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### **From the Commander:**

Family 4809,

Happy New Year! We have made it to 2024! I want to say the Toys for Tots drive was a huge success, as well as the needs list for the patients over at the VA Medical center in Hampton. Thank you to everyone that donated and helped with that. We are always changing and evolving, but our goal remains the same here at VFW Post 4809, which is to help veterans.

### **What is happening now:**

As some of you may know later this 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 January:**

The Virginia Department Winter Council is being held on 11-14 January in Williamsburg. It will be hosted at the Fort Magruder Hotel and conference center. If you are going do not forget to call and reserve your hotel room at the VFW special rate.

The Post dinner for this month is cancelled due to the Virginia Department Winter Council.

Next Post meeting will be held on Monday, January 8th @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!

Still Serving

Curtis Bobbitt

2023-2024 Post Commander,

VFW Post 4809

(757) 300-9111



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## Auxiliary President:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year! I cannot believe it is 2024 already! Time sure is rushing by!

I would like to thank all who bought dishes to our Dec meeting! They were all sooo yummy! We also had our Childrens Breakfast with Santa on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>; the kids had a great time doing crafts and seeing Santa. Thank you, Ashley Johnson, for putting it all together and getting "Santa" to make a special stop so the kids could tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

Our next meeting will be on Jan 15 at 7:00 PM. The change is due to our scheduled one is on News Years Day. The Aux dinner will be on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of Jan We will be having Beef Stew, salad, and dessert. All for \$10! It starts at 6:30, so come early, you do not want to miss out!

Winter Council is Jan 11-14, 2024, at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, Williamsburg, VA. Deadline is Jan 4<sup>th</sup> for registration.

We will be collecting for the VA Center in Chesapeake at our Jan meeting. We are collecting Body Wash, Shaving Cream and Board Games. This is a District wide Aux Project. If you can please donate. Thank You

Please support our Post and MOC and Canteen events, check the calendar to see when the next event is!

Have a great month and stay safe!

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

## From the Post Chaplain:

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas with family and friends around the Christmas tree and the dinner table. I hope you all got what you wanted from Santa.

I pray you have a healthy and blessed New Year with great things happening for you. Please keep our post family members who are having health issues in your thoughts and prayers.

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!!

I thought this was a perfect Bible verse for the New Year.

### **Jeremiah 29 Verse 11**

***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***

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!" for a Very, Very Happy New Year!! We always appreciate you coming out and supporting your VFW! Fun times and memories are made when you share stories and have great conversation! Come on in and enjoy the Good Times! There are dinners, DJ's, pool tournaments, and other celebrations planned. I Look forward to seeing you there!

Remember just one phone call or a quick visit can bring a smile and lift spirits more than we know.

Let us remember all of those who may be healing and pray for their quick recovery:

***And Jesus saith unto him, "I will come and heal him."***

***Matthew 8:7***

***"And Jesus said unto the centurion "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.""*** ***Matthew 8:13***

Father, God, we ask that you send healing to our brothers and sisters in need. We believe in your precious son, Jesus, and know in him is the power to heal. We give you all the praise and glory. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

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

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## From The Seam Squirrel:

Listen up Cooties,

December flew by before our eyes! We completed a Scratch and enjoyed a COOTIE Dining Out with friends and family. We closed out 2023 with an IMPRESSIVE New Year's Eve COOTIE Steak Dinner! Thank you to all who help with our 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:

01 JANUARY – Scratch

08 JANUARY – Post Meeting

12 to 14 JANUARY – VFW Dept of Virginia Winter Council Weekend

15 JANUARY – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Birthday

16 JANUARY – House Committee Meeting

21 JANUARY – VA Hospital MOC Bingo - DOM

26 JANUARY – MOC Burgers, Fries, and Onion Rings

28 JANUARY – MOC Breakfast

29 January – Joint Meeting

I hope to see you all soon. **OUR SCRATCH IS ON 01 JAN!**  
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 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 JANUARY 2024:**

05 JAN – Aux Dinner – Beef Stew.  
12 JAN – **NO POST DINNER.**  
19 JAN – Corp Dinner – Fish and Chips.  
26 JAN – **MOC Burgers/Fries.**

## **Canteen Entertainment for JANUARY 2024:**

26 JAN – 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!!!!**

**Anyone interested in running the Post Pool Tournaments please see Theresa!**



## **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 renewals are now due!** 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](http://www.efoodhandlers.com)
5. **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)
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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Jan 1, 2024

# LOCKER FEES ARE DUE!

**Must be current by the  
end of February or  
contents will be emptied.**

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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>	1 Post Inventory	2 MOC Scratch 7:00 pm	3 Wings - Team Flattop Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	4	5 Aux Dinner: Beef Stew W/Salad 6:30pm	6
<p>7 NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</p> 	8 Post Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10 Fried/Steam Shrimp – Team Bluejacket Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	11	12 NO POST DINNER.  VFW Dept of VA Winter Council	13 NFL FOOTBALL SATURDAY IN THE CANTEEN!
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<p>21 NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</p> 	22	23	24 Fried/Steamed Shrimp – Team Run Silent Run Deep 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	25	26 MOC BURGERS & FRIES/ ONION RINGS 6:30 pm  DJ Mike	27
<p>28 MOC BREAKFAST 09:30 am NFL FOOTBALL SUNDAY IN THE CANTEEN!</p> 	29 POST/AUX/ MOC Joint Meeting 7:00 pm	30	31 Wings - Team Bluejacket Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm			<p>***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***</p>