

February 2021



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From the Commander:

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary,

Welcome to February. The Post Home has started to incorporate new events, keeping within the guidelines of the State Governor, State Health Department, and National VFW Headquarters. We have opened up the Post Home Small Hall, and with the Small Hall and Canteen, we can now have a total of 53 persons in the building at any given time (bartender included). The gatherings of no more than ten (10) people at a table/event, still applies. Follow all health guidelines posted when you visit the Post Home. There are visual displays everywhere to guide you and keep you and fellow members as safe as possible. If you have any questions – ASK.

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 08 FEB 2021 at 1900 Hours (7pm).

Here is the link to the Post Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71299960310?pwd=eGY4RWRSRjVEelRmZms0WFZldFdFdz09>

Meeting ID: 712 9996 0310

Passcode: YkD1pf

If you are a registered VOLUNTEER at the VA Hospital (representing the VFW), or you are a VETERAN

REGISTERED WITH THE VA, you can sign up for the COVID-19 VACCINE. Please call the Post or myself if you have any questions regarding this. Our Post point of contact for this is Past 2X All American Commander Kathy Goodall. Look for her post on the VFW FB page. It is my hope that we will return to normal operations SOON. The sooner the better in my opinion! 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!**

This month's House Committee meeting will be held at the Post Home, and also via ZOOM for anyone interested. Invites will go out to all HC members prior to the 16th of FEB.

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,

Can you believe it is February already? It has definitely been a strange year for all of us.

There is not much to report this month. Since our last meeting I did attend the District Meeting and the Department COA Meeting via Zoom. The Department and President's Homecoming has been cancelled due to the restrictions of Covid.

Our next District Meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 13th, in Smithfield. That of course depends on the Governor's restrictions that are scheduled to come out the end of January. Please be sure to check our Post's Facebook page the closer it gets to the date for any updates.

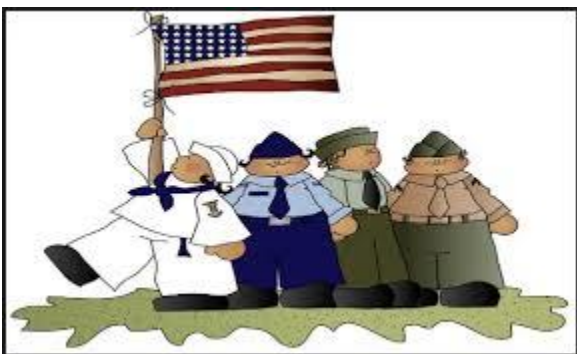
Our February meeting will be February 1st, at 7:00 pm. It will once again be a Zoom meeting. The link for this meeting is: Please be sure to check our Post Facebook page the closer it gets to

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6317609786?pwd=T3ZXZElhEOWJoVIBSV2ppdEFHNklsZz09>

Meeting ID: 631 760 9786
Passcode: 4809AUX

I hope you and your family are all well and taking the necessary precautions to avoid the terrible pandemic. Remember, there is no "I" in team. It takes each one of us doing our part. Together we can accomplish much for our Veterans and that's what it is all about! Hope to see you soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Wilson
Auxiliary President



From the Post Chaplain:

Comrades and Sisters -

In our next regular meeting at the post we will remember two Comrades, Gordie Dodson and Robert Ward with the "Draping of the Charter" ritual. This is a very important part of our monthly meetings. A solemn prayer of tribute and remembrance on behalf of Comrades Gordie and Robert will be given with all members standing at attention while rendering a hand salute followed by the playing of "TAPS", for now they are in the hands of our Lord and Savior. Please keep any Comrades, Sisters and auxiliary members who have tested positive for COVID 19 Corona Virus and any other members that might be undergoing health problems in your daily thoughts and prayers. They continue to require any support we can provide in their time of adversity.

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 and physical support whenever possible to our fellow Comrades, Sisters and family members.

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

One of Mother Teresa's teachings: "Everyone today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater development, greater riches and so on, so that our children have very little time for their parents and grandparents. Parents and grandparents have little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of peace in the world."

With My Utmost Respect,

Jim Wold
(757) 532-2993
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From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
I hope you all are doing well with the snow we recently had!
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.

Recently, my heart has largely been on the virtues of service and relationships. Many of the people at the Post I look at as people of wisdom, living a long life. As supporters of the Post, we are called to serve where needed to cultivate relationships. I think this is timely with Valentine's Day nearing us as we are called to serve our partner as they are called to serve us.

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 “not thank” you for giving us the highest pup tent membership percentage in the Grand! Lousy job by all to try and keep us all entertained!!!! 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
Timothy.dawley@gmail.com



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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 FEB 2021:

NO DINNERS THIS MONTH

Canteen Entertainment for FEB 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!

Due to COVID some of the hours have been adjusted for the following days.

Thursday 2 PM – 8 PM

Saturday 12PM – 8 PM.

If you have any questions please contact the Canteen Manager.

CANTEEN HOURS:

MONDAY thru WEDNESDAY - 2PM TO 10PM

THURSDAY 2 PM – 8 PM

FRIDAY – 12PM TO 10pm

SATURDAY – 12PM TO 8PM

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.

THE CANTEEN WILL HAVE EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE SUPER BOWL. LITE SNACKS WILL BE SERVED AND IF ANY MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO BRING A FAVORITE SNACK PLEASE DO SO.

WINGS WILL BE ON THE FIRST WED AND STEAMED/FRIED SHRIMP WILL ON THE THIRD WED. YOU CAN GET IT GO OR EAT IT IN THE CANTEEN.

DAYTONA 500 IS FEB 14, WE WILL BE HAVING A CHILI COOKOFF THAT DAY. \$5.00 GETS YOU TASTING AND JUDGING OF ALL CHILIS. BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHILI. WILL HAVE ALL PROPER COVID MANDATES IN EFFECT.

WE HAVE INCLUDED THE SMALL HALL IN OCCUPANCY COUNT. WE CAN HAVE 53 PEOPLE IN THE CANTEEN/SMALL HALL. IT WILL HELP SOCIAL DISTANCING, 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 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 Aux ZOOM Meeting 7:00 pm	2	3 Wings in the Canteen 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	4	5	6 Pool Tournament 3:30 pm
7 Super Bowl SUNDAY!!! Game Time is 6:00 pm	8 Post ZOOM Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 Chili Cook-off 2:00 pm Daytona 500 Valentine's Day 	15 George Washington's Birthday	16 HC ZOOM Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Fried/ Steamed Shrimp in the Canteen 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	18	19	20 Pool Tournament 3:30 pm
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