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St. Patrick's Day Parade

Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

February may be the shortest month on the calendar, but one thing for sure is that VFW Post 4809 is never short on serving the community, our veterans and each other!

Thanks to all who participated in the


Buddy Poppy Drive at the Little Creek Exchange and Commissary on February 5. This one-day event raised over \$1,500! For those who may not be aware, all Buddy Poppy proceeds go to support our programs at the Hampton VA Hospital.

Two such events which occurred in

February were the **Pizza Party** we sponsored for the *Spinal Cord Injury Unit* and the monthly **Bingo** held for the residents of the *Community Living Center*. We could always use more volunteers for the Bingo Nights as a number of the residents need assistance with their Bingo cards. Our next **Bingo Night** will be on Wednesday, March 16.

Kudos also to the Ladies Auxiliary for a fun filled evening during the **Variety Show**. Thanks to all who planned and participated in the show. Due to the generous contributions of many, the Ladies Auxiliary raised over \$2,000 for their *Cancer Research Fund*.

MARCH, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DATES TO REMEMBER: 2: Vietnam War began 3: "Star Spangled Banner" Nat'l Anthem (1931) 12: Girl Scouts Founded (1912) 19: Operation Iraqi Freedom begins (2003)		1 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	2	3 VFW Riders Remote Control Club	4 6:30-8:00 pm AUXILIARY STEAK DINNER Premium Blend in Caneen	5 DISTRICT 2 MEETING Franklin PWP N.A.R.T.U.
6 L.T.D.	7 7:00 pm LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING PWP Meeting	8 7:00 pm MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers Club	9 Ash Wednesday Coin Club	10 Rifle Club Civic League	11 6:30-8:00 Post Dinner Fish & Shrimp	12 St.PATRICK'S DAY PARADE Karaoke at the Post After Parade
13 2:00 a.m. Daylight Time 9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST U.F.A.S.	14 7:30 pm POST MEETING PartyLite Candles	15 7:00 pm B.O.D. CWA/RMC	16 Post/Aux VA Hospital Visit Neighborhood Watch	17  ST. PATRICK	18 6:30-8:00 MOCA STEAK DINNER Ocean Breeze in Canteen	19 Sub Vets Mtg. PWP Dance
20 SPRING BEGINS MOC/MOCA HOSPITAL VISIT	21	22 AM Fleet Reserve Partilite Candles	23	24 7:00 p.m. AWARDS DAY PROGRAM	25 8:30-2:00 KARAOKE BIRTHDAY BASH Burgers/Fries 6:30-8:00	26
27 L.T.D. 9:30-11:30 COOTIE BREAKFAST	28 7:30 pm POST MEETING + Annual Corporation Meeting	29	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL, Cribbage \$5.00 Pizza </div>	31	1 APRIL April Fool's Day	2

The annual
 CORPORATION MEETING
 will be held on March 28,
 immediately after the
 Post Meeting.

Please check the March calendar for upcoming events and join us when you can. A few of the events I would like to highlight include the **District 2 Meeting** on Saturday, March 5 at VFW Post 4411 in Franklin, Virginia; the **Saint Patrick's Day Parade** in Ocean View (followed by festivities at our Post) on Saturday, March 12; and the **Awards Night** on Thursday, March 24. This is the time we recognize our **Patriot's Pen** and **Voice of Democracy** contest winners as well as the **Policeman, Sheriff, Fireman/EMT** and **Eagle Scout of the Year**. Please join us that

night to help us say "Thank You" for the service they provide to our Community.

We are getting close to our 100% **Membership** goal for the year. I want to thank all those who have been actively recruiting new members and for those helping to identify previous members who have allowed their membership to lapse. If you know of a member who has let their membership lapse, contact them and let them know we miss seeing them around the Post.

The **Post Dinner** for March (March 11) will be *Fish and Shrimp*.

Our next **Obligation Ceremony** will be held during our second **Meeting** of the month, Monday, March 28. If you would like to take the Obligation, please let the Adjutant or myself know so we can have your Cross of Malta available that evening.

The **Volunteer of the Month** for March is *Tina Dellert*. Thanks, Tina, for all your assistance at the Post as well as your community service projects.

... *Bob Glinebell*
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Senior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped with the **Buddy Poppies** on the 5th of February – we did very well again. Keep watching the newsletter for future dates you can help with.

Starting in March, the **Saturday Night Dinners** have stopped. If this is something you would like to see pick back up, contact *Bill Holtzner* or myself.

The **Cancer Fund-raiser** was a blast; if you missed it, you missed a great show. *Exceptional Job, Phyllis Stokes*, and all the volunteers who supported her.

There will be a **District 2 Meeting** on the 5th of March at Franklin. Come on out and support the Commander and the District.

The annual **Awards Night** is the 24th of March, beginning at 7:00 p.m. We are honoring the *Policeman, Fireman/Paramedic, Sheriff* and *Teacher of the Year*, as well as the *Voice of Democracy* and *Patriot Pin* essay winners – and for the first time, *Eagle Scout of the Year!*

There is a basket at the front door we are collecting for the **Food Bank**. If you have a little extra, please drop it off at the Post.

