



**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**  
**General MacArthur Memorial Post 392**  
2408 Bowland Parkway  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454-5207  
(757) 486-5875  
[www.vfw392.org](http://www.vfw392.org)

**2018 Membership Goal: 2,035**  
**Current Status: 1603 Members**

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

## DECEMBER 2017 - VOLUME 29, NUMBER 6

### 2017 - 2018 OFFICERS

Post Commander.....	Mark K. Winn	Auxiliary President.....	Dinah V. Doyle
Sr. Vice Commander.....	Theresa J. DeChamplain	Auxiliary Sr. Vice President .....	Lorraine K. Crain
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Neil A. Siegfried	Auxiliary Jr. Vice President ...	Robert DeChamplain
Quartermaster.....	Patrick F. Doyle	Auxiliary Treasurer.....	Ellen Stogsdill
Chaplain.....	Thomas R. Tumilty	Auxiliary Chaplain.....	Ingrid L. Epperson
House Committee Chairman.....	Kevin Graves	Auxiliary Conductor .....	Fred Jennings
Service Officer.....	Joseph G. Brady	Canteen Manager .....	Shelly Hughes
Surgeon.....	Robert Cordona	M.O.C. Seam Squirrel.....	Steven E. Graves
Judge Advocate .....	David R. Goldstein	M.O.C.A. President.....	Lorraine K. Crain



### COMMANDER'S CALL

#### COMRADES, SISTERS AND BROTHERS

I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped to put the flags out in tribute to our fallen Veterans. Also, thanks to all the post and Auxiliary members who stood out in the cool weather for the Veterans day parade and Buddy Poppy drive. This helps to get the post noticed in the local area.

Now that we are in December we need to start thinking about the upcoming Post Christmas Party and Dinner. We will need Volunteers for these two events. If you want to help or can provide items for these events, please get in touch with one of the Post officers.

I work at the Hampton National Cemetery. Since I have started there I have found that many

veterans are unaware of the burial benefits that are available to them. Our veterans and their spouses and minor children are eligible for a free burial plot and headstone in a national cemetery. Unfortunately, we are a "closed" cemetery, meaning that we do not actively hold interments. From time to time a gravesite is relinquished due to a veteran's spouse remarrying. That still doesn't leave a lot of promise for space here at our cemetery. Good news is that the state of Virginia operates a Veterans cemetery in Suffolk and the eligibility is exactly the same. The only difference is an administrative fee for spouse/child.

I know this is not a benefit that most of us like to think about, but it can save our loved ones a lot of money. Click here for more info on burial benefits:

[https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial\\_benefits/index.asp](https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_benefits/index.asp)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

PLEASE REVIEW ANY ITEM BELOW AND  
TAKE ACTION!

- **Post Meeting:** Dec 5 at 7 PM.
- **CHRISTMAS PARTY** Dec 9  
5:00 - 9:00PM
- **PERISHABLE FOOD** Dec 16  
**FINAL COLLECTION DAY**
- **Children's Christmas Party**  
Dec 17, 1:00 - 3:00PM
- **Christmas Dinner:** Dec 25  
12-5PM, Food Donations,  
Servers, Set up, Clean up
- **New Year's Eve Party**  
Dec 31, 6:00PM - 12:30AM
- **Christmas Food Baskets:**  
Food donations and basket  
assembly. See Auxiliary pg4
- **Angel Tree** -Take a Name Card

**POST 392 - NEEDS YOU!**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12/1 Operation Southern Watch, Operation Maritime Intercept, and Operation Vigilant Sentinel (South West Asia) begin in 1995
- 12/5 United Shield and Operation Restore Hope (Somalia) begins in 1992
- 12/7 Pear Harbor is bombed by the Japanese in 1941
- 12/9 USMC storm Mogadishu, Somalia in 1992
- 12/16 WWII Battle of the Bulge begins in 1944
- 12/19 US invades Panama in 1989
- 12/20 Operation Joint Guard (Bosnia) begins in 1996
- 12/22 Operation Desert Thunder and Operation Desert Fox (South West Asia) end in 1998
- 12/25 Battle on T-Bone Hill (Korea) in 1952

