



April 2024

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From the Commander:

Family 4809,

Don't forget to get your taxes done! Don't wait until the last minute, April 15th is Tax Day.

What's happening now:

As some of you may know, November 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 part of the planning committee or if you have any ideas to make this the best celebration ever, please make your voices heard. The 80th Anniversary Challenge Coin is available for pre-order now for \$20.00.

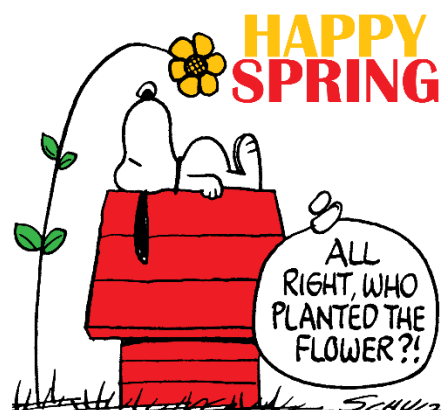
Upcoming in April:

We will be having our Community Awards ceremony on April 11th. During the next Post meeting we will be electing our new officers for the upcoming 2024-25 year. Nominations are still open, so if you feel you are the right fit for the job come and nominate yourself or someone that you think would be a good choice. Some of you may know that we have started going back to the Hampton VA Medical Center to start playing bingo with the patients at the CLC, if you'd like to join us talk to either myself or Kathy Goodall on times and location. The next Virginia District 2 meeting will be here at our post on May 11th at 9AM. Last but not least, the joint meeting will be on the 29th of April.

The Post dinner for this month will be pork chops and mashed potatoes cooked by our Jr. Vice Commander, Zach Nettles.

Next Post meeting will be held on Monday, April 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! Also, right before the meeting the Gold Star Mothers are providing a meal for our Veterans. So, let's make sure we show up and thank them for their sacrifice and their service to Veterans.

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 everyone is doing well and hopefully we are into a full Spring Season! I am done with winter!

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be on April 1st at 7:00 PM. At this meeting we will be having Elections for the new officers for the next year. I hope we have a great turnout from our members. **Your participation is vital to elect YOUR officers for the 2024-2025 year.** Hope to see you there!

Dinner this month will be on Friday April 5th at 6:30. We will be having Stuffed Green Peppers, vegetables, salad, and dessert, all for \$10. Hope to see you there.

Awards night will be held on April 11 at 6:00 PM. We will be honoring the Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy Essay winners along with Police, Fire, EMS, Sherriff, and Teacher of the year. Please come out and support the winners.

There will be a Luau on April 20 from 4-8 on the Patio, tickets are \$15. We will be doing presell tickets as well as at the door. We will be having Food (a Pig) and some yummy sides, DJ, Raffles. Come on out and enjoy! I hope to see everyone there! It will be a great time!

Please remember to support the Canteen/Post/MOC in their functions. Taco Tuesday, Wed Night Wings/Shrimp, MOC Burgers and Breakfast.

That is all for this month, I hope everyone stays Healthy and Happy.

My Best to all,
Martie Braunshausen
Post 4809 Auxiliary President
757-289-1686

From the Post Chaplain:

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with family. It seems like Easter comes earlier every year.

Don't forget that the Post is back to doing Bingo at the VA hospital in Hampton. It will be the third Sunday of the month so the next one will be on 21 April in the CLC beginning at 1530 (3:30pm for the Air Force guys) LOL!!!

Keep our Post family members who are having health issues in your thoughts and prayers. I know there are a lot of our members recovering from surgeries and fighting other health issues as well as personal issues.

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!!

A Bible verse for the month of April:

Romans 8:34: "Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."

Very respectfully,
Tim Dawley
(757)813-8054
Timothy.dawley@gmail.com

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 always remember our Veterans and the wonderful work that this organization preforms to Honor them and our God.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John 13:34

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,

And just like that! Another month bites the dust! We completed a Scratch, a MOC Installation, a Steak Night, a Burger Night, and Breakfast events. We even had a Lousy time putting some training on our new Nit! Thank you to all who help with our Cootie events! Your LOUSY EFFORTS are noted and NOT APPRECIATED at all!

Please help me find us some new Nits!!!! 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!

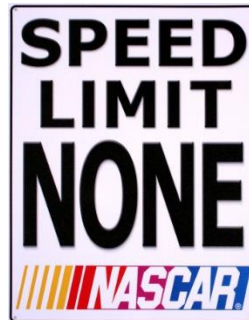
We are always looking for new ways to increase the Crummy Duffel Bag. Please bring those lousy ideas to the next Scratch.

I hope to see you all soon. OUR SCRATCH IS ON 02 APR!
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, Baseball, NBA
Basketball, and Hockey in our
Canteen at VFW Post 4809!!



Up Coming Events:

02 APRIL – Scratch

06 APRIL – Fundraiser Dinner Liver/Onions/Salisbury Steak

08 APRIL – Post Meeting

16 APRIL – House Committee Meeting

20 APRIL – Aux Luau Fundraiser

21 APRIL – VA Hospital MOC Bingo – DOM

26 APRIL – MOC Burgers, Fish Sandwiches, Fries, and Onion Rings

28 APRIL – MOC Breakfast

29 APRIL – Joint Meeting



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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 APRIL 2024:

05 APR – Aux Dinner Stuffed Peppers.
06 APR – Liver, Onions & Salisbury Steak.
12 APR – Post Dinner Pork Chops W/Potato.
19 APR – Corp Dinner Stuffed Pork Chops.
26 APR – **MOC Burgers/Fish Sandwich/Fries.**
28 APR – **MOC Breakfast.**

Canteen Entertainment for APRIL 2024:

12 APR – DJ Mike in the Canteen.
26 APR – 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 “DEAF SQUAD” –

Bill Cusson, Mike McFarland, and James Reid

TEAM “RUN SILENT; RUN DEEP” –

Curtis Bobbitt, Zach Nettles, and 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 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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<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 Taco Tuesday 	3 Fried/Steam Shrimp – Team Run Silent Run Deep 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	4	5 Aux Dinner: Stuffed Green Peppers W/Veg & Salad 6:30pm	6 <i>Liver, Onions & Salisbury Steak Dinner – \$10. Sign up at the Canteen! 6:00 pm.</i>
7 <i>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</i>	8 Post Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Taco Tuesday 	10 Wings – Team Flattop Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30pm	11 VOD/PP/ COMM Awards Night 6:00 pm	12 Post Dinner: Pork Chops W/Mashed Potato 6:30 pm DJ Mike	13 Pool Tournament 3:00 pm  <i>VFW Riders Poker Run!</i>
14 <i>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</i>	15	16 Taco Tuesday 	17 Fried/ Steamed Shrimp – Team Deaf Squad 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	18	19 Corp Dinner: Stuffed Center Cut Pork Chops W/Side 6:30 pm	20 <i>Auxiliary Fundraiser – Luau 4 – 8 pm!</i>
21 <i>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</i> MOC VA Hospital Bingo 2:00 pm POST VA Hospital Bingo 3:00 pm	22	23 Taco Tuesday  HC Meeting 7:00 pm	24 Wings - Team Gator Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	25 <i>Movie Night in the Canteen!</i> 6:00 pm	26 MOC BURGERS, Fish Sand & FRIES/ ONION RINGS DJ Mike	27 Pool Tournament 3:00 pm 
28 MOC BREAKFAST 09:30 am <i>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</i>	29 Joint Meeting 7:00 pm	30 Taco Tuesday 				***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***