

#### Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States General MacArthur Memorial Post 392

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#### 2017 Membership Goal: 2,025 Current Status: 1,992 Members

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

#### **AUGUST 2017 - VOLUME 29, NUMBER 2**

# Post Commander. Mark K. Winn Sr. Vice Commander. Theresa J. DeChamplain Jr. Vice Commander. Neil A. Siegfried Quartermaster. Patrick F. Doyle Chaplain. Thomas R. Tumilty House Committee Chairman Kevin Graves Service Officer. Joseph G. Brady Mark K. Winn Auxiliary President. Dinah V. Doyle Auxiliary Sr. Vice President Robert DeChamplain Auxiliary Treasurer. Ellen Stogsdill Auxiliary Chaplain. Ingrid L. Epperson Auxiliary Conductor Fred Jennings Canteen Manager Shelly Hughes

## M.O.C. Seam Squirrel...... Steven E. Graves M.O.C.A. President..... Lorraine K. Crain

#### COMMANDER'S CALL

#### **COMRADES AND SISTERS**

Let me start off with saying thank you for all the hard work this first month. We started out holding Colors, followed by a lunch BBQ in the Canteen on the fourth of July. I would like to say thank you to Keith Piccirello and Steve Wilkins for cooking the Hamburgers, hot dogs, and sides for that event.

Our new recruiting year is just getting started, and we have a long ways to go to make a 100 + percent this year. We are looking at setting up a few recruiting events over the next few months: NAS Oceana Air Show, Neptune Festival, and possibly one gun show. Please work with the Sr. Vice Commander Theresa J. (TJ) DeChamplain once the signup sheets are posted.

We will be hosting the District two School of Instruction here at the Post on 12 August 2017

starting at 0900. Then we'll have the luncheon at noon followed by the district meeting at 1300. Please come out and show our support for the day. Will need help with the luncheon, so signup sheets will be up in the Canteen.

Plans are well on their way for the upcoming Post Picnic on September 3. This is followed by the 12th Annual Post Battleship Run on September 23, and the 17th Annual Tommy Schryver Memorial Golf Classic on September 30th. Please see flyers and signup sheets for more information and to help with all upcoming events.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 8/4 USCG established in 1790
- 8/6 Chinook helicopter shot down in Afghanistan killing 38, including 17 US DEVGRU special operation forces in 2011
- 8/6 The *Enola Gay* drops worlds 1st atomic bomb over Hiroshima in 1945

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#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

(see any Post Officer for details)

### PLEASE REVIEW ANY ITEM BELOW AND TAKE ACTION!

- <u>Post Meeting</u>: Aug 1 at 7 PM. All members may attend
- <u>Dist 2 Meeting</u>: Aug 12, we need assistance for set up/ clean up, servers, and donations of side dishes and desserts
- <u>VA Hospital Visits</u>: Aug 20, Christmas in Aug at VA Hospital 1 PM
- <u>Thursday Night Dinner</u>: every Thurs! We need cooks, register attendant, dish washers, servers
- <u>Post Picnic</u>: Sept 3, need assistance for set up, clean up, manage games / events, etc.
- Poker Run: Sept 23, need cooks, set up/clean up, sponsors, etc.
- <u>Golf Tournament</u>: Sept 30, need assistance for set up, clean up, events, etc.

POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!

- 8/7 Operation Desert Shield begins in 1990
- 8/11 Last US ground combat unit departs from South Vietnam in 1972
- 8/12 Battle of Bunker Hill (Hill 122, Korea) begins in 1952
- 8/14 Official announcement of Japan's unconditional surrender in 1945
- 8/20 US Marines deployed to Lebanon in 1982

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

I extend a warm welcome to the new members who were voted in at the last regular meeting and a resounding thank you to our transfers and reinstating members:

## New / Transfer/ Life Installment / Life Members:

James Hartman, Craig Whitney

#### New / Transfer/ Re-Instated Annual Members:

Darcie M. Bauknecht, John A. Bauknecht, Van K. Erwin, Joseph A. Elliott, Vernon L. Long, Benjemin M. McKee

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard!