## 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:

### **Transfer/ Life Installment / Life Members:**

Jason J. Baross,  
Paul H. Williamson  
M. Deborah A. Eagan

### **Transfer/ Annual Members:**

Jeffrey W. Flavin,  
Candice L. Madl,  
Jeffrey D. Wadkins,  
Stephen H. Fulton,  
Matthew S. Knox,  
Larry D. Penix,  
Richard F. Russell,  
Gary E. Shook,  
Michael A. Thibault,

*Thank you for your service and welcome aboard!*

## BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth Golden, Hal Casey,  
John Strickland, Lynn Payne,  
James Blount, Charles Dey,  
Carl Barr, Scott DeVost,  
Robert DeChamplain,  
Jessica Mahon, Becky Massaro,  
Patsy Stokes, Marcelle Myler,  
and 161 other fine Comrades,  
Sisters and Brothers!

**Post Commander**  
**Mark K. Winn**  
[commandervfw392@gmail.com](mailto:commandervfw392@gmail.com)



## **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

Comrades, Auxiliary,

The Veterans Day parade went well. I just wish we had more Veterans from the Post to march in YOUR parade. I would like to THANK all the volunteers that showed up to help with Thanksgiving prep and dinner.

Christmas donations of turkey and hams are always appreciated. We have the Angel tree also. I know this time of year is hustle and bustle, please keep in mind those who are serving this country, and cannot be with their loved ones.

December is also a busy membership month. If your dues are not paid, please renew. Thank You!

May I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events:

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Post Christmas party 17:00 -23:00 P.M.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Party.

Dec 21-24<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner prep.

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner 12-17:00 P.M.

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve Party

Until next month always remember our Veterans and God Bless America.

## CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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 Quartermaster.

**50 Years Continuous Service:**  
George Heffner

**30 Years Continuous Service:**  
Carl Barr, Robert Langdon,  
David Brosius, James Benson,

**25 Years Continuous Service:**  
James Porter, Kenneth Owen,  
M.E. Jackson, James Stephens,  
Thomas Trachsel, Michael Tutor,  
Thomas Beck, Ralph Simpson

**20 Years Continuous Service:**  
William Hayden, Fredric Hough  
Thomas Hitchings, Eric Pruett,  
Bruce Russell, Richard Simpson,  
William Wadsworth,  
Daniel Ogletree,

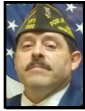
**10 Years Continuous Service:**  
Peter Johnson, Jeff Fries,

**5 Years Continuous Service:**  
Kaitlin Abert, David Gehrlein,  
Dennis Kuhn, Brandon Land,  
Virgil Hart Jr., Joseph Fader,  
Kristofer Chester

*Thank you for your service and congratulations!*

**SR. Vice Commander  
T.J. DeChamplain**

**srvice  
commandervfw392@gmail.com**



**JUNIOR VICE  
COMMANDER**

Brothers & Sisters,

Not everyone who receives or reads this letter will appreciate the words given thought on this month's input.

I would like to thank the volunteers that helped honor our fallen Veterans recently by placing flags at Veteran gravesites, marching in the Veterans Day Parade and taking part in our Buddy Poppy Drive, raising funds for various activities. The list of volunteers, unfortunately, is very short in comparison to the size of our Post & Auxiliary.

I have served near 28 years on active duty with the honor of being called a Veteran for the overwhelming majority of that time. Regrettably I'm only on my fifth year as a Post Lifetime Member and the last six months as Junior Vice Commander. I've had many experiences in both locations where we seem to answer the call, but the membership of this Post & Auxiliary is relying way too much on the few who get the job done. If your one of them, thank you, I pray that you never lose your fire for caring for our Brothers and Sisters as many will have a need.

If an alimant keeps you from serving here in any capacity, it's understandable and thank you for what you've done in the past. If you've not participated because no one asked, please consider this your personal invitation and I'd be happy to help you find an

opportunity to make our Post & Auxiliary a stronger group as we head into the future.

