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From the Commander:

Team 4809,

April Events Completed:

- April 1st and 2nd – Hampton Gun Show recruiting event.

- April 8th - Kathy Goodall planned and coordinated the Quilts of Valor Ceremony for many of the Post members.

- April 12th - I along with other Post and Auxiliary members picked up 1,320 long-stem red roses which were donated to us by the USS George H.W. Bush. They had ordered the flowers for their homecoming which was extended so could not use the flowers. They had to cancel half of the order (almost 3,000 total) but could not use the others and did not want them to go to waste. Some of the flowers were given to several of the Post members who are under the weather; Victoria Cardona, Ruthie Hattery and Butch Schupska's wife. Also, 3 dozen were donated to Fleet and Family Support Services; Oceana, Naval Station Norfolk and NAB Little Creek for Month of the Military Child. The Gold Star Mothers organization was given two dozen in appreciation for their kindness and work in providing the Post dinner and Emily Katzen for her work with disabled Veterans.

- April 18th – Aviation Institute of Maintenance has invited us to attend a community resource fair event starting @ 0930. The event will run until noon, and we have the option to have a membership table at the event.

- April 20th – Single Marine Program Week of Service. The Marines came by to retrieve flags to retire. They took an entire bag of flags to Altmeyer Funeral Home.

- April 21st – 23rd – Spring Craft Recruiting Event in Virginia Beach.

- April 29th – VFW Riders Poke Run from Dive Bar in Phoebus @ 0900.

May Events Scheduled:

- May 4th - VFW Riders meeting @ Post Home @ 1900.

- May 5th – Cinco De Mayo celebration @ the Post. Celebration @ 1830 in Canteen.

- May 6th – Post installation of officers. The installation will be held @ 1700 in the big hall.

- Post dinner. BBQ Chicken and baked beans by Scott Bannon.

- May 13th – District Two Convention @ Post 4809. The meeting starts @ 1030 with lunch to follow. Lunch will be Stuffed Shells or Manicotti, salad, and bread. Cost is \$5.00

- May 14th – Mother's Day Weekend prior to Memorial Day, May 29th. Altmeyer Funeral Home is inviting our

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post to a movie night (date to be determined) as a tribute to our post and its members. More details to follow.

- May 14th – Post Mother’s Day Breakfast starts @ 0930.
- May 25th – Flag placement @ 1600 @ gravesites for Albert G. Horton Cemetery.
- May 26th – Flag placement @ 0900 @ gravesites @ Woodlawn Cemetery.
- May 29th – 0900 Wreath placement ceremony @ Albert G. Horton Cemetery.
- May 29th - Memorial Day Picnic @ Post Home @ 1200.
- May 30th – Flag removal @ 0900 from Woodlawn Cemetery.

Christine Hague-Renwick
2022-2023 Post Commander,
VFW Post 4809

Auxiliary President:

To all Post and Auxiliary members,
It has been my pleasure to serve as your President this year. As I look back it was my 6th term as President, and I am sure it's because of my Age and Health it has been a long year.

My Congratulations to the newly elected Officers and I wish you a very successful year.

May Events:

- May 1st- Auxiliary Meeting 7pm.
- May 5th- Auxiliary Dinner 6:30 \$10 – Mexican Fiesta.
- May 6th- Installation starting at 5pm followed by dinner.
- May 13th- District II Convention at 4809.
- May 29th - Memorial Day Picnic at 12pm- Please bring covered dishes.

Early Bird Dues start June 1st through July 31 (\$18)- If you are an Annual Member this is a great chance to save on your membership!

I urge you all to look over the calendar and see what's going on and do your best to participate in all that is going on. Again, I thank all for your support and help in so many ways, Commander Christine, you have been so good to me. I feel like I have a new friend. Wish all a happy summer, enjoy your family as much as you can. Take care.

Sincerely,
Gloria Klinefelter
Post 4809 Auxiliary President
757-620-3180

From the Post Chaplain:

Brothers and Sisters,
I hope this finds everyone well.
Keep our Post family members who are having health issues in your thoughts and prayers. Check on each other. If you need anything, or need any kind of assistance, please ask!!!
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) 463-4343). 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. Respect especially among VFW members – we share a critical common experience, and that is especially deserving of mutual respect. It is always a promising idea to grant a compassionate ear to our members of different generations and actively listen to what they have to say. You may just learn something – and you might just find out you have more ground than you ever thought possible.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." —Philippians 2:3

Very respectfully,
Tim Dawley
(757)813-8054

Timothy.dawley@gmail.com



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From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Blessings to "you and yours!" There are many events going on; Lunches, DJs, Dinners, and our pool tournaments to name a few. Come on down and support our Veterans! You will enjoy the good company and make memories! Remember a call or a quick visit can bring a smile and lift spirits more than we know.