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

May I wish a Happy Birthday to Thomas Tumilty, James Gardner, Scott Matthews, Robert Hall, Steven Salazar, John Jones, Nicole Agren, Ingrid Epperson, Fredrick Jennings, Carolyn Kelly, Ellen Preston, Sue Sowers, and 170 other fine Comrades and Sisters!

> Post Commander Mark K. Winn

commandervfw392@gmail.com



## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades and Auxiliary, the heat is on! Please be careful in this weather. I hope everyone had a nice time in New Orleans at the National Convention.

Recruiting and Retention for the VFW is now embedded in my brain, so if you are scheduled to renew your dues, please don't wait till the last minute. Do it early. That way you won't have to think about it. Or you can become a life member, then you are really done. And if you know anyone that would like to join this great organization have them come up to the Post and anyone will be more than happy to assist them.

On a lighter note, there is talk about bringing back football Sunday lunch. We have volunteers that want to help, learn how to cook, and so on. This is going to be on a TRIAL basis. If we get enough volunteers we will do this in teams, so everyone can get a break. And we can always use volunteers. So if you are interested please see Kevin Graves. Just please remember this is a TRIAL basis

**Upcoming Events** 

• Aug 12th, 09:00 - 16:00 at Post 392. School Of Instruction and District 2 Meeting.

Until next month, always remember our Veterans and God Bless America!

## CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP <u>AWARDS</u>

The following individuals have earned Continuous Membership Awards. If you are listed below, please attend the next Post Meeting to receive your lapel pin.

If you are unable to attend, contact any Post Officer. If your name has not been listed and you believe that an award is due, please contact the Ouartermaster.

**55 Years Continuous Service:** Steven G. Koontz

- **50 Years Continuous Service:** Michael T. Inman
- **40 Years Continuous Service:** Jackie L. Harrison
- **35 Years Continuous Service:** William E. Owens III
- **30 Years Continuous Service:** George B. Barco
- 25 Years Continuous Service: Neal E. Brown, Jr., Robert L. Webster
- 20 Years Continuous Service: John Monday Jr., Reuben Reinick Jr., Jimmy Story
- 10 Years Continuous Service: George Ladd, James Bugtong Jr., Frederick Avitto
- **5 Years Continuous Service:** Eric Whitecotten, Zachary Camp, Richard Foley, Ronald Girouard, Charles Moran, Shawna Gugel, Richard Mc Ginnis, Frankie Martinez, James Howard, James Brock, Ryan Black

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

SR. Vice Commander T.J. DeChamplain

srvice commandervfw392@gmail.com



## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Brothers and Sisters, as your new Post Junior Vice Commander, it has been a busy first month. Thank you to the Auxiliary and the Post for providing funding to assemble and ship 22 care packages to our "Adopt A Unit": the Sailors of VFA-213 Blacklions. They are due to return from deployment in late August.

We've have had several Picnic Planning Committee meetings in preparation for our Annual Post Picnic scheduled for September 3rd, 2017. We have two more

meetings scheduled on Monday evenings at 6PM in the Auxiliary Hall (Aug 14th & Aug 28th). The sign-up sheets for the picnic are posted at the VFW, so please come in and volunteer an hour or two of your time. We have activities for children and adults. So plan on eating some good food, and enjoying the camaraderie of our Post with your family, friends, and guests.

Jr. Vice Commander Neil A. Siegfried

<u>jrvice</u>

commandervfw392@gmail.com



#### **2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Annual dues are \$40.00. Annual Members can pay their dues at Post 392, online at <u>vfw.org</u>, or by mail directly to:

#### **VFW National Headquarters**

Third Floor, Room 316 406 West 34th St. Kansas City, MO 64111 (please include your membership #)

Consider changing your Annual Membership to a Life Membership and make a life long commitment to serving your fellow service members and Veterans. Life Installment plan is available as an option to the one time payment for Life Membership.

#### E-Newsletter

The Post Newsletter and Calendar are available online for free! To view them, go to vfw392.org and click on the links along the left side of the page.

On the Newsletter page, you can sign up to receive the monthly notification about the Newsletter, Calendar of Events, and other Post related communications by clicking on the "Subscribe to the VFW Post 392 Mailing List" link.

