

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

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2018 Membership Goal: 2,035 Current Status: 55 Members

Non-Smoking Facility - Outside Smoking Accommodations Available

OCTOBER 2017 - VOLUME 29, NUMBER 4

2017 - 2018 OFFICERS 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 ManagerShelly 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



COMRADES AND SISTERS

I would like to thank Neil Siegfried, Dinah Doyle, Bob DeChamplain and all the volunteers for your outstanding job on the post picnic. Also, it was nice to see all the members that attended. For those members that don't come out very often, we would like to see more of you around the Post from time to time.

We need to see about getting other Volunteers to help/cook Thursday night dinners and Friday Shrimp night. If we keep having the same people doing this all the time I'm afraid that they will stop and we will be unable to keep supporting Thursday & Friday night dinners every week and keep the cost down on Shrimp. If you are willing to help with either, please sign up at the Post or see one of the Post officers or Canteen Manager.

On 7 Oct (1100 to 1400) we are schedule to have the veterans from the Hampton VA Hospital at the post for the first time in a long time. We are looking forward to seeing a good turnout of post members. Come out to help support and make this a fun visit for all.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/5 Operation Phantom Fury begins in Northern Babel, Iraq in 2004
- 10/7 US-led airstrikes of Afghanistan begin after Taliban refuse handing over Osama bin Laden in 2001
- 10/8 US and S. Vietnamese launch 'Operation Sealords' in 1968
- 10/13 Continental Congress authorizes first US Naval force in 1775
- 10/23 First Service Member selected to be honored as the Unknown Soldier in 1921

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

PLEASE REVIEW ANY ITEM BELOW AND TAKE ACTION!

- Post Meeting: Oct 3 at 7 PM.
- <u>VA VETERANSVISIT @ POST</u> Oct 7 (1100—1400)
- Thursday Night Dinner:

Every Thurs! We need cooks, register attendant, dish washers, servers

- COOTIE BREAKFAST SUNDAYS
 8:30—11:00AM
 VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED
 MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS
- M.O.C.A CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR OCT. 14TH 8:00AM—2:00 PM

M.O.C

New (orange) 2018 Membership Cards are in

Post 392 - Needs You!

10/20 US Army's 187th ARCT made 1st combat parachute assault in Korea for the Battle of Yongju in 1950

10/28 Soviet Premier orders withdrawal of missiles from Cuba in 1962

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:**

Jonathan Heyer, Daniel Watts, Kyle Musicant, Tony Moore, Thomas Mentz, Persia Iorga, Gregory Walker

Annual Members:

Gonzalo Feres, Bruce Elton

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard!

BIRTHDAYS

Ronald Beltz, James Darby, John Evens, Ronald Girouard, Steven Graves, Russell Harris, Michael Lynch, Michael Marushia SR, Frederick Moss, Henry Oeser, Marie Thornton, Norena White, Wanda Wood and 192 other fine Comrades.

Sisters and Brothers!

Post Commander Mark K. Winn commandervfw392@gmail.com



SENIOR VICE **COMMANDER**

Comrades, Auxiliary, Summer is over, children are back in school. Please be careful while driving and obey the stop signs the bus drivers display when picking up and dropping off our little ones.

Thank you to all the volunteers that did a great job at the annual picnic especially Junior-vice Neil Siegfried and his team.

Thank you to Josh and Jessica Heger and the Battleship Run Committee for their outstanding event coordination.

"Gordy" Thanks to Duane Gordon, Dinah Doyle and the Tommy Schryver Golf Tournament Team for another fine event.

Thank you to all the members that assisted at the recruiting booth during the NAS Oceana Air Show. This was a chance to get new members into the Post while being awed by an exciting display of air There was plenty of opportunity to help and it came with the benefit of a preferred worker parking pass.

We need volunteers to assist with recruiting at the Neptune festival and Gun Show, please sign-up and support the effort.

If you haven't renewed your dues please do so, a strong membership makes for a strong organization. Please consider converting continuous membership to Life Membership and forego the annual renewal process.

Upcoming Events

Sep 29th-Oct 1st Neptune Festival

Oct 7th VA Veterans Luncheon at Post 392 1100-1400

> Oct 14-15 Gun Show (recruiting booth)

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

September was a great month;

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.

