



December 2023



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From the Commander:

Family 4809,

November was a good month for the Post, we had a visit from Governor Glenn Youngkin at the beginning of the month. We had an awesome turnout for the blood drive. We hosted Dept. Jr. Vice and Dept. Surgeon along with the District Commander for dinner. The District meeting was also held where we submitted our entries for Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year to go up to the next level. Last, but certainly not least, our Thanksgiving Dinner with the Vets from the VA Hospital was absolutely a success. A huge thank you to everyone that came out and celebrated with us, and I really want to show my gratitude to everyone that brought a dish and everyone that helped with serving and volunteering. This does not happen without all of you!

What's happening now:

As some of you may know, next year is our Post's 80th birthday. Our Senior Vice Commander Lewis Bush is putting together a committee to plan our celebration. If you are interested in being a 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 December:

Dec. 7th is Pearl Harbor Day, and we will be remembering that day at the Post at 6PM. Army/Navy game is on the 9th

(GO NAVY!!!). There is still a TOYS for TOTS toy drive happening, so please if you can donate a toy for a child in need of some Christmas magic.

The Post dinner for this month is open faced roast beef sandwich with chips. I hope to see all of you that day to enjoy a delicious meal.

Next Post meeting will be held on Monday, December 11th @7:00PM. Every member of the Post is invited and highly encouraged to attend. Come find out and be a part of what your Post is planning for us! Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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



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Auxiliary President:

Greetings to All! The Holiday season is upon us! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Christmas is just around the corner, hope everyone has a joyous season.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the VA Vets Thanksgiving on Sunday the 19th. We had 25 Vets plus their aides for a total of 40. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed all the yummy food.

There will be a children's "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday Dec 17 at 10:00. Please bring a wrapped gift for your child, so Santa can give it to them. Please let Ashley know at the Dec Meeting if you will be attending. It is open to all - bring your child, grandchild, nieces, and nephews.

We will be having our Christmas Party at our meeting on the 4th of Dec. Please bring a side dish and an unwrapped toy so we can fill the Toy for Tots boxes at the Post.

We are participating in a District 2 Aux event. We are collecting items for the new VA Center in Chesapeake. Each Aux chose items to collect, Our Aux will be collecting **SHAVING CREAM, BODY WASH AND BOARD GAMES**. We will be collecting them from Dec1-Jan15. We will then get together with the other Auxiliary's and take them to the Center in early Feb.

As a reminder, please look at the Calendar for events for the Canteen and the Post, there are some fun things coming up this month. Please support if you are able.

Aux Dinner is Dec 1 at 6:30, it will be Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken, Salad, bread, and Dessert. For \$10. Help will be needed, serving and cleaning. Come early so you do not miss out.

I wish everyone a joyous and safe Christmas season!

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

From the Post Chaplain:

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends and got full of turkey! I know the Veterans from the VA Hospital really appreciated it and no one went home hungry.

Please keep our Post family members who are having health issues in your thoughts and prayers. One of our World War II Veterans, Mr. George Soule, passed away on Thanksgiving morning.

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!!

Luke 2:11

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Very respectfully,
Tim Dawley
(757)813-8054
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. 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 have come out to support our Veterans!!

God Bless You and keep you!

Susie Edwards
VFW Post 4809 Auxiliary Chaplain

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From The Seam Squirrel:

Listen up Cooties,

November was an extremely lazy, lousy month! We completed a Scratch and invited the Veterans from the VA Hospital over for an AWESOME Thanksgiving Dinner! Thank you to all who help with our wild Cootie events! Your LOUSY EFFORTS are noted and NOT APPRECIATED at all!