Ensure that you add the domain "vfw392.org" to your address book, it'll prevent the Post emails from going to your SPAM folder!

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Members, we all need to maintain a current address with the VFW. When your mailing address changes, be sure to fill out an address change form, mail it in, or drop it off at the Post.

The best method would be to email it to the Post. If you drop it off or email it, please remember to include your telephone number and email address!

**Quartermaster Patrick F. Doyle** 

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Every day is a day of remembrance. We only need to take the time.

Comrades and All, I want to share yet another book based on the poem, "In Flanders Fields."

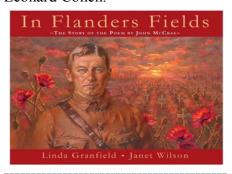
It's a short read and well-illustrated throughout. It would be a perfect companion for teaching the story of our Buddy Poppies to others. It would also make a great gift to a teacher and/or a school library.

The story of the poem (extracted from the book jacket):

Author Linda Granfield has written a moving tribute to the famous poem, its creator, John McCrae, and to the poppy that has come to symbolize remembrance for the fallen in battle. The lines of the poem are interwoven with background information about the First World War, details of daily life in the trenches, accounts of the

doctor-poet's experiences in the field hospital, and a description of the tragic circumstances that led to writing the poem in 1915. Artist Janet Wilson's evocative paintings illuminate each line of the poem.

Note: Click on the book cover below to hear the poem by Leonard Cohen.



#### HELP US TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER

When you or a family member falls ill, are injured, hospitalized, or experience the loss of a loved one - *please* contact us *ASAP*! It is important that we extend our hand in anyway possible to aid and comfort our fellow Comrades and family in their time of need.

#### ILLNESS / INJURIES

Please read the Post's Bulletin Board for up-dates of Members on the Illness / Injury List.

The following members have serious, long term illness, or injury, requiring continuous care:

- Bobby Gallagher (VB General, Room 2027)
- Arlene Goldstein (VB General, Room 256)
- Douglas R. Keller (Home)
- Clarence R. Kinney (Sentara Windmere, Room 40)
- Ernest R. O'Rouke (Atlantic Shores Rehab)
- Joseph M. Snook (VB General, Room 234)

#### **TAPS**

The following list honors and remembers our Post Veteran members in their recent passing:

#### • Sylvia B. Rodgers US Navy

Passed: 18 July 2017

At our monthly meeting, Draping of the Charter is conducted, and a prayer of solemn tribute is given on behalf of our departed Comrades. For they are now in the hands of our Heavenly Father.

Post Chaplain Thomas Tumilty

chaplain392@gmail.com



#### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Sisters & Brothers, July was a very busy and exciting month!!! We had a wonderful 4th of July starting with Colors in the morning and a picnic in the afternoon. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported us.

On July 8th, we had Auxiliary Paint Day, with 85 members and guests. It was so much fun and the food was fantastic. Thank you to Sue Sowers and the many volunteers who assisted in making this a successful event.

We have had wonderful meals at our Thursday and Friday night Dinners. Volunteers are always needed. Please, there is a sign- up sheet on the main bulletin board.

Upcoming events for August are: August 12 District 2 Meeting at Post 392, I would like to request donations of deserts and side dishes for our luncheon, please. Lunch will be from 12pm to 1pm.

August 26 Bingo at VA Hospital from 11 AM to 1 PM. Also on August 26 is the Department of Virginia Auxiliary School of

Instruction at Mechanicsville, VFW Post 9808 at 9 AM.

On September 3rd from 12pm to 5pm is the VFW Post 392 family picnic. Please come out and enjoy the day. If you would like to help please see Jr. Vice Bob DeChamplain. The Auxiliary also has a baked goods table, so if you would like to donate any baked goods, see Becky Massaro or any Auxiliary Officer.

As you read this, I will have already been to New Orleans for the National Convention. I will share any information I receive at our next Auxiliary meeting on August 1, 2017 at 7pm. Please attend, it was so nice to see many new faces at our last meeting!!!

Just a reminder: Auxiliary tshirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies are still available for purchase at the Post.