As of the **January 28th Meeting**, we are at 1,265 of 1,315 members for 96.2% in **Membership**, needing 50 more new members before 15 May. If you know a friend, bring them into our great Post. Need help recruiting? See *Craig Dudley* or any Post Officer.

If your **Annual Membership** has expired, **renew now!** If you know of a Comrade who has let their membership lapse, contact them and encourage them to renew as well. If you are not a **Life Member**, please consider a **Life Membership**. Fees are as follows and can be paid through a 12-month payment plan:

Here are the Life Membership Fees:
 Up to age 30 . \$425 31-40 410
 41-50 375 51-60 335
 61-70 290 71-80 225
 81 & over 170

"Spring will be approaching; check the batteries in your fire alarms, CO2 alarms, etc. Be safe."

... *Eric Mallett*
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Junior Vice Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

The month of March marks the anniversary of the following events in Naval history:

* March 3, 1871, the Navy Medical Corps is established.

* March 3, 1883, the U.S. Congress authorizes four modern ships of steel; they were known as the "A, B, C, D Ships:" 3 cruisers, the Atlanta, Boston and Chicago; and a dispatch boat, the Dolphin.

* March 3, 1915, the Office of Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) is established.

* March 5, 1966, the Department of the Navy is reorganized into its present structure under the Chief of Naval Operations.

* March 7, 1958, the *USS Grayback* is commissioned. It is the first submarine built from the keel up with guided missile capability. It would launch a Regulus II missile on September of the same year. The Regulus II had a 2,920-lb. Warhead which could travel 570 nautical miles at Mach 2.

* March 8, 1945, Ms. Phillis Caley becomes the first African-American Ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps.

* March 15, 1947, Ensign John W. Lee becomes the first African-American officer commissioned in the regular Navy. He was assigned to the *USS Kearsarge* (CV-33).

* March 19, 2003, Operation *Iraqi Freedom* begins with Tomahawk strikes from Navy surface ships and submarines. As of February 15, 2011, there have been 4,421 casualties, 3,492 KIA and 31,938 wounded.

* March 21, 1917, Loretta Perfectus Walsh of Philadelphia, PA, becomes the first Navy petty officer when she is sworn as Chief Yeoman. This followed her enlistment in the U.S. Naval Reserve on March 17, 1917, becoming the first female allowed to serve in any branch of the Armed Forces in a capacity other than a nurse. She is buried at Olyphant, Pennsylvania. Her monument reads:

"Loretta Perfectus Walsh
 April 22, 1896-August 6, 1925
 Woman and Patriot
 First of those enrolled in the
 United States Naval Service
 World War 1917-1919

Her comrades dedicate this monument to keep alive forever memories of the sacrifice and devotion of womanhood."

* March 22, 1820, Commodore Stephen Decatur dies of a gunshot wound to his abdomen after a duel with Commodore James Barron. Commodore James Barron had challenged Commodore Decatur to a duel over comments Decatur had made about Barron's performance when he surrendered the *Chesapeake* to the British warship *Leopard* off the coast of Norfolk, Virginia in 1807. Furthermore, Decatur had been a member of the court-martial proceedings that found Barron guilty of "unpreparedness" and had barred Barron from command for five years. His funeral was attended by over 10,000 residents of Washington, including President James Monroe and most members of Congress.

* March 26, 1968, Operation Bold Dragon III began in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam. This was part of a series of operations led by U.S. Navy SEALs which served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1972, mainly in the Mekong Delta.

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Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We again had several Comrades who passed away. They are: *Lynn Keen, Charles E. Allen* and *Robert English*. Let's keep these Comrades and their families in our prayers.

Sick Comrades were: *Tim Murden, M. M. (Tuck) Turner*, and *Bob Lucier*.

Sick Sisters are: *Theresa Hilbert, Stella Chivers* and *Gloria Klinefelter*.

Keep all of these Comrades, Sisters and their families and friends in your prayers.

Also, let's keep our Comrades and Sisters who are in harm's way in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless and keep every one safe.

... *Leonard Horsfall*
Chaplain

Ladies Auxiliary

Sisters and Comrades,

Hello everyone! I hope your year is doing GREAT. Speaking of GREAT, our Cancer Fund-raiser – the **Variety Show** – went VERY GREAT. Thank you to everyone who came out to support it. We raised a lot of money – over \$2,000!

As for the month, we will have the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** on the 12th. If you are walking/riding in the Parade, we are meeting at Post 4809 at 8:00 a.m.

As for the rest of the month, we are still having our **Steak Dinners** on the first Friday of the month. Anyone who would like to come out and help, feel free to do so. We welcome the company; if you can't come out for the dinner and would still like to help, we have *Gloria Klinefelter* in the morning to do the prep with the veggies and potatoes. Feel free to come and help with that as well.

As for the **Hospital**, we are now able to return to our regular schedule on the third Wednesday of each month in the Nursing Home.