I know the Commander and Senior Vice have mentioned upcoming events that require all of our assistance. Please come sign up, be proud of what & who we represent and thank you for answering the call that all members of the Post & Auxiliary agreed to when they joined this fine organization.

**Jr. Vice Commander  
Neil A. Siegfried**  
**jrvice**

**commandervfw392@gmail.com**



**QUARTER-  
MASTER**

**2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Annual dues are \$40.00. Annual Members can pay their dues at Post 392, online at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org), 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](http://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!

**QUARTERMASTER ELECTION**

Comrades,

I have decided to resign the elected office of Quartermaster.

Currently, Don Brown has been nominated for that position.

Nominations are now open and will remain so until voting at the Post meeting on December 5th.

**Quartermaster  
Patrick F. Doyle**  
**vfwpost392@gmail.com**



**CHAPLAIN'S  
CORNER**

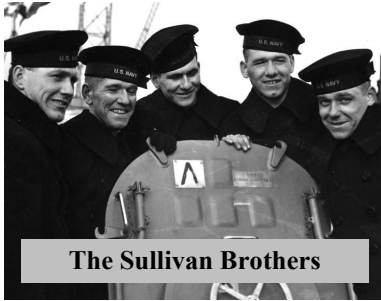
*Every day is a day of remembrance. We only need to take the time.*

**The Supreme Sacrifice**

Over seventy-four years ago a single family in Iowa lost five sons to war.

On the morning of January 12, 1943, the boys' father, Tom Sullivan, was preparing for work when three men in uniform – a lieutenant commander, a doctor and a chief petty officer – approached his door. "I have some news for you about your boys," the naval officer said. "Which one?" asked Tom. "I'm sorry," the officer replied. "All five."





**The Sullivan Brothers**

U.S.S. Juneau (CL-52) sunk. The ship's crew numbered 820. There were 10 survivors.

Prayer For Our Gold Star Parents and Families:

O Lord we thank you for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us and our Country. We ask You to bless and give comfort to our Gold star Parents and families. Give them the strength to do their daily tasks and the courage to meet the problems of life. Grant that their example may be our inspiration. Amen.

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### **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:

- **Arlene Goldstein**  
(Home with Hospice)
  - **Joe Palmer**  
(SEN Nursing Home Rm 211)
  - **Betty Stephens**  
Home
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### **TAPS**

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

Fred H. Bryson  
Passed: 31 Oct

Bobby Gallagher  
Passed: 3 Nov

Vincent J. Ferraro  
Passed: 8 Nov

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**  
**Tom Tumilty**  
**chaplain392@gmail.com**



### **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. The month of November was very busy!! Thank you to all the volunteers who placed and picked up the flags at the cemeteries. Buddy Poppy Dinner was a great success! The weather was very cold over Buddy Poppy weekend and the Veterans Day Parade, but it still didn't prevent any of you from coming out and showing your support. We are in need of volunteers. Sign-up sheets for upcoming events are located on the bulletin board.

There are many events coming up in December:

December 9<sup>th</sup> – VFW Post 392  
Christmas Party from 5pm  
to 9pm

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Please remember to have perishable food items at the Post by this date for needy military families for the food baskets.

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Children's Christmas Party – 1pm to 3pm

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner – 12pm to 5pm – Servers and Clean Up Volunteers Needed

December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Years Eve Party – 6pm to 1230 am – Potluck – Bring a Dish

Don't forget to get a name off the Angel Tree to help a child in need, the tree will be located near the front door of the Post.

Just a reminder: There is no dinner on December 28<sup>th</sup> and no Bingo at the VA Hospital.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Hope to see everyone there!!! Thanks for everything that you do for our Veterans and our Post!!!