A huge thank you to everyone for all that you do, God Bless. And feel free to contact me if you need anything. I can be reached at 757-560-0493.

VFW Auxiliary President Dinah Doyle



#### AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

## CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The Sisters listed below are requested to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of the VFW Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary President stands ready to decorate you with the awards indicated:

**40 Years Continuous Service:**Barbara Grossnickle

30 Years Continuous Service: Brenda Mullen

**25 Years Continuous Service:** Iris Vowell

10 Years Continuous Service: Wanda Wood

**5 Years Continuous Service:** Stephanie Marushia, Charlotte Gregg

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

VFW Auxiliary Treasurer Ellen Stogsdill ellenstogsdill@cox.net



#### **MOCA**

Greetings everyone! I would like to introduce Sherry Weber as a new member to the MOCA. It has been a pleasure working with Sherry at the various events and Veterans Hospital events.

It is nearly time to start our MOC/MOCA Breakfast. Our first Team Breakfast Team meeting was held at Post 392 on July 29th. Everyone is invited to the next one, please come join us.

We are short of VOLUNTEERS for all of our three breakfast teams. We need Team Leaders and cooks for Team 2. Our very long time Team 2 Leaders Roseann and William Briesacher have decided to take a much needed break. We thank them very much for their support all these years.

Our 1st scheduled breakfast will be Sept 17th. Our new Breakfast Chairpersons are Ray Chapman, Norine Kuhn, and myself. Contact me at 757-572-5475 or at <a href="mailto:crainium152@gmail.com">crainium152@gmail.com</a> for info.

I would like to introduce the upcoming activity events for the MOC/MOCA:

On 8/26/17, the Cootie Safari will be held at 9 am. The event will start at Post 3160 and travel by bus to Posts 3219, 4411, 993,

4809, and finish back at 3160.

On 9/9/17, Grand Fall Council of Administration Meeting. 1 pm to 3 pm with Pup Tent 11 at VFW Post 4411 located at 3385 Beaverdam Road, Franklin, VA 23851.

The 83rd Tomb Trek will start 11/3/17 thru 11/5/17 in Washington D.C. For further information, go to the following link and select the Tomb Trek tab: http://lotes.org/events.html

On 2/10/18, Grand Winter Council of Administration will be held with Pup Tent 2 at VFW Post 4809 located at 5728 Bartee Street, Norfolk, VA 23502. More information will be provided when more details come available.

We scheduled our 'Christmas in August' visit to the VA Hospital, see the article under "Announcements" for details.

New membership cards have arrived. We hope to have 100% membership by November 1, 2017. Please see Treasurer Gail Payne to pay membership dues.

Grand Chaplin Robin Milewski stands ready to assist members in need. Please contact her at: (757)223-5763.

MOCA President Lorain K. Crain

crainium152@gmail.com



#### **CANTEEN**

#### **CANTEEN HOURS**

**Monday-Thursday....** 1100-2200 **Friday.....** 1100-2400 **Saturday-Sunday.....** 1100-2200

On Cootie Breakfast Sunday's the Canteen opens at 1000

## NEW KITCHEN HOURS

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**Monday-Wednesday...** 1100-1300 **Thursday..** 1100-1300, 1700-1900

- **Friday....** 1100-1300, 1800-2000 **Saturday .....** Closed **Sunday .....** Closed
- \* Hot Dogs and Chili may be obtainable on Saturdays and Sundays, as available
- \* Regular menu items will not be available during any holiday or event dinner specials (unless specified)

#### WEEKENDS AT THE VFW

Start the weekend with Friday's **Social Hour Prices** from **4-6 PM!** The kitchen opens Friday, 6 to 8 PM, with all of our menu items!

The Canteen opens at 11:00 AM on Saturdays and Sundays (10:00 AM on Sundays when Cootie Breakfast is being served). When the kitchen is closed, we do have Hotdogs and Chili available on Saturdays and Sundays!

