

July 2020



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From the Commander:

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary,

I would like to re-introduce myself to you all. I am Dave Alexander Sr and I am excited and proud to serve you as your Post Commander once again! I am going to do my best to continue to make our Post – VFW Post 4809 the best VFW Post in all of Virginia!

I would like to thank our out-going Commander Tim Dawley and his Officers for year 2019 – 2020 for all the hard work and time from the past year. Tim you and your fellow Post Officers did an outstanding job! I want to also thank you for continuing to serve our Post; now as the Post Service Officer.

I would like to discuss with membership my goals for our upcoming year. First and always, is without you, this Post cannot accomplish its mission and cannot exist. Volunteers is what makes this Post function! Every member, every Comrade, every Auxiliary Member IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS POST SUCCESSFUL. We cannot turn away volunteers! With that being said, if you volunteer there is a process (aka Chain of Command) of achieving success at our Post. The key element in achieving your (and our) goals is COMMUNICATION. Quite simply put, please come in and volunteer to work around our Post Home, but when you do, please ask the question from the Post and Auxiliary Officers and Canteen Manager before doing so. Ask, “What can I do to help?” “What can I do to improve our Post Home?” Our Volunteers are

CRUCIAL to getting things accomplished around our Post Home. Dinners, stocking the bar and Canteen, changing light bulbs, cleaning the halls and kitchen, cleaning the gutters, inspecting and repairing the roof, and doing yard work – All of these events and tasks are accomplished by YOU. Thank you! Moreover, please continue to communicate and achieve our Goals!

My Second Goal for our Post is MEMBERSHIP. My Post Officers and I will work hard to keep and increase our membership numbers, by getting new faces in our Post Home, new faces to learn the ways from our current members, Comrades, and Auxiliary. This Post is home to all fellow VFW Veterans. WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Desert Shield/Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan – There are many generations of Proud Americans – Proud VFW Members – All of which have equal privilege of being a VFW Post 4809 Comrade, Sister, Auxiliary Member.

My Third Goal is Veterans. We are here to honor the fallen and dead by helping the living. Simple as that. We are here for each other, and let no fellow Veteran ever suffer in silence. We are here to help our Veterans any way possible – VA Hospital visits, Community Service, hardship – All examples of how we help each other and help our Veterans.

Please look at the Calendar for events for July. I look forward to seeing you at the Post!

Your Commander,
Dave Alexander Sr 757-574-3564

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From the Auxiliary President:

Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

I am so honored and humbled to be your Auxiliary President for the upcoming year. I am so excited about the incoming officers as we have a lot of new faces in positions of leadership.

Thank you to Theresa and her officers for an excellent job in these trying times. Even though your year is done don't be strangers. We need all the help we can get to do the work of this great organization.

We are definitely in uncharted waters and uncertain times. However, we will all weather this together. The only way we can do this is to keep communications open. That being said please do not hesitate to give any of your auxiliary officers a call if we can be of assistance. We are more than willing to help. We are hoping to restart our dinners in August and hopefully will know more at our next meeting on July 6th. Please come out and join us at 7:00 pm.

Your new officers are as follows:

President - Liz Wilson - 757-473-3456
Sr. Vice - Ashley Johnson - 757-572-2687
Jr. Vice- Josie Riffle - 757-309-0342
Chaplain - Ron Riffle - 757-449-5406
Conductress - Michelle Green - 757-394-2822
Guard - Roger Riffle - 757-309-0230
Treasurer - Carol Watson - 757-761-6455
Secretary - Gloria Kleinfelter - 757-282-6803
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Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Wilson
Auxiliary President



From the Post Chaplain:

Comrades and Sisters -

Very sorry to report we had two individuals that passed away since our last newsletter. Their names are Ed Tisdale and Charles F. Summers. Please keep Comrades Bill Goodall and James L. Shilts and any other Comrades, Sisters and family members that might be undergoing health issues in your daily thoughts and prayers. They continue to need our love and any support we are able to render. We also remembered Charles Summers by the "Draping of the Charter" ritual at our last Post Meeting. This a very important part of our monthly meeting as we honored our departed Comrade Charles. A solemn prayer of tribute was given on behalf of Charles with all members standing at attention while rendering a hand salute, followed by the playing of "TAPS", for now he is in the hands of Our Lord and Savior.

Never forget to pray for all active duty service members, DOD civilians, first responders, medical personnel aiding in the fight against the Corona Virus epidemic both stateside and overseas especially those serving in combat theaters of operation. Remember the Doctors, Nurses and medical personnel sometimes working 24 hours a day caring for those afflicted with Corona Virus (COVID).

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 notify me Jim Wold at (757) 532-2993 of the Post Home at (757) 461-1343. One of our most important responsibilities as VFW members is to provide our support and assistance whenever possible for our fellow Comrades Sisters and family members in their time of adversity.

Congratulations to all our new officers and a big thank you to all our outgoing officers.

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

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From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With past elections, we have elected a new oncoming board and I just want to extend my thanks to the previous Chaplain, Pam Snedecor, for helping make the transition as easy as possible. I would like to introduce myself, I am Ronnie Riffle III, and I am excited to be the new Chaplain for our Post Auxiliary! It is a completely different time, and I hope to be a guide for each of you during the unexpected circumstances we are placed in.

