

February 2019



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From the Commander:

My Fellow Comrades and Auxiliary,

It was great to be invited to attend everyone's meetings during January and pass on the great things we are doing and the thanks we have received from others outside the Post. Post 4809 and our Auxiliary prove that we believe every day is Veteran's Day and we MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Two things highlighted that again in January. We had 14 volunteers show up for bingo at the VA medical center on the 16th, which according to our Chaplain was the largest turn out in recent history. We also gathered over 50 lbs. of food and non-food items in less than a day to donate to our brothers and sisters in the U.S. Coast Guard who haven't been paid due the government shutdown. Be on the lookout for another flyer and donation box in the near future. The Post does not function without the help of everyone so please help when you can.

Please come out on Fridays and enjoy dinner prepared by our groups. This is a source of fund raising for everyone and they put in a lot of time and effort to make the delicious meals. February's Post meal will be Creole Jambalaya. I promise it will be good, if you don't believe me just ask Pam Snedecor about it.

If you have question, concerns, or ideas for the post please call me at the number listed in the newsletter or email me at: cdrpost4809@vfwva.org. If I don't answer the phone, please leave a voice mail and I will return your call as soon as I can.

I don't have a Facebook account so these are the best methods to contact me.

Upcoming Events

Feb 8 th Post dinner	6:30 PM
Feb 11 th Post meeting	7:00 PM
Feb 19 th House committee	7:00 PM
Feb 23 rd District meeting in Franklin	12:00 PM

Congratulations to Auxiliary Jr. Vice Janice Ricci on being selected as Department of Virginia K-5 Teacher of the Year. On to National!

I want to encourage everyone to recruit at least one new member this month or get an expired member to renew their membership. We are 85 members from reaching 100%.

I received some sad news on the 20th. Jim Hanson, VFW life member and longtime Service Officer of Post 4809 passed away. Jim was always very involved in helping the Post and Veterans. He was a true friend and will be sadly missed. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Yours in Comradeship,
Scott Bannon
Commander VFW Post 4809

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From the Auxiliary President:

Brothers, Sisters, and Comrades,

February has arrived and it's going to be a **LOVELY** month.

Feb 1st – Auxiliary dinner 6:30 PM: Fried shrimp, baked potato and coleslaw. **LOVE...** for everyone to come out and enjoy dinner with us.

Feb 4th – Auxiliary meeting 7 PM: **LOVE...** for all Auxiliary members to join us and we have 2 new life member applications.

Feb 23rd – District 2 VFW & Auxiliary meeting Franklin Post 4411 3385 Beaver dam RD. **LOVE...** for you all to attend! Lunch is served at 12 PM and meeting at 1PM. A great day will be had hope you will be there. PDP Debbie Martin Department Treasurer is our Representative. I want to say a big thank you to all Auxiliary members who attended the Dept. of Virginia Winter Council Meeting Jan 11-13. **Loved** seeing everyone, Past National Virginia President Dee Guillory was our representative. Everyone learned more about MALTA and Auxiliary Bylaws and Rituals. It was fun.

Congratulations to Auxiliary 4809 Jr Vice Janice Ricci for winning Department of Virginia K-5 Teacher of the Year. She received a \$500 check and crystal apple at the banquet. We are so proud!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Lapsed membership notices have been mailed out. Maintain your membership today! If you have not paid your 2019 dues, you are not a member in good standing.

You are NOT allowed to:

1. Attend VFW Aux meetings.
2. Hold a VFW Aux elective office, appointed office, or chairmanship at any level.
3. No longer eligible for cancer grant.

The good news is that you can return as a member in good standing by paying your dues now by sending \$18 today to:

Treasurer Vicki Butler
5728 Bartee St
Norfolk, VA 23502.

If anyone has any questions, ideas, or concerns **Love** to hear from you.

I believe We Can Do It!

Love Always in my heart for you & our Veterans,

Georgette Bannon
Auxiliary President 4809

From the Post Chaplain:

Comrades and Sisters,

We have three Comrades that passed since our last newsletter. Their names are Jim Hanson (CAPT US Navy and past Post 4809 Service Officer), Ira T. Manuel, and Edwin B. De Camp. Please keep Tim Dawley's wife Lisa, Phil Klinefelter and 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 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 support and assist whenever possible for our fellow Comrades, Sisters and family in their time of adversity.

Once again thanks to the 15 members who helped with our Wednesday night bingo at the Spinal Cord Department at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hampton. The Veterans really appreciate our efforts and friendship.

One final thought: Here's a quote from Dr. Seuss that might be of help to some of us, "Be who you are and say what you feel; because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind".

With My Utmost Respect,

Jim Wold
(757) 532-2993
jimwold@cox.net



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From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

February is the month of love so let's show some love to our Vets and those that are sick among us. Sadly, we lost a lifetime member in January, her name is Nelma Lyon. We draped our charter in memory of her during our January meeting. Also keep Judy Lasseter in your prayers as they did a lung biopsy to check a spot on her lung.

Please notify me if you know of anyone sick and in the hospital, my cell is 757-508-6268.