Come out and enjoy a cold beer or beverage! We have multiple big screen TV's. Bring the family - the Canteen is smoke free and Wi-Fi is readily accessible.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

New Hours / New Menu 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Thursday Dinners include salad and dessert. Below is the dinner menu available and pricing for this month:

Aug 3rd  (please call to inquire about meal)	Aug 10th Lasagna Rolls \$7.50 Prepared by Ingid Epperson and Ingrid Fisher
Aug 17th Braised Beef and Noodles \$7.50 Prepared by Don Brown and Scott DeVost	Aug 24th (please call to inquire about meal)

#### Aug 31st

Grill Your Own Steak sautéed mushroom & onions, baked potatoes, veggie

\$15.00

(grilled for you, the price is \$17.00)

Prepared by Don Brown and Scott

DeVost

Special Note: Our Thursday Night Dinners are all volunteer staff. If you'd like to help with serving, cleanup, or dishwashing please contact the Canteen Manager Shelly Hughes or the Assistant Canteen Manager Tina Brown at (757) 486-5875, or at the email address below.

Our **Friday Evening Dinners** require a few volunteers as well. Again, please contact the Canteen Manager or Assistant Manager.

#### FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Below is the entertainment for this month, come and enjoy the music with your friends every Friday from 7:00 to 10:00 PM:

<u>Aug 11th</u> TBD		
Aug 25th TBD		

Our entertainment for the month of August is not confirmed as of yet. Please watch our social media sites and / or call the Post for further information.

#### **CANTEEN SPECIALS**

Fridays: Social Hour

4 - 6 PM

Come in and enjoy our Social Hour Prices to start your weekend!

Fridays: Shrimp Special

6 - 8 PM

EZ Peel Shrimp are back & larger!

1/2 lb for \$6.00 or 1 lb for \$12.00

If you have comments or suggestions for our Canteen, please let us know, and thank you for your service!

Chairperson Manager Kevin Graves Shelly Hughes

canteenmanager392@gmail.com



#### **NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING**

#### All ads are paid advertisements, and are not endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 392 is offering advertising space in our newsletter. Our monthly circulation is over 2100. All ads must be submitted and approved by the Post prior to the 15th of each month.

If you are interested please contact the Quartermaster.

# STATE OF VIRGINIA VETERANS AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE

**Virginia Pauley** is our local Veterans Claims Representative!

We look forward to working with her concerning our VA questions and interests. She is available weekdays at her Virginia Beach office:

Pembroke Office Park 287 Independence Blvd. Pembroke Two, Suite 130 Virginia Beach, VA 23462 Office: (757) 552-1884 virginia.paulev@dvs.virginia.gov

#### NOTARY PUBLIC

The following Post members are commissioned as Notary Public's in the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- Bob Duvall
- Joseph G. Brady

They are authorized to legally notarize documents such as Power of Attorney, Bill of Sale, Will, Living Will, etc. Please check with the Post for an appointment.

Be aware that under VA code the notary must acknowledge:

- Signer must personally appear before the notary
- Signer is positively identified
- Signer must affirm under oath the accuracy of the document.

Acceptable Forms of Identification:

To be acceptable, the ID must be one of the following and current:

- Driver's license or State issued ID card
- U.S. Passport
- Foreign Passport (INS validated)
- Driver's license issued in Mexico or Canada
- U.S. Military ID Card.

We do not rely on Social Security cards or photo ID cards issued by non government entities. Under the law, the notary has the right to refuse, if he /she suspects anything may be false or wrong.

#### VA HOSPITAL PROGRAM

#### 'Christmas In August' Volunteers Needed

VFW, Aux, MOC/MOCA members, and friends: please be advised that our Cooties bi-annual "Christmas in August" visit to the Hampton VA Hospital has finally been set for August 20th at 1 PM. We will meet at Post 392 at 10:30 AM to load up the gifts, and carpool from there. If you do not want to meet at the Post, we will meet at McDonalds in Hampton (near the VA Hospital) at noon.

All are invited to participate! You do not need to be a member of the Cooties to join us. Santa will be there with an elf or two! We will be visiting the Nursing Home, Spinal Ward, and Palliative

Care Unit.

On the Friday night before the visit, we will be assembling the Christmas bags. We have approximately 100 bags to assemble, so obviously some extra help will be needed to prepare for this event.

Please come out and join us for either Friday or Sunday, or both! Everyone is welcome!