35 Years Continuous Service: Henry Bouffard

30 Years Continuous Service: Willie Kimbler, Vincent Ferraro, Albert Hermann, Charles Irving, Honorato Japson

25 Years Continuous Service: Sharon Solt, Philip Puglisi, Michael Wright

20 Years Continuus Service: Joseph Mathis Jr., Pasco Miele

10 Years Continuous Service: Robert Mercer, Robert McGarry, Steven Steffanides, Joshua Tomon, Joseph Michaels

5 Years Continuus Service:

George Pawolowski, Edward Bodinski II, Douglas Iles, Robert Gaither, Charles Kramer, Herbert Carobine, Edward Locke, Kevin Brady, Ronald Schmidt, Arthur Ambrose Jr., Raymond Strawbridge

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

> **SR.** Vice Commander T.J. DeChamplain srvice commandervfw392@gmail.com





Brothers & Sisters.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the busy month of September full of incredible successes. If you're a new member or haven't volunteered lately, please engage in some of the opportunities this fall. Take a look at our flyers and signup sheets to help out at some of the upcoming events. If you're not sure what to do just call, email, stop by and ask one of the Post or Auxiliary Leaders where your help is needed.

Jr. Vice Commander Neil A. Siegfried irvice

commandervfw392@gmail.com



QUARTER-MASTER

2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues are \$40.00. Annual Members can pay their dues at Post 392, online at 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 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 communications 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

vfwpost392@gmail.com



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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

I want to focus on one of the writings at our special table:



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In Remembrance This table is a place of honor for those who are not with us today.

The military caste is filled with symbols. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called P.O.W/M.I.A. Their story is still unfinished. Let us be especially mindful of their continuing pain, sorrow and sacrifice.

This table is set for one. It is small – symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors.

The tablecloth is white - Signifying the purity of their purpose to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single rose – Displayed in a vase reminds us of the continued suffering of the spouses and families of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return.

red ribbon – The Tied prominently on the vase reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand proper accounting of our missing.

The lemon – Is on the plate to remind us of their bitter fate which they endure today in a foreign land.

The salt - Is symbolic of the families' tears as they wait.

The glass is Inverted – He cannot be with us today.

The chair is empty – He cannot sit with us this day and his battle helmet sits polished, awaiting his return.

Remember - All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you.

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 (PA Rehab—Room 409)
- Arlene Goldstein (Home with Hospice)
- Clarence R. Kinney (Sentara Windmere, Room 40)
- Ivan Richards (PA Rehab)
- Sue Sowers (Home)
- Joe Palmer (SEN Nursing Home Rm 211)
- Betty Stephens VA Beach Gen Rm 414
- Ernest R. O'Rouke (Home)
- Joseph M. Snook (VB General, Room 234)

TAPS

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

James Ramsey Passed: 23 Aug

Betty Dewitt Passed: 17 Sep.

Doug Keller Passed: 25 Sep.

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

New M.O.C. 2018 Cards (Orange) Are In



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Sisters and brothers,

October has arrived and hopefully bringing cooler weather. We had a September with many events. The VFW Post 392 Family Picnic was so much fun. Thanks to all the volunteers and everyone that spent the day with us. The weather was beautiful over 200 were attendance. The Auxiliary Bake Sale was wonderful, thanks to all that donated baked goods. The Battleship Run and Tommy Schryver Golf tournament were fantastic!!! Again, the weather was beautiful and great turnouts for each event. Thanks to all the members who been have volunteering for Thursday and Friday night dinners. your dedication is truly appreciated.

We are very excited that we have many new members. If you have not received your membership card yet, it should arrive very shortly. Please let us know if you have not received it. If you have any questions or concerns please see any Auxiliary Officer.

VFW # 392 AUXILIARY OCTOBERFEST DINNER



DATE: 10/12/17 THUR. TIME: 5:00 until 6:30 PM LOCATION: VFW #392 COST: \$9.00

COME CELEBRATE OCTOBERFEST WITH US AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE VFW #392 AUXILIARY

PRETZEL WITH BEER CHEESE SAUCE,
PORK SCHNITZEL, BRATWURST,
GERMAN POTATO SALAD, SAUERKRAUT,
RED CABBAGE AND DESERT.
DRINKS: COFFEE AND ICE TEA

The Veterans from the VA hospital will be visiting us for lunch on Saturday, October 7th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome attend, please see Strickland if you would like to volunteer. Also on October 14th and 15th is the Virginia Beach Gun Show at the Virginia Beach Pavilion. We are looking for Auxiliary members to volunteer at the recruiting booth. Please sign up at the Post. We would appreciate even an hour or two of your time to assist at the booth.

Join our National President Dee Guillory, from the state of Virginia on Thursday, October 19th, Celebrating America's Freedom Event, Yorktown Battlefield, Yorktown, Virginia.

Other events in October are: Auxiliary Oktoberfest dinner on Thursday October 12th from 5 to 6:30pm. Desserts would greatly be appreciated.

Our monthly visit to the VA Hospital for Bingo on Saturday, October 28th from 11am to 1pm.