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:

- 05 DECEMBER – Scratch
- 06 DECEMBER – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony
- 09 DECEMBER – Army/Navy Game
- 11 DECEMBER – Post Meeting
- 16 DECEMBER – Wreaths Across America
- 17 DECEMBER – Aux Breakfast with Santa
- 18 DECEMBER – VA Hospital Veteran Christmas Party
- 19 DECEMBER – House Committee Meeting
- 22 DECEMBER – MOC Burgers, Fries, and Onion Rings
- 24 DECEMBER – Post Christmas Eve Party
- 31 DECEMBER – MOC New Year's Steak Night



I hope to see you all soon. **OUR SCRATCH IS ON 05 DEC!**
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 and NFL Football in the Canteen 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 DECEMBER 2023:

- 01 DEC – Aux Dinner – Fettuccini.
- 08 DEC – Post Dinner – Open Face Roast Beef.
- 15 DEC – Corp Dinner – Popcorn Shrimp.
- 22 DEC – **MOC Burgers/Fries.**
- 31 DEC – **MOC New Year's Steak Night.**

Canteen Entertainment for DECEMBER 2023:

- 10 DEC – DJ Mike in the Canteen.
- 24 DEC – DJ Mike in the Canteen.
- 31 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!!!!*****

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 starting up in January 2024!



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 Maurizzio

TEAM “GATOR NAVY” – Dave Alexander, Steve, 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 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.
2. **Front Door Access:** The Post Home main entrance is now accessed using a Fob. To get your Fob, contact Theresa, Curtis, or Craig!
3. **Locker Dues:** Locker dues renewals are coming due in **January 2024**. Locker dues cost \$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.
4. **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
5. **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
6. **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.
7. **Canteen Credit Card Purchases:** Minimum credit card charge in the Post Canteen is \$10.00.



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Upcoming Events

Christmas

Paint Night

\$20/person

limited to 20

09 DEC 6PM

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5728 BARTEE ST, NORFOLK VA

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TIDEWATER POST 4809

CHRISTMAS *Party*

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ENJOY
THE BEST PARTY
IN THE WORLD

Questions?

CALL: (757) 461-1343

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2023

NEW YEAR'S EVE

COOTIE STEAK | MIXED VEG | ROLL
TWICE BAKED POTATOES

PARTY STARTS AT 6 PM









\$25.00 PER PLATE

DECEMBER 31ST

SIGN UP LIST BEHIND BAR

CALL: 757-461-1343
5728 BARTEE ST. NORFOLK, VA 23502

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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>***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***</p>					<p>1 Post Inventory</p> <p>Aux Dinner: Fettuccini Alfredo W/Chicken 6:30pm</p>	<p>2 <u>NCAA FOOTBALL SATURDAY!</u></p>
<p>3 NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</p> 	<p>4 Aux Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>5 MOC Scratch 7:00 pm</p>	<p>6 Wings - Team Flattop Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	<p>7 Thursday Night Football</p> 	<p>8 Post Dinner: Open Face Roast Beef 6:30pm</p> <p>DJ MIKE</p>	<p>9 <u>ARMY/NAVY GAME!!!!</u></p> <p>PAINT NIGHT AT THE VFW!!!</p>
<p>10 NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</p> 	<p>11 Post Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Fried/Steam Shrimp – Team Bluejacket Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Thursday Night Football</p> 	<p>15 Corp Dinner: Popcorn Shrimp 6:30 pm</p>	<p>16 <u>NCAA FOOTBALL BOWL SATURDAY!</u></p> <p>Wreaths Across America</p>
<p>17 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA</p> <p>NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</p> 	<p>18 MOC/POST VA HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS PARTY 1:00 pm</p>	<p>19 HC Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>20 Wings – Team Gator Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	<p>21 Thursday Night Football</p>  <p>Employee Christmas Dinner</p>	<p>22 MOC BURGERS & FRIES/ ONION RINGS 6:30 pm</p> <p>Birthday Bash DJ Mike</p>	<p>23 <u>NCAA FOOTBALL BOWL SATURDAY!</u></p>
<p>24 POST CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY!</p> <hr/> <p>31 MOC NEW YEAR'S EVE STEAK DINNER!</p>	<p>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p>  <p>Post is Closed.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Fried/ Steamed Shrimp – Team Run Silent Run Deep 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	<p>28 Thursday Night Football</p> 	<p>29 No DINNER!</p>	<p>30 <u>NCAA FOOTBALL BOWL SATURDAY!</u></p>