

# December 2019



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## **From the Commander:**

My fellow Comrades and Auxiliary, November is behind us and the Holidays are upon us. Before I get to the rest of the newsletter, I first want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and blessed and prosperous New Year. A lot happened in November and I am so proud to be your Commander at how well everything went.

- We had a kitchen/post cleanup on November 3<sup>rd</sup> of which we got a lot of much needed deep cleaning in the kitchen completed along with a few repairs. Everyone that had anything to do with that worked hard and I thank you.

- The Post judged the Voice of Democracy essays while the Auxiliary judged the Patriots Pen essays. All Post picks went to the District Commander for judging at the district level at the past District meeting. Thank you to all those involved. It went very smoothly and all the entries were submitted on time.

- We participated in the Veteran's Day Parade with Comrades handing out Buddy Poppies, Post members who are part of the state VFW Riders rode their motorcycles, and our POW/MIA table float rode the parade route, which received many compliments from the on lookers.

- The District meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and our Post is doing very well. We are 100% reported for the second half of the year already. We are sitting at

approximately 84% for membership so we need to get out and recruit now so we are not rushed at the end of the cycle. The next District meeting will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of February at post 8545 in Smithfield. Please make plans to attend.

- The Post Home drainage system had some technical difficulties, which was taken care of by some very hard working Post members. Thank you all who were there and helped with the cleanup.

- We had a very successful Thanksgiving dinner for the Veterans from the VA hospital on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Again, thank you all who helped. We had the District Commander, the District Auxiliary President and the State Auxiliary Chaplain in attendance who also helped serve food. Big shout out to them for their assistance. The District Commander stated that everyone did an outstanding job.

- We now have a new Buddy Poppy Chairman who at our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> volunteered to take that over. Thank you Comrade Eddie Murphy!! We are looking forward to some great Buddy Poppy events. So Post members, please be watching for sign-ups to help. Attending Buddy Poppy events helps our fellow Veterans in need, and is a great way to recruit new members!!

We have some self-help projects in the planning stage, one of which is putting the fence back up around the grassy area in front of the pavilion at the Post Home. More to follow on this and other projects as plans come together.

December 4<sup>th</sup> there is a volunteer event to assist a fellow Veteran in making some much-needed changes in their

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home. The Chesapeake Home Depot will be supplying all the materials. The address is 2108 Fort Belvoir Drive, Virginia Beach Va. 23464. The time is from 8:00am to 5:00pm (0800-1700). Please come out and support if you can.

Upcoming events in December are as follows:

- December 1<sup>st</sup> is Post inventory.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> is a volunteer event to assist with a fellow Veteran to make some needed changes in their home. Details above and on the Post bulletin board.
- December 5<sup>th</sup> the State VFW Riders will be having their monthly meeting in the small hall.
- December 7<sup>th</sup> we will have a Pearl Harbor memorial ceremony starting at 4:00pm (1600) at the Post Home.
- December 7<sup>th</sup> we will also be continuing with the monthly pool tournament that is held on the first Saturday of every month. We will be skipping the January event date but will pick it back up on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- December 9<sup>th</sup> is our next Post meeting at 7:00pm (1900) in the small hall.
- December 13<sup>th</sup> is the Post dinner. We will be having homemade chicken soup or tomato soup with a grilled cheese sandwich.
- December 17<sup>th</sup> is the next House Committee meeting. Congratulations to Comrade Kevin Jared and Comrade Clint Hartman for becoming the newest members of the House Committee.
- December 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Post Christmas Party. Come on out for a great time.
- December 24<sup>th</sup> we will keep up the tradition of having our Polly Anna gift exchange and Karaoke.
- December 25<sup>th</sup> the Post is closed.
- December 27<sup>th</sup> is our next Birthday Bash.
- December 30<sup>th</sup> we will have out next Joint Meeting.

That is all for now. Again, I thank you all for all the hard work in keeping the Post running. People like you make being Commander of this great Post seem easy.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Tim Dawley  
Commander VFW Post 4809

### **From the Auxiliary President:**

Brothers, Sisters & Comrades,  
The holiday season has arrived; we begin with the Auxiliary meeting Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM. We will have a short business session where we will hold elections for Auxiliary Junior Vice President, then followed by our Auxiliary Christmas Party. Please bring an unwrapped

gift for our Toys for Tots Drive, Auxiliary dinner Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM; Chicken, Salad and Rolls. December 21<sup>st</sup> the Post/Auxiliary will be hosting a Christmas Party at 7pm. December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm is Pizza with Santa Children's Christmas Party. Please bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give your child. Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Membership year for the Auxiliary is Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. Seventy annual due notices have been sent. Your current membership card will expire Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. A member ceases to be in good standing on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. You cannot attend Department, District, and Auxiliary meetings or hold office. If you or a family member still needs to pay, you can drop off your dues or mail them to:

5728 Barteet Street Norfolk, VA 23502  
Attn: Carol Watson

Cost for annual dues is \$18.00. Life membership is always available. Ask about the cost; it is a great way to save money.

