

# May 2021



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### **From the Commander:**

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary,

Welcome to May! I would like to introduce our NEW POST OFFICERS for 2021 -2022:

CDR: Ron Riffle

Sr. Vice CDR: Christine Hague-Renwick

Jr. Vice CDR: Craig Dudley

Quartermaster: Eric Mallett

Chaplain: Jim Wold

3-yr Trustee: Brad DeBow

2-yr Trustee: Clint Hartman

1-yr Trustee: Scott Bannon

Please join me in congratulating YOUR POST Officers for the upcoming year! We will have a Joint Post and Auxiliary Installation on 15 May at 12:00pm at the Post Home.

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.

**Membership, Membership, MEMBERSHIP!** Post membership is currently at **97.49%**. **We need 29 new members to make 100% membership!** We have until 30 JUNE to make this goal. Please 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!**

### **EVENTS FOR MAY:**

08 MAY - DIST 2 Convention. Lunch at 12:00pm; Meeting at 1:00pm.

09 MAY – Post Mother's Day Breakfast. Breakfast time will be 0930. All Mothers eat free. Cost of Breakfast is \$6.00.

10 MAY – Post Meeting at 7:00pm.

14 MAY - Post dinner at 6:30pm. Pulled Pork BBQ, Baked Beans, and Cole Slaw.

31 MAY - Post Home Memorial Day Picnic at 12:00pm. Cost for the Picnic is \$5.00 per person.

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,  
May is here and our current year is almost over! It has been a different year for all of us.  
But the exciting thing is our Post is open and there are activities happening once again. So please keep your calendar handy and come out and join us!

We held elections at our last meeting. Your new officers for 2021-2022 are:

President	Josie Riffle
Sr. Vice	Gloria Klinefelter
Jr. Vice	Theresa Alexander
Chaplain	Susie Edwards
Conductress	Laurie Dangel (Fary)
Guard	Susan Bush

Installation will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please come out and show your new officers your support as they prepare to start their year after the Department Convention in June.

Join us on May 1<sup>st</sup> for the 147<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby! Festivities start at 4:00! There will be a lot of fun and exciting things to do while we wait for the running at 6:35. Ladies be sure to wear your favorite hat and come out and enjoy the awesome fellowship!

The District 2 meeting with Elections and Installation will be held on May 8, at 12:00 noon at Post 392. Everyone is invited to attend.

Also be sure and mark your calendars for the Department Convention being held at the Renaissance in Portsmouth, June 3-6.

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 May 3 at 7:00 pm in our Post home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Wilson  
Auxiliary President

## **From the Post Chaplain:**

Comrades and Sisters,

It has been at least two or three months that we have not had any of news of anyone that passed away. This is always good news and something to be extremely grateful for. 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. Hopefully by now everyone has had the opportunity to obtain the necessary immunizations to curb the Corona Virus.

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

Never forget to add in your prayer 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 patients both stateside and overseas especially those serving in combat theaters of operation and all the dedicated doctors, nurses and medical personnel worldwide assisting in the care of those afflicted with deadly virus.

Remember, sometimes it is too late to make things right. Sometimes we hurt others more than we realize. Sometimes a smile fades in front of our eyes, and sometimes we are the reason for unhappiness and tears in someone's eyes. We should try not to ever treat anyone the way we do not want to be treated. We should love life and the ones around us.

With My Utmost Respect,

Jim Wold  
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[jimwold@cox.net](mailto:jimwold@cox.net)



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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. We also are reminded of the loss of Sarah Eckley, prayers go out to her family at this time.

Summer is around the corner! For many people it will be a time of much needed rest and relaxation. Make sure to take time for yourself. When looking at the world around us, there has been a lot of change in the short span of a year and a half. After taking it all in, maybe it is time to let go of that stress and rest with your family and friends. I know there will be a seat open for you at the Canteen.

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

## **From the Seam Squirrel:**

Listen up Cooties.

There is a lot going on this month with us as well as the Post so keep the Post calendar somewhere handy.

We had our installation at the last Scratch. Congratulations to the new officers of the Pup tent! Looking forward to another lousy year!!!

11 May is our next Scratch. I changed the date so I can attend since we will be installing a new Nit so, please come out for the fun!! I will be out of the area for work until the 8th.

We are back to doing burgers, steaks and breakfasts so remember to bring your mask and plan to assist where needed and when possible. We will need all the help we can get to get back into the swing of things with the CDC restrictions being relaxed more and more.

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. When doing so, wear your Cootie gear to show off our organization and try to recruit. Remember to wear a mask when not actively eating or drinking at the Post home.

Upcoming events:

8 May- District 2 convention at Post 392.

9 May- Mother's Day breakfast.

11 May – Next Scratch.

15 May – Post installation at 12:00 and Armed Forces Day.

Congratulations to the new Post Officers!!!

28 May – Burger Night. Do not forget your masks whether cooking or running.

30 May - Breakfast.

31 May – Memorial Day with a possible Post picnic?? Keep an ear out for that.

1 June- Scratch

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 May 2021:

May 7: AUX: Chicken

May 14: POST: Tony's BBQ Pork

May 21: Corp: Chicken Alfredo

May 28: Cootie Burgers

### Canteen Entertainment for APR 2021

May 7: DJ Mike

May 14: Robbie

May 28: 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. Go to [eFoodhandlers.com](http://eFoodhandlers.com) to obtain and/or renew your card.*

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

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.

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 GOVERNORS 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.

**May 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.**

**\*\*The small hall will be open to help with social distancing requirements.**

**\*\*The Barstools have been placed back at the bar, MUST have 6 feet between parties\*\***

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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 VFW Riders Poker Run  Buddy Poppy Pool Tournament 4:00 pm  Aux Kentucky Derby at the "V"
2 Sports in the Canteen (Baseball)!	3 Aux Mtg 7:00 pm	4	5 Wings in the Canteen 5:30 – 7:30 pm	6 VFW State Riders 7:00pm	7 AUX Dinner – Chicken 6:30 pm  DJ Mike	8 VFW DISTRICT TWO Convention at VFW Post 392 – 12:00pm.
9 Post Mother's Day Breakfast 9:30am  Sports in the Canteen (Baseball)!	10 Post Mtg 7:00 pm	11 MOC Scratch 7:00 pm	12	13	14 POST Dinner – Pulled Pork BBQ, Beans, Cole Slaw 6:30 pm  Robbie Bradshaw	15 Post and Auxiliary JOINT Installation 12:00pm  Buddy Poppy Pool Tournament 4pm 
16 Sports in the Canteen (Baseball/ NASCAR)!	17	18 HC Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Fried/Steamed Shrimp 5:30 – 7:30 pm	20	21 Corporation Dinner – Chicken Alfredo 6:30pm	22
23 Sports in the Canteen (Baseball/ NASCAR)!	24	25	26	27	28 MOC Burger Freedom Fries/Onion Rings 6:30pm  DJ Mike	29
30 MOC Breakfast 9:30 am Sports in the Canteen	31` Post Home Memorial Day Picnic - Noon					