

# March 2021



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## **From the Commander:**

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary,

Welcome to March! Spring Training for Baseball has begun, NASCAR races are in full throttle, we officially begin Spring on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and our VFW Post has “sprung” into action! Our “Return to Normal Operations 2021 Campaign!!!!” We have several events in the Canteen, we have 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Wings/Shrimp, we have Friday night entertainment, and soon we will have Post Dinners (beginning in April).

Let us talk COVID-19. Our Post Home has increased our capacity, conforming with the updated restrictions by our Governor. Please wear your mask while in our Post Home! If you can receive the vaccine, I urge you to consider getting vaccinated. Please continue to do your part to keep yourself and your families’ safe and virus free. Ultimately, we will win this fight over COVID-19.

We will resume in person Post meetings the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Big Hall. If you cannot meet in person, we will also have ZOOM available for anyone wanting to participate via the internet. I will provide the ZOOM link on our FB page prior to Post meeting night.

**We will open nominations for Post Officer positions for 2021 -2022 this month.** We need active membership and I encourage anyone wanting to step up and become a Post Officer, to

put your name in the for running for a Post Officer position. Please see Past CDR Bob Clinebell to add your name to this year’s Officer positions slate.

There will be a St. Patrick’s Day corned beef with cabbage meal in the Canteen on Saturday 13 MARCH at 1pm. Be sure to wear your best **GREEN attire** and enjoy the day we are all **IRISH!**

We will have our Voice of Democracy/Patriot’s Pen Awards Ceremony on Thursday, 25 MARCH in the Big Hall at 6pm. All Officers will wear VFW garrison cover with Blue/Grays. All attending personnel shall wear masks. Social distancing will be in effect.

**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 in person.

Be sure to look over this month’s calendar for all the events happening at YOUR POST.

That is all to report for now. I look forward to seeing you at OUR POST!!!!

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

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## **Auxiliary President:**

Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

March is here which means Spring is just around the corner! I hope everyone has stayed safe this winter and done well. Hopefully, we got all our April Showers in February and can enjoy nicer weather in the Spring.

There is not much to report this month. I did attend our District Meeting on February 13 via Zoom. For those of you who know her, Jennifer Winn is going to run for Department Guard and would like our support. Other than that, most things are being cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19.

We had great attendance at our February meeting and decided once again to make March a Zoom meeting too.

The link for this meeting is:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6317609786?pwd=T3ZXZEhEOVJ0VIBSV2ppdEFHNklsZz09>

Meeting ID: 631 760 9786

Passcode: 4809AUX

## **We will have nominations and elections for Auxiliary Officer positions for 2021 -2022 at April's meeting.**

Please be sure to check our Post Facebook page the closer it gets to the meeting time if you lose your newsletter and need to get the link. Hopefully, this will be our last meeting on Zoom, and we can once again attend our Post Home for meetings.

Several of us met with Kathy Goodall on the afternoon of February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Post and helped with Valentine bags for the Veterans Center at the VA Hospital. I found out about it at the last minute and tried to contact as many as I could.

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 is what it is all about!

Our meeting will be March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Hope to see you soon!

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Wilson  
Auxiliary President



## **From the Post Chaplain:**

Comrades and Sisters,

Fortunately, we did not have any news of anyone that passed away since our last newsletter. Please keep any Comrades, Sisters and family members who have tested positive for the Corona (COVID 19) Virus and any other members who might be undergoing health problems in your daily thoughts and prayers. They continue to require our love and any support we can provide in their time of adversity.

Remember if you or a family member should become seriously 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 add to your prayers the addition of all our active-duty service members, DOD civilians, first responders, medical personnel aiding in the care of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) epidemic victims both stateside and overseas especially those serving in combat theaters of operation and all the dedicated doctors, nurses and medical personnel worldwide assisting and caring for those afflicted with the deadly virus.

Here is another one of Mother Theresa's teachings: "We alone cannot change the world, but we can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples".

With My Utmost Respect,

Jim Wold

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## From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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.

It has been an interesting season for all as we near the 1-year mark of the Pandemic in the US beginning. For many, it has been a time of weakness due to loneliness and change; however, it has been a time of perseverance with new ways to help others, support each other, and going through the changes for all of us. To those struggling, please reach out to people at the Post or other trusted people in your life.

If you need anything, please contact me at [ronald.riffle97@gmail.com](mailto: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



Happy St. Patrick's Day

## From the Seam Squirrel:

Listen up Cooties.

I want to welcome everyone back to a semi-normal Cootie month.

We will be doing burgers and breakfast this month so remember to bring your mask and plan to assist where needed. We will need all the help we can get to get back into the swing of things.

We will be holding officer nominations on 2 March at the scratch. Please plan on attending.

We are always looking for new members to recruit who will participate in all our activities. The meals we do are supposed to be fund raisers for the Pup Tent, so it is 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. And remember to wear a mask when not actively eating or drinking at the Post home.

Upcoming events:

02 March -Our scratch at the post home in the big hall to maintain social distancing.

26 March - Burger Night. Do not forget your masks whether cooking or running.

28 March - Breakfast. It is our first one in a while so plan on attending.

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.,  
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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 MAR 2021:**

March 19: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce  
March 26: COOTIE Burgers / Fries

## **Canteen Entertainment for MAR 2021:**

March 5: Robbie Bradshaw  
March 12: DJ Mike  
March 26: 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!

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 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.**

**ST PATRICKS DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED ON MARCH 13. WE WILL BE HAVING CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE AND POTATOES FOR \$8, 1 PM UNTIL WE RUN OUT! COME OUT FOR SOME FOOD AND FUN.**

**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.**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please send me your newsletter inputs at:

[cwo1967@yahoo.com](mailto:cwo1967@yahoo.com)

**1. 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.**



**March 2021**

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 ANYONE 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 have 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1 Post Inventory</p> <p>Aux ZOOM Meeting 7pm</p>	2	<p>3 Wings in the Canteen 5:30 – 7:30 pm</p>	4	<p>5 No AUX Dinner</p> <p>Robbie Bradshaw in the Canteen</p>	<p>6 Buddy Poppy Pool Tournament 4pm</p> 
<p>7 NASCAR in the Canteen! LAS VEGAS!</p> 	<p>8 Post Mtg (Big Hall) W/ ZOOM Available 7pm</p>	9	10	11	<p>12 No POST Dinner</p> <p>DJ Mike in the Canteen</p>	<p>13 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef/Cabbage in the Canteen 1pm</p> 
<p>14 ADVANCE CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HR!</p> <p>NASCAR in the Canteen! Phoenix!</p> 	15	<p>16 HC Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>17 Fried/Steamed Shrimp 5:30 – 7:30 pm Erin Go Bragh!!</p>  <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>	18	<p>19 Corporation Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce 6:30pm</p>	<p>20 Buddy Poppy Pool Tournament 4pm</p>  <p>First Day of Spring!</p>
<p>21 NASCAR in the Canteen! Atlanta!</p> 	22	23	24	<p>25 VOD/PP Awards Ceremony Big Hall 6pm</p>	<p>26 MOC Burger Freedom Fries/Onion Rings 6:30pm</p> 	27
<p>28 MOC Breakfast 9:30 am NASCAR in the Canteen! Bristol!</p> 	29	30	31			