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me!

**MOCA Hospital Chairman Gail Payne** 

#### **LEGAL AID OFFICE**

#### **Veteran Free Legal Services**

My name is David Rivard. I am a Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid office in Virginia Beach. We provide free legal services in civil matters to qualifying low-income Virginians. Some of the areas of law we provide assistance with are housing, estate planning, consumer matters, public benefits, and family law.

If this sounds like something you believe your members can benefit from or are interested in, or you know of any other organizations in the area that we may be able to assist, please contact me at my office (757) 552-0026 or you can contact me at the email address below. Thank you very much.

## David Rivard, Esq. Staff Attorney

## Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia

291 Independence Boulevard Pembroke 4, Suite 532 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462 (757) 552-0026 ext. 305 davidr@laseva.org

## AUX MEMBERSHIPS

Dear Members, it's about that time of year again where we start thinking of our membership dues. "My dues aren't due until December 31!" That's true, but remember "The early bird catches the worm."

You see, if you pay your annual dues anytime from July through August: your dues will only be \$10.50! And you will be entered a drawing for a Life Membership! Sounds great, doesn't it? Well it gets better, because if you pay your dues in July or August you will have THIRTY chances to win a Life Membership!

In September, your dues will go up to \$25.00, but you will only have TEN chances to win a Life Membership. Still a good deal!

The drawing for the Life Membership will take place during our meeting in October.

Starting in October 1, renewal dues will increase to \$30.00. So, the earlier you pay your dues, the more money you save!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at 757-486-5875 and one of our Auxiliary Officers will be glad to help you! Please send you dues to:

#### VFW Auxiliary 392

Attention: Ellen Stogsdill 2408 Bowland Parkway Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454 Good Luck and Hope to see you at the meetings!

**2018 Membership Committee** 

#### POST 392 PICNIC

September 3rd, 2017 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

## Free to Members & Children \$5 for all other Guests

It's time for our annual Post Picnic! There will be plenty of good eats, a selection of adult beverages or soft drinks. There will be lots to do for the children:

12:30 - Hula Hoop Contest

1:00 - Potato Sack Race

1:30 - Jump Rope Contest

2:00 - Football Toss

2:30 - Treasure Hunt

3:00 - Silly Photos

3:30- Frisbee Target Throw

At 2 PM there will be a Cornhole Tournament. Other activities throughout the day include:

Dunk Tank, Bounce House, Jenga, Face Painting, Children's Painting Booth, Ring Toss, Horse Shoe Toss (plastic), Guess the Skittles in the Jar, 50/50 Raffle, a Bake Sale, and much more!

Bring your family, come down and join your Comrades and Sisters to enjoy a great time!

## 17TH ANNUAL TOMMY SCHYRVER MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

September 30th, 2017 8:00 AM

#### Oceana Aeropines \$60.00 Per Person (registration cut off is Sept 15th)

Each year, Post 392 hosts our annual Tommy Schryver Memorial Golf Classic. This year will be the 17th year of this event, which serves as both a memorial celebration of an outstanding serviceman and community leader, as well as a fund raising event.

All proceeds derived from this tournament go entirely towards assisting our local Veterans.

Come out and join us for the door prizes, 50/50 raffles, 'Hole in One' prizes (\$10,000 'Hole in One' split with the VFW), 'Closest to the Pin' contest (All Par 3's), Longest Drive Contest, and Putting Contests (during tournament), Mulligans and survival bags will be sold.

There will also be a continental breakfast at the golf course, and afterwards a lunch at Post 392 from Outback Steak House.

All golfers are welcome!



#### 11TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL RUN

September 23rd, 2017 Registration: 09:00

#### \$10 per Rider / \$5 per Passenger

Post 392 presents the 11th Annual Memorial Run ... a Poker Run with a twist. Instead of competing for best / worst poker hands, you will be playing a game of 'battleship' with most hits / least hits awards.

ALL PROCEEDS benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (50%) and Post 392 Veterans Assistance Programs (50%) in memory of George Myers.

So come out and joins us! Before the run, there will be a Free continental breakfast at 9 AM. And after the Run, we will have a free lunch at Post 392, along with awards, 50/50 drawings, door prizes, raffles, and more!