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:

**30 Years Continuous Service:**

Patricia Lyons, Sandra Garcia

**10 Years Continuous Service:**

Bjorg Matthews,  
Margaret Dominguez

**5 Years Continuous Service:**

Rebecca Watkins, Sara McCabe,  
Rosenda Schmidt, Krista Halzack

*Thank you for your service and congratulations!*

**VFW Auxiliary Treasurer**

**Ellen Stogsdill**

**ellenstogsdill@cox.net**



**MOCA**

Greetings everyone,

Our weekly Sunday breakfasts are doing great and we invite you and your family to please come join us. Breakfast starts at 8:30 am until 11:00 am. We have added corned beef hash as a new item to our menu. We offer eggs to order, bacon, sausage, hash brown potatoes, biscuits, toast, sausage gravy, pancakes, waffles, french toast and much more. All the proceeds from our breakfast sales go to our hospitalized veterans and programs.

We are also short of **BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS**. We need helpers and dishwashers for all three teams. Our Breakfast Chairpersons are Joe Brady, Norine Kuhn and I. Please contact me at 757-572-5475 or [crainium152@gmail.com](mailto:crainium152@gmail.com) for further information.

On 2/10/18, Grand Winter Council of Administration will be held at

Pup Tent # 2, VFW Post # 4809 located at 5728 Barteo Street, Norfolk, VA 23502. More information will be provided when more details come available.

We are planning a future Christmas visit to the Hampton Veterans Hospital to give out goodie bags to our hospitalized veterans. At this time, we are attempting to lock down a date. Further information will be posted.

New membership cards have arrived. We hope to continue membership renewals to achieve 100% in 2017-2018. Please see Treasurer Gail Payne to pay your membership dues.

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

We continue to repeat that there is a severe need for blood supplies in our locality. If you are able to donate, please do so and report it to Gail Payne as the Hospital Chairman.

Also, please join us in volunteering for our veterans. You do not need to be a Cootie to volunteer and we'll take all your assistance that we can get. It is always a great time in meeting new people and giving our thanks to our Veterans.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the Cooties and Ladybugs, for their support and encouragement for the last couple of months.

Your officers stand ready to serve you, and our veterans, in any capacity.

To those members who cannot be with us due to illness or locale, our prayers and thoughts are with you.

**President**

**Lorraine K. Crain**

[crainium152@gmail.com](mailto:crainium152@gmail.com)

**2018 MOC CARDS**  
**ARE IN !**

**CONTACT**

**DAVID GOLDSTEIN**



**CANTEEN**

**CANTEEN HOURS**

**Monday-Thursday.... 1100-2200**

**Friday..... 1100-2400**

**Saturday-Sunday .....1100-2200**

*On Cootie Breakfast Sunday's the  
Canteen opens at 1000*

**KITCHEN HOURS**

**Monday-Wednesday... 1100-1300**

**Thursday.. 1100-1300, 1700-1630**

*(Except Prime Rib/Steak Nights)*

**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, Chili and Pizza 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 - 6:30 PM**

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

<u><b>Dec 7th</b></u> <b>Stuffed Chicken</b> <b>\$7.50</b> <i>Prepared by</i> <i>Janice</i> <i>Silcox</i>	<u><b>Dec 14th</b></u> <b>TBD</b> <b>\$7.50</b> <i>Prepared by</i>
<u><b>Dec 21st</b></u> <b>Country Fried</b> <b>Steak</b> <b>\$7.50</b> <i>Prepared by Don</i> <i>Brown</i>	<u><b>Dec 28th</b></u> <b>No Dinner</b>

**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.

**Note:** Thursday night dinner times are from 5PM-6:30PM. For prime rib & grill your own steak, serving time will be 5:00PM to 7:00PM.

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:

**Dec 1st**  
**TBD**

**Dec 8th**  
**TDB**

**Dec 15th**  
**Shannon**

**Dec 22nd**  
**Matt Davis**

**Dec 29**  
**TBD**

Our entertainment for the month of November is not complete 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: Steamed Shrimp**

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. All written comments or suggestions must be signed for consideration, and thank you for your service!

**Chairperson**                      **Manager**  
**Kevin Graves**                      **Shelly Hughes**

[canteenmanager392@gmail.com](mailto:canteenmanager392@gmail.com)



**NO ONE**  
**DOES MORE**  
**FOR**  
**VETERANS**



## **POST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### 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.pauley@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:virginia.pauley@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.

