



February 2024



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From the Commander:

Family 4809,

This month was a great month for us here at Post 4809. A lot of our members attended the Virginia Department Winter Council in Williamsburg, there was a lot of valuable information and training. One thing that was put out is that there is a new bill headed up to Congress, HB 736 Veterans' Service Protection Act, which would make it illegal for VA claim companies to charge for providing claim services. This should hit home to all Veterans, and we should all get behind this bill. Also, I plan to start a mailing list to forward to Ken Wiseman's National Council of Administration emails, so if you would like to receive these emails, please contact me with your email address.

What's happening now:

As some of you may know, later this 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 February:

Coming up is the District 2 meeting being held on the 10th @930am at VFW Post 2894 in Chesapeake.

The Post dinner for this month is Jambalaya provided by our Sr. Vice Commander Lewis Bush.

Next Post meeting will be held on Monday, February 12th @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:

Hello to All! I hope all are doing well with this cold weather we are having.

I want to thank all the members who donated items to the new VA center in Va Beach, it is so appreciated.

I wish to welcome the following new member to the Auxiliary, Carol Bevilacqua, Lynnette Jones, Kim Rye, Kenneth Taggart, Jacqueline Allen, and Teresa Sain. If you see them around the post, please welcome them!

There will be a CROCKPOT/INSTAPOT cookoff on Sunday Feb 18th. Bring in your favorite meal for the competition! I know we **ALL** use a crockpot/instapot and have some amazing recipes to feed our hungry families. Please have it at the Post by 2:30, judging will be at 3:00.

Daytona 500 will be on the TV as well. A \$5.00 donation will be accepted to taste and judge all the yummy food!

Dinner will be on Friday Feb 2 at 6:30, we are having Garlic Parm Chicken over Pasta, Salad, Bread, and Dessert. All for the cost of \$10! Come early you do not want to miss out! As usual Help is needed.

The next meeting will be on Monday Feb 5 at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

Please check out the Canteen Calander for upcoming events. There is a lot going on. Please support if you can.

Have a great rest of the month and be safe and warm.

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

From the Post Chaplain:

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is weathering the winter months by staying warm and safe. 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!!

Psalm 4:8: In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe.

John 15:13: Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Very respectfully,

Tim Dawley

(757)813-8054

Timothy.dawley@gmail.com

From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessings to "you and yours!" 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.

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. 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,

So much for January! We completed a Scratch, welcomed back a normal monthly Burger Night, and Breakfast events. We even gained a new Nit! Thank you to all who help with our Cootie events! Your LOUSY EFFORTS are noted and NOT APPRECIATED at all!

We will be including Fish Sandwiches on Friday Night MOC Burger and Fries events during Lent.

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:

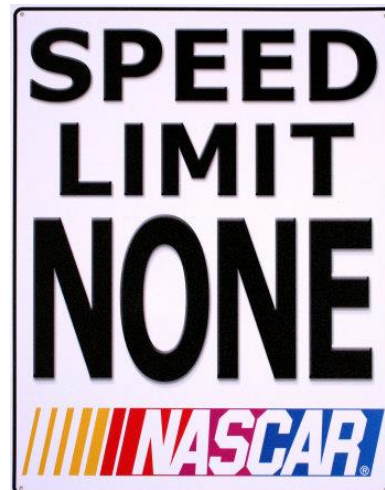
- 06 FEBRUARY – Scratch
- 10 FEBRUARY – VFW DIST II Meeting
- 12 FEBRUARY – Post Meeting
- 14 FEBRUARY – Valentine's Day
- 18 FEBRUARY – VA Hospital MOC Bingo - DOM
- 20 FEBRUARY – House Committee Meeting
- 23 FEBRUARY – MOC Burgers, Fish Sandwiches, Fries, and Onion Rings
- 25 FEBRUARY – MOC Breakfast

I hope to see you all soon. **OUR SCRATCH IS ON 01 FEB!**
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 NASCAR, NCAA
Basketball, and the Superbowl
in our 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 FEBRUARY 2024:

02 FEB – Aux Dinner – Garlic Chicken Parm.

09 FEB – Post Dinner – Jambalaya.

16 FEB – Corp Dinner – Spaghetti w/Meatballs.

23 FEB – **MOC Burgers/Fish Sandwich/Fries.**

25 FEB – **MOC Breakfast.**

Canteen Entertainment for FEBRUARY 2024:

09 FEB – DJ Mike in the Canteen.

23 FEB – 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!!!!

Post Tournaments are every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 3:00pm! APA 8-ball Rules.



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, 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
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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Submitted by Ron Riffle, Past All-American Post Commander, VFW 4809 in Norfolk, VA
Photos by Noel "Nogger" Lumanog, VFW Post 4809, and Chris Hauth VFW Post 8469

To commemorate the 79th Anniversary of The Battle of the Bulge, The Battle of Bulge Association hosted Bulge veteran and family members on January 24-26, 2024, in Washington DC. World War II Veteran and Post 4809 Member Andy Valero was honored and excited to attend. The group placed a wreath at the WWII Memorial, observed a wreath placement at the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington, and attended a reception hosted by the Embassy of Belgium. Thanks to VFW Post 4809 Life Member and VFW Rider Noel "Nogger" Lumanog for escorting our great treasure. If you have not met Andy and other WWII Veterans that frequent VFW Post 4809 yet, arrive a little early prior to our next Post Meeting and enjoy a story or two.



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SUN FEB, 11th

POTLUCK

6:00 PM

BRING A DISH

COME WATCH THE GAME AT THE POST



THE GAME WILL BE ON ALL TVs

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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 Aux Dinner: Garlic Chicken Parm 6:30pm	3
4	5 Aux Meeting 7:00 pm	6 MOC Scratch 7:00 pm Taco Tuesday 	7 Fried/Steam Shrimp – Team Bluejacket Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	8	9 Post Dinner: Jambalaya DJ Mike	10 Pool Tournament 3:00 pm  VFW DIST II Meeting 9:00 am
11 NFL SUPERBOWL IN THE CANTEEN! 	12 Post Meeting 7:00 pm	13 FAT TUESDAY! <i>Shrimp Po'Boys in the Canteen!</i> HC Meeting 7:00 pm	14 Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins Valentine's Day Wings – Team Gator Navy 5:30-7:30pm	15	16 Corp Dinner: Spaghetti W/Meatballs 6:30 pm	17 <i>Murder Mystery Night in the Canteen!</i> 7:00 pm
18 NASCAR in the Canteen! 2:30 pm  AUX Crockpot Cookoff MOC VA Hospital Bingo 2:00 pm	19 President's Day	20 Taco Tuesday 	21 Fried/Steamed Shrimp – Team Run Silent Run Deep 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	22 Movie Night in the Canteen! Down Periscope!  6:00 pm	23 MOC BURGERS, Fish Sandwich & FRIES/ ONION RINGS 6:30 pm DJ Mike	24 Pool Tournament 3:00 pm 
25 MOC BREAKFAST 09:30 am	26	27 Taco Tuesday 	28 Wings - Team Flattop Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	29		<p>***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***</p>