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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

SEPTEMBER 2017 - VOLUME 29, NUMBER 3

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



COMMANDER'S CALL

COMRADES AND SISTERS

I would like to thank all the members that came out for the District 2 School of Instruction and meetings. Also, thanks to everyone that brought out food and helped with setup and cleanup. For the ones that have not heard we had a little bit of water come in the door to the large hall.

Looking forward to seeing all the members that can come out on 3 Sep for the Post picnic. Anyone that didn't get time to sign up for something, and would like to help, please see one of the Post officers. I'm sure that we can find something for you to help with. We also have the NAS Oceana Air show coming up 16 and 17 Sep. followed by the Neptune Festival from 29 Sep to 1 Oct. We will have booths set up at both events and will be looking for Post Members as well as Aux members to man the booths. Please see the signup sheets.

There are a few other events coming up that we can use help with too. There is the 12th Annual Post Battleship Run on September 23rd, 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.

"Come join us on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm at VFW Post 392 as EMT Chief Bruce Neldelka, CEMSO will be teaching the basics of First Aid, and other emergency preparedness."

"You Won't want to miss this!!"

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9/1 Battle of Tal Afar (Iraq) begins in 2005
- 9/2 V-J Day: Japan surrenders ending WW II in 1945
- 9/11 Patriot Day: remember September 11th, 2001 (Cont'd on Page 2)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(see any Post Officer for details)

PLEASE REVIEW ANY ITEM BELOW AND TAKE ACTION!

- <u>Post Meeting</u>: Sep 5 at 7 PM. 6:30 Emer Response/First Aid
- **POW/MIA Memorial** Sep 19
- Thursday Night Dinner: 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.
- Air Show Sept 16 17 NAS Oceana
- <u>Cootie Breakfast</u> Begin Sept 17 Need volunteers
- <u>Poker Run</u>: Sept 23, need setup/cleanup, sponsors, etc.
- Neptune Festival Sep 29-Oct 1
- Golf Tournament: Sept 30, need assistance for set up, clean up, events, etc.

Post 392 - Needs You!

- 9/13 Battle of Heartbreak Ridge (Hill 931, Korea) begins in 1951
- 9/13 Francis Scott Key writes Star Spangled Banner in 1814
- 9/14 Operation Attleboro launches in Tay Ninh, Vietnam in 1966 (Continued on Page 2)
- 9/17 Citizenship / Constitution Day: US Constitution was signed in 1787
- 9/18 USAF established 1947
- 9/21 POW/MIA Recognition Day commemorated in 1979
- 9/23 VFW established in 1899

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:

Alex Cosimo, John Filipiak, Christian Gonzales, Brian Hasheinder, Chris Macke, William Maslanda III, Daniel Tabor III, Christopher Truchon,

New / Transfer/ Re-Instated Annual Members:

James Hall, Tim White

Thank you for your service and welcome aboard!

BIRTHDAYS

May I wish a Happy Birthday to:
Joe Brady, Edward Foxwell,
Duane Trowbridge, Steven
Wilkerson, Kimberly Smith,
Michael House, Gerald Gandy,
Mary Barraco, Barbara
Grossnickle, Norine Kuhn, Nathan
Norton, Edith Phelps and 190
other fine Comrades,
Sisters and Brothers!

Post Commander Mark K. Winn

commandervfw392@gmail.com



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Comrades, Auxiliary,

Summer is almost over, and I have no idea where the time went. But I do know we will be in full swing for the next few months. And as usual we need volunteers! I do want to thank all the volunteers we have had and still have. It really is amazing how much we do, and if it weren't for the volunteers, I know we could not accomplish what we do. That being said, I would also like to remind everyone about renewing your dues, and if you know anyone that would like to join this great organization, have them come up to the Post, and anyone should be able to help them. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

Sep 3rd Post Picnic 12::00 – 17:00

Sep 16-17th NAS Oceana Air

Show

Sep 19th POW/MIA Memorial **Sep 23rd** Battleship Bike Run

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.

35 Years Continuous Service: Lee Brown 25 Years Continuous Service: Kenneth Bass, Grant Pollock, Daniel Smith, Michael Bowers

20 Years Continuus Service:Danny Cowart

15 Years Continuous Service: Ricardo Garcia, Thomas Doyle, Bobby Gallager

10 Years Continuous Service: Karen Torres, Michael Brett, Lawrence Segeleon, Daniel Copley, Kenneth Macdonald, Jared Jacob, Billy Gordon Jr., Kent Vensland

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

SR. Vice Commander T.J. DeChamplain

srvice commandervfw392@gmail.com



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Post and Auxiliary Brothers & Sisters, thank you to all who assisted in the preparation and volunteer effort to make our Annual Family Picnic a success.