And just remember: you do not have to have a motorcycle to be in the run. ALL wheels are welcome.

This years stops include VFW Post 392 (Virginia Beach), Monks Place (Pungo), VFW Post 3160 (Norfolk), VFW Post 4809 (Norfolk), Bucketheads (Virginia Beach).

## PAINT DAY WITH AUXILIARY 392

'THANK YOU' to all who helped with Paint Day with Auxiliary 392. It was a huge

success! We had 85 people painting their own 'Beach Scene'. Every person seemed to have a little different idea on what they wanted in their painting. They were all great!

There were refreshments for all and we did not run out. There was an overabundance. Thank you to all who helped with preparing food earlier in the day and those who brought food from home. There was really quite a variety. I don't believe anyone went without something to eat.

A special 'Thank You' to the following people for working so hard: Dinah Doyle, Lorraine Crain, Karen Slater, Ann Marie Brothers, Ruth Spencer, Beth Moynihan, Jane Cogan, Ellen Stogsdill, Joe and Mary Ann Brady, Eric and Erin Strickland, Patty Stokes, Becky Massaro, Ingrid Epperson, Steve Cogan, Judy Lupole, and Fred Jennings.

If you missed this day, the food ranged from Pork Sliders, Deli Sandwiches, Tuna and Chicken Salad Sandwiches, chicken tenders, Salsas of various kinds, Dips (a large variety of different kinds), Fruit Trays, Vegetable Trays, Cookies, Cupcakes and Chocolate Cake, Lemon Cake, Kahlua Cake, and many other items. I have never seen such a turnout for refreshments as was on Saturday.

If I missed anyone's name or items, I apologize. To all involved in any way, 'THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!' The people who volunteered and worked so hard with everything are the reason we had such a success.

On top of all the fun painting, and refreshments, we also had a few door prizes. A picnic basket

with wine was won by Kimberly Graves. An Olive Garden Gift Card was won by Lynn Gibson. Alyssa Johnson won a Patriotic Wreath. Stephanie Johnson and Connie Channell each won the Kleenex Box Holders. Concert tickets were won by Rick Bullock.

We had a 50/50 drawing that was won by Vicki Peterson. Congratulations to all.

On top of all the above, Marie Cassidy celebrated her birthday with us. Happy Birthday Marie!!!

This article would not be complete without pictures of the artwork. So here it is:



#### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Our Scholarship Program has started again for another year. Please encourage your sons or daughters to enter either the essay contest for middle school or the one for high school, depending on their grade level when school starts.

The Voice of Democracy essay title is, 'AMERICAN HISTORY: OUR **HOPE** FOR THE Please FUTURE'. read the directions on the brochure carefully as this is a typewritten essay, then dictated on a CD or Flash Drive. There is a time limit of 3-5 minutes (+ or - 5 seconds.) Voice of Democracy is for grades 9-12. Deadline is Oct. 31, 2017.

Patriot's Pen essay title is: 'AMERICA'S GIFT TO MY GENERATION'. This essay is

typewritten but must be 300 to 400 typewritten words. It is for students in grades 6th to 8th. Deadline is Oct. 31, 2017.

Students who are in public, private, or parochial schools, as well as home-schooled students, are all eligible to enter for either program according to their grade level. Students who are dependents of U.S. Military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate also. Please read the brochure regarding students who are not U.S. citizens.

The SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL **CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER** AWARD is open to any teacher to be nominated. A short essay about the teacher being nominated must be submitted to the local VFW. A family member may not nominate a teacher. It is recommended that the teacher being nominated is given a copy of the brochure so they are aware of the information they will need to send to the local VFW. Deadline is Oct. 31, 2017.

Other programs being offered are YOUNG **AMERICAN** CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART AWARDS for students in grades 9 to 12. This is a patriotic art piece done by the student along with an explanation of the patriotism expressed in the art. NO DIGITAL ART IS ACCEPTED. Flags in artwork must be within the guidelines of the Federal Flag Code. Not mentioned in the Federal Flag Code, but something the judges are looking for, includes any flag flying in the wind does not have to show all the stars and stripes BUT any flag shown in the artwork that is not blowing in the wind, must show all the stars and stripes. The deadline is March 31, 2018.

