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Vet's Day & Happy Thanksgiving

Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

October was a very busy month. I want to thank everyone who helped with the Neptune Parade and helped *Craig* at the Recruiting Booth; and the support at the USS Cole Wreath Ceremony for *James R. McDaniel*.




The support for the adults' and kids' Halloween Parties was great – fun was had by all.

November dates to remember:

- ♦ 4 - Buddy Poppies, 5:00 a.m. at BAE Systems
- ♦ 8 - Election Day
- ♦ 11 - Veterans Day Parade, Va Beach

- ♦ 19 - District 2 Meeting at Post 3160 (noon lunch, 1:00 p.m. meeting)
- ♦ 20 - Noon-2:00 p.m., Having the Vets at the Post for a Thanksgiving meal
- ♦ 7:00 p.m. Virginia Beach Town Center lighting of the lights.
- ♦ 26 - If you would like to help decorate the Canteen and the small hall, come on down.

NOVEMBER, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	2 AARP Driver Safety	3 V.O.D. Judging Remote Control Club AARP Driver Safety	4 6:30-8:00 pm Auxiliary STEAK DINNER Premium Blend in Canteen	5 PWP Dance N.A.R.T.U.
6 2:00 am EASTERN STANDARD TIME L.T.D.	7 7:00 pm LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	8 Election Day 7:00 pm MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers	9 Coin Club	10 Rifle Club	 1:00-4:00 Ocean Breeze in Canteen	12 Batangas
13 9:30-11:30 MOCA BREAKFAST JUNIOR GIRLS U.F.A.S.	14 7:30 pm POST MEETING Partilite Candles	15 CWA/RMC National President's Dinner	16 Civic League	17 7:00 p.m. B.O.D.	18 6:30-8:00 pm MOCA FISH DINNER Ocean Breeze in Canteen	19 12:00 DISTRICT 2 Lunch/Mtg. PWP Dance
20 Noon-2:00 pm VA HOSPITAL VETS' Thanksgiving Dinner	21	22 (AM) Fleet Reserve Partilite Candles	23	 [Closed] Thanksgiving	25 8:30-12:00 KARAOKE Birthday Bash Burgers & Fries	26 Coin Show Decorate S/H & Canteen for Xmas
27 9:30-11:30 COOTIE BREAKFAST L.T.D.	28 7:30 pm POST MEETING Decorate Big Hall for Xmas	29	30 WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL, Cribbage	DATES TO REMEMBER: 10: U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775) 11: Signing of WWI Armistice (1918) 27: First Sunday in Advent		

Our Recruiting Chairperson, *Craig Dudley*, will need our help to **Recruit New Members**. With that said, if you know of a friend, or neighbor, or a 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 more members. If you have any ideas on good recruiting spots, share them with *Craig* or myself.

The **Volunteer of the Month** of November is *Johnny Holland*. Thanks for all your music entertainment at the Post for all these years; it's a lot of hard work and you have done an excellent job. **THANKS**.

OCEAN VIEW GOLF for the month of November: Show your VFW Membership card and golf for "FREE" – you have to pay for cart or club rentals. Have additional questions? See *Rubin Johnson* at the Post.

"The holidays are approaching: traveling, weather is colder or will be freezing, decorating the inside and inside with lights, ladder usage, fires. Think about safety for the next couple of

months. Be safe and enjoy your family during these upcoming Holiday seasons.”

... *Eric Mallett*
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Senior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

Here we are at the start of the Holiday Season. **Veterans' Day** is coming up soon.

We will be marching in the **Parade** at the Beach. Please consider participating. If you have trouble walking the distance, there will be vehicles available for you to ride in. There is a possibility that we can “borrow” a vehicle from a local car dealer. We will be investigating that option so please feel free to contact me if you would participate if there was transportation available. I'd love to see a large showing from 4809!!

Hearing the spectators shout their **THANK YOU's** makes one very proud and I speak from experience. If you have never participated in a parade and experienced that, you are missing a great feeling!! My number is at the top of the newsletter and at the end of this article, along with my e-mail address, so feel free to contact me!

Let's continue to focus on our **Membership**. We had some good results from the **Neptune Festival** but we need to continue our efforts. We meet new people all the time – in the doctor's office, waiting in line at the Credit Union in the barbershop or hairdresser's, as well as at school functions for our kids, and grand kids.

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.

