: Karaoke with DJ Mike.

*****WE HAVE A NEW GAME ON THE ETAB MACHINES, AND NEW BET AMOUNTS, CAN WIN UP TO \$1000.00!! COME ON OUT AND PLAY!!!!*****

*****We are serving Shrimp and Wings in the Canteen on Wednesday's from 5:30 till 7:30 *****

Food Handlers Card reminder: If you are working in the kitchen you need an up to date card. eFoodhandlers.com

COME IN AND SUPPORT YOUR POST AND ENJOY THE COMRADERY!

CANTEEN HOURS

MONDAY thru THURSDAY - 2PM TO 10PM

FRIDAY – 12PM TO 12AM (MIDNIGHT)

SATURDAY – 12PM TO 12AM (MIDNIGHT)

SUNDAY - 12PM TO 8PM

Reverse Raffle: Tickets \$40.00 and only 400 will be sold.

Tickets are open to the public.

First 17 tickets will win \$100.

18th ticket will win \$1,000.00

19th ticket will win \$3,000.00

20th ticket will win \$5,000.00

The profit will be split by the Corporation, Post and Auxiliary.

Come in and ask about more details.

Respectfully,
Theresa and Ruth

General Information:

1. All newsletter inputs are due to Dave Alexander by the 20th of each month. Please send me your newsletter inputs at:

cwo1967@yahoo.com



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<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<p>***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***</p>	<p>1 Post Inventory 7am</p> <p>Aux Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>2 MOC Scratch 7pm</p>	<p>3 Wings - Canteen 5:30pm – 7:30pm</p> <p>Cribbage – Sm Hall</p>	4	<p>5 AUX Dinner - Stuffed Peppers 6:30 pm</p> <p>Lou Caretta</p>	<p>6 Veterans' Health Day</p>
7	<p>8 Post Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>9 MOCA Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>10 Shrimp – Canteen 5:30 to 7:30pm</p> <p>Cribbage – Sm Hall</p>	<p>11 VFW Post 4809 Riders Sm Hall 7pm</p>	<p>12 Post Dinner - Jambalaya 6:30pm</p>	13
14	15	<p>16 HC Meeting Sm Hall 7pm</p>	<p>17 Wings – Canteen 5:30 to 7:30pm Post/Aux VA Hospital Bingo Cribbage – Sm Hall</p>	18	<p>19 MOCA Dinner – Pork Chops 6:30pm</p> <p>DJ Mike</p>	<p>20 Comedy Show 6pm</p>
<p>21 MOC/MOCA VA Hospital Bingo</p>	22	23	<p>24 Shrimp - Canteen 5:30pm – 7:30pm</p> <p>Cribbage – Sm Hall</p>	25	<p>26 MOC Dinner – Burgers and Fries/Onion Rings 6:30pm</p> <p>DJ Mike</p>	27
<p>28 MOC Breakfast 9:30am</p>	<p>29 Joint Meeting 7pm</p>	30	<p>31 Happy Halloween!</p> <p><u>No Wings</u></p> <p>Cribbage – Sm Hall</p>			<p>***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***</p>