SCOUT OF THE YEAR is for anyone who has received their Girl Scout Gold Award, Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award, Venture Summit Award recipient and/or Sea Scout Quartermaster.

All of the above entries should be sent to VFW Post 392 for judging. Any questions, please call the Post and ask for the Scholarship Chairman or call Sue Sowers at 641-0624. Brochures can be emailed to those interested.

#### **VETERANS CRISIS LINE**

Veteran Affairs offers a network of support for all our Nation's Veterans and their families. Veterans in emotional crisis and their loved ones can call the free and confidential Veterans Crisis Line to connect with a qualified crisis counselor who can help.

Anyone concerned about a Veteran, can also go to the website veteranscrisisline.net to access the confidential, anonymous online chat to connect with a responder and get support.

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Phone: 1-800-273-8255 Web: veteranscrisisline.net Text Message: 838255

## AMERICAN RED CROSS Donors Needed

American Red Cross' Mid-Atlantic Blood Services Region serving southeastern Virginia, has issued an urgent request for blood. All blood types are needed.

If you are able to donate, please do so and let MOCA Hospital Chairman, Gail Payne, know at: <a href="mailto:gail101@cox.net">gail101@cox.net</a>. Recording the number of donors reflects in our community services.

www.redcrossblood.org/midatlantic 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

#### **CORRECTIONS**

We welcome any comments, suggestions, or complaints about errors that warrant correction.

They can be directed to any of the Post Officers, or email them directly to the Webmaster at webmaster@VFW392.org

#### **NEWSLETTER CHAIRMAN**

It has been a privilege and my pleasure to serve as the Newsletter Chairman for the last 7 years. However, the Good Man upstairs is pointing the children and I in a new direction.

So I am transitioning the reins of the Newsletter to Tom Tumilty. Mr. Tumilty will be serving as both the Post Chaplain and the Newsletter Chairmen. So please provide him the same professionalism and support as you all have for me.

I've worked alongside some amazing people (as well as some interesting characters) over the years at Post 392. What I have learned and respect the most about our members, Officers, and chairmen is that as a Post - we may not all agree on any given subject, but each and everyone one of us holds firmly to that ideal that still unites us. We are here for the same thing: our military and our Veterans.

I will sincerely miss working with you all.

**Matt Cullen** 

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
	(July 31)	1	2	3	4	5		
	•VFW / AUX Staff Meeting 6:30 PM	• VFW / AUX Post Meeting 7:00 PM	• MCL Meeting	• (call to enquire) 5 - 7:00 PM	• Happy B-day USCG (est. 1790) • Entertainment 7 - 10:00 PM TBD			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
		• MOC/MOCA Meeting 7:00 PM		• Lasagna Rolls 5 - 7:00 PM	• Entertainment 7 - 10:00 PM TBD	• District 2 SOI Post 392 9:00 AM • District 2 Meeting Post 392 1:00 PM		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
• Salty Dawgs Meeting	• Picnic Meeting 6:00 PM • FRA 166 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	• IOOB Meeting 7:30 PM	• AOA Meeting 6:00 PM • MCL Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	• Braised Beef & Noodles 5 - 7:00 PM	• Entertainment 7 - 10:00 PM TBD			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
•VA Hospital Christmas in August 1:00 PM	•FRA 166 Branch Meeting			• VVA Chap. 969 Board Meeting • (call to enquire) 5 - 7:00 PM	• Entertainment 7 - 10:00 PM TBD	• Cootie Safari Post 3160 • VA Hospital BINGO 11 AM - 1:00 PM		
27	28	29	30	31	• EVERY FRIDAY:			
	• Picnic Meeting 6:00 PM • HRCVO 7:00 PM	• VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00 PM	• House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	• Grill Your Own Steak 5 - 7:00 PM	Social Hour Prices 4:00 - 6:00 PM Shrimp Special 6:00 - 8:00 PM • EVERY SAT. / SUN.: Hotdogs & Chili (as avail) 11AM - 8 PM			
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