

January 2021



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From the Commander:

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary,

Welcome to 2021! I want to wish you all a Happy New Year, and I hope you were able to enjoy Christmas and New Years with your families.

I am sad to report we lost a great Comrade, Past Post 4809 Commander, Past Pup Tent 2 Seam Squirrel, and a true friend – Gordon Dodson Jr. Gordy was always there for us at Post 4809, through thick and thin! He will be sorely missed. Thank you for all who were able to accomplish he last wishes and requests on behalf of the Post membership.

Now, let talk COVID-19. Our Post Home is limited to only 24 members' total, due to the current COVID-19 restrictions imposed by our state Governor. While we are not able to meet in person for our normal Post meeting, we will meet via Zoom. The date and time for the Post Zoom meeting will be 11 JAN 2021 at 1900 Hours (7pm).

Here is the link to the Post Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4300953999?pwd=c0dSTGFGS1JMSVJTVFprTEFjZU5adz09>

Meeting ID: 430 095 3999

Passcode: 9jL8Qg

It is my hope that we will return to normal operations within the next two months. Until we do return to normal, please adhere to the current state imposed restrictions. Also, please continue to do your part to keep yourself and your families' safe and virus free.

Membership, Membership, MEMBERSHIP! Even with the current restrictions we are still looking for new members to our great organization! If you know a Veteran who is eligible to join the VFW, Please bring him or her around and introduce them to all the great things we do as members of the VFW! We need members! Moreover, we need Active Members! **Bottom line is WE NEED YOU!**

The weekend of 15 thru 17 JAN 2021 the Post will have a shred company bring shred bins from Eggleston. If any member has any documents that need shredding bring them to the Post Home and place them in the shredder bins.

This month's House Committee meeting will be held via ZOOM. Invites will go out to all HC members prior to the 18th of JAN.

That is all I have to report for now. I look forward to seeing you at OUR Post when we can resume normal operations!

Your Commander,
Dave Alexander Sr – 757-574-3564

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Auxiliary Vice President:

Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy their holidays safely. I would like to first start out by thanking everyone for your help, support, and understanding throughout the past year. I would like to ask that we continue to work together, support where you can, and remain flexible.

Dinners and events are still cancelled until further notice. With the current order from the Governor we are not allowed to gather with more than 10 people in a room. This has caused us to move our January meeting to a virtual meeting. We will be holding the Zoom Meeting at our regularly scheduled day and time, January 4th at 7pm. I will start the zoom room about 15 minutes early to give everyone time to get logged in. If you would like to attend please be sure to create an account ahead of time, if you don't already have one. This will help to ensure we start on time.

The link is as follows:

<https://us05weeb.zoom.us/j/89498891329?pwd=TTMxLy9RS1pHSithUTIOVHJWdER0dz09>

The link is also posted on our Facebook page for easier access. If you would like me to send you a link directly please email me directly at ashleye199121@gmail.com.

If you have a committee (youth, hospital, Americanism, etc.), please be sure to keep working it the best you can and submit reports.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out and I will be happy to assist the best I can.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and I hope to see you around the post.

V/R,

Ashley Johnson
Sr Vice Auxiliary President

From the Post Chaplain:

Comrades and Sisters -

I am sad to report we lost Gordon "Gordy" Dodson. Please keep Theresa Dodson, Gordon Dodson III, and any other Comrades, Sisters and family members that might be undergoing health problems in your thoughts and prayers. They continue to require our love and any support we are able to 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 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 support and assistance whenever possible for 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 theaters of operation and of course all the Doctors, Nurses, and medical personnel worldwide administering to those afflicted with Corona Virus (COVID-19).

By the time you receive this newsletter the holidays will be over. "Try to remember to thank someone - you'll feel better than they do".

With My Utmost Respect,

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



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From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all are doing well with the joy of Christmas and other festivities this past December, with the celebrations of the holidays and the beginning of the New Year!

Life has been different, but also joyful for many with some normalcy to returning to our lives. It is a pleasure and a joy to see different members at the Post and 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.

My heart also goes out to the members that were not able to go home to their families during this season. Special thoughts and prayers go to our homebound and sick during this time. We are saddened by the loss of Gordy Dodson and Joyce Dajon.

2021 is upon us! With the New Year, we have many things to look forward to, and many things to learn from in 2020. One big take away I have from 2020, is the need to slow-down and enjoy life. Instead of creating a resolution this year, I challenge you to look back and think of what 2020 gave you, rather than took away or prevented.

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:

Listen up Cooties.

First off I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope everyone had a very blessed Merry Christmas. We still need to recruit new members who will participate in all our activities. The meals we do 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 whenever we can start conducting the meals again. 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. And remember to wear a mask when not actively eating or drinking at the Post home.

Upcoming events:

If possible, I will just have the Cooties stay on the post Zoom meeting after the post meeting. I talked to the Post Commander and he stated that would be fine so please make an effort to attend.

I will see you all later. 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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757-813-8054

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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 JAN 2021:

NO DINNERS THIS MONTH.

Canteen Entertainment for JAN 2021:

NO ENTERTAINMENT THIS MONTH.

*****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 10pm

SATURDAY – 12PM TO 10 PM

SUNDAY - 12PM TO 8PM

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

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.

NO WINGS THIS MONTH.

WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO WITH 24 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 20th 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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The Post Home is Open!

The current 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*****

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 TH POST UNLESS YOU ARE DRINKING OR EATING

MUST SHOW MEMBERSHIIP 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 Post Inventory	2
3	4 Aux ZOOM Meeting 7:00 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Post ZOOM Meeting 7pm	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr Day	19 HC ZOOM Meeting 7pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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