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## Happy New Year!

### Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

**“HAPPY NEW YEAR”**

**“Ring in 2012”**

Attention, members with an **Annual Membership**: Be advised that if you have not renewed your membership as of December 31, 2011, you are no

longer in good standing. Please renew those memberships as soon as possible. See *Craig Dudley* or any Post Officer to renew. If you haven't been by the Post lately, please stop by and say “HI”. We would enjoy visiting with you.

I want to thank everyone who supported the *Pearl Harbor Ceremony*;

*Wreathes Across America* at Albert G. Horton Cemetery—we laid 3,450 wreathes; it was a very special day for all; *The Adult Christmas Party*; the *Christmas Party at the VA Hospital*—Santa was my special guest and it was **“GREAT”**; the food donated to the *VET House*; **THANKS** to our Auxiliary for this important program and for Liz's son for the use of the truck, and his time—more so this year, extra truck use, again **THANKS**; and the donations to *“Toys For Tots”*.



We also helped out another Veterans group—the **Fleet Reserve**—we picked up 96 wool Disaster Blankets, 240 men's underwear, 16 dozen winter hats, 240 hand sanitizer pump bottles, and 240 hand sanitizer squeeze bottles, boxes of large size clothing, bleach, laundry soap; the Auxiliary and Post Officers distributed the items to the *VA Hospital VAVS, Purple Heart, “Toys For Tots”* and to *“One Step At a Time”*, a group who takes care of seven homeless shelters in Hampton Roads—a job well done. Thanks!

**Winter Council** is this month, 20th-22nd in Williamsburg.

The next **Joint Meeting** will be January 30. This meeting is 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 January 23 Post Meeting. Any Member who has not received their Cross of Malta and would like to receive it that evening, let the Adjutant or myself know beforehand.

## JANUARY, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 NEW YEAR	2 7:00 pm LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING  PWP Mtg.	3 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	4  WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL, Cribbage	5  Remote Control Club	6 6:30-8:00 pm Auxiliary STEAK DINNER Ocean Breeze in Canteen	7  PWP Dance N.A.R.T.U. Buddy Poppies
8 9:30-11:30 MOCA BREAKFAST	9 7:30 pm POST MEETING	10 7:00 pm MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers	11  Coin Club	12  Rifle Club	13 6:30-8:00 pm POST DINNER  Premium Blend in Canteen	14  Buddy Poppies
15 MOC/MOCA Hospital Visit  L.T.D.	 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Partylite Candles	17  CWA/RMC  B.O.D.	18 POST/AUX Hospital Visit  Civic League	19  Alhambra	20 6:30-8:00 pm MOCA FISH DINNER	21 PWP Dance  Sub Vets
22  L.T.D.	23 7:30 pm POST MEETING	24 (AM) Fleet Reserve	25	26	27 8:30-12:00 KARAOKE Birthday Bash Burgers & Fries	28
29 9:30-11:30 COOTIE BREAKFAST  U.F.A.S.	30 7:00 pm JOINT MEETING	31  Band	1 February  AARP Drivers Course	2 AARP Drivers Course  Remote Control Club	3 6:30-8:00 Auxiliary STEAK DINNER Premium Blend in Canteen	4  P.W.P.  N.A.R.T.U.

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 250 more** members.

All reports are submitted that are 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 January is **Gordy Dodson**. "THANKS" for all your hard work the last several months; your support for the Post programs is greatly appreciated, and the kitchen help and all the grocery shopping you do every week in support for all the dinners.

"Winter is here, traveling on icy roads, weather is colder or is 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,

**Happy New Year, Post 4809!** It was a wonderful year with a lot of fun things happening. I hope you will keep an eye on our calendar and join us for some more fun stuff this year!!

We still need to be thinking about our **Membership**. If you have not renewed yet, please do so soon. Think about a **Life Membership**; that way you will never have to worry about paying **Dues** ever again. You'll save money in the long run, so consider that option.

There is always the 12-month payment plan so that it doesn't have to be a lump sum payment.

**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	

Do you have a neighbor who is eligible? Maybe a co-worker? We meet people all the time everywhere we go; so as we converse, mention our VFW and let them know all the great things we do for our community and our Veterans. Invite them to join if they are eligible. Invite them to dinner one Friday night. Carry applications with you and have one at the ready if you find a prospective member.

We need to keep up the hard work to keep our numbers up there, so if you are currently a member and have not renewed your membership, I encourage you to do so.

If you know of a Comrade who is a member and has not yet renewed, feel free to contact them and encourage them to renew. Maybe they forgot or maybe they feel if they cannot make it to meetings or events that they "don't matter". That couldn't be further from the truth.

