

August 2021



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4809

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From the Commander:

Comrades and Auxiliary,
August is known as the Dog Days of Summer, just remember that you are welcome to come on down to the Post and escape the heat. The Air Conditioning is working great!!!

Great job to all volunteers that assisted in with the VFW Ritual Team, Recruiting Team, Cook Crew and our Post Maintenance Team. The volunteers are the lifeblood of Post 4809.

On Saturday, August 14th VFW Post 392 in VA Beach will host the District 2 quarterly meeting. 9am School of Instruction, noon lunch, and district meeting at 1pm.

Our Post Surgeon, Lewis Bush coordinated with the Frogmen MC for a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, July 9th and 17 pints of blood were collected. We plan to host a Blood Drive quarterly

Commander's Beer of the Month promotion for July will feature Dogfish Lemonade Vodka and Pacifico. Give them a try and let us know what you think. The Post Dinner in August will be Italian Sausage

Sandwiches on Friday, August 13th. We will also begin Commanders Coffee Hour on the Third Wednesday (August 18) at 10am to visit and share some time of comradeship. I look forward to seeing you there. We will also have an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 22 at 2pm.

Post 4809 is partnering with Humana to discuss Medicaid and how it impacts veterans. This event is open to the public. Bring your Medicaid question so that Christian and Austin can assist in clarifying this important life transition that we all face.

Volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at Post Dinners, meetings, and other functions. Just talk with any Post Officer for information.

Post 4809 is a great place to enjoy some time with friends and family and we are all in this together.

Still Serving,
Ron Riffle – Post Commander VFW Post 4809

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Auxiliary President:

Thank you to all those who came out to support our busiest weekend. Between our dinner, Johnny Holland's celebration of life, and the Fourth of July picnic, the saying "Many hands make light work" stands true.

August is sure to be a busy and hot month so be sure to keep your calendar handy and be sure to check Facebook for more up to date information. A few key items to remember is we will have our meeting on the 2nd at 7pm. Be sure to come out for that as we have a guest speaker, Mr. Craig Blackman, VFW National Teacher of the Year 2015.

Dinner on August 6th starting at 630 will be Steamed Shrimp, so take the night off from cooking and come enjoy a meal with us. We can always use help in the kitchen as well.

The following day on August 7th starting at 10am we will be holding a School of instruction. I am requesting my officers and anyone who is a chairman for one of our many programs please attend. This is a great learning experience and a good way to understand how everything works together.

District meeting will be held on August 14th starting at 9am. This will be held in Virginia Beach at 392. We need your help; we are holding a school supply drive. As things are finally getting back to normal and kids are going back to school, they will need supplies and teachers will need cleaning supplies. If you can please donate any supplies, you can. Things we are looking for include; Lysol wipes, tissues, crayons, pencils, notebooks, index cards, glue sticks, etc. We will be collecting until Labor Day.

A friendly reminder that early bird renewals go through the end of the month. If you are an Annual member now is the time to pay your dues, not only do you get a discount on your dues (\$14) but you also be entered in a life membership drawing. If you are interested in becoming a life member so you don't have to remember every year that is an option as well

Respectfully,
Josie Riffle
President of Auxiliary Post 4809

Fundraising Opportunity:

The Post is looking for up to six businesses that would like to advertise in our newsletter. The rate is \$60 for six months or \$110 for 12 months. If you are interested contact Jr Vice Craig Dudley either by emailing Craig.VFW4809@gmail.com or call his phone 757-618- 5624.



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Safety Corner:

Hurricane Safety

Do you have batteries? Do you have supplies? Are you ready for a Hurricane? Most people like to think so but many really aren't. Check out this checklist.

1. Are you going to evacuate or shelter in place? Know your flood zones and plan ahead of time.
2. Gather emergency supplies. Plan for food and water for at least 3 days to 2 weeks. Do this before the storm is headed our way. Get batteries and make preps now. Don't forget medications and your furry friends.
3. Have important documents ready to go. That includes insurance and contact information.

Watch your local news for updates and follow evacuation orders. Check red cross and government websites for a complete list of what to do before, during, and after a storm. Stay safe!



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From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessings to “you and yours!” It is great to see everyone starting to come out again! I have many fond memories of “good times” at VFW4809. Which brings to my mind our sister, Patsy Holland, who recently lost her beloved husband, Johnny. We send our thoughts and prayers to her. The struggle of losing a spouse is real. Faith, Family and Friends become our lifeline. Remember just one phone call or a quick visit can bring a smile and lift spirits more than we know. We can all find comfort:

“That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life” John3:15

If you need anything, please contact me at edwardsmelva73@yahoo.com. If you are sick, in the hospital or know of anyone who is, please call me at (860)-884-5243.

