

December 2018



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From the Commander:

My Fellow Comrades and Auxiliary,

I want to thank everyone who volunteered for the Veterans Day ceremony on the 11th. A special **THANK YOU** goes to our Auxiliary and MOCA for serving lunch for everyone who attended. We also held a dedication of the flag retirement fire pit along with a flag retirement ceremony led by the Boy Scouts. We retired 125 flags.

We had a good turnout for the Veterans Day Parade on the 12th with our Comrades, Brothers, and Sisters from the entire district handing out buddy poppies to everyone along the parade route. Department Commander Ken Wiseman and Department Auxiliary President Patty Baskett made the trip to help us celebrate by marching in the parade and coming to the post for lunch afterwards.

The Thanksgiving dinner for the patients from Hampton VA Hospital was a huge success due to the work of over 35 volunteers. We fed about 150 dinners. District 2 Commander Ronnie Steele and Sr. Vice Commander James Evans came and helped with the meal. I also need to say thank you to Ocean Breeze for providing the music for dinner. They do an outstanding job year after year.

We had 74 Patriot's Pen and 27 Voice of Democracy entries this year. Thank you to all those who helped judge this year's entries. Also please tell Bob Clinebell thank you for all the work that he does with these programs every year.

Our Jr. Vice Commander Craig Dudley has stepped down

due to personal commitments. Craig, I want thank you for your work this year. We will be taking nominations and electing a new Jr. Vice Commander at our December post meeting on the 10th. We will be holding a Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony on the 7th at 6 PM. We will have a special guest, WW II Veteran and Post 4809 life member Lonnie Johnson. On Saturday December 15th starting at 0900, wreaths will be distributed and placed at Veterans gravesites at the Albert G. Horton Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Please try to participate; you will not be disappointed!

Upcoming Events

Dec 7 th Pearl Harbor day	6 PM
Dec 10 th Post meeting	7 PM
Dec 15 th Albert G. Horton Wreath Laying Ceremony	9 AM
Dec 12 th Christmas party @ VA Hospital	6 PM
Dec 14 th Post dinner	6:30 PM
Dec 18 th House Committee	7 PM
Dec 24 th Christmas Eve Party in the Canteen	6 PM

Please remember our service members deployed by wearing a red shirt every Friday. **EVERY Friday if you have a red shirt on you will get 50 cents off your first beverage of the day.**

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's,

Scott Bannon
Commander

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From the Auxiliary President:

Brothers, Sisters & Comrades,

The holiday season has arrived; we begin with the Auxiliary meeting Dec 3rd at 7 PM, Auxiliary dinner Dec 7th at 6:30 PM, spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, and garlic bread, Dec 24th Polly Anna gift exchange promptly at 7 PM. Please bring a new wrapped gift (\$15-\$20 value) to participate. There is a signup sheet in the hallway. This is a fun evening, time to relax, sing and enjoy the holiday spirit. If you can bring a munchie to share that would be great.

November Highlights, what a busy month. "WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS".

Nov 2nd was chicken pot pie a great success.

Nov 7th was Auxiliary meeting. Welcome to our 2 new members Starletha Murphy and Jean Hyson (glad to see you)

Nov 8th was judging of Patriot's Pen we had over 70 entries.

Nov 11th was Veterans Day Lunch for 4809 veterans and guests. Flag retirement ceremony and dedication of the flag retirement fire pit. Thanks to Roger Riffle & Scouts for a great event.

Nov 12th was The Veterans Day parade with POW/MIA float provided by Post 4809. It had all the Post and district 2 flags also. Special guests were Department Commander Ken Wiseman and Department President Patty Baskettt.

Nov 17 District 2 meeting was held at Post 3160 Ocean View. District President Teresa Evans held an excellent meeting. Department Sr. Vice President Marcia Semones was the representative.

Nov 18th was Thanksgiving dinner for Hospitalized Veterans from VA Hampton Medical Center. 35 patients attended as well as Post and Auxiliary members and their guests. District 2 President Teresa Evans stopped by to help. The Veterans were served a delicious meal, received handmade thank you cards from Ocean Lake elementary students. They also made a big "THANK YOU" poster that is on display in the small hall. Music was provided by Ocean Breeze. To all that cooked, provided side dishes and desserts, served, set up and cleaned up THANK YOU ALL!

Post 4809 Teacher of the Year is Ms. Janice Ricci, 4809 Auxiliary Member, Jr. Vice President, and youth activities chairman. Janice is a music teacher at Ocean Lakes Elementary School. She incorporates various Patriotic and civic learning activities into her curriculum.

2019 ANNUAL DUES ARE BEING COLLECTED.

Membership year for the Auxiliary is Jan 1st to Dec 31st 2018. 64 annual due notices have been sent. Your current membership card will expire Dec 31st 2018. A member ceases to be in good standing on Jan 1st 2018. You cannot attend department, district, and Auxiliary meetings or hold office. If you or a family member still needs to pay, we have a special for \$14 through Dec 31st. Life membership is always available. Ask about the cost it is a great way to save \$\$.

