



October 2023



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**From the Commander:**

Family 4809,

September was a super busy and productive month for us, we started the month with the Labor Day picnic. Thank you to all that came out and to those that came out and helped. We had Chief selects come out and helped with the pruning and overgrowth along our fence. We also held memorial ceremonies for both Patriot’s Day and POW/MIA Day. We went out to the National Guard armory for their family day event. Special thank you to Craig Dudley and everyone that came out to support that. At the end of the month, we were at the Neptune festival with our recruiting table.

encouraged to attend. Come find out and be a part of what your post is planning for us!

Still Serving  
Curtis Bobbitt  
2023-2024 Post Commander,  
VFW Post 4809  
(757) 300-9111

**What is happening now:**

Next year is our Post’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our Senior Vice Commander Lewis Bush is putting together a committee to plan our celebration. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee or if you have any ideas to make this the best celebration ever, please make your voices heard.

**Upcoming in October:**

Indigenous People’s Day/Columbus Day is the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. The Navy’s birthday is on the 13<sup>th</sup> (Hooyah!). The Post dinner this month will be spaghetti and meatballs. Provided to you by our Sr. Vice Commander Lewis Bush. Next Post meeting will be held on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> @7:00PM. Every member of the post is invited and highly



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## **Auxiliary President:**

Hello Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

Fall is upon us, and I am looking forward to some nice cool days!

**Membership:** We have met our goal of 100% plus one!! We have 296 members as of Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.

This does not mean we stop recruiting, we welcome all who are eligible! If you are an annual member, please consider going life, you will never have to worry about your dues again!

We welcome the following new members: Patrick Orr, Kaitlyn Orr, Daniel Cardona, Randy Roman, Christina Roman and Carol Cutright. Please say hello to them when you see them around the post.

We still have tickets for our raffle, there will be two \$500.winners!!! You could be one of them, but you must buy a ticket first! The drawing will be on OCT 6 after the AUX Dinner. Cost is \$10! You do not want to miss out.

There will be a Kids Halloween Party Saturday Oct 28 at 2PM. If you have any little ones or know of some, please let Ashley know so she can have a proper head count.

AUX dinner on OCT 6 will be Baked Pork Chops, Cheesy Potatoes, Salad< Roll and Dessert. All for only \$10! It will be yummy! I will need some help setting up and serving and cleaning up. Thank You.

I would also like to say THANK YOU for all that you have done in support of the Post home. It amazes me how things just "happen" WE had a great turnout for the Labor Day picnic. Everyone who brought your yummy sides and desserts I THANK YOU. The Dunk tank was a big hit. Fun was had by all!

Please look at the calendar for more events in the month of Oct.

Our next meeting will be Monday OCT 1 at 7 PM. See you there!

Sincerely,  
Martie Braunshausen  
Post 4809 Auxiliary President  
757-289-1686

## **From the Post Chaplain:**

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you had a great September and I pray you have a fabulous October. With Halloween coming up along with cooler weather. Time to light up the fire pits!!!

Please keep our post family members who are having health issues in your thoughts and prayers.

The following brothers, sisters and their families need our prayers: Rob Fary as he lost his father recently, Gary Messersmith passed away (we held the VFW ritual at his celebration of life), Mr. John Brzostowicz passed away

and please keep Ruthie in your thoughts and prayers as well.

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.

Please stay safe and I will see you around the Post home!!

## **Matthew 5:4**

**"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."**

Very respectfully,

Tim Dawley

(757)813-8054

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



## **From the Auxiliary Chaplain:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us remember our Veterans and the wonderful work that this organization performs to Honor them and our God.

Please Pray for our members, the Ukrainian People and all those that are supporting them.

***Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1-John 4:7***

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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 Edwards  
VFW Post 4809 Auxiliary Chaplain

## From The Seam Squirrel:

Listen up Cooties,

September was an extremely lousy month! We completed a Scratch, Cootie Burger Night, Cootie third degree work, and Cootie Breakfast. Thank you to all who helped on our wild Cootie weekends! Your LOUSY EFFORTS were noted and NOT APPRECIATED in support of all our LOUSY EVENTS! We also were able to support the VA Hospital's "Day of Caring" for the Veterans there.

We are always looking for new WORTHY Post Comrades who are willing and able to be invited into the seams of our crummy Pup Tent! As a COOTIE we are the working members of the Post, we need able bodied Comrades that are willing to support our crummy events. The meals we prepare are how we raise money to assist Veterans and fellow Comrades with any appropriate necessary / unmet needs they may have.

It is especially important 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 a working member 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 great organization and be on the lookout for new Nits!

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 OCTOBER – Scratch
- 09 OCTOBER – Post Meeting
- 15 OCTOBER – Cootie Hospital BINGO
- 17 OCTOBER – House Committee Meeting
- 27 OCTOBER – Cootie Burger Night

## 29 OCTOBER – Cootie Breakfast

I hope to see you all soon. **OUR SCRATCH IS ON 03 OCT!**  
Please be safe and look out for each other. Please let me know if you need anything!!!

