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Cancer Fund-Raiser Dinner/Dance 11th

Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

Thanks for the support in taking down the Holiday decorations, the **Buddy Poppy** drives at Little Creek and Wal-Mart in Chesapeake Square. In both weekends we collected \$2,500+ and were very well supported. Outstanding

job to all! Thanks for the support in cleaning the kitchen. Thanks to *ALL* who went to the **Winter Council** in Williamsburg in support. Thanks to all who purchased [*and the members who helped sell*] the **TV Raffle Tickets**; the proceeds went to State Programs – we sold all 333 tickets, Thanks!

Upcoming dates to remember in February: We will have a local **Blue Grass Band** playing the Canteen on 10 February; and the Ladies Auxiliary will be having a **CANCER Fund-raiser** on 11 February – a steak and shrimp dinner – see the bartender for tickets. Single tickets \$15.00; couples \$25.00.

Also, see the Ladies Auxiliary for the nice St. Patty's Day "Green" sweat shirts; they are on display in the Canteen and will be what we are wearing at the **St. Patty's Day Parade**.


The next **District 2 Meeting** is March 10 in Franklin – lunch at NOON, meeting at 1:00 p.m. The next **Buddy Poppy Drive** will be at the Wal-mart in the Janaf Shopping Center.

The next **Joint Meeting** will be April 30, and will be open to anyone interested in seeing firsthand what is being planned for the next few months. I look forward to seeing you there; your input is always appreciated.

The next **Obligation Ceremony** will be held at the Post Meeting on February 27. Any member who had not received their Cross of Malta and would like to receive it that evening, let the Adjutant or myself know beforehand.

Our Recruiting Chairperson, **Craig Dudley**, will need our help to **RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS**. With that said, if you know of a friend, neighbor, or co-worker who is eligible to be a member, invite them to the Post to visit or bring them to a Friday Night Dinner. For the Post to achieve All-State and All American for 2011-2012, **Craig** needs help **recruiting 134 more** members. All reports are submitted that are

FEBRUARY, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DATES TO REMEMBER: 1: National Freedom Day 2: Ground Hog Day 12: LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY 14: ST. VALENTINE'S DAY 22: PRESIDENTS' DAY GEO. WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY			1 AARP Class WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL, Cribbage	2 AARP Class VFW Riders Remote Control Club	3 6:30-8:00 pm Auxiliary MEXICAN DINNER Premium Blend in Canteen	4 PWP Dance N.A.R.T.U.
5 L.T.D SUPER BOWL.	6 7:00 pm LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING PWP Mtg.	7 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH Partylite	8 1910: Boy Scouts Founded Coin Club	9 Rifle Club	10 6:30-8:00 pm POST Chicken DINNER Blue Grass Music in Canteen	11 6:00 pm Auxiliary Cancer Fund-raiser Sweetheart Dinner/ Dance
12 9:30-11:30 MOCA BREAKFAST 3:30 Jr. Girls	13 7:30 pm POST MEETING	14 7:00 pm MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers	15 POST/AUX Hospital Visit Civic League	16 Alhambra	17 6:30-8:00 pm MOCA FISH DINNER Ocean Breeze in Canteen Partylite	18 PWP Dance Sub Vets Elvis Club S/H
19 MOC/MOCA Hospital Visit	20	21 CWA/RMC Partylite B.O.D. Shrove Tues.	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24 8:30-12:00 KARAOKE Birthday Bash Burgers & Fries	25 Batangas
26 9:30-11:30 COOTIE BREAKFAST L.T.D.	27 7:30 pm POST MEETING	28 Fleet Reserve Band	29	1 MARCH	2	3

required for 2011-2012 and the only box *NOT* checked off is 100% Membership – and we need more for both awards.

If you want to pay your **Dues for 2012**, now is a good time. If you have any ideas on good recruiting spots, share them with **Craig** or myself.

The **Volunteer of the Month** of February is **John Peters**. “*THANKS*” for all your hard work the last decade in your recruiting efforts, your support for the Post programs is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU, Comrade!”

“Winter is here, traveling on icy roads, weather is colder or freezing, fireplaces are being used – think about safety for the next few months. Do not forget to change the *batteries* in the *fire alarm/carbon monoxide detectors*. Be safe and enjoy this winter season.”

... *Eric Mallett*

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Senior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

Here we are into the second month of 2012. I don't know about you, but I have a really hard time realizing that it is 2012! We had a busy January, and February won't be any different as we are a very active Post.

I know you've seen it mentioned before, but it bears repeating: February will bring us a **Cancer Fund-raiser** for the Ladies Auxiliary. These are very important events as they raise money for a very important cause. I hope you will all make an effort to attend the **Sweetheart Dinner** on Saturday, 11 February.

As important as that is, we also need to keep our focus on **Membership**. That is what keeps our Post alive and well so that we can offer these special events.