Look forward to seeing all of you, as we come out to support our Veterans!!

God Bless You and keep you!
Susie Edwards
VFW Post 4809 Auxiliary Chapin



From the Seam Squirrel:

Listen up Cooties.

Very Lousy job to those that helped with last month's steak night, burger night and breakfast. I know a lot of hard work went into the events. Thank you!!!

Plan to attend the Scratch on 3 August. We will be conducting the Nit initiation for our new Nit, Christine. She was voted in and did the obligation but needs initiated.

The Cootie Safari is scheduled for 21 August and we are the first stop! They will be leaving Post 3160 at 0900. We will meet at the post at our usual breakfast times (0630-0730). Make sure make an effort to be there. We are expecting about 80 people. We will be doing this in the small hall with overflow into the canteen as usual. More will be discussed at the Scratch.

The Post is still working on getting the fence put back in place to take advantage of the extra space when conducting events in the pavilion area. We will be installing a couple horseshoe pits and room for corn-hole games. I would like to get a Luau set up maybe once a year for fun and games.

When doing the meals, remember to bring and wear your mask (if not fully vaccinated) and plan to assist where needed. We need all the help we can get since the summer is here with many of us are going on much needed and well-deserved vacations.

Please verify your food handlers card expiration date!!! Renew BEFORE they expire!

We are still looking for new members to recruit who will participate in all our activities. The meals we do are supposed to be fundraisers for the Pup Tent, so it is important that we support these functions. The shopping, the prep work, the cooking, the serving and the 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 dinners so keep an eye on the post calendar. When attending the activities, wear your Cootie gear to show off our organization and try to recruit.

The Post/Cootie coasters have arrived and are already being utilized. Thank you to Kathy and Charlie for making that happen!!!

Upcoming events:

3 August -- Scratch.

10 August – House Committee Meeting.

27 August – Cootie Burger night.

29 August – Cootie Breakfast.

I hope to see you all soon. Please stay safe and look out for each other. 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 Aug:

Aug 6: AUX Shrimp & Baked Potatoes
Aug 13: POST:
Aug 20: Corp:
Aug 27: Cootie Burgers

Canteen Entertainment for Aug 2021

Aug 6: Robbie

*****WE HAVE A NEW GAME ON THE ETAB MACHINES. THERE IS ALSO A PROGRESSIVE GAME AND THE FINAL JACKPOT FOR THAT IS OVER \$6000.00 COME ON OUT AND PLAY!!!!*****

Food Handlers Card reminder: If you are working in the kitchen, you need an up-to-date card.

Go to efoodhandlers.com for your training and certification.

COME IN AND SUPPORT YOUR POST AND ENJOY THE COMRADERY!

CANTEEN HOURS:

MONDAY thru WEDNESDAY - 2PM TO 10PM
THURSDAY 2 PM – 8 PM
FRIDAY – 12PM TO 12pm



SATURDAY/Sunday – 12PM TO 8PM

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

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

OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT WINGS AND SHRIMP WILL BE TAKING A SUMMER BREAK. WE SHALL START THAT BACK UP IN SEPTEMBER. THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME OUT AND ENJOYED THEM. SEE YOU ALL IN SEPT!

*****MOST IMPORTANTLY IF YOU FEEL SICK STAY HOME *****

IF YOU HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE THAT HAS TESTED POSITIVE THEN YOU CAN NOT COME IN THE POST FOR 14 DAYS!!!!

AS OF 28 MAY WE HAVE NO RESTRICTIONS ON OCCUPANCY AND SOCIAL DISTANCING. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR A MASK IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED. IF YOU FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WEARING A MASK PLEASE DO SO.

If you have any questions, please contact the Canteen

Manager. 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

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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 Aux Mtg 7:00pm	3 MOC Scratch 7:00 pm	4	5	6 AUX Dinner- Shrimp 6:30pm Robbie Bradshaw	7 Purple Heart Day Ceremony 3:00pm Buddy Poppy Pool Tournament 4:00pm 
8	9 Post Mtg 7:00pm	10	11	12	13 Post Dinner- Italian Sausage Sandwiches 6:30pm	14 District 2 Meeting @ Post 39
15	16	17 Humana Presents Medicaid 101 3:00pm House Committee Mt 7:00pm	18 CDR's Coffee 10:00am	19	20 Corporation Dinner- 6:30pm	21 Buddy Poppy Pool Tournament 4:00 pm 
22 Ice Cream Social at 2:00pm	23	24	25	26	27 MOC Burger Freedom Fries/Onion Rings 6:30pm	28
29 MOC Breakfast9:30 am	30	31				