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Respectfully,  
Theresa Alexander  
Auxiliary President



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### From the Post Chaplain:

Brothers and Sisters,

We had one dear friend and Comrade that passed away since our last newsletter. His name was Phillip K. Klinefelter. Please continue to remember our all our Comrades, sisters and family members who are 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 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, confined at home, 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 (757) 461-1343. One of our most important responsibilities as VFW members is to provide support and assistance whenever possible for our fellow Comrades, Sisters and family members in their time of adversity.

Here is some thoughts about caring, leadership and responsibility: Leaders must truly care. It does not matter who they know, or how much schooling, on-the-job training, degrees or experiences they have had. Leaders must absolutely care about the people they serve. They need to push personal agendas aside and look out for the entire organization. They must truly care about our Post and its objectives. Finally, they should leave their positions in a better place than which they found it,  
My Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year in 2020.

With My Utmost Respect,  
Jim Wold  
(757) 532-2993  
jimwold@cox.net



### From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

December is in the air along with cold temperatures! Please keep our sick and shut in vets and family in your heart and prayers. It was with great sadness that we send out sympathy and condolences to the Klinefelter family for their loss of Phil. He will be missed and remembered as he touched many lives. Sending prayers for Carmen Long as she recently had some health issues and is recovering.

Congratulations to the new mothers and babies as we have had many new babies this year, what a joy and blessing.

December can be a hard month for depression as our Vets are overseas and away from home. Please keep them in prayer and reach out. If anyone is sick or in the hospital please let me know at 757-508-6268.

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





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## From the Seam Squirrel:

### **SEAM SQUIRREL (2.0), MOC Pup Tent 2**

Listen up, Cooties:

I want to thank all who supported the Model Car Show, Burgers and Breakfast. I hope we can keep up the fine support for hospital visits and our other activities. In addition, to those who helped with the Thanksgiving dinner for the VA Hospital Veterans. I need your help with everything we do. Let us keep having a crummy year!

I did not schedule Cootie Burgers or Breakfast for December. This gives everyone the opportunity to support the Christmas Party at VAMC Hampton on 18 DEC. This event will count as the Hospital Visit for December.

The Supreme By-Laws require election and installation of Shavetails between 15 JAN and 31 MAR each year. Now is the time to consider nominations for Seam Squirrel, Blanket Bum, Hide Gimlet, Custodian of the Crummy Duffel Bag, and three (3) Tightwads. In addition, we need Cooties to step up and fill one of the many appointed positions.

Late November & December sked:

**29 NOV, Fri.** – “Black Friday” – Day after Thanksgiving. Canteen is doing a Spaghetti Dinner, A nice break from turkey.

**3 DEC, Tues.** – Scratch. I would like to hold nominations at the JAN scratch.

**18 DEC Wed.** - Christmas Party @ VA Hosp. Gift-Bag stuffing will occur before then, but the date/time have yet to be set.



Let us support all MOC, MOCA and VFW activities. The hospital visits, Buddy Poppy Drives, the Canteen (including Queen of Hearts, Pull-Tabs (paper and electronic)) and the Auxiliaries' functions, all need our support. I certainly hope we can get a lousy turnout of people to help with the Christmas Party mentioned above. I really appreciated all that was done by those who did show up to help @ last month's events.

The dinners and breakfast are supposed to be fund-raisers for the Pup Tent, so it is important that we support these functions. Shopping preps, cooking, serving and clean up all need to be done so we can keep our customers coming back. Successful meals help the canteen, too.

Yours in LOTCS,  
Richard Helm

757-467-3695 (H) - Leave a message. I do not answer blocked Caller ID's or unfamiliar phone numbers.  
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## From the MOCA President:

See the Post calendar for events.

"We keep 'em smilin' in beds of white"



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## Wednesday Dinners in the Canteen!

By popular demand, we are honored to serve our valued Post Members Wednesday meals starting at 5:30pm.

We currently have THREE TEAMS up and running to cook delicious Wings on Wednesdays!