#### 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](mailto:davidr@laseva.org)

#### **AUX MEMBERSHIPS**

Thank you for your support of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 392. Your annual membership will expire on December 31, 2017. We invite you to reaffirm your pledge as our 491,000 members stand strong for America's veterans.

During the past year, you and your fellow VFW Auxiliary members:

- Provided \$4.6 million dollars in assistance to veterans, active-duty military, and their families
- Volunteered more than 815,000 hours in VA Medical Centers, hospitals, and other facilities
- Made more than 134,000 legislative contacts to help pass or block bills impacting veterans
- Distributed more than 378,000 United States flags in local communities
- Worked with more than 262,000 young people
- Awarded \$142,000 in scholarships

The dues amount for your annual membership is \$30.00. To pay your dues, please cut out the portion and mail it with a check or money order made payable to "VFW Auxiliary 392" to the following address:

Ellen Stogsdill, Treasurer  
2408 Bowland Parkway  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

You may also login to MALTA and pay your dues online. Visit [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) and select

Member Login.

Thank you again for supporting the VFW Auxiliary, and please renew your membership today!

Tina Brown and Ellen Stogsdill

**2018 Membership Committee**

#### **SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Sue and Bill Sowers, (Scholarship Chairmen), attended 'College Night' at Landstown High School. There were several groups represented for upcoming College Students and their parents. Students and parents stopped by to request Scholarship Brochures, ask about the programs and also ask about joining the VFW for the parents.

Beside the Scholarship Brochures, we also handed out applications for membership in the VFW. This particular 'College Night' was for Military dependent students and parents.



The deadline for the first three scholarship programs has come and gone. Volunteers have been working diligently on the scoring and selection. Entries included 49 Voice of Democracy, 94 Patriot Pen entries and 3 Teacher of the Year entries. Unfortunately, they were all for Middle Schools. We only select one from each category: K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade and 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.

Our finalists will be listed in the next newsletter due to the time limit on early newsletter notifications.

We still have a couple of programs left. They are due in March. Scout of the Year is due to the post on March 1, 2018 for those who have received their Eagle, Gold or top awards for Crew and Venturer. The Auxiliary Art Award is due on March 31, 2018 also to the post. Anyone who has not received the brochures for either of the last two scholarships, please contact the post and they will put you in touch with the Scholarship Chairman.

**SUE SOWERS**  
**SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN**

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### **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](http://veteranscrisisline.net) to access the confidential, anonymous online chat to connect with a responder and get support.

The Veterans Crisis Line, online chat, and text are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to all Veterans and their families, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care.

**Phone:** 1-800-273-8255  
**Web:** [veteranscrisisline.net](http://veteranscrisisline.net)  
**Text Message:** 838255

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### **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: [gail101@cox.net](mailto:gail101@cox.net). Recording the number of donors reflects in our community services.

[www.redcrossblood.org/midatlantic](http://www.redcrossblood.org/midatlantic)

1-800-RED-CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767)

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#### **SAFE KEEPING**

### **FILING YOUR DD-214** **AT CLERK'S OFFICE**

The DD-214 is filed in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office for the city or county where you reside.

There is no charge for this service. Certified copies of your 214 can be obtained as needed from the clerk's office.

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#### **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](mailto:webmaster@VFW392.org)

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#### **House Committee**

I hope all had a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends, and enjoy the upcoming Christmas Holiday. I ask you to remember your Post Family as well, as many of your fellow members may not be as well off as you are and a helping hand is always appreciated. We can

always use your assistance at the Post as a volunteer for many of the events that happen here. Just a few hours a week do so much for others. We don't wish to cancel our events as we have in the past if we don't get the support of our members. Please lend a helping hand.

New this month; we have done an upgrade in the male head, urinals replaced and we have no leaking from the pipes. The parking lot looks great just a few lines need to be fixed/repainted. Sunday football appetizers during the game have been going well always looking for more people to help in the kitchen. If I can do it alone, you should be able to help or run it one Sunday for a few hours. Also, we have new equipment for our TV system which will be installed soon, hopefully for better service. With the upgrade we will be paying less and saving the Post money.