**Happy New Year, Comrades and Sisters!!!** I'll see you at the Post!

... **Rathy Goodall**

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### Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had a few Comrades who passed and went to the Big House. They were: **McClure, Van Martin, Domenic M. Mazza, Richard J. Lochbaum, and Robert E. Sarka**. Let's remember these families and friends in our prayers. Also, **Donna Horsfall's** sister passed away.

Sick Comrades are: **Georg Norman, Greg Curti's** brother, **Don Scholten, Sr.**, and **Gordy Dodson**. **Richard Nebe's** wife, and **Paul Nush** in Wisconsin. Keep these Comrades and Sisters in your prayers and thoughts.

Let's remember our Comrades and Sisters in harm's way in our prayers.

... **Leonard Horsfall**

Post Chaplain

### Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Comrades & Sisters,

I hope all had a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year. As we enter our second half of the year I cannot help but think about all the things we have accomplished and some of the things we have yet to do.

I must remind you that if you have not paid your **Auxiliary Dues for 2012**, you are no longer a member in good standing. If you like, you may be reinstated as a member if you send \$18.00 and fill out new membership cards. Please contact myself or the Treasurer for information on how this works.

Our Auxiliary has not made our membership goal of 100% – we are just a little over 94%. This breaks my heart but we all know times are hard for a lot of people. It is important for you to let us know if your address or phone number changes. Also, if you are aware of any member who has passed, please let us know.

National has increased the amount we must pay per member; therefore, we have had to increase our members' **Dues** as of January 1st. New members are now \$25.00. Continuous members will be \$18.00, and Early Birds \$14.00. **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

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to those of you who pitched in to help make the **Auxiliary & Children's Christmas Parties** such special events. Your help does not go unnoticed. And the Hospital Chairman once again did an outstanding job for the **Patients' Christmas Party**.

We will be having a **Buddy Poppy Drive** this month. Dinner the first Friday will be *Chicken & Dumplin's* – all you can eat – for \$5.00. Please support the Auxiliary. I will be making *Dumplin's* and will add a pot of *Dropped* (fluffy) *Dumplin's* for those who like them.

This is the time of the year that almost everyone is making New Year's Resolutions, and what better way to start the year off than by making a Resolution to pitch in and support all that we do. Nothing is accomplished unless we work together. Remember our obligation to this organization.

I want to remind everyone of the **Winter Council** meeting in Williamsburg. If you need any info on this, contact me. If you want a weekend away that is a good get-away and a chance to learn some of the ways of our VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary, this is your opportunity. If you just want to attend for the day on Saturday, you can do that.

To all who gave so much to help others this past Holiday Season, "Thank You" so very much. The Truck was filled more than last year which shows your hearts are in the right place. **The Toys for Tots** was very successful. Again, thanks for making this possible.

Be sure to check out the Calendar of events for this month and remember always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

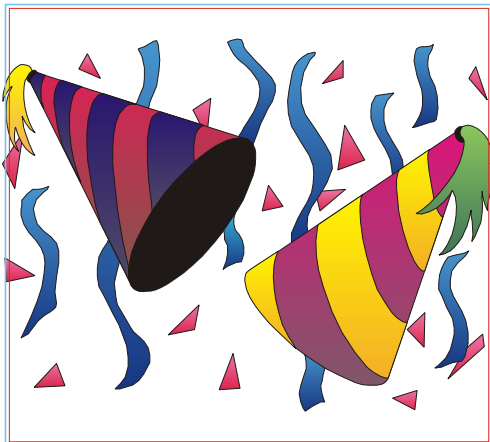
*Happy New Year, Proud to serve ....*

*... Gloria Klinsfelter*

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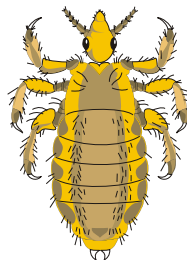


## Seam Squirrel

Listen Cooties,

I hope everyone had a lousy **Holiday Season**. December was another busy month.

I would like to thank all who donated for the **Female Veterans Christmas Retreat** at the VA Hospital. I received a report that said it went off great and the Ladies had an awesome time. They all got dressed up; and it was a really nice weekend for our female veterans at the VA Hospital. If you did not make it out to the hospital for the **Christmas Party**, you missed a really lousy time. All the veterans had a lousy time; and of course ours was even *lousier*.



Some dates to keep in mind for January 2012: The 3rd will be our **Scratch** (I will open the nominations for the new Seam Squirrel); the 7th, we will have a **Buddy Poppy Drive** at Little Creek; the 15th is **Cootie Bingo** at the DOM, over at the VA Hospital; the weekend of the 20th is **Winter Council** in Williamsburg; and the 25th will be our **Cootie Breakfast**. I am hopeful for a lousy showing at all of these events.

