

# DECEMBER 2020



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## **From the Commander:**

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary,

Welcome to December! As you all know, the Post Home has been shut down due to a recent rise in positive COVID-19 cases from membership. To date, the number of members testing positive is approximately 16 folks. The first case came around Veterans Day, and most cases seem to have contracted the virus between 11 NOV and 14 NOV. The good news here is all folks who were positive are getting past the virus. As for the Post Home, all Post, Auxiliary, and MOC activities are cancelled until the Post Home and Canteen can re-open. Prior to opening, the Post Home and Canteen will be thoroughly cleaned and dis-infected. After re-opening, there will be sanitation stations throughout the Post Home so while you are there to visit and enjoy our Post, you can clean all tangible surfaces you may come in contact with (i.e. tables, chairs, 75/25 pens, pull tab machines, bathrooms). Also until further notice, all Post, Auxiliary, and MOC Friday Dinners are cancelled. No more than 25 people MAXIMUM is allowed in the Post Home for any reason (i.e. meetings, Canteen functions, etc.). This number includes the bartender as well. All members MUST WEAR your facemask upon entry into the Post Home, and at all times while inside unless you are ACTIVELY drinking a beverage.

Well to lighten the air, I hope you all had the chance to enjoy your Thanksgiving as much as possible, concerning the current climate we are all in.

Now on to CHRISTMAS and the Holidays! December is a busy month for us all. First is to please do not forget December the 7<sup>th</sup> is Pearl Harbor Day. Please reflect what this date in history means for us all, old and young. Regardless of your religious beliefs, the holiday season is one for all of us to reflect on ourselves, our families, and our fellow Comrades and Sisters. Please keep yourself safe, virus free, and if there is a member who seeks assistance, or needs a hand to help, them do your best to be that Person! We should not ever find out a fellow Veteran who is suffering in silence. Please continue to follow our Facebook page, website, and text messaging service to find out when the Post Home and Canteen can re-open.

I wish you and yours a safe Holiday Season and Christmas!

Remember we will all get past these hard times with this virus and pandemic. We will get thru this together.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Your Commander,  
Dave Alexander Sr.

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## **From the Auxiliary SR Vice President:**

Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

We have made it to December and the Holiday Season. I hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. This holiday season will not be like the rest, but as I mentioned last month, we must all remain flexible and open to any and all changes that are thrown at us.

With the Executive Order that was put out in November, we cannot have more than 25 people in the building, and everyone MUST wear a mask when in the building unless you are eating or drinking. We have also cancelled all dinners until further notice. With these changes we have also decided to go ahead and cancel all the Christmas activities we had planned.

There is not a lot to put out, as most of you know the Post home is closed and will remain closed until December 7<sup>th</sup>. Even though the Post will reopen our December meeting is cancelled, and our next meeting will be January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please be sure to keep all those who have been affected by the increase in positive cases in your thoughts and prayers and please remain safe. We will continue to keep everyone updated as changes happen.

V/R,

Ashley Johnson  
Sr Vice Auxiliary President

## **From the Post Chaplain:**

Comrades and Sisters -

Once again we have been very fortunate that we did not have any news of anyone passing away since our last newsletter. Please keep Gordy Dodson, Bill Goodall, the 13 Post and Auxiliary members who have tested positive for COVID 19 Corona Virus and any other Comrades, Sisters and family members that might be undergoing health problems in your daily thoughts and prayers. They continue to require our love and any support we can provide.

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 at (757) 461-4343. One of our most important responsibilities as VFW members is to provide emotional support and assistance whenever possible to our fellow Comrades, Sisters and family members in their time of adversity.

Never forget to pray for all our active duty service members, DOD civilians, first responders, medical personnel aiding in the Corona Virus (COVID-19) epidemic both stateside and overseas, especially those serving in combat theater of operation, and all the Doctors, Nurses and medical personnel worldwide administering to those afflicted with this deadly virus.

Once again, this is the time of the year everything that makes us a great post we should take some time to be grateful for. Therefore, I want everyone to know how much appreciation I have for your support, friendship and the privilege of being your Chaplain for well over 8 years.

With My Utmost Respect,

Jim Wold  
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## **From the Auxiliary Chaplain:**

No input this month

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## **From the Seam Squirrel:**

Listen up Cooties,

First off, I hope that everyone had a lousy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Next I want to thank all who helped with the November steak night, burgers and breakfast. Very lousy job!!! We had just enough cooties to pull it off. We need more from the rest. I know with the world as it is we are kind of restricted on what we can and cannot do, but please support where and when you can.

We really need to recruit new members who will participate in all our activities. These meals are supposed to be fund raisers for the Pup Tent, so it's important that we support these functions. The shopping, preps, cooking, serving and clean-up all need to be done so we can keep our customers happy and coming back. Continue to support the post and auxiliary activities. And when doing so, wear your Cootie gear to show off our organization and try to recruit.

Upcoming events:

1 December - due to the post still being closed I am cancelling the scratch for the month of December. We are not doing burger night or the breakfast in December due to it being Christmas and the breakfast being that Sunday. We also do not have anything to discuss or spend money on that I am aware of.

Keep our fellow Cootie and mentor "Gordy" in your thoughts and prayers. We love you brother!!

I will see you all either at the post later in the month when the post home reopens or at our January scratch on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 1900. Please stay safe and look out for each other. If you are not feeling well stay home!!! Please let me know if anyone needs anything!!!

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,

Tim Dawley

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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 December 2020:  
NO DINNERS**

**Canteen Entertainment  
NO ENTERTAINMENT**

**\*\*\*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!**

### **CANTEEN HOURS**

**MONDAY thru THURSDAY - 2PM TO 10PM  
FRIDAY – 12PM TO 12AM (MIDNIGHT)  
SATURDAY – 12PM TO 12AM (MIDNIGHT)  
SUNDAY - 12PM TO 8PM**

**REMINDER: IF YOU HAVE A LOCKER AT THE POST, YOUR \$5 IS DUE!**

**Pool Tournaments will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month starting at 4:00. We will be having beer specials on draft beer.**

**\*\*\*\*THE CANTEEN IS GOING TO ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COME IN TO COOK ON DIFFERENT NIGHTS OF THE WEEK. A CALENDER WILL BE PUT OUT FOR OPEN NIGHTS. FOR ANY ONE WHO WANTS TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE SEE THE CANTEEN MANAGER. \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\*THE POST WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS\*\*\*\***

**WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO WITH 25 PEOPLE MAX IN THE POST DUE TO COVID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVENORS MANDATE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

Respectfully,  
***Martie and Ruth***

### **General Information:**

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

Cwo1967@yahoo.com

2. The Post Home main entrance is locked during normal operation. Please use the keypad to gain entrance. Please call the Canteen if you need the keypad combo at 747-461-1343.

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

IF YOU HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH ANY ONE THAT HAS  
TESTED POSITIVE THEN YOU  
CANNOT COME IN THE POST FOR 14 DAYS!!!!

MUST WEAR A MASK IN THE POST UNLESS YOU ARE DRINKING OR  
EATING

MUST SHOW MEMBERSHIP CARD TO THE BARTENDER UPON  
ENTERING THE CANTEEN.

\*\*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.

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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	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Post meeting 7pm	15 House Committee meeting 7pm	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Post Home Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		