I would like to thank the Auxiliary and those running showing how we can all be together in times of uncertainty, along with being able to introduce a new normal for us to gather.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the homebound due to COVID-19, and are not able to leave their house for health and wellness reasons. We love and miss you all and hope to see you soon.

In reading the Bible, I came across a passage out of Romans 12, in which it talks about a living sacrifice. Verse two reads *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”* So many people look to us for direction, and it is very easy to let emotions take hold and to become “of this world”. We have to try our best to be supportive and to follow with discernment to the Lord’s will.

If you need anything, please contact me at ronald.riffle97@gmail.com . If any are sick or in the hospital, please call me at (757) 449-5406, and I will get in touch with you as soon as I can.

In your service, Ronnie Riffle - VFW Post 4809 Auxiliary Chaplain



From the Seam Squirrel:

SEAM SQUIRREL (2.0), MOC Pup Tent 2

Listen up, Cooties:

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and closing of the post, Burgers and Breakfast were canceled and Installation postponed. Fortunately, the post has been able to re-open, with limitations. We were able to do installation on 21 JUN, so this is my last newsletter.

I want to wish Tim a lousy year as our Seam Squirrel. I hope all the new Shavetails have a crummy year, as well. Shavetails who were unable to attend installation will probably be installed at the next scratch; however, that will be up to Tim.

I’m not sure when the “pandemic rules” will be eased or cancelled, so any scheduling will have to be tentative, at best. That being said, here’s what July could look like as far as the Pup Tent is concerned:

7 JUL – Scratch

19 JUL – Hospital Visit (? *Not sure when VAMC will be “open” for general visits.*)

24 JUL – Steak dinner*

26 JUL – Breakfast*

31 JUL – Burgers*

**Tentative – depending on what the “pandemic rules” will allow, and availability of helpers to shop, prep, cook and serve. Recommend this as a scratch agenda item.*

Let’s support the canteen, post and auxiliary functions as much as we can.

Stay healthy, everyone.

Yours in LOTCS,

Richard Helm

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757-467-3695 (H) - Leave a message. I don’t answer blocked Caller ID’s or unfamiliar phone numbers.

subvet66-pt2va@yahoo.com – E-mail



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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 July 2020:

July 17: Canteen: BLTs with Chips

July 24: Cootie - Steak Dinner

July 26: Cootie Breakfast

July 31: Cootie – Burgers and Fries

*** Post and Auxiliary dinners will resume in August. ***

Canteen Entertainment for July 2020:

July 10: Karaoke with DJ Mike

July 24: 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!!!!

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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!

**NASCAR on the Big
Screen in the
Canteen!!!!!!
See the calendar for
dates and times!**

CANTEEN HOURS

MONDAY thru THURSDAY - 2PM TO 10PM

FRIDAY – 12PM TO 12AM (MIDNIGHT)

SATURDAY – 12PM TO 12AM (MIDNIGHT)

SUNDAY - 12PM TO 8PM

Pool Tournaments will be on Saturdays (when scheduled) starting at 4:00pm. We will be having beer specials on draft beer. Look at the Calendar for the dates the Pool tournaments events are being held.

We are suspending our WED night dinners for the months of JUNE, JULY, and AUG due to Summer vacations and travel plans. We shall be back with them in Sept 2020!

Respectfully,
Martie 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

2. Post and Auxiliary dinners will resume in August.



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The Post Home is Open!

During Phase 3, this Phase calls for continued Social Distancing.

The Canteen will have the following procedures in place to accommodate this:

*****Most importantly if you feel sick please stay at home*****

**Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing has been done and will continue to be done.

All Barstools have been taken away from the Bar, tables **ONLY in use.

**The small hall will be open to help with social distancing requirements.

**More to follow as things Develop.

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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	3 4 th of July Holiday (observed)	4 HAPPY 4th of JULY!!!! FREEDOM!!!
5 NASCAR in the Canteen! Indianapolis – 4:00 pm	6 Aux Meeting 7:00 pm	7 MOC Scratch 7:00 pm	8	9	10 DJ Mike In the Canteen 7:00 pm	11 Pool Tournament 4:00 pm
12 NASCAR in the Canteen! Kentucky – 2:00 pm	13 Post Meeting 7:00 pm	14	15 NASCAR in the Canteen! All Star Race – Bristol – 7:00 pm	16	17 Canteen Dinner – BLTs/Chips 6:30 pm	18 Pool Tournament 4:00 pm
19 NASCAR in the Canteen! Texas – 3:00 pm	20 Aux Officer Meeting 7:00 pm	21 HC Meeting Sm Hall 7pm	22	23 NASCAR in the Canteen! Kansas – 7:30 pm	24 MOC Steak Dinner 6:30 pm DJ Mike In the Canteen 7pm	25 Pool Tournament 4:00 pm
26 MOC Breakfast 9:30 am	27	28	29	30	31 MOC Burgers/Fries 6:30 pm	