L.O.T.C.S.

*... Craig Dudley*  
Seam Squirrel

## M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

**Happy New Year**, everyone!

Our **Hospital Visit and Meeting** dates are on the calendar.

Lots of help is needed when we go to the VA Hospital for **Bingo** with the patients. Refreshments are welcome, even if you cannot make the visit – you can bring them to the Post.

The dinners and **Breakfast** have been good; but we could use more help in the kitchen, so think about lending a hand with all that we do.

*"Keep them smiling in beds of white".*

Sincerely,

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

## Life Insurance

A review of your life insurance coverage should be a part of your regular financial checkup to ensure you have the coverage needed to protect you and your family.

A significant number of Americans are underinsured and don't carry enough life insurance to cover expenses such as mortgages, college costs, and income replacement for wage earners. If on active duty, in your 2nd career, or fully retired, you should review your life insurance coverage regularly.

Consider the following questions:

**How much do I need?** This should be your starting point. If you are on active duty, don't assume \$400,000 will cover all your insurance needs. If you are in your second career, the insurance provided by your employer usually will need to be supplemented.

Don't forget to cover stay-at-home spouses. You still need to know what will be required to protect your family.

**What type of insurance should I get?**

As a general rule, level-premium term insurance is the best for most families. Available in 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30-year coverage periods, the premiums and coverage stay the same for the life of the policy, making it predictable. Term policies used to become too expensive to renew by age 60-65, but recent changes to rate tables now make it possible to obtain term coverage that lasts to age 70. You typically can purchase 5 to 6 times more term insurance for each dollar spent than if you purchase a permanent or cash value policy (such as whole life, universal life, adjustable life, a variable universal life.)

Those in the process of separating or retiring from the military have 120 days to convert SGLI to Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) without concern about health issues. However, \$400,000 of VGLI costs \$88 a month for someone 45 years old. If you are in good health, a commercial insurance provider most likely will offer a comparable product that is significantly less expensive.

**Where should I buy my insurance?**

There are a number of military-friendly insurance carriers that will cover active duty service members without a war clause. Those in their second careers often can obtain significant amounts of life insurance through their employer, but be careful about tying up too much of your insurance with your employer, because it might not be portable if you leave the company.

Regardless of where you purchase life insurance, make sure the company has at least an "A" rating from organizations such as Weiss or A.M. Best.

**From the Canteen**

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

We will have *FREE* Pool, Juke Box and \$5.00 Pizza will also be available on Wednesday nights.

*Ocean Breeze* will be in the Canteen on the 6th; *Premium Blend* on the 13th; and our **Karaoke Birthday Bash** will be on the 27th. 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 *Tiffaney, 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.

We are being overwhelmed with members' bottles and have run 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 at \$5.00 per year.

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



**Quartermaster**

**Post 4809 Members Due  
Continuous Service Awards:  
January, 2012**

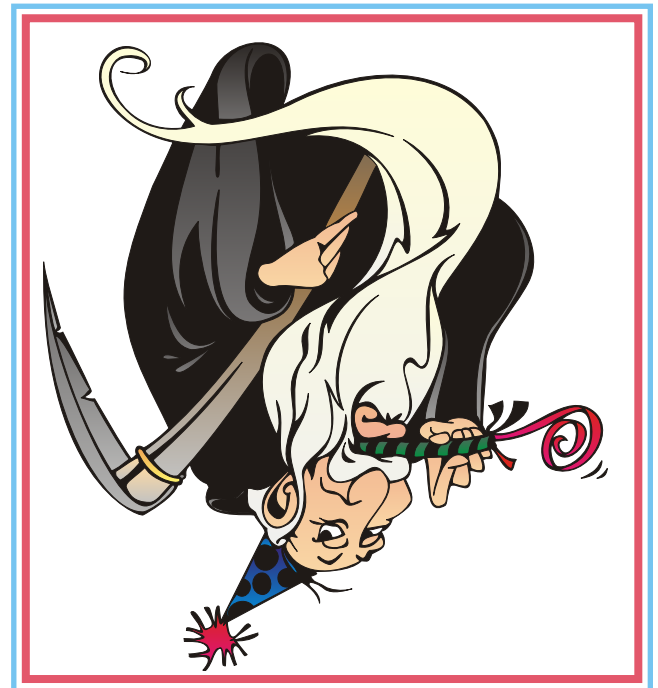
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... *Richard Crockford*



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