

June 2021



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From the Commander:

Comrades and Auxiliary,

Welcome to Summer 2021!!! Thank you, Past Post Commander Scott Bannon, and Auxiliary President Liz Wilson, for installing our new officers. It was a beautiful day. Thank you for all that attended. I am excited to have been elected to serve as Post 4809's Commander for 2021-2022. Here are ways to serve our Post:

Post Americanism Chair, Post Legislative Chair, Post Kitchen Crew Leaders & Crew Members, Post Recruiting Team, Post Buddy Poppy Team, Post Funeral VFW Ritual Team, Social Committee Member and Post Maintenance Team. We have many members that have talked about serving but just do not know where they would fit in; here is the chance. Just talk with any Post Officer for information. There will be signup sheets available at the Post.

The Canteen will be launching the Commander's Beer of the Month promotion featuring beers that we normally do not stock. For June we will have Sam Adams Summer Ale and Virginia Beer Company Free Verse. Give them a try and let us know what you think. We need a couple of volunteers for our Post Dinner (Taco Bar) on Friday, June 11th. Our next Post meeting is Monday June 14 at 7pm. We will have a Life Membership Drawing at that meeting. It is also Flag Day we will have a short ceremony at 6:30pm.

Membership, Membership, MEMBERSHIP! I am happy to report our Post membership is currently at **100.00%!!!** Great job to all Post members working together to achieve this goal. To achieve the distinction of "All American Post" status, **we need 9 new members to make 101% 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!**

Upcoming Events for June:

Department of VA Convention - 3-6 June
Post Dinner June 11 - Taco Bar
Post clean up - June 12 at 9am
Pool Tournaments - June 5 and 19 at 3:30pm
Flag Day - June 14 at 6:30pm
June 20 - Auxiliary Father's Day Breakfast

I look forward to continuing to serve our Post as Commander over the next year and let either me, Christine (Sr. Vice), Craig (Jr. Vice), Chaplain (Jim), or Service Officer (Bill) know if you need anything or have any ideas. Please remember that many hands make light work.

Post 4809 is a great place to enjoy some time with friends and family and we are all in this together.

Still Serving,
Ron Riffle
Incoming Commander VFW Post 4809

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Auxiliary President:

Dearest Sister, Brothers and Comrades,

I am very honored and humbled to serve as your incoming Auxiliary President for upcoming year of 2021-2022. The incoming officers that will serve among us consist of some new faces and some returning ones and I am looking forwards to working with those elected or appointed to their leadership positions. Thank you to the former Auxiliary President Liz Wilson and her team of officers for their diligent navigation throughout a very trying, turbulent year bogged down by the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I know the administrative term is ending, but I urge current officers to please continue to mentor those who are new to their positions. We will need as much help as we can get to do the work of this awesome organization.

I look forward to seeing more people attend the post events and meetings with restrictions being lifted.

In Service,
Josie Riffle
Incoming Auxiliary President

Fundraising Opportunity:

The Post is looking for up to six businesses that would like to advertise in our newsletter. The rate is \$60 for six months or \$110 for 12 months. If you are interested contact Jr Vice Craig Dudley either by emailing Craig.VFW4809@gmail.com or call his phone 757-618-5624.



From the Post Chaplain:

Comrades and Sisters,

I am sad to report that we had a loss of one of our Comrades. His name is Stephen "Tim" Murden. Please keep Bill Goodall, Elaine Musick and any other Comrades, Sisters and family members that might be undergoing health issues in your thoughts and prayers. They continue to require our love and any support we can provide.

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

Never forget to add in 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 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 affected with deadly virus.

Hopefully by now everyone had had the opportunity to obtain the necessary immunizations to curb the Corona Virus.

COVID-19 Update: Studies show that the COVID-19 vaccines are extremely effective in keeping you from getting the Virus. Getting a vaccine will also help you from getting seriously ill even if you do not get COVID. PROTECTING YOURSELF ALSO PROTECTS THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU, like those at increased risk of severe illness from the Virus or those who cannot get vaccinated - including infants, or people with weakened immune systems from things like chemotherapy for cancer.

With My Utmost Respect,

Jim Wold
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From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am Susie Edwards, and it is my pleasure to be your incoming Auxiliary Chaplain for 2021 - 2022. I look forward to serving our Auxiliary! If you need anything, please do not suffer in silence. We cannot allow our fellow Auxiliary membership to feel isolated and think she (or he) does not have a place to turn to in times of adversity.

