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# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4809

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<div>2022</div> <div>May</div>						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	01 NASCAR -- potluck 4-8P
02 AUX MTG 7p	03 NO TACO TUESDAY MOC 7p SH	04 5:30 WINGS	05 VFW RIDERS LH 5P TACO TUES & THIRSTY THURS - trivia 6	06 AUX DINNER 6:30P Cinco De Mayo	07 7P Pool Tournament 4P ---- Karaoke-Supersonic DJ 7P SH &	08 Mothers Day bfast 9:30a NASCAR --potluck 4-8P
09 POST MTG 7p SHRIMP 6:30P	10 TACO TUE 5:30P	11 5:30 SHRIMP	12 5P THIRSTY THURS trivia 6p	13 POST DINNER 6:30P	14 POOL Tournament 4P -- Karaoke- Supersonic	15 NASCAR -- potluck 4-8P
16	17 TACO TUE 5:30P HOUSE COMMITTEE 7P	18 5:30 WINGS	19 5P THIRSTY THURS trivia 6p	20 CANTEEN DINNER 6:30P	21 Installations outside and canteen 12p POOL Tournament 4P -- Karaoke- Supersonic DJ 7P	22 NASCAR ---Potluck 4-8P
23	24 TACO TUE 5:30P	25 5:30 SHRIMP	26 5P THIRSTY THURS	27 COOTIES 6:30P	28 POOL Tournament 4P ---- Karaoke- Supersonic DJ 7P	29 COOTIE B'FAST 9:30A--NASCAR --- Potluck 4-8P
30 Memorial Day Picnic	31 TACO TUE 5:30P	Notes:				

## THE COMMANDER

Team 4809,

Post Elections are complete. Here's Post 4809 new officers Post Commander Christine Hague-Renwick, Senior Vice Joe Kwiatkowski, Junior Vice Curtis Bobbitt, Quartermaster Eric Mallett, Chaplain Tim Dawley, House Committee Members are Craig Dudley, Zach Nettles, Dave Alexander, Rob Fary, Jim Wold, Bob Clinebell, and Dickie Ewell and Trustees are Micki Johnson, Brad Debow, and James Waltz. Installation of our new post officers and Auxiliary officer will be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. Come out and celebrate!!!

The District 2 Convention will be held at Post 392 in Virginia Beach on May 14<sup>th</sup>, District Commander requested that delegates arrive by 11::35am as there will be some awards presented prior to lunch at noon. There will be a short joint meeting, followed by District 2 Elections and Installation of officers.

We are well on way to earning All- State and All-American honors. Currently, we are at 104.41% and ranked 5 of 37 Division 1 Posts. Division 1 consists of Posts that have more than 500 Members. Keep it up we can be the #1 Post Nationally! Keep pressing.

### **Membership, Membership, MEMBERSHIP!!!**

We have 51 members who have allowed their membership to lapse and another 52 whose membership will expire prior to May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are an annual member, please pay your dues or consider switching to a life membership so you do not have to worry about paying each year. Come by the Post or go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) to take care of it.

This year we have had 73 new veterans join Post 4809 and many new faces are becoming part of our family, be sure to introduce your-

self and assist them to feel welcome when you visit the Post Home. Come on out and volunteer. It is because of our volunteers that we impact the community.

Be sure review the Post Calendar. Taco Tuesdays. Wednesday nights Shrimp or Wings specials. Weekly Pool Tournaments will continue Saturdays with signups starting by 3:30pm. Come on out and support the can-teen operations. Our Post meeting will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The Post Dinner will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and we plan to offer Penne Pasta with Sausage, Salad and a Roll for \$8. House Committee will meet on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

There are many volunteer opportunities at the Post. Get involved. Volunteers are the life blood of our Post. Veterans from the VA Hospital are returning for our Memorial Day Picnic. We plan to host up to 40 veterans and caregivers. We will need assistance with set up, grilling, food prep, serving, and clean up. Incoming Commander Christine and her team will be coordinating the picnic. Guests are welcome, but there will be a \$5 charge for nonmembers. Potluck items are welcome!

We will be placing over 500 American flags at Woodlawn on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 0900. Retrieving the flags is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 0900. We have also been asked to join Post 2582 in Suffolk to place over 11,000 flags at Horton's Veterans Cemetery on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 0900. Reach out to either Joe Kwiatkowski or myself to volunteer for either opportunity.

Still Serving,

Ron Riffle – Post Commander VFW Post 4809

**\$60 FOR SIX MONTHS  
OR \$110 FOR 12 MONTHS**

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## THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers, Sisters & Comrades,

Hello Everyone!!!

Wow!!! May is here and our current year is almost over. There is quite a bit happening in the month of May 2022. May 2nd, next Auxiliary meeting 7 pm., May 6th Auxiliary dinner, installation of officers on May 21st for upcoming year 2022-2023. Please refer to the newsletter, Facebook updates and texts.

A BIG thank you to those who cooked and brought in potluck dishes for April's auxiliary dinner. It was well received. Totally appreciate you all. With being stated our next Auxiliary dinner will be Friday, May 6th, 2022 at 6:30pm and its Mexican night. Come out and enjoy dinner from our auxiliary home-made cooking. The cost is \$8 a plate. Help is always welcome with serving & cleaning. Many hands make light work.