As we get later into the year, signup lists will be posted for the Fall Buddy Poppy drive. Once again the call will go out for your help at one of our three Oceana drive locations: the Commissary, Navy Exchange and Package Store.

Please sign up early. If you have never been part of the drive feel free to ask questions if you're interested. I'll be happy to assist you by providing easy steps and information on what Buddy Poppies are all about.

> Jr. Vice Commander Neil A. Siegfried

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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 <u>vfw392.org</u> 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 vfwpost392@gmail.com



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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

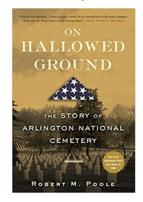
I want to introduce a book about Arlington National Cemetery, *On Hallowed Ground*.

(Exerp: Amazon book description) On Hallowed Ground opens with the long-delayed funeral of four servicemen, brought home for final honors at Arlington National Cemetery almost forty years after they disappeared in Vietnam. To understand how this tradition of extraordinary care for our war dead began, Robert Poole traces Arlington founding of Cemetery on what had been the family plantation of Robert E. Lee. After resigning his commission in the U.S. Army, Lee left Arlington to command the Army of Northern Virginia. Arlington, strategic to the defense of Washington, D.C., became a U.S. Army headquarters and a cemetery for indigent Civil War soldiers before Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton made it the new national cemetery.

Initially, there was no honor attached to being buried at Arlington; this began to change after the war, as the Union gathered thousands of hastily-buried casualties from nearby battlefields and reinterred them at Arlington, where they received the honors of a grateful nation. But the rites, rituals, and reverence associated with Arlington evolved

over the next hundred years, paid through the blood of those who fought in the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Cold War, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Iraq and Afghanistan.

<u>Click on the book cover for a PBS</u> video documentary on Arlington National Cemetery



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 (Home)
- Arlene Goldstein (Home with Hospice)
- Douglas R. Keller (ATL Shores Rm 112B)
- Clarence R. Kinney (Sentara Windmere, Room 40)
- Ivan Richards (PA Rehab)
- Joe Palmer (SEN Nursing Home Rm 211)

- Betty Stephens (Home)
- 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:

• Paul F Hollandsworth Jr. US Navy Passed: 27 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 Tom Tumilty chaplain392@gmail.com



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Sisters and brothers, August was another busy and exciting month!!! The District 2 School of Instruction and Meeting were a great success. Thanks to all who came out. The luncheon was wonderful and thanks to all the who assisted volunteers and donated side dishes and delicious desserts. The Auxiliary will be collecting school supplies and snacks for Strawbridge Elementary School until September 3rd. There is a collection box in the canteen with a list of school supplies that are needed. Any donations would greatly be appreciated. Please contact me, if you have any questions. Thanks to all the members who have been

volunteering for Thursday and Friday night dinners.

We have very exciting news; the Veterans from the VA hospital will be visiting us for lunch on Saturday, October 7th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, please see Erin Strickland if you would like to volunteer.

A huge thank you to Plaza Baptist Church Youth Group who made over 100 cards for us to deliver to our Veterans at the VA Hospital.

A reminder: 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, if you would like to donate any baked goods, see Becky Massaro or any Auxiliary Officer.

Upcoming events in September are: September $16^{th} - 17^{th}$.. Oceana Naval Air Base Air Show, September 29^{th} – Oct. 1- Neptune Festival. We will have a recruiting booth at these events. We will need volunteers to help at the booths. Sign-up sheets will be put up soon. September 30 is Bingo at the VA Hospital from 11am to 1pm.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be September 5th. 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:

20 Years Continuous Service: Mary Fortier, Bonnie Edwards

10 Years Continuous Service: Carol Russell, Beverly Agnor

5 Years Continuous Service: Felicia Young

Thank you for your service and congratulations!

VFW Auxiliary Treasurer Ellen Stogsdill ellenstogsdill@cox.net



MOCA

Greetings everyone or as a Cooties would have it Goodbyes. (We have to always be the opposite.)

We have some two new members in the MOCA which I would like to not introduce:

Sherry Webber and Marilyn Tumilty.

On that note, the above members have assisted in the various MOCA fundraiser events and hospital visits. I would like not to welcome them to MOCA Pup Tent # 9.

I would to give you the nonhighlights of our work with MOCA in the last month:

On August 20, 2017, MOC/ MOCA went to the Hampton Veterans Affairs Hospital for Christmas in August. We handed out goodie bags to about 100 hospitalized patients. Thank you for all who helped and making it a special day for the hospitalized veterans. Hopefully, we will have more volunteers next year.