The children's Halloween Party is October 29th from 1 to 3pm, a sign - up sheet will be available very soon.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be October 3rd. 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:

15 Years Continuous Service: Hillary Haver

10 Years Continuous Service: Sylvia Smith, Dolorous Miller, Beverly Dennison

5 Years Continuous Service: Shirley Perkins, Dorana Devenney

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

VFW Auxiliary Treasurer Ellen Stogsdill ellenstogsdill@cox.net



MOCA

Greetings everyone.

It is time nearly time to start our MOC/MOCA Breakfast. Our first MOC/MOCA Breakfast was helded at VFW # 392 on 9/17/17. For a great breakfast, everyone is invited to please come join us. We are also short of VOLUNTEERS for all of our three breakfast teams. We need a Team Leader, helpers and dishwashers for all the teams. Our new Breakfast Chairpersons are Cootie Joe Brady, Norine Kuhn and myself. Please contact me at 757-572-5475

<u>crainium152@gmail.com</u> for further information.

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

On 9/9/17, Grand Fall Council of Administration Meeting was held at Pup Tent # 11- VFW Post # 4411 located at 3385 Beaverdam Rd., 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 http://lotcs.org/events.html and select the Tomb Trek tab. Any member placing a wreath is REQUIRED to be in PROPER ATTIRE to present a wreath.

On 2/10/18, Grand Winter Council of Administration will be held at Pup Tent # 2, VFW Post # 4809 located at 5728 Bartee 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're attempting to lock down a date. Further information will be posted.

Dates & Events of other Auxiliary's & Pup Tents let try to support each other.

October 14th Saturday – MOCA #9 "VFW 392" Fundraiser Craft & Vendor Fair 8:00AM-2:00PM Table space available for \$20.00, entrance \$1.00 or donated canned goods.

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

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

Please keep Connie Duck in your

prayers. Her husband, Dickie, passed away on September 4th, her birthday. If you want to correspond with Connie, her address is: Connie Duck 2940 Deer Path Road Suffolk Virginia 23434.

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 our Hospital Chairman, Gail Payne.

Also, please join us in volunteering for our veterans. You do not need to be a Cootie to volunteer. We gladly accept all the assistance that you can provide. It is always a great to meet new people and giving in 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 encouragement and support of 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.

****We are in need of **BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS** for teams # 2 and 3. Please contact the following persons for more information:

Joe Brady- Chairman E-mail: trngo@cox.net Phone Home # 430-3803/

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Lorain Crain- Co-Chairman E-mail: <u>crainium152@yahoo.com</u> Phone # 757-572-5475

Norine Kuhn

E-mail: <u>kuhnns@evms.edu</u> Phone # (757)446-8485

President Lorraine 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

KITCHEN HOURS

(EFFECTIVE 19JUN2017)

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, 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:

Oct 5th Chicken & Dumplings \$7.50 Prepared by

Oct 12th Octoberfest German Food \$7.50

Prepared by Auxiliary

Oct 19th Meatloaf

Maria & Ray

With Veggie
Casserole

\$7.50

Prepared by Janice Silcox

Oct 26th

Grill Your Own
Steak
\$15.00

Prepared by Don Brown and Scott DeVost

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: Beginning October 5, 2017, Thursday night dinner times will be 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:

Oct 6th Randy Allen	Oct 13th Matt Davis
Oct 20th	Oct 27th
Shannon	TBD

Our entertainment for the month of October 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



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 Ouartermaster.

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

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.

<u>LEGAL AID OFFICE</u> 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 went 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

M.O.C.A. Craft/Vendor Fair October 14th

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary is accepting applications for the Craft and Vendor Fair, at VFW Post 392 Saturday October14th, 2017 - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

If you have crafts that you would like to sell, or a vendor with merchandise to sell. Sign up for a table space \$20.00 & \$25.00 limited space call Jennifer Winn (757) 478-4526 or Dinah Viner Devins Doyle (757) 560-0493.



Post 392 IS You!

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The new year is in full swing for students to enter the VFW Scholarship Essays. Middle school included grades 6-8 and high school included grades 9-12. Both are open to any student in public, private or home schooled students. We gladly receive any entries from Virginia Beach students.

The Voice of Democracy essay is titled, 'AMERICAN HISTORY: OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE'. It is typewritten and then dictated on a flash drive or CD. The dictation should be no longer than 3-5 minutes (=/- 5 seconds). Entry brochures are still available. Deadline is Oct 31, 2017 to VFW Post 392.

The Patriot's Pen essay is titled, 'AMERICA'S GIFT TO MY GENERATION'. This essay must be typewritten and between 300-400 words. Again, forms are available. The deadline is also Oct. 31, 2017 and must be mailed to VFW Post 392.