Let us remember our Veterans and the wonderful work that this organization performs to Honor them and our God. Please Pray for the Ukrainian People and all those that are supporting them.

"May all the blessings of the Lord be yours in abundance in the year." Isaiah 43:19

If you need anything, please contact me at 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 Edwards
VFW Post 4809 Auxiliary Chaplain

From The Seam Squirrel:

Listen up Cooties,

April was an extremely lousy month. We completed a Scratch, Cootie Burger Night, and Cootie Breakfast. Thank you again to all who came out to enjoy and support Burgers and Breakfast. I hope a lousy time was had by all. We were also able to get over to the VA to host bingo for the veterans in the Dom. A lousy time was had by all.

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:

02 May – Scratch

06 May – Post Installation

08 May – Post Meeting

13 May – District Meeting @ 4809

14 May – Mother's Day Breakfast

16 May – House Committee Meeting

17 May - Post Hospital BINGO (Possible)

21 May – Cootie Hospital BINGO

26 May – Cootie Burger Night

28 May – Cootie Breakfast

29 May – Veterans at the Post for Memorial Day

I hope to see you all soon. Please be 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
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Enjoy Baseball in the Canteen!!



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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 MAY 2023:

05 MAY -Aux Dinner – Cinco De Mayo!
12 MAY – Post Dinner – BBQ Chicken w/ Beans.
19 MAY – Corp Dinner – Tortellini w/ red sauce.
26 MAY – **MOC Burgers & Fries.**
28 MAY – **MOC Breakfast.**

Canteen Entertainment for MAY 2023:

05 MAY – DJ Karp King
12 MAY – DJ Mike in the Canteen.
26 MAY – 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!!!!*****

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 3:00 PM (except during special Post events).



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – WING AND SHRIMP TEAMS!!!!

TEAM “BLUE JACKET NAVY” – Bill Cusson and James Reid

TEAM “RUN SILENT; RUN DEEP” – Curtis Bobbitt and Zach Nettles

TEAM “GATOR NAVY” – Dave Alexander and Martie Braunshausen

TEAM “FLAT TOP NAVY” – Tim Dawley and Kathy Goodall



Respectfully,
Theresa and Curtis

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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
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 20th of each month. Please send me your newsletter inputs at: cwo1967@yahoo.com
7. **Shrimp and Wing Teams:** Anyone interested in joining or starting a Wednesday shrimp and wing team, please see Dave Alexander to be included in the watch rotation.
8. **Canteen Price Increases:** Please be aware certain items in the Canteen have increased in pricing.
9. **Canteen Credit Card Purchases:** Minimum credit card charge in the Post Canteen is \$10.00.

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Upcoming Events:

06 May – Post and Auxiliary Installation in the Big Hall starting at 5:00 pm.

13 May – VFW District II Convention in the Small and Big Hall starting at 10:00 am.

25 May – Corn Hole Toss Tournament in the Big Hall starting at 6:00 pm.

29 May – Post and Auxiliary Memorial Day Picnic starting at 12:00 pm.

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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 Aux Meeting 7:00 pm	2 MOC Scratch 7:00 pm	3 Wings – Team Gator Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	4 VFW Riders Meeting 7:00 pm	5 Aux Dinner: Cinco De Mayo! 6:30 pm DJ KARPKING	6 Post and Auxiliary Installation 5:00 pm No Pool Tournament
7 <i>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</i>	8 Post Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10 Fried/ Steamed Shrimp – Team Flat Top Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	11	12 Post Dinner: BBQ Chicken W/ Beans 6:30pm DJ MIKE	13 VFW District II Convention 10:00 am No Pool Tournament
14 Mother's Day Post Mother's Day Breakfast 09:30 <i>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</i>	15	16 HC Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Post VA Hospital Visit Wings – Team Gator Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	18	19 Corp Dinner: Tortellini W/ Red Sauce 6:30 pm	20 Pool Tournament 3:00 pm 
21 <i>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</i> MOC VA Hospital Visit	22	23	24 Fried/ Steamed Shrimp – Team Bluejacket Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	25 Cornhole Tournament in the Big Hall 6:00 pm	26 Place Flags at Woodlawn Cemetery 9:00 am MOC Burgers and Fries 6:30 pm DJ MIKE	27 Pool Tournament 3:00 pm 
28 MOC Breakfast 0930 – 1100 <i>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</i>	29 MEMORIAL DAY Post/Aux Memorial Day Picnic 12:00 pm	30 Remove Flags from Woodlawn Cemetery 9:00 am	31 Wings – Team Run Silent Run Deep 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm			***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***