If any Auxiliary member is sick, or in the hospital, please call me at (860) 884-5243, and I will get in touch with you as soon as I can.

In your service,

Susie Edwards

VFW Post 4809 Incoming Auxiliary Chaplain

Community Service Opportunity:

The VFW Foundation will hold a drawing to award five (5) VFW Posts and Auxiliaries with a \$1,000 Community Support Grant. VFW Posts and Auxiliaries can qualify in one of two ways:

1. Submit copies of BK receipts dated during the contest time period.
2. Submit screen shots of your social media posts which must include a photo of yourself at a BK store drive-through, order pick up, or with your Burger King food delivery, and include the #ThankBK hashtag and your Post number.

Entries must be submitted to foundation@vfw.org and received during the contest period, June 14-18, 2021. Each entry will be included in the prize drawing, and each Post/Auxiliary that is drawn will receive a \$1,000 VFW Foundation Community Support Grant to be used for a community service project of their choice.

Let us all find ways to support Burger King during these trying times, while staying safe and healthy.



From the Seam Squirrel:

Listen up Cooties.

Very Lousy job to those that helped with last month's steak night, burger night and breakfast. I know a lot of hard work went into the events. Thank you!!!

11 May saw us install a new Nit into the Pup Tent. Congratulations to Christine!! Looking forward to seeing you prove yourself to being a part of this great Pup Tent!!

When doing the meals, remember to bring and wear your mask (if not fully vaccinated) and plan to assist where needed. We need all the help we can get since the summer is coming with many of us going on much needed and well-deserved vacations. The post should be back to maximum capacity, which means more customers.

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 so keep an eye on the post calendar. When attending the activities, wear your Cootie gear to show off our organization and try to recruit.

We are working on getting the Canteen some Post/Cootie coasters for the bar. More to follow on that.

Upcoming events:

- 1 June - Scratch.
- 2 June – Picking up flags at Woodlawn from Memorial Day. Meeting at the Post at 0830.
- 4-6 June - State convention in Portsmouth.
- 15 June – House Committee Meeting.
- 20 June - Father's Day breakfast at the Post.
- 25 June – Cootie Burger night.
- 27 June – Cootie Breakfast.
- 28 June – Joint meeting.

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 June 2021:

June 4: AUX: No DINNER/STATE CONVENTION

June 11: POST: Taco Bar

June 18: Corp: BLT's / Mac & Cheese

June 25: **Cootie Burgers**

Canteen Entertainment for June 2021

June 11: DJ Mike

June 18: Robbie

June 25: DJ Mike

*****WE HAVE A NEW GAME ON THE ETAB MACHINES. THERE IS ALSO A PROGRESSIVE GAME AND THE FINAL JACKPOT FOR THAT IS OVER \$6000.00 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 for your training and certification.

COME IN AND SUPPORT YOUR POST AND ENJOY THE COMRADERY!

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.

OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT WINGS AND SHRIMP WILL BE TAKING A SUMMER BREAK. WE SHALL START THAT BACK UP IN SEPTEMBER. THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME OUT AND ENJOYED THEM. SEE YOU ALL IN SEPT!

AS OF 28 MAY WE HAVE NO RESTRICTIONS ON OCCUPACY AND SOCIAL DISTANCING. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR A MASK IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED. IF YOU FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WEARING A MASK PLEASE DO SO.

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

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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<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
		1 Post Inventory MOC Scratch 7:00 pm	2	3 VFW STATE CONVENTION	4 VFW STATE CONVENTION NO DINNER	5 VFW STATE CONVENTION Buddy Poppy Pool Tournament 4:00 pm 
6 VFW STATE CONVENTION Sports in the Canteen (Baseball/ NASCAR)!	7 Aux Mtg 7:00 pm	8	9	10	11 POST Dinner – Taco Bar 6:30 pm DJ Mike	12 Post clean up – 9am
13 Sports in the Canteen (Baseball/ NASCAR)!	14 Flag Day Ceremony 6:30pm Post Mtg 7:00 pm	15 HC Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17	18 Corporation Dinner – BLT's / Mac & Cheese 6:30pm Robbie Bradshaw	19 Buddy Poppy Pool Tournament 4pm 
20 Aux Father's Day Breakfast 9:30am Sports in the Canteen (Baseball/ NASCAR)!	21	22	23	24	25 MOC Burger Freedom Fries/Onion Rings 6:30pm DJ Mike	26
27 MOC Breakfast 9:30 am Sports in the Canteen (Baseball/ NASCAR)!	28 Joint Mtg 7:00pm	29	30			