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,  
Dave Alexander Sr.  
Seam Squirrel (Round 2)  
757-574-3564  
Cwo1967@yahoo.com



**Enjoy NCAA Football, NFL Football, Baseball, and NASCAR in the Canteen Every Day at VFW Post 4809!!**



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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 OCTOBER 2023:**

06 OCT – Aux Dinner – Pork Chops.  
13 OCT – Post Dinner – Spaghetti with Meatballs.  
20 OCT – Corp Dinner – TBD.  
27 OCT - **MOC Burgers & Fries.**  
29 OCT – **MOC Breakfast.**

## **Canteen Entertainment for OCTOBER 2023:**

13 OCT – DJ Mike in the Canteen.  
27 OCT – 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 second and fourth 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, Zach Nettles, Mo Maurizio**

**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. **75/25 Daily Drawing:** Due to a change in the Federal tax laws the next 75/25 daily drawing payout will be capped at \$599.00.
2. **Happy Hour Pricing:** Canteen happy hour price time runs from 5pm to 7pm Monday through 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.
3. **Front Door Access:** The Post Home main entrance is now accessed using a Fob. To get your Fob, contact Theresa, Curtis, or Craig!
4. **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.
5. **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)
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)
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



**FOOTBALL**

**NFL  
FOOTBALL  
IS  
BACK AT  
4809!**

**EVERY GAME  
SUNDAY, MONDAY  
AND THURSDAY**

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GEAS of Virginia  
PRESENTS

# Oktoberfest BEER FESTIVAL

October 7th

AT VFW POST 4809  
3:00PM - 10:00PM

**LIVE MUSIC - FOOD & BEER -  
RAFFLE PRIZES**

Bands

Dan Smith & Happy Dutchman

TICKET: \$12 FIRST 100 - \$15 AFTER  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION CALL:  
757-461-1343

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**TICKET**  
31226

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**RAFFLE**  
THOUSAND DOLLAR

**TICKET \$10**

**2 \$500 WINNERS**

**OCTOBER 6TH | AFTER DINNER**

Tickets on sale through October 6th.

200 tickets

2 chances to win



**TICKET**  
312267  
68

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**TICKET**  
3122



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Tidewater Post 4809  
PRESENTS

VFW



# PAINT NIGHT



5728 Bartee St.  
Norfolk, VA

Saturday, October 21 2023 6 pm  
\$20 per person

A fun night of socializing and creativity with wine and friends while producing a personal work of art to take home! Limited space so sign up early.



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TIDEWATER POST 4809

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PICKIN'

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 22  
NOON AT VFW 4809


BRING YOUR APPETITE AS WE ARE  
THROWING A COUPLE SUCKLING PIGS ON  
THE GRILL AND HAVING SIDES FOR A  
SUNDAY MEAL!

THIS IS A FREE MEAL BUT DONATIONS  
ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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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>
<p>1 Post Inventory <b>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</b></p> <p><b>NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</b></p>	<p>2 Aux Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>3 <b>MOC Scratch</b> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>4 Wings - Team Run Silent Run Deep 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	5	<p>6 Aux Dinner: Pork Chops w/Twice Baked Potatoes 6:30pm</p>	<p>7 <u>NCAA FOOTBALL SATURDAY!</u></p> <p><b>OCTOBERFEST</b> 3:00PM TO 10:00PM</p>
<p>8 <b>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</b></p> <p><b>NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</b></p>	<p>9 <i>Columbus/Indigenous People's Day</i></p> <p>Post Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	10	<p>11 Fried/Steamed Shrimp – Team Flattop Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	12	<p>13 Post Dinner: Spaghetti w/Meatball 6:30pm</p> <p>DJ MIKE</p>	<p>14 <u>NCAA FOOTBALL SATURDAY!</u></p> <p>Pool Tournament 3:00 pm</p> 
<p>15 <b>MOC VA Hospital Visit</b></p> <p><b>NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</b></p> <p><b>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</b></p>	16	<p>17 HC Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>18 Wings – Team Gator Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	19	<p>20 Corp Dinner: TBD 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21 <u>NCAA FOOTBALL SATURDAY!</u></p> <p><b>Paint Night W/ Kathy</b> 6:00 pm</p>
<p>22 <b>NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</b></p> <p><b>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</b></p> <p><i>Pig Pickin'</i> 12:00 pm</p>	23	24	<p>25 Fried/Steamed Shrimp – Team Bluejacket Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	26	<p>27 <b>MOC Burgers/Fries</b> 6:30 pm</p> <p>DJ MIKE</p>	<p>28 <u>NCAA FOOTBALL SATURDAY!</u></p> <p>Pool Tournament 3:00 pm</p>  <p><i>Kid's Halloween Party</i> 2:00 pm</p>
<p>29 <b>MOC Breakfast 0930</b></p> <p><b>NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</b></p> <p><b>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</b></p>	30	<p>31 <b>Happy Halloween!</b></p>				<p><b>***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***</b></p>