We will be inviting the **Vets** from the VA Hospital for **Thanksgiving Dinner** this month, so invite a friend to this so they see what we do for our Vets. 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.

Let them know about the **Life Membership** program. That way they won't EVER have to think about renewing again, and it will actually save them some money in the long run.

Life Membership. Fees may be paid through a 12-month payment plan:

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

Have a wonderful November and I'll see you at the Post!

... *Kathy Goodall*
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Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had some Comrades to move to the bigger place: They were **Darrel R. Walker, Roger P. Bedard** and **Gilbert W. Clark**. Let's keep these Comrades' families and friends in our prayers.

We also had **Richard** and **Mary Ellen Nebe's** daughter **Cheryl** pass away. Keep that family in your prayers.

Sick Comrades are: **Bob Saeka; Paul Lenda's** wife **Daisy** had surgery; **Gordy Dobson** was sick. **Paul Nush** is in Wisconsin and is not doing well.

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

Let's also keep all of our Comrades in harm's way in our thoughts. Let's also remember **James McDaniel** from the USS Cole in our prayers.

... *Leonard Horsfall*
Post Chaplain

Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Sisters and Comrades,

Every month I think it cannot be as busy as the last, but here we are again. Yes, October was busy and we survived all the activities and programs we attended, and as usual everything we have done has been rewarding.

To all of you who have been coming to the meetings, I thank you; to those who have not, come on out, we would love to see you.

As always, we need lots of help in all that we do. If you cannot make a meeting, you are welcome to come out during the activity or program and help with set-up/serving, etc. If you are a new member, do not be afraid to ask questions or talk to any of us, as we all learn together.

If you have not paid your **2012 Dues**, time is running short, so please send your \$16.00 today. Notices will be sent out again soon. To reach our goal of 100%, it must be done by December 15. After notices, we will be making phone calls. Don't let us down. Pay your dues today!

I am asking that you watch for our big truck that is going to be parked out by the fence to collect canned goods and other non-perishable foods for the Holidays. Stop by and drop something off. Help us help the Veterans in our community who have hit hard times. Bring your donations in the building and we will fill up the truck. Thank you in advance.

We have been asked to host a Dinner in honor of our National President, **Gwen Rankin**, on November 15 at 6:00 p.m. let's all give her a Southern hospitality welcome to our Post. She is from Hawaii, so I would love for everyone to wear a Hawaiian shirt to help make her feel at home. It is a special occasion – not every Auxiliary in the State has the pleasure of such a visit. I will be posting her schedule at our 4809 Facebook page and the VFW Post 4809 Web page as soon as I get it. If you care to join us as she visits MacArthur Memorial to lay a wreath, please do or call me and I will fill you in on the details. We need a full house November 15.

The Veterans from the VA Hospital in Hampton will be here for Dinner on the 20 November. We are asking everyone to bring a covered dish or dessert for this day as we always have a full house.

We will be Christmas Decorating on the 26th during the day and the 28th in the evening; so come out and give us a hand. A lot goes into doing the trees and climbing the ladder. Please come and help.

Notice to all interested members: With the cost of steaks going up, we have decided to go up \$1.00 on Dinners which means they will be **\$10.00** starting this month. We are now doing Steak every other month. The "off month" dinners' cost will be according to our expenses and will be posted for your information. This is all due to the expense of steaks. So be sure and check this calendar every month for the Dinner Menu.

A reminder to all: There will be a **2nd District Meeting** at Post 3160 this month. We have had great attendance in the past, so I look forward to seeing you all there.

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

Well, I think I have said enough for this month. Feel free to join us at any time; come and see how we do things and have fun while we do them.

I hope everyone had a good time at the **Halloween Party**. I did!

As always, any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

... *Gloria Klingfelter*

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Auxiliary Chaplain

Our Dear Sisters,

This month's report is not one I really want to do. It is with a heavy heart that I must report the passing of Sister **Phyllis Stokes**, a Life Member and Past Auxiliary President, as well as Cancer Chairman for so many years. In the end, she lost her fight with breast cancer.

Sister **Carmalla Myers** lost her son, and Sister **Mary Ellen Nebe** lost her daughter. Sister **Bonnie Mantta** and Sister **Brenda Conway** lost their mother and grandma, known as *Grandma Lorraine* to most.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to these families – you are in our prayers.

Gloria Baines has fully recovered from eye surgery. **Daisy Lenda's** recovery from surgery is going well. Please continue to pray for all our Sisters and Comrades who have suffered a loss or have