Look forward to seeing you all soon. Any questions please call or text me.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Georgette Bannon
Auxiliary President



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From the Post Chaplain:

Comrades and Sisters,

Once again 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 gratifying and something to be extremely thankful for. Please continue to pray for Mary Gebhardt (wife of John), Margarita Cruz-Vargas, Phil Klinefelter, Wayne Sutton's wife, Christine Anglin's brother and any other Comrades, Sisters and family members that might be undergoing health issues in your daily thoughts and prayers. They continue to require 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 should you or a family member 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 at (757) 461-1343.

One our most important responsibilities as VFW members is to always offer support and assistance whenever possible to our fellow Comrades, Sisters and their families.

This time of the year is a time to reflect and remember everything that makes us a great Post. That's why I want to assure everyone how much I appreciate you continued support, friendship and privilege of serving as your Post Chaplain. My sincere thanks and best wishes to everyone for a joyous, safe and happy holiday season.

With My Utmost Respect,

Jim Wold
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From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Brothers, Sisters, Comrades,

Praying you all will be blessed this holiday, and remember those that are sick and lonely, and our veterans at this time of the year.

Our own Judith Lasseter and Mary Gebhardt have been in the hospital recently and we are praying for a speedy recovery for them.

We are lifting the Klinefelter family up in prayer as Gloria attends to Phil in his recovery.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pam Snedecor
VFW Post 4809
Auxiliary Chaplain
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From the Seam Squirrel:

Fellow Cooties,
Good Day and hey, hey!

To all my lousy Cootie counterparts hope all is well. Although we had a lousy November I appreciate all the support that I get from the crummy volunteers. You all rock!! For the ones that went to Tomb Trek I am hoping you all had a lousy time. Unfortunately, I was away on travel for work. In addition, I am hoping everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving as well. As we move into December I would like to remind you all to pay your DUES!!!! See the C.C.D.B and pay up Cooties! Go life membership if you would like to forgo the annual reminder! Dues need to be fully paid up for the Pup Tent by 31 DEC. We have some very important dates that we need to remember to continue to support our Comrades.

They are as follows:

- December 4th – Cootie Scratch
- December 7th - Pearl Harbor Day Dinner
- December 21st – Cootie Burgers
- December 23rd – Cootie Breakfast

I will be away on work travel again from the 10th to 21st of December so looking forward to seeing you all at the Cootie Scratch. If I have no flight delays due to weather, I will also be here for burgers and breakfast!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

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:

Merry Christmas



Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and spent some time with special people in your life. I heard the Veterans had a great Thanksgiving visit. Thanks for all the support during the visit. I was unable to attend as I was on my way to KY to spend Thanksgiving with my family & precious granddaughter.

MOCA will not have a Christmas Party, but come to the next meeting and share some Christmas treats.

Meeting... Tuesday Dec. 11th

Christmas Party at the Hampton VA Hospital is Wednesday Dec. 12th; more to follow.

MOCA will not have a dinner this month... we will have a Christmas surprise package raffle on Friday Dec. 21st.

Tickets \$1.00 drawing held Dec. 21st.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

"Keep'em smiling in beds of white" – With Your Help!

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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 DEC 2018:

December 7th: AUX Dinner.

December 14th: POST Dinner.

December 21st: **NO MOCA DINNER.**

December 28th: **COOTIE Burgers and Fries/Onion Rings.**

December 30th: **SUNDAY Breakfast by the COOTIES from 0930 to 1100.**

Canteen Entertainment for DEC 2018:

December 7th: Lou Caretta.

December 14th: Karaoke with DJ Mike.

December 24th: Karaoke with DJ Mike.

December 28th: 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>
WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE					***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***	1 Post Inventory 7am
2	3 Aux Meeting 7pm	4 MOC Scratch 7pm	5 Shrimp - Canteen 5:30pm – 7:30pm Cribbage – Sm Hall	6 VFW State Riders Sm Hall 7pm	7 AUX Dinner – Pearl Harbor Remembra nce Day Lou Caretta	8 Army/Navy Game - Canteen
9	10 Post Meeting 7pm	11 MOCA Meeting 7pm	12 Wings – Canteen 5:30pm - 7:30pm Cribbage – Sm Hall	13 VFW Post 4809 Riders Sm Hall 7pm	14 Post Dinner - 6:30pm DJ Mike	15 Wreaths Across America – Albert G. Horton – 9AM
16	17	18 HC Meeting Sm Hall 7pm	19 Shrimp - Canteen 5:30pm – 7:30pm Cribbage – Sm Hall	20	21 <u>NO MOCA DINNER</u>	22
23	24 Christmas Eve Gift Exchange Canteen DJ Mike	25 <u>Merry Christmas!</u> <u>Post is Closed.</u>	26 Wings – Canteen 5:30pm - 7:30pm Cribbage – Sm Hall	27	28 MOC Dinner – Burgers and Fries/Onion Rings 6:30pm DJ Mike	29
30 MOC Breakfast 9:30am	31					