Respectfully,
Pam Snedecor
VFW Post 4809
Auxiliary Chaplain
757-508-6268

From the Seam Squirrel:

Fellow Cooties,
Good Day,

With a busy week of January behind us and all of our lousy Christmas decorations stored and put away until December 2019, we can move forward. I predict February will be just as busy as we welcome 3 new members who will earn their bug this month. For the ones that volunteer on a regular basis you have done the utmost crummiest job anyone can imagine, however, your work does not go unnoticed and I (SEAM) really appreciate all the hard work even behind the scenes. What I mean by that is the lousy ones that come in while we are work that make the burgers, cut steaks, as well as all the other things that need to be done for our dinners!! Thank you. Unfortunately, 3 new young members are not enough. We need to strive to get more participation as nothing against the older volunteers, but we need younger Veterans to continue the success of the MOC within Post 4809.

Some important dates to remember:

February 3rd – Cootie Play time (Small hall)

February 5th – Cootie Scratch 19:00

February 22nd – Cootie Burgers

February 24th – Cootie Breakfast

Unfortunately, Seam will be away on travel for work in New York during the Cootie Burgers/Breakfast so please pick up my slack. Hope to see everyone on the 3rd and 5th of February which is very important that ALL of us Lousy Cooties are there.

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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DAYTONA 500 CHILI COOK OFF TAIL GATER!

Come out to enjoy the “Great American Race” on February 17th on the big screen!!!! We will have a Chili Cook Off Event in the Canteen while you sit back to enjoy NASCAR!!!

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place “Best Chili”!

\$5.00 entry per person to taste and judge the best chili!

\$1.00 instant ticket sales

50/50 ticket sales

Plenty of Beer, Cheer, and non-alcoholic beverages!

Plenty of Post comradery!

Come out and enjoy!!! Vrrrrmmmm!



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From the MOCA President:



Another month is behind us. Another month of caring for Veterans.

We had a great turnout for bingo. Thank you! The number of Veterans attending is increasing and they really enjoy seeing us there, or maybe it's the snacks we bring. Whichever it's always a fun time.

Unfortunately, attendance at the meetings is decreasing. We cannot support the MOC or hospitalized Veterans without your help. Come out

and see what's going on. If you are not a member of the MOCA and would like to be, just let me know. We have some members going through some difficult times, please keep them in your hearts and prayers.

A quilt was donated by one of our members that lives out of the area. We will be selling tickets for a few months to raffle it. Check out our Facebook page to see what it looks like.

Dates to remember this month are:
MEETING Feb. 12th

DINNER Feb 15th ... We will be serving Beef Stroganoff with salad and rolls

Looking forward to seeing you!

"Keep'em smilin' in beds of white"

Vickie Petersen 435-850-8270
vpetersquilts@gmail.com



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Wednesday Dinners in the Canteen!

We are PROUD to announce we have THREE TEAMS up and running to cook delicious Steamed Shrimp and Wings on Wednesdays!

Our current teams are:

CDR Scott Bannon and Crew – **TEAM RUN SILENT RUN DEEP!**

Jr. Vice CDR Dave Alexander and Crew – **TEAM GATOR NAVY!**

Aux Member Dave Smith and Crew – **TEAM SEABEE NAVY!**

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 FEB 2019:

February 1st: Fried shrimp, baked potato and coleslaw.

February 8th: Creole Jambalaya.

February 15th: **Beef Stroganoff with salad and rolls.**

February 22nd: **COOTIE Burgers and Fries/Onion Rings.**

February 24th: **SUNDAY Breakfast by the COOTIES from 0930 to 1100.**

Canteen Entertainment for FEB 2019:

February 1st: Lou Caretta.

February 3rd: **SUPER BOWL IN THE CANTEEN!!!**

February 8th: Karaoke with DJ Mike.

February 17th: **DAYTONA 500 IN THE CANTEEN TAIL GATER – CHILI COOK OFF!!!!!!**

February 22nd: 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 *** Come out and support your Veterans!**

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>Cribbage – Small Hall Every Wednesday</p>		<p>1 Post Inventory 7am AUX Dinner – Fried Shrimp 6:30pm Lou Caretta</p>	2
<p>3 SUPER BOWL IN THE CANTEEN!!!</p>	<p>4 Aux Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>5 MOC Scratch 7pm</p>	<p>6 Wings – Canteen – TEAM SEABEE 5:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p>7 VFW Post 4809 Riders Sm Hall 7pm</p>	<p>8 Post Dinner – Creole Jambalaya 6:30pm DJ Mike</p>	9
10	<p>11 Post Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>12 MOCA Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>13 Shrimp – Canteen – TEAM RUN SILENT RUN DEEP 5:30pm – 7:30pm VA Hospital BINGO</p>	14	<p>15 MOCA Dinner – Beef Stroganoff 6:30pm</p>	16
<p>17 DAYTONA 500 IN THE CANTEEN TAIL GATER - CHILI COOK OFF!!!! MOC/MOCA Hospital BINGO</p>	18	<p>19 HC Meeting Sm Hall 7pm</p>	<p>20 Wings – Canteen – TEAM GATOR NAVY 5:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	21	<p>22 MOC Dinner – Burgers and Fries/Onion Rings 6:30pm DJ Mike</p>	23
<p>24 MOC Breakfast – Eggs to Order 9:30am</p>	25	26	<p>27 Shrimp – Canteen - TEAM SEABEE 5:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	28		<p>***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***</p>