

April 2021



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From the Commander:

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary,

Beginning 01 April, we can have 50 Members indoors, to be compliant with the Governor's Executive Order 72 (4th amended). So, the good news here is the Post sub-organizations are returning to host events for our Members! Post, Auxiliary, and Military Order of the Cootie will have Friday night dinners back in full operation for the month of April, and follow on, if we stay in compliance with the latest COVID-19 restrictions. This is great news for all of us!

01 April is also the US NAVY Chief Petty Officer Birthday! So Happy Birthday to all my fellow Chiefs! Baseball season begins on 01 April as well! Great things starting out in the month of April!

Let us talk COVID-19 Safety. Our Post Home has increased our capacity, conforming with the updated restrictions by our Governor. Please wear your mask while in our Post Home! The Hampton VA Hospital is utilizing our big hall as a VACCINE DISTRIBUTION CENTER. If you can receive the vaccine, I urge you to consider getting vaccinated. If you are a Veteran enrolled in the VA healthcare system, call the VA Hospital to make your appointment! 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.

Post Members, we will have our monthly meeting on 12 APRIL 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 close nominations for Post Officer positions for 2021 -2022 during this meeting, and vote on all Officer candidates at this meeting. We will also have the Annual Corporation Meeting, immediately following our monthly meeting. Please plan on attending to hear about the corporation (business side) of the Post Home.

We will have our Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Awards Ceremony on Thursday, 22 APRIL 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! Post membership is currently at 95.25%. We need 54 new members to make 100% membership! 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!**

Be sure to look at this month's calendar to see all the events planned for OUR POST HOME.

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,
April is here and Spring has finally arrived! I do not know about you, but I am looking forward to some warmer (not hot) weather and hopefully with less rain!

I do want to give a huge "shout out" to those who helped make the National President's Breakfast on March 5th a success! The food was delicious, and the fellowship was great!

Do not forget this month we will be holding elections. **Any member** who has paid their dues and are in good standing are eligible to run for any office. Please give this a lot of thought as we decide who will lead us the upcoming year. It was voted on at our March meeting to have our April meeting at the Post. For those of you who do not feel comfortable coming to the Post we will also have this meeting on Zoom.

The link for this meeting is:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6317609786?pwd=T3ZXZEH0WJoVIBSV2ppdEFHNklsZz09>

Meeting ID: 631 760 9786

Passcode: 4809AUX

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.

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!

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Easter and I hope to see you soon!

Our meeting will be April 5th at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Wilson

Auxiliary President



From the Post Chaplain:

Comrades and Sisters,

Once again, we are fortunate, we did not have any news of anyone that passed away since our last couple of newsletters. Please keep Comrade Kathy Goodall in your prayers. Her mother recently passed away. Also remember our Commander, Dave Alexander recovering from recent surgery, and any other Comrades, Sisters and family members who have tested positive for the COVID-19 Virus and all other member that might be undergoing health problems in your daily thoughts and prayers. They continue to require our love and any support we can render 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 is to provide emotional and physical support whenever possible to our fellow Comrades, Sisters, and family members.

Never forget to add in your daily prayers 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 other dedicated doctors, nurses and medical personnel caring for those afflicted with the deadly virus.

Here are a few ways to practice the gift of humility: 1. Speak as little as possible of oneself, 2. Mind one's own business and not want to manage other people's affairs, 3. Avoid curiosity and accept contradictions and correction cheerfully, 4. Pass over the mistakes of others, 5. Accept insults and injuries and accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked. Last of all - to be kind and gentle even under provocation.

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 and sick 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.

This month is such an exciting time for us all as we get to celebrate Easter and Spring Break for many of our families! I hope you all take time to rest and reflect on this past season of change. With Passover beginning in March, and ending in the beginning of April, I like to reflect on the choice Jesus made when he arrived in Jerusalem. He could have chosen many different animals to ride into Jerusalem on, but following prophecy, John 12:14 states he arrived on a donkey. As someone proclaimed to be King of the Jews later, he chose one of the simplest and humblest of animals to make his entry to the city. Many historians agree that a horse would be a proud and bold choice as kings in that time would arrive on them, or in a chariot, while a camel may have also provoked the Pharisee's even more so. I think this is a great point to take for us as life is changing around us, and while we all have grown, some may have grown a different way, and boasting about our success during the Pandemic may be a difficult thing to converse about. Take time to be like Christ and become humble in our ways.

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.

I want to welcome everyone back to the Post Home!

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.

Congratulations on the new Officers in the Pup Tent!

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:

06 April -Our scratch at the post home in the big hall to maintain social distancing.

23 April – Steak Night. Do not forget your masks whether cooking or running.

25 April - Breakfast. It is our first one in a while so plan on attending.

30 April - Burger Night. Do not forget your masks whether cooking or running.

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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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 APR 2021:

April 2: Baked Fish
April 9: Open Face Roast Beef, Gravy, Fries, Salad
April 16: Italian Chicken
April 23: Cootie Steak
April 30: COOTIE Burgers / Fries

Canteen Entertainment for APR 2021:

April 2: DJ Mike
April 9: Robbie
April 23: DJ Mike
April 30: 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

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

If you have any questions, please contact the Canteen Manager.

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.

April 10, Saturday we will be having Liver and Onions or Salisbury Steak with the fixens. \$8.00. 6:00 start time. Please sign up in the Canteen by April 7.

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 20th of each month. Please send me your newsletter inputs at:

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.

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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 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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| <u>SUNDAY</u> | <u>MONDAY</u> | <u>TUESDAY</u> | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | <u>THURSDAY</u> | <u>FRIDAY</u> | <u>SATURDAY</u> |
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| | | | | 1 Post Inventory | 2 – GOOD FRIDAY AUX Dinner – Baked Fish/Mac Cheese/ Veggie 6:30 pm DJ Mike in the Canteen | 3 Buddy Poppy Pool Tournament 4:00 pm  |
| 4 Sports in the Canteen (Baseball!) HAPPY EASTER! | 5 Aux Mtg Elections - ZOOM Avail 7:00 pm | 6 MOC Scratch 7:00 pm | 7 Wings in the Canteen 5:30 – 7:30 pm | 8 | 9 POST Dinner – Open Face RB W/Gravy And Fries 6:30 pm Robbie Bradshaw in the Canteen | 10 Corporation Dinner – Liver, Onions, Salisbury Steak 6:00 pm MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS DINNER. NASCAR Martinsville Race |
| 11 Sports in the Canteen (Baseball!) | 12 Post Mtg Elections – ZOOM Avail 7:00 pm Annual Corp Mtg (after Post Mtg) | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Corporation Dinner – Italian Chicken 6:30pm | 17 Buddy Poppy Pool Tournament 4pm  |
| 18 Sports in the Canteen (Baseball/ NASCAR!) | 19 | 20 HC Meeting 7:00 pm | 21 Fried/Steamed Shrimp 5:30 – 7:30 pm | 22 VOD/PP Awards Ceremony Big Hall 6pm | 23 MOC Steak Night 6:30pm  DJ Mike | 24 |
| 25 MOC Breakfast 9:30 am Sports in the Canteen (Baseball/ NASCAR!) | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 MOC Burger Freedom Fries/Onion Rings 6:30pm BIRTHDAY BASH DJ Mike | |