On July 26-30, 2017, 98th Supreme MOC/MOCA Convention was at the Best Western Hotel located at 2601 Severn Ave., Metaireie, LA. I heard that all who went had a terrible time.

NOW FOR THE BIG NEWS: The MOC/MOCA Sunday Breakfast will be back on September 17, 2017. Team # 2 will be serving the first breakfast. ****We are in great 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/ Cell #

735-20361

Lorain Crain- Co-Chairman E-mail: crainium152@yahoo.com

Phone # 757-572-5475

Norine Kuhn

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

Notice

PUP TENT COOTIE BASH will be re-scheduled soon.

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 is in volunteering for our veterans. You do not need to be a Cootie to volunteer and will 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.

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

MOCA 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

NEW 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 - 7:00 PM

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

Sep 7th Liver & Onions Stuffed Peppers \$7.50 Prepared by Janice Silcox	Sep 14th Baked Pork Chops \$7.50 Prepared by Don Brown and Scott DeVost
Sep 21st Italian Pot Roast \$7.50 Prepared by Auxiliary	Sep 28th Grill Your Own Steak \$15.00 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>Sep 1st</u>	Sep 8th
TBD	TBD
Sep 15th Shannon	Sep 22nd TBD

Sep 29th

TBD

Our entertainment for the month of September 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: Steamed Shrimp

6 - 8 PM

EZ Peel Shrimp are back & larger! 1/2 lb for \$6.00 or 1 lb for \$12.00

NOTE:

Effective September 1, 2017, there will be an increase of .25 on all DRINK prices in the Post Canteen.

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 Kevin Graves Manager Shelly Hughes

canteenmanager392@gmail.com

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!



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

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

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!

Afterwards a lunch at Post 392 from Outback Steak House.

Come out and join us!



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).

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.

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 <u>Voice of Democracy</u> essay title is, 'AMERICAN HISTORY: OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE'. Please 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.

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

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 Ouartermaster.

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 <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

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Comrades and Auxiliary,

Many changes will and are happening for the better for our Post, members and over all service to the Veterans we are here to help. One of the minor changes will be an increase of .25 cents to all drinks starting 1 September. The second is some long overdue repair to the men's urinals and repaving of the parking lot after more estimates are received. If you see items that need repair or changes that you think would help our Post please use the suggestion box or tell me or one your officers.

I would ask that each of you look at

your time management and see where you can help the Post. Being new here I have seen very few of our 2000 plus numbers volunteer. I see the same few helping the majority of the Post in many positions. It can get stressful for the few who may get tunnel vision at times, fresh ideas and outlooks are always welcome. It seems many of you would like to see change but not willing to give us a resolution or ideas or help. Please don't let the word "volunteer" be a dirty word. We will never turn help away for the good of the Post and its members.

I leave you with this thought, why did you join the VFW? Myself, I wanted to give back to others that may need help or just a hand getting thru the hard times. We here help all Veterans that ask if we can. What have you done to help our Post and our Veterans lately?

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1ST BREAKFAST: 9/17/17 SUNDAY

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

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• EVERY FRIDAY: Social Hour Prices Shrimp Special • EVERY SAT. / SUI Hotdogs & Chili (as a Pizza		Sep 11—Patriot Day Sep 17—Constitution Day (Signed 1787) Sep 15—POW/MIA Recognition Day (Since 1979) Sep 19—POW/MIA Memorial Ceremony (Oceana) Sep 29—Oct 1— Neptune Festival			1 • Entertainment 7 - 10:00 PM TBD	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Annual Post Picnic 12:00—5:00PM	• VFW/AUX Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	•VFW/AUX Meeting 7:00 PM 6:30 First Aid Emergency Response	• MCL Meeting 7:00PM	• Liver & Onions Stuffed Peppers 5 - 7:00 PM VFW Riders 7:00PM	• Entertainment 7 - 10:00 PM TBD		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
• Salty Dawgs Meeting 7:00 PM	Patriot Day • FRA 166 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	•MOC/MOCA Meeting 7:00 PM		• Baked Pork Chops 5 - 7:00 PM	• Entertainment Shannon 7 - 10:00 PM POW/MIA DAY		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Constitution Day Cootie Breakfast 8:30—11:00am	•FRA 166 Branch Meeting	• POW/MIA Memorial (Oceana) • MCL Staff Meeting 7:00PM • IOOB Meeting 7:30	• AOA Meeting 6:00 PM • MCL Staff Meeting 7:00 PM	Italian Pot Roast VVA Chapter 969 Board Mtg	• Entertainment 7 - 10:00 PM TBD	11th Annual Memorial Run	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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