If you an **Annual Member**, consider changing to a **Life Membership**. You'll never have to worry about renewing again. The Life Membership fees are as follows:

(Attained Age as of December 31 of the year applying):

Thru 20 \$220	21-25 210
26-30 200	31-35 190
36-40 185	41-45 175

46-50 170	51-55 160
56-60 150	61-65 140
66-70 130	71-75 115
76-80 95	81-85 75
86-90 60	91 & over 50

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thanks again for everything.

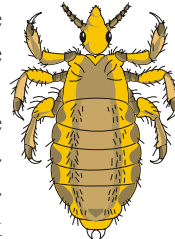
... *Margaret Leaver*
President

Seam Squirrel

Listen Cooties,

The **Elections** are over and a "*Hearty Congratulations*" to the incoming Seam, **Craig Dudley**, and his officers. The Seams of this Pup Tent have continued to blossom during the past year and a lousy time was had by all. I extend a "*Thank You*" and "*Well Done*" to all of my officers, and especially our Sky Pilot, **Leonard Horsfall**. Thanks also to my Hungry Cootie for continuing to keep me out of trouble.

All members of the Pup Tent, by their efforts, have made my term in office very satisfactory. However, we still have some time left before the transition of officers and I encourage each of you to seek out someone who would be an asset and invite them into our seams.



Remember our **Cootie Breakfast** is now held on the last Sunday of each month. Come out, lend a helping hand, or just attend. Ask all the Post members to bring out their families and friends to enjoy the Breakfast.

L.O.T.C.S.

... *Phil Durbin*
Seam Squirrel

M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

Congratulations to our new officers. Please come out and help them when they take over in June.

Our **Installation** was great. I want to thank our men Cooties for preparing the food for us.

Our **Schedule** is on the front calendar.

Respectfully,

... *Patty Poo*
M.O.C.A. President

Quartermaster

Post 4809 Members Due
Continuous Service Awards:
March, 2011

Catalano, Paul	45
Johnson, Melvin D.	35
Lohr, Raymond E., Jr.	35
Rogers, John A.	35
Crabtree, Leonard R.	25
Kingsbury, Ronald E.	25
Moore, John W.	25
Nicholson, Thomas N.	25
Sotherden, Donald	25
Byers, Harry D.	20
Pinney, Charles G.	20
Adams, Timothy A.	15
Autry, Antora	15
Betchy, Robert J.	15
Booker, Brian D.	15
Donado, Keynaldo M.	15
Vaughn, Lloyd J., Sr.	15
Yacavone, David W.	15
Benedict, Michael R.	10
Lasseter, Shelby S.	10
Cintron, Melvin O.	10
Etheridge, Michael A.	5
Greenough, Larry G.	5
Grissett, David G.	5

... *Richard Crockford*



From the Canteen

Hours: Mon thru Thurs-2:00-10:00 pm

Fri & Sat - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Sun & Holidays - 10 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

We will have *FREE* Pool, Juke Box and \$5.00 Pizza will also be available on Wednesday Nights. *Premium Blend* will be in the Canteen on the 4th; *Ocean Breeze* on the 18th; and our **Karaoke Birthday Bash** for March will be on the 25th.

Don't forget, entertainment this month on Fridays the 4th, 18th and 25th. We need your support to make this work in the Canteen.

Come join us after the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** for corned beef and cabbage, and Karaoke. There will be a 50/50, our quarterly **Pull Tab Drawing**, **Green Beer**, and who knows what else -- it's a party!!!

Soup on Fridays goes out at Noon until it's gone. Come join the camaraderie.

In the **Bar**, we now have Cheeseburgers in addition to Hot Dogs and Pizza.

There are a few lockers available at \$5.00 per year. **Locker Dues** are due July 1st.

Help! Help! Remember we are not a bank; please try to keep your checks and big bills (100s & 50s) to a minimum; we have an ATM machine for your convenience.

We are being overwhelmed with members' bottles and have ran out of room. Some members have **3, 4 and 5 bottles** – this is *NOT* acceptable. We will start dating bottles and any bottle left over 60 days will be disposed of. There are still lockers available @\$5.00/year.

Looking forward to your patronage,
... *Phil & Bill*



Junior Girls

Dear Comrades & Sisters,

We had a **Meeting** on February 12 where the Girls made paper flowers for their Float in the **Saint Patrick's Day Parade**.

The following information is important:

Date: March 12 at 8:00 a.m.: Meet at Post 4809; be on time and wear comfortable shoes and jeans. Outer wear according to the weather.

We will return to Post 4809 for **Lunch**, and then call parents for pickup.

The Unit will have three Girls moving up to the Auxiliary in June. They are **Samantha Grandle, Alyssa Twisdale** and **Erin Powers**. **Michelle Semones** moved last year. It is amazing watching them grow up in this Unit. I am very proud of the young ladies they are.

See you all on the 12th at 8:00 .m.

Sincerely,

... *Gloria Klinefelter*

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