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

This award also has a deadline of Oct. 31, 2017. Nominate your child's favorite teacher. Teachers with grades K-12 are all eligible. Teachers can be nominated by students, student's families, other teachers, principals, guidance counselors, etc. A relative of a teacher cannot nominate. I realize that school has just started and all teachers are new to the students. but, if your student has an exceptional teacher, please request a form and submit the teacher's name, school and a short essay on the teacher. It is recommended that if a teacher is nominated, the teacher be aware of this as they will have to put together a packet for judging. Give a copy of the entry brochure to the nominated teacher so they will be able to start on their paperwork.

Additional scholarship programs include Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards. Students in grades 9-12 can enter this program. Artwork must be submitted to VFW Post 392 Auxiliary prior to the deadline of March 31, 2018. Guidelines are very specific so please read them carefully. Also, there are some judging guidelines and the U.S. Federal Flag Code must be followed. All info and brochures can be emailed to students.

Scout of the Year is for anyone who has received their Boy Scout Eagle Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award and/or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award. The deadline is March 1, 2017 and must be sent to VFW Post 392.

If you still need entry forms for any of the scholarships, please call Sue Sowers, 641-0624 or email suesowers46@gmail.com. This can be emailed to whoever needs the form. Please remember to have your entries in by the deadline.

SUE SOWERS SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN



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 <u>veteranscrisisline.net</u> 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 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: gail101@cox.net. 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



Comrades and Auxiliary,

New this month as all of you that have visited the post have seen the price increase to all drinks served at the bar. Also we have started the Sunday football appetizers during the game as a trial basis thru October to see if we get an interest.

We should see a new parking lot in late September early October. I thank you for your patience and understanding with the construction. Soon we will see new urinals in the head and stop the leaking and continual repairs cost. I ask for each member to help in

making things better for our post. If you see a problem or issue you would like to address let me know or come to a meeting and voice your concerns.

I hate to keep harping on the same issues but volunteering at the post is not a bad thing. Just a few hours of your time with friends can help a lot. We always need help in the kitchen doing dishes cooking and serving. If we don't get the help to do these dinners on Thursday and Friday we will not continue this service to you all. What have you done to help our Post and our Veterans lately?

House Committee Chairman Kevin Graves

photokgraves@aol.com

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary

CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR

Saturday October 14th / 8:00am – 2:00pm Reserve Tables Now \$20 / \$25 Call:

Jennifer (757) 478-4526/Dinah (757) 560-0493



COOTIE BREAKFAST

SUNDAYS WHERE: VFW # 392 TIME: 8:30 AM -11:00 AM COST: \$8.00 ALL YOU CAN 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

COME JOIN US AND HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

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THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE - 392

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Cootie Breakfast 8:30—11:00am	•VFW/AUX Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	•VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00 PM	•MCL Meeting 7:00PM	• Chicken & Dumplings 5 - 6:30 PM	• Entertainment Randy Allen 7 - 10:00 PM	Vets Visit Big Hall 10:30AM	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
• Salty Dawgs Meeting 7:00 PM Cootie Breakfast 8:30—11:00am		• MOC/MOCA Meeting 7:00 PM		Octoberfest German Food 5 - 6:30 PM VFW Riders 7:00PM	- Entertainment Matt Davis 7 - 10:00 PM	M.O.C.A Craft /Vendor Fair 8:00AM—2:00PM Gun Show (Recruiting Booth)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Gun Show (Recruiting Booth)	•FRA 166 Staff Meeting		• AOA Meeting 6:00 PM • MCL Staff 7:00PM	• Meatloaf & Veggie Casserole 5 - 6:30 PM	• Entertainment Shannon 7 - 10:00 PM		
Cootie Breakfast	7:00 PM National President's Café and Celebration—Williamsburg, VA 18th-22r					rg, VA 18th-22nd	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Cootie Breakfast 8:30—11:00am	•FRA 166 Branch Meeting	• MCL Staff Meeting 7:00PM • IOOB Meeting 7:30 PM	• House Committee Meeting 7:00PM	• Grill Your Own Steak 5:00 –7:00PM •VVA Chapter 969 Board Mtg	- Entertainment 7 - 10:00 PM TBD	VA Hospital BINGO 11:00AM—1:00PM	
29 Children's Halloween Party 1:00-3:00PM Cootie Breakfast	30 •HRCVO 7:00 PM	31 •VVA Chapter 969 Meeting 7:00 PM	Football Sundays (During NFL Season) MacArthurs on the Parkway Special Menu		• EVERY FRIDAY: 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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