Please keep our Post in your conversations with friends, neighbors and co-workers. You never know where you will find an eligible Veteran. For that reason you need to always have a Membership Application ready to offer that person.

A perfect opportunity for a potential member is to bring them to our fund-

raiser. It will serve two purposes if you do. They will see what we are all about and it will help our Auxiliary with their efforts to raise money for **Cancer Aid & Research**. Once they see what we do, they won't be able to resist!

If you are reading this and are currently a member but haven't renewed, I hope you will consider sending in that check ASAP.

Don't forget our **Life Membership** option; it's a wonderful thing not to have to renew every year and will save you money in the end. Fees may be paid through the 12-month payment plan.

Life Membership Fees are as follows:

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

See you around the Post!

... *Ruthy Goodall*

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Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had a few Comrades who passed and went to the Big House. They were: **Elliott A. Gray** who was a Past Post Commander (1959); **Charles G. Bowen**; **Fernando A. Ilapit**; and **Gregory A. Bathurst**.

Sick Comrades are: **Santiago Guzman**, **Tom Smith**, **Gordy Dodson**, **Donald Scholten, Sr.** and **Dave Alexander**.

Let's remember all these families and friends in our prayers. Also remember our Comrades and Sisters in harm's way in our prayers.

... *Leonard Horsfall*

Post Chaplain

Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Comrades & Sisters,

I for one am glad the month of January is over. I look forward to better days ahead. There is a lot of sickness out there and I wish all a speedy recovery. We have had our fair share of it. We have several Sisters who are ill. Please say a prayer for all to get well soon.

I attended the **COA Meeting** in Williamsburg and was proud to have our Junior Girls Unit there for awhile to visit. It is good for them to see that they are a part

of a big organization and to see first-hand what we do and what we are about — just to see the floor work and how we conduct the Meeting.

The **February Dinner** will be *Mexican Night*. I have asked **Georgette Dausey** to handle this for the Auxiliary. As for now I am unable to carry out this duty. I have some health issues to take care of and I assure you I will do my best as President to stay on top of business; and also assure you that our Senior and Junior Vice officers are available, if needed.

Ladies, we did not make our **100% Membership** because some have not paid their **2012 Dues**. If you are one who needs to pay, we will be glad to reinstate you; but you must fill out a membership card and pay the Dues that are now \$18.00. If you need help with this, contact any one of us listed on the front of the Newsletter. National has gone up on Dues which means we have to send them more, so we had no choice but to up our Dues also.

Life Member Dues are posted below for you to take a look and consider becoming one. We accept payments.

If you are 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

It is important that everyone who is not a Life Member watch for the **Early Bird Dues** Notice in May and you can save some money by paying early. In other words, plan to pay in May of every year instead of December.

I want to call your attention to our **Hospital** work; we have **Bingo** once a month at the VA Hospital in Hampton. If you would like to help, meet me at the Post on the third Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. and I will give you a ride. We need help with this function. The patients look forward to it so much and it is

rewarding to help out. We need to put aside our feelings and think about what good we can do for a little while.

Please note the insert about our **Cancer Fund-raiser** this month.

Thank you all for your support and understanding during these health issues. Also, I "Thank You", Commander **Eric**, and Senior Vice **Kathy** for your support for this Fund-raiser. I am doing my best to get myself back where I should be. I do appreciate all of you.

... *Gloria Klinefelter*
Auxiliary President
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Seam Squirrel

Listen Cooties,

January was a lousy month. We had our **Scratch**, two **Buddy Poppy** drives, two trips to the VA Medical Center for **BINGO**, our first Dinner, and Breakfast. Thank you all for your support this month.

February promises to be a very busy month for the COOTIES. We will have a **Buddy Poppy** drive on the 4th, and our **Scratch** on the 7th (We will vote on our new **Seam Squirrel** and other officers for next year).

Cootie **BINGO** will be on the 19th, the Cootie **Dinner** on the 24th, and Cootie **Breakfast** on the 26th. At some point in the month we will also have the **Pizza Party** for the Veterans at the VA Medical Center. Keep these dates on your calendar for the month of February.

I received an e-mail from PUP TENT ONE about the possibility of a **Joint Installation** of Officers. So we will talk about this at our next **Scratch**.

Keep up the lazy work, COOTIES.
L.O.T.C.S.

... *Craig Dudley*
Seam Squirrel

M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

We are in need of more participation in the MOCA. Please consider coming to the **Meetings**. We need help in so many areas – Dinners, Breakfast, and VA Hospital Visits. The same people are there every month and a little more help would be

appreciated.

If your cannot attend at the Hospital, snacks dropped off at the Post would be useful. Our dates for what is going on are on the front page of this Newsletter; check them out and see what you can help us with.

Remember always – Keep them "smiling in beds of white".

Respectfully,

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

VFW Riders

Comrades & Sisters,

First, I hope everybody had a great holiday season.

It has been a while since I have written an article – I do apologize.

