



**December 2022**



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### **From the Commander:**

Team 4809,

We had a very busy month in November, and we have another busy month upcoming for December!

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Post held an interment for Retired Navy Captain Jim Jones, Past Post 4809 Commander, at Albert G. Horton Veteran's Cemetery.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> Post and Auxiliary members placed flags at Veteran's head stones at Woodlawn Cemetery in honor of Veteran's Day. Also, the Post celebrated the 247<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday with Retired Sgt. Major Linwood Moore and Lance Corporal Preston Foley, from Norfolk Marine Security Force Battalion, cutting the cake in Marine Corps tradition. The Virginia Beach Veteran's Day parade was canceled due to inclement weather. The Post bought submarine sandwiches and chips to provide lunch to our Post veteran's. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Post held a Celebration of Life for Post Life Member Jim Wold. Jim had been our Post "Chaps" for many years. He will be sorely missed.

Kathy Goodall asked for volunteers to have a membership table @ the Bodacious Bazaar. Several Post members participated to help us have a membership table.

Flags were removed on the 14<sup>th</sup>. A later date will be scheduled to go through the flags and repair/retire those needing repair or retiring. Additionally, on this day, the Post held an interment for our past "Chaps", Jim Wold, at Albert G. Horton Veterans Cemetery.

The weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup>- the 20<sup>th</sup> had several members and Auxiliary volunteering their time to prepare turkeys and all the fixings for the visiting Veterans from the VA hospital. A total of 20 VFW and Auxiliary helped on the day of the dinner, the 20<sup>th</sup>, to serve 25 Vets and the hospital staff to provide them with a Thanksgiving meal. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and resources to make this meal a success. It has been two years since we were able to provide the Veterans this meal.

### **December:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> is the VFW District 2 Meeting at VFW Post 3160 at 12:00 pm.

On the 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony in the Post Canteen at 6:00 pm. Our Canteen is named after our own Pearl Harbor Survivor Past Post Commander Robert "Doc" Brunner. Also, on the 7<sup>th</sup> VFW District 2 will be able to have a membership table for the USS Stennis night for the Norfolk Admirals.

On Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, VFW District 2 will be participating in a VFW Night game during the Norfolk Admirals game.

On New Year's Eve, the Post will host a New Year's Eve party along with Cootie Steak night. A steak meal sign up list is behind the bar in the Canteen. See the Seam Squirrel's MOC newsletter input for details.

Continuing to serve!

Christine Hague-Renwick – 2022-2023 Post Commander,  
VFW Post 4809 - 757-537-5928

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## Auxiliary President:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

This is a wonderful month for friends and family to get together following Thanksgiving.

There are a few things in the works for us to enjoy. Starting with December 2nd, Post member Tony Watson will be cooking Pork Butts for the Auxiliary! To include Mac & Cheese, Corn, Salad and Rolls. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm the Auxiliary will have a short business meeting followed by Christmas Dinner with side dishes and desserts made by membership.

December 17<sup>th</sup> Is the Children's Christmas Party at 2pm. Santa will be there to visit all the Children. If you plan on bringing your child, please sneak a wrapped gift under the tree with your child's full name on it. We look forward to a good time as Ashley is great coordinating our parties.

Thank you to all who helped with the judging of our VOD and Patriots Pen entrees. Also, big thanks for helping decorate the Post Home for the Holidays, Its great working together.

Our youth Chairman Ashley is asking all to pay attention to the large box "TOYS FOR TOTS" In the hallway. Please bring a toy so some children will have a great Christmas because you care to help Santa Out.

If you have NOT paid your dues for the incoming year, it is time to send or drop off your dues in order to remain an Auxiliary member. Notices have been mailed out twice so please, remain a member in good standing!

TO ALL MEMBERS! I want to THANK YOU all who have been so supportive of the Auxiliary and of course myself. When I was nominated to be your President, I said that I would need all your support and help as I am not able to do everything and to those who have stepped up and helped, I know who you are! And I appreciate you so much! God bless you all, may God watch over all our Auxiliary Brother's and Sister's.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!!!!! TOO ALL!

Your President, *Gloria*

Gloria Klinefelter  
Post 4809 Auxiliary President  
757-620-3180



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### **From the Post Chaplain:**

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving full of awesome food, great memories, and fellowship spent with family and friends. I am sure some of you, like me, are turkeyed out.

I pray everyone has a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget the Cootie steak night New Year's Eve and please sign up on the list behind the bar. We had a great time last year!!

Please remember if you or a family member should become ill, confined at home, admitted to the hospital or experience the loss of a loved one, be sure to contact me, Tim Dawley at (757-813-8054 or the Post Home at (757) 461-1343).