Last is we hired a Friday shrimp cook and we hope to continue offering this meal to our members.

I see and hear many people talking about what problems they see at the Post or what needs to be changed or done better. I would like to see those same members give a helping hand or giving some sort or solution to the problems being discussed. If you see a problem or issue you would like to address let me know or come to a meeting and voice your concerns.

Volunteering is not a dirty word or a dirty act. Please help us when you can. What have you done to help our Post and our Veterans lately?

**Kevin Graves**  
**House Committee Chair**

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**VFW POST 392**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**5PM SOCIAL HOUR**  
**(DRINKS & SNACKS)**

**6PM DINNER**

**7PM—10PM Dancing & Fun**  
**Ticket Prices- \$20.00 Single/  
 \$30.00 Couple**  
**After Dec 2- \$25.00 SINGLE/  
 \$40.00 COUPLE**

GROUPS OF 6 OR MORE CAN RESERVE  
 A TABLE WITH ADVANCED PURCHASE

**CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE**

- GIORDANO WHITE WINE
- SIMMONS AUTUMN ROSE TABLE WINE
- BERINGER RED MOSCATO
- APPLETON ESTATE JAMAICA RUM
- GREY GOOSE VODKA
- JIM BEAM BOURBON WHISKEY
- \$50.00 GIFT CARD – VA ABC STORE
- 4 CRYSTAL WINE GLASSES
- GODIVA ASSORTED CHOCOLATES
- FERRERO COLLECTION CANDY
- ASSORTED CHRISTMAS CANDY
- CHRISTMAS CANDLES
- CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
- CHRISTMAS STOCKING



**\$1.00 FOR 1 TICKET \$5.00 FOR 6 TICKETS \$10.00 FOR 13 TICKETS**  
**RAFFLE WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2017 AT THE POST CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**COOTIE BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAYS**

**WHERE: VFW # 392**

**TIME: 8:30 AM -11:00 AM**

**COST: \$8.00 ALL YOU CARE TO EAT**

Eggs to Order - Scramble Eggs - Omelets - Bacon - Sausage - Corned Beef Hash - Home Fried Potatoes - Pancakes - Waffles - French Toast - Biscuits Toast - Sausage Gravy - Grits - Fruit - Juices - Coffee

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### THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>• EVERY FRIDAY:</b> Social Hour Prices 4:00 - 6:00 PM Shrimp Special 6:00 - 8:00 PM <b>• EVERY SAT. / SUN.:</b> Hotdogs & Chili (as avail) 11AM - 8 PM Pizza		<b>Football Sundays</b> (During NFL Season) MacArthurs on the Parkway Special Menu			<b>1</b> • Entertainment TBD	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Cootie Breakfast 8:30-11:00am	<b>4</b> • VFW/AUX Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>5</b> • VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>6</b> • MCL Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>7</b> • Stuffed Chicken 5:00 - 7:00PM	<b>8</b> • Entertainment TBD	<b>9</b> VFW Post 392 Christmas Party 5—9:00PM
<b>10</b> • Salty Dawgs Cootie Breakfast 8:30—11:00am	<b>11</b> • FRA 166 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM FRA Christmas Party	<b>12</b> • MOC/MOCA Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Dinner TBD	<b>15</b> • Entertainment Shannon 7 - 10:00 P	<b>16</b> Perishable Food Collection End Date
<b>17</b> Children's Christmas Party 1—3:00PM Cootie Breakfast 8:30—11:00am	<b>18</b> • FRA 166 Branch Meeting	<b>19</b> • IOOB Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>20</b> • AOA Meeting 6:00 PM • MCL Staff 7:00PM	<b>21</b> Food Prep for Christmas Dinner • Country Fried Steak 5—7:00PM • VVA Chapter 969 Board Mtg	<b>22</b> • Entertainment Matt Davis 7-10:00PM	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Dinner Food Prep	<b>25</b> Post 392 Christmas Dinner 12-5:00PM	<b>26</b> • VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00 PM • HRCVO 7:00 PM	<b>27</b> • House Committee Meeting 6:30PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Party 6PM-12:30AM						