Our current teams are:

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

Sr. 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 out and join a top-notch team, or make a team to serve your fellow Veterans, Comrades and Sisters!!!!

Come on down and enjoy wings every 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!

## Pool Tournament in DECEMBER!!!!

Come on out to the Post Home for Saturday evening pool tournaments!!!!

See Calendar for date and time!



## Post 4809 VFW Riders "Farewell and Following Seas" Gun Raffle!

Come on down to the Post Home and purchase your chance to win a Glock 43X 9mm handgun from the FVW Post 4809 Riders. Tickets cost \$5.00 a ticket, or purchase five (5) tickets for \$20.00. The drawing date for this fundraiser is December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.



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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 DECEMBER 2019:**

December 6<sup>th</sup>: Aux Dinner – Chicken, Salad, and roll.

December 13<sup>th</sup>: Post Dinner – Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup with Grilled Cheese.

December 20<sup>th</sup>: MOCA Dinner.

December 27<sup>th</sup>: Canteen Burgers, Freedom Fries/ Onion Rings.

## **Canteen Entertainment for DECEMBER 2019:**

December 6<sup>th</sup>: Music by Rick Mann.

December 13<sup>th</sup>: Karaoke with DJ Mike.

December 27<sup>th</sup>: **Birthday Bash!!!**

Karaoke with DJ Mike.

Cribbage – Small hall every Wednesday.

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

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\*\*\***We are serving Wednesday Wings at 5:30pm! See Calendar for meal dates**\*\*\*

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, 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**

Respectfully,

**Theresa and Ruth**

## General Information:

**1. EMPLOYMENT NOTICE: The position of Canteen Manager has been filled. Please welcome back Martie Braunshausen!!!! Martie will be assuming the Canteen Manager Position 27 DECEMBER.**

**2. Thank you Theresa for 28 years serving our great VFW Post Home, and our great VFW Post Members!!!! Enjoy your time with your Grandbabies!**

3. All newsletter inputs are due to Dave Alexander by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please send me your newsletter inputs to:

[cwo1967@yahoo.com](mailto: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>
1 Post Inventory 7am	2 Aux Meeting 7pm	3 <b>MOC</b> <b>Scratch 7pm</b>	4 Wings – Canteen – <b>TEAM</b> <b>“SEABEE</b> <b>NAVY”</b> 5:30pm – 7:30pm	5	6 <b>AUX</b> <b>Dinner –</b> <b>Chicken,</b> <b>Salad &amp; roll</b> <b>6:30pm</b>  Rick Mann	7 <b>Post Pool</b> <b>Tournament</b> <b>7pm</b>
8	9 Post Meeting 7pm	10 <b>MOCA</b> <b>Meeting 7pm</b>	11 Wings – Canteen – <b>TEAM “RUN</b> <b>SILENT RUN</b> <b>DEEP”</b> 5:30pm - 7:30pm	12	13 <b>Post Dinner</b> – <b>Homemade</b> <b>Soup and</b> <b>Grill Cheese</b> <b>6:30pm</b>  DJ Mike	14
15	16	17 HC Meeting Sm Hall 7pm	18 Wings – Canteen – <b>TEAM</b> <b>“GATOR</b> <b>NAVY”</b> 5:30pm - <b>MOC/MOCA</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Party VA Hos</b>	19	20 <b>MOCA</b> <b>Dinner –</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	21 <b>Post 4809</b> <b>Christmas Party</b> <b>and Post VFW</b> <b>Riders</b> <b>“Farewell and</b> <b>Following</b> <b>Seas” Gun</b> <b>Raffle!</b> <b>6pm</b>
22 <b>Pizza with Santa</b> <b>Children’s</b> <b>Christmas Party</b> <b>1pm</b>	23	24 <b>Polly Anna</b> <b>gift exchange</b> <b>and Karaoke</b>	25 <b>MERRY</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b>  Post is Closed.	26	27 <b>CANTEEN</b> <b>Dinner –</b> <b>Burgers/Fries</b> <b>6:30pm</b>  <b>Birthday Bash!</b> DJ Mike	28
29 <b>NO</b> <b>BREAKFAST</b> <b>THIS</b> <b>MONTH.</b>	30 Joint Meeting 7pm	31	<b>JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>!</b> <b>HAPPY NEW</b> <b>YEAR!!!!</b> <b>2020</b>  <b>Post is Open!</b>		<b>***WEEKLY</b> <b>DINNER</b> <b>MENUS</b> <b>SUBJECT TO</b> <b>CHANGE***</b>	