We have 70 members and still meet in the three posts – 4809, 3160 and 3219 on the first Thursday of each month. Please come out to the meetings and get more active.

I would like to thank all who came out to our **Christmas Party** back in December. "Wreaths Across America" was on the same day. We had seventeen VFWR m/c go to the ceremony. It was great to see **Johnnie Holland** and **Tony Watson** back on the m/c.

Starting in April we will have a scheduled ride each month. We will e-mail or call to notify everybody.

Don't forget March 17th – **Saint Patrick's Day** in Ocean View – and the **Parade**. As far as I know, it will be the same as in years past on lining up location and time. I hope the weather will be good like last year.

The next **VFWR Meeting** is February 2nd at Post 3160 at 7:00 p.m. don't forget it is time to pay your **Registration** again.

The next **Dinner Ride** and Meeting will be February 23rd at *Grumpy's Restaurant* in Providence Square in Virginia Beach at 6:30 p.m.

If your are not getting the e-mails, please contact **Joelle Miller** or me. joellemiller@cox.net.

Thank you,

Glenn Holman
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Junior Girls

Comrades & Sisters,

This is a summary of the January 8th Meeting at Post 4809 by President Gloria Klinefelter as to what took place there:

Advisor **Brittney Pavona** was sick, so President Klinefelter, Sr. Vice President Hilbert, Ms. Semones, and other members of the Ladies Auxiliary assumed the responsibility of the Meeting.

There are 14 active Girls on the roster and six came to the **Meeting**. In order to fill the chairs at a Meeting there should be at least eight memters, so we had to double up on responsibilities of officers that were not there.

Unless otherwise notified, everyone knows that Meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

We can understand missing a Meeting; but what we do *not* understand is that we changed the Meeting to make it easy for all to attend; everyone was in agreement. Yet, things have not changed; we still are not getting the participation we had hoped for. Most of all, we do not even get a call letting us know if a member is not going to make the meeting. We are ignored and get no response from more than two parents as to what they intend to do. I ask myself, 'is everyone so busy that they cannot even drop a note or leave a message that so-and-so will or will not attend?' I really don't think all are that busy.

Parents, this Unit is going to fold if we cannot take more of an interest in it. We are beating ourselves up over this. Please understand we are here for the Girls. We cannot teach the ways of the VFW if they do not come. They took obligations when they became members; and even if they are young, they *are* what we teach them by example. If you join something – anything – Girl Scouts, Band, etc., you have a responsibility to that commitment. Parents, we are holding you responsible to see that your daughter fulfills her obligation to this organization Please be advised that we have several things in the works and participation is the key. If need be, there will be no **Elections** in April and the Unit will disband. It breaks my heart to have to put it this way, but it is what it is!

If you feel you need to discuss any of this, please call me; I will be happy to speak with you. My Number is 757-282-6803; also e-mail, gloklne@verizon.net.

Sincerely,

... *Brittney Pavona*, Advisor
... *Gloria Klinefelter*,
President, Auxiliary 4809

[Auxiliary 4809 is the Sponsor of this Unit and has ultimate control of its functioning.]

From the Canteen

Hours: Mon thru Thurs-2:00-10:00 pm
Fri & Sat - 10:00 am - 2:00 am
Sun & Holidays - 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

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 3rd; *Ocean Breeze* on the 17th; and our **Karaoke Birthday Bash** on the 24th, with Burgers and Fries that night. Come out and support your Post and Auxiliary and join our entertainment. See the posters around the Post or our website for details.

In the bar we now have Cheeseburgers in addition to our Hot Dogs and Pizza.

There are a few lockers available at \$5.00 per year.

Welcome to *Wendy* and *Tracey*, our new Bartenders. Stop in and say "Hello".

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.

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

5:30+ SUPER BOWL PARTY
At The Post
Come Out and Have Fun!!!

CANCER FUND-RAISER
DEDICATED TO OUR CANCER CHAIRMAN, PHYLLIS STOKES & Others whom we have lost
6:00 pm February 11
STEAK & SHRIMP DINNER DANCE, MUSIC BY DJ MOOSE
\$15 single - \$25 couple
LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLES.
BRING YOUR SWEETHEART OUT FOR A NICE EVENING ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE
... *Michelle Neill*,
Chairman

Quartermaster

Post 4809 Members Due
Continuous Service Awards:
February, 2012

Truitt, Willie E.	50
Butler, Harry G.	25
Steadman, David, III.	25
Tyrrell, Thomas P. III.	25
Lenda, Paul A.	20
Powell, David G.	20
Arnett, Roy J.	15
Berry, Ernest J.	15
Booker, Steven A.	10
Hickman, Matthew V.	10
Pieraccini, Michael J.	10
Speeney, Frederick J.	10
Barr, Matthew E.	5
McGuire, Frank G., Jr.	5
Schmitz, Laurie E.	5
Tipton, Robert L.	5

... *Richard Crockford*

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