We held our auxiliary elections last month in April. Our new officers for 2022-2023 are:

President - Gloria Klinefelter  
Sr. Vice - Georgette Bannon  
Jr. Vice - Josie Riffle  
Chaplain - Susie Edwards



Conductress - Laurie Dangell (Fary)  
Guard - Susan Bush

Installation will be on May 21st at noon. Please come out and show your new officers your support as they prepare to start their year after the Department Convention in June 2022.

The District 2 meeting with Elections and Installation will be held on May 15th, at 12:00 noon at Post 392. Everyone is invited to attend. Also be sure and mark your calendars for the Department Convention being held at the Renaissance in Portsmouth, June 9th - 12th, 2022.

Remember that it takes each and everyone of us to accomplish great work together. Together we can accomplish much for our Veterans and that is what it is all about!

As a reminder --if you need to use the kitchen facilities at the post please notify Bill Cusson the kitchen manager in advance before using it. \*\*Please make sure your food handlers card is updated and a copy is turned in to the canteen manager.\*\*

Respectfully,  
Josie Riffle  
President of Auxiliary Post 4809



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Comrades and Sisters -

Unfortunately, we lost one of our Comrades since our last newsletter. His name was World War II veteran Nathan Osborne. Also remember Marry Messersmith, wife of Gray who passed away recently. Please remember to keep in your thought and prayers Nivie Rivera's mother who in recovery at a rehabilitation center in the local area and all other Comrades, Sisters and family members who have tested positive with the Corona Virus (COVID-19), and those who may be undergoing or recovering from health issues. They continue to require any support and assistance we are able to render.

Also 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 Jim Wold at (757) 543-2993 or the Post Home at (757) 461-4343. One of our most important responsibilities as VFW members is to provide any emotional and physical support whenever possible for our fellow Comrades, Sisters and family members.

Never forget to pray for all our active duty service personnel, DOD civilians, first responders, medical members aiding in the fight against the Corona Virus (COVID-19) epidemic both stateside and overseas especially those serving in combat theaters of operation and all of the many doctors, nurses and medical personnel worldwide assisting and administering to those afflicted with the deadly virus.

One final thought to all our wonderful Mothers - all the officers and members would like to extend all our best thoughts and good wishes to all our mothers on your special recognition day and every day. Most of us would not be who we are today without the many sacrifices, love and support we consistently receive from our devoted mothers

With My Utmost Respect,

Jim Wold

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## FROM THE AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessings to "you and yours!" Happy Spring! 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 remember our veterans and the wonderful work that this organization performs to Honor them and our God. Please Pray for the Ukrainian People and all those that are supporting them.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulations..." II Corinthians 1:3-4

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 Chapin

Susie Edwards

VFW Post 4809 Auxiliary Chaplain

Listen up Cooties.

Very lousy job during the April events. Steak night, breakfast, burgers and the VFW riders poker run.

May won't be as busy as our last couple of months but we can't ease up.

The May scratch I will be conducting a greyback ritual for Curtis and we need to discuss when we will be doing the third degree ritual for our three newbies.

We are always looking for new members to recruit who are WORTHY of becoming a Cootie and who will participate in all our activities. The meals we do are supposed to be fundraisers for the Pup Tent to make money to assist veterans and post members with any appropriate necessary/unmet needs they may have, so it is important that we support these functions. The shopping, the prep work, the cooking, the serving and the clean up all need to be done so we can keep our customers happy and coming back. Remember to renew your food handlers card if required and give a copy to the kitchen manager and or Canteen manager. **The prep work starts at 11:00 the Thurs-**



**day prior to the burger nights. The Wednesday prior is when our hungry cootie does the shopping for the burgers and breakfast.**

Continue to support the Post and Auxiliary activities and dinners so keep an eye on the post calendar. When attending the activities, wear your Cootie gear to show off our organization and try to recruit.

Also looking for ideas for new ways to come up with possible money making events.

Upcoming events:

3 May – Scratch

9 May -- Post meeting

17 May – House Committee Meeting

27 May – Cootie Burger night

29 May – Cootie Breakfast

I hope to see you all soon. Please stay safe and look out for each other. Please let me know if anyone needs anything!!!

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,

Tim Dawley

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## FROM THE CANTEEN

**THE CALENDAR HAS ALL THE GREAT EVENTS  
THAT ARE HAPPENING IN APRIL!  
CHECK IT OUT, PRINT IT, PUT IT ON YOUR FRIG...  
CUZ YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS OUT!**

### **WHAT'S NEW???**

**SPECIALTY LUNCHES SERVED ALWAYS \$5.00  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 11:30A-1:30P**

**TACO TUESDAYS  
EVERY TUESDAY AT 5:30P**

**HAPPY HUMPDAYS = PARTY ON THE PATIO - WATCH FOR DE-  
TAILS**

**THIRSTY THURSDAYS - 5P-CLOSE = HAPPY HOUR PRICES +  
TRIVIA AT 6P**

**SATURDAYS = KARAOKE AND LIVE MUSIC**

**FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION CHECKOUT:  
FACEBOOK PAGE @ VFW POST 4809 HAPPENINGS.**

***\*\* Please, make sure that you sign up for text re-  
minders at the canteen. \*\****

**FOOD HANDLERS CARD REMINDER:  
WORKING IN THE KITCHEN? GET AN UP-TO-DATE CARD.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**We can always use help around the canteen. Here are a few specifics:**

- **We need a second coat of paint on the large hall**
- **Wires configured properly I my office**
- **Help with the parties and events we have in the next few months**
- **Kitchen help**

**We LOVE you,  
Your Can"team"**