One of our most important responsibilities as VFW members is to provide emotional support whenever possible to our fellow Comrades, Sisters and family members. Never forget to pray for each other as well as all our active-duty service personnel, DOD civilians, first responders, medical personnel both stateside and overseas.

Watch out for each other. We are all family. Sometimes just an ear to listen can help someone tremendously.

With the Holidays coming up, I know people will be traveling to be with family and friends so please be careful and stay safe. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Post events!!

"When life is hard, Pray. When life is great Pray".

Very respectfully,  
Tim Dawley  
(757)813-8054

[Timothy.dawley@gmail.com](mailto:Timothy.dawley@gmail.com)



### **From the Auxiliary Chaplain:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessings to "you and yours!" As we enter our holiday season let us show our support by coming out and enjoying the Fun Times! There are dinners, DJ's, pool tournaments, and other celebrations planned. There was a great turn out for the Thanksgiving Dinner for the Veterans. Such a blessing that they were able to come and share with us! Thank you, Thank you very much to all who volunteered!

Blessing to All:

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. "John 1:14

If you need anything, please contact me at [edwardsmelva73@yahoo.com](mailto:edwardsmelva73@yahoo.com). If you are sick, in the hospital or know of anyone who is, please call me at (860)-884-5243.

Look forward to seeing all of you, as we come out to support our Veterans!!

God Bless You and keep you!

Susie Melva-Edwards  
Post 4809 Auxiliary Chaplain  
860-884-5243





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### From The Seam Squirrel:

Listen up Cooties,

November was an extremely lousy month. We completed a Scratch and supported Veteran Thanksgiving. Great turn out for Veterans from the VA Hospital. Thank you to ALL who came out in support of Veterans Thanksgiving and other post events.

I hope a lousy time was had by all. As mentioned, October was our last Burger and Breakfast for the year. This is to allow the Cooties to spend the holidays with their families. We hope to see you again for New Year's Eve Steak Night. A sign-up sheet is posted behind the bar, so we can get a meal count to ensure we have steaks for all who would like to attend. I am sure this will be as lousy a time as last year.

We will resume Burger Night and Breakfast in January 2023. Cooties we may be able to resume VA Hospital Bingo in January 2023 as well.

We are always looking for new WORTHY post members that are ready to be invited to our crummy fraternity. As the working members of the post, we need members that will support our activities. The meals we prepare are how we raise money to assist veterans and post members with any appropriate necessary / unmet needs they may have.

So, it is important that we support these functions. The shopping, the prep work, the cooking, the serving, and the cleanup all need to be done to make our customers happy and keep them coming back. Remember to keep your food handlers' card current and on file at the Post. These expire every three years. Please ensure the Canteen Manger has your Food Handler Card on file.

As the working members of the post, please continue to support post and auxiliary activities. For these events keep a close eye on the post newsletter. When supporting these activities wear your Cootie Gear to show off our

organization and be on the lookout for new recruits.

We are always looking for new ways to increase the Crummy Duffel Bag. Please bring those lousy ideas to the next Scratch.

#### Up Coming Events:

03 December – District Meeting  
06 December – Scratch  
10 December – Army / Navy Game  
12 December – Post Meeting  
18 December – Cootie Dinner Out  
20 December – House Committee Meeting  
24 December – Post Christmas Party  
31 December – Cootie Steak Night / New Year's Eve Party

I hope to see you all soon. Please safe and look out for each other. Please let me know if you need anything!!!

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,  
Craig Dudley  
Seam Squirrel (Round 2)  
757-618-5624  
Craig.VFW4809@gmail.com



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## From the Canteen:

We offer Pizza, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Lumpia, Mozzarella Sticks, French Fries, Tater Tots, Jalapeno Poppers, and Loaded Potato Skins daily in the Canteen. Come on out and enjoy some snacks!

## **Upcoming Dinners DEC 2022:**

02 DEC – Aux Dinner – BBQ, Mac and Cheese, Corn, Salad and Rolls.

09 DEC – Post Dinner – Shepard's Pie.

16 DEC – Corp Dinner – Stuffed Pork Chops.

23 DEC – **No DINNER.**

## **Canteen Entertainment for DEC 2022:**

09 DEC – DJ Mike in the Canteen.

24 DEC – DJ Mike in the Canteen.

**\*\*\*WE HAVE A NEW GAME ON THE ETAB MACHINES, AND NEW BET AMOUNTS, CAN WIN UP TO \$1,000.00!! COME ON OUT AND PLAY!!!!\*\*\***

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***Food Handlers Card reminder: If you are working in the kitchen, you need an up-to-date card. eFoodhandlers.com***

COME IN AND SUPPORT YOUR POST AND ENJOY THE COMRADERY!

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

## **CANTEEN HOURS:**

**09:00 AM to 02:00 AM MONDAY thru SUNDAY**

**\*\*\*NOTE: Canteen can close at the discretion of the on-duty Bar tender. \*\*\***

## **Pool Tournaments!!!!**

**Pool Tournaments will be every Saturday of each month starting at 3:30 PM.**



**WINGS WILL BE ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WED AND STEAMED/FRIED SHRIMP WILL ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH WED. YOU CAN GET IT GO OR EAT IT IN THE CANTEEN.**



Respectfully,  
**Ruth and Theresa**

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**Bring your best chili!**  
**DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, Judging**  
**Begins at 3:00 PM**

Tidewater Post 4809

**CHILI**  
Cook  OFF

**Bragging rights**  
**are on the line**



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JOIN US FOR  
OUR  
**CHRISTMAS  
EVE  
PARTY**  
**24**  
**DECEMBER**

DJ MIKE FROM 6PM-10

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT  
EXCHANGE STARTING AT  
7PM--PLEASE SEE FLYER  
FOR RULES AND DETAILS

BRING A LIGHT SNA  
TO SHARE



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# COOTIE'S NEW YEAR'S STEAK DINNER

**DATE: 12/31/2022**

**WHERE: POST 4809, 5728 BARTEE ST, NORFOLK VA**

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

**WHAT: \$25.00 COOTIE STEAK W/ BAKED POTATO, ROLLS,  
MAC N CHEESE, BROCCOLI, AND DESSERT**





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**General Information:**

1. **Happy Hour Pricing:** Canteen happy hour price time runs from 5pm to 7pm Monday thru Friday **ONLY**. The Canteen Bar Tender will not accept any happy hour drink vouchers **AFTER 7pm**. If you have happy hour drink vouchers, please utilize them only during happy hour timeframes.
2. **Locker Dues:** Commencing 01 JAN 2023 all locker fees are due for the year, to be paid yearly each calendar year. Also, commencing 01 JAN 2023 all locker dues will increase to \$20.00 a year. Pay your locker dues to the Canteen Manager or put your dues in an envelope and give them to the on-duty Bar Tender.
3. **Food Handler Cards:** Anyone making, cooking, or serving food in the Post Home is required to have a valid Virginia Food Handler Card. Get yours now at [www.efoodhandlers.com](http://www.efoodhandlers.com)
4. **Thank You Volunteers!** Thank you to all the volunteers for working on the Post Home upgrades. We continue to need more help, so please come down and lend a Comrade a hand!
5. **Front Door Access:** The Post Home main entrance is locked during normal operation. Please use the keypad to gain entrance. Please call the Canteen if you need the keypad combo at 747-461-1343.
6. **Newsletter Inputs:** All newsletter inputs are due to Dave Alexander by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please send me your newsletter inputs at: [cwo1967@yahoo.com](mailto:cwo1967@yahoo.com)

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<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***				1 Post Inventory <b>Thursday Night Football</b> 	2 <b>Aux Dinner: BBQ, Mac &amp; Cheese, Salad &amp; Roll</b> 6:30 pm	3 <b>Pool Tournament</b> 3:30 pm 
4 <b>Sunday Football In the Canteen!</b> 	5 <b>Aux Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	6 <b>Pearl Harbor Ceremony in Canteen</b> 6:00 pm  <b>MOC Scratch</b> 7:00 pm	7 <b>Wings in the Canteen</b> 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	8 <b>Thursday Night Football</b> 	9 <b>Post Dinner: Shepard's Pie</b> 6:30 pm  <b>DJ MIKE</b>	10 <b>Army/Navy Game Chili Cook Off</b> <b>Pool Tournament</b> 3:30 pm 
11 <b>Sunday Football In the Canteen!</b> 	12 <b>Post Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	13	14 <b>Fried/ Steamed Shrimp in the Canteen</b> 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	15 <b>Thursday Night Football</b> 	16 <b>Corp Dinner: Stuffed Pork Chops</b> 6:30 pm	17 <b>Children's Christmas Party</b> 2:00 pm <b>Pool Tournament</b> 3:30 pm 
18 <b>Sunday Football In the Canteen!</b> 	19	20 <b>HC Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	21 <b>Wings in the Canteen</b> 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	22 <b>Thursday Night Football</b> 	23 <b>No DINNER!</b>	24 <b>Christmas Eve Party in the Canteen!</b> <b>Gift Exchange!</b> 6:00 pm  <b>DJ MIKE</b>
25 <b>Merry Christmas!</b>  <b>Post Is Closed.</b>	26	27	28 <b>Fried/ Steamed Shrimp in the Canteen</b> 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	29 <b>Thursday Night Football</b> 	30 <b>No DINNER!</b>	31 <b>Cootie New Year's Eve Steak Dinner</b> <b>Night</b> 6:30 pm