

January 2019



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From the Commander:

My Fellow Comrades and Auxiliary,

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Years and hope you had a great holiday.

Congratulations to Dave Alexander for being elected as our new Jr. Vice Commander and Steve Braunshausen for his appointment to Judge Advocate. Thank you both for stepping up to assist the Post.

I also would like to congratulate Auxiliary member Janice Ricci on being selected as District 2 K-5 Teacher of the Year. I want to thank everyone who volunteered from the Post, Auxiliary, Military Order of the Cootie, and Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary for the Pearl Harbor dinner in honor of Life Member Lonnie Johnson. He had great stories to tell about his service during WW II and the early days of the Post here on Bartee Street.

We donated 2 big boxes of toys to the Marine Corp Toys for Tots drive. Thank you for everyone's help in making some less fortunate children's Christmas better.

Wreaths across America was held at Horton Veterans Cemetery on the 15th. Thanks to those who braved the weather that day.

The VA Medical Center Hampton Christmas party was held on the 19th, we provided gifts and meals to 70 patients. Thank you Chaplain Jim, Dick H, Kevin J, Bob C, Kathy G, Elaine M, Dave C, Vergie, and Georgette B for making this party a success. The Post does not function without the help of everyone so please help when you can.

By the time you read this we will also have had our annual Christmas Eve party and Polly Anna gift exchange. I'm sure it will be fun as always. I want to encourage everyone to recruit at least one new member this month or get an expired member to renew their membership.

VFW National Headquarters has hired a firm to make calls to expired members. This campaign is being run by MDS, a call center contracted by the VFW National Headquarters for this purpose. You can be assured that this is indeed a legitimate call authorized by the National Headquarters, and that National can be contacted directly with any questions or concerns you may have.

The Department of Virginia winter convention will be held January 11-13 at the Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth, VA. Come out and see old friends and make new ones while seeing what is going on in the VFW thru out the state.

Upcoming Events

Jan 11th Post dinner	6:30 PM
Jan 14th Post meeting	7 PM
Jan 29th Joint Meeting	7 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.**

Respectfully,
Scott Bannon
Commander

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From the Auxiliary President:

Brothers, Sisters, and Comrades,

Happy New Year & Welcome 2019! Last year flew right by and so many things were accomplished since our year began in June. I am so proud, thank you all for your hard work. Let's continue what we do by taking care of our Veterans each and every day.

December Highlights:

7th Pearl Harbor Ceremony and Auxiliary spaghetti dinner.
12th Toys for Tots donation made by Post, Auxiliary, MOC and MOCA.

15th Wreaths across America at Albert G Horton cemetery
19th Christmas Party at VA Hampton Medical Center with presents to 70 Veterans from Santa and his helpers along with pizza and treats.

24th Christmas Eve gift exchange, singing Christmas carols and relaxing comrades, brothers and sisters.

Let's begin 2019 by **welcoming** our 3 newest Auxiliary members; Nancy Minter, Zachary Hall, and Sara Forbes.

Upcoming events

Jan 4th at 6:30 PM Auxiliary Dinner Chicken & pastry with Caesar salad.

Jan 7th Auxiliary meeting at 7 PM, have your 2019 membership card.

Jan 11th-13th Department of Virginia VFW and Auxiliary winter council at the Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth, VA. All members are welcome to attend.

Jan 11th Council meeting 7-9 PM

Jan 12th Auxiliary conference meeting, training, and workshops from 9 AM to 2:30 PM.

Jan 12th Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pens awards banquet 4-6 PM.

Congratulations to the District 2 *Teacher of the Year* Janice Ricci Jr Vice President Post 4809 Auxiliary.

Reminder 2019 annual dues are being collected. Your 2018 membership card expired on December 31st, 2018.

Believe We Can Do It!

Georgette Bannon
Auxiliary President

From the Post Chaplain:

Comrades and Sisters,

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

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, 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 of our most important responsibilities as VFW members is to always offer support and assistance whenever possible to our fellow Comrades, Sisters and family in their time of adversity.

By the time you receive this newsletter the holidays will be over. One of our biggest events of the season we host and undertake is the Christmas Party at Veterans Hospital in Hampton, VA. This is another one of our most successful events due to the generosity and efforts from some of our wonderful members: Scott Bannon, Georgette Bannon, Lanie Musick, Vickie Peterson, Dick Helm, Kathy Goodall, Tito Cruz, Bob Clinebell, Kevin Jared, Virginia Oxford, Martie Braunshausen and a few others that I might have failed to mention. The veterans were most appreciative and thankful.

With My Utmost Respect,

Jim Wold
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From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

January brings cold temps, so we need to remember those that are sick among us and possible shut in.

Special prayers are sent out to Marlene Snyder as she fights this second bout of cancer, our time is in God's hands. Spend time with your loved ones and reach out to our vets as they all need our love and a kind word.

Respectfully,
Pam Snedecor
VFW Post 4809
Auxiliary Chaplain
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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 Seam Squirrel:

Fellow Cooties,
Happy New Year 2019,

I am truly hoping everyone had a lousy (wonderful) Christmas and of course had some quality time with family. I know Seam and family had a wonderful crummy time especially with the food on the table. Ok so here we are in January and we need to start thinking elections that will be coming up in March. I know I already have a suggestion for the next Seam Squirrel which I absolutely know that she will be lousier than me for the future. Unfortunately, it is team effort and only 1 person cannot do what we as Lousy Cooties do throughout the year. Takes volunteers to make this an outstanding organization and I know I appreciate every bit of it.

On our scratch 3 January which was shifted a few days due to the holiday we will be having a special event so I am going to need ALL my Officers present so we can make this successful.

Lastly, I am so appreciative of all the volunteers that we had for Mr. Lonnie Johnson's dinner. It was such a lousy time not sure how it was so successful for all the Red Shirts that were present. Cooties you rock and I thank you for everything you do!!

Important Dates:

January 3 – Cootie Scratch
January 25 – Cootie Burgers
January 27 – Cootie Breakfast



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From the MOCA President:

I really enjoy the New Year - it's a new beginning and a chance to do better than last year.

MOCA and the Auxiliary got a good start on that by combining our Christmas parties, even if it was last minute. Auxiliary President Georgette Bannon did a great job.

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and is ready for a great New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you at our regularly scheduled meeting -Jan.8th @ 7:00pm.

Winter council meeting will be on Jan. 12th @ 7:00 pm

details will be put out at our MOCA meeting.

MOCA dinner will be Friday Jan. 18th we will be serving Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with peas, salad and rolls.

Any type of help is always welcome! We will be joining the MOC for our regular Sunday afternoon Bingo at the Hampton VA at 2:00 pm on Jan.20th.

"Keep'em smilin' in beds of white"

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Wednesday Dinners in the Canteen!

We are PROUD to announce we have THREE TEAMS for cooking delicious Steamed Shrimp and Wings!

Welcome aboard Dave Smith!

Our current teams are:

CDR Scott Bannon and Crew

Jr. Vice CDR Dave Alexander and Crew

Aux Member Dave Smith and Crew

We are ALWAYS LOOKING for support! Come on down and enjoy wings and shrimp every other week (see calendar for details). With three crews you will receive variety in your choices, and the teams are always in need for volunteers to help out!



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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 JAN 2019:

January 4th: AUX Dinner.
January 11th: POST Dinner.
January 18th: **MOCA Dinner.**
January 25th: **COOTIE Burgers and Fries/Onion Rings.**
January 27th: **SUNDAY Breakfast by the COOTIES from 0930 to 1100.**

Canteen Entertainment for JAN 2019:

January 4th: Lou Caretta.
January 11th: Karaoke with DJ Mike.
January 18th: 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:

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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		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! The Post is Open!	2 Post Inventory 7am Shrimp - Canteen 5:30pm – 7:30pm Cribbage – Sm Hall	3 MOC Scratch 7pm	4 AUX Dinner – 6:30pm Lou Caretta	5
6	7 Aux Meeting 7pm	8 MOCA Meeting 7pm	9 Wings – Canteen 5:30pm - 7:30pm Cribbage – Sm Hall	10 VFW Post 4809 Riders Sm Hall 7pm	11 Post Dinner - 6:30pm DJ Mike	12
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27 MOC Breakfast 9:30am	28	29	30 Shrimp - Canteen 5:30pm – 7:30pm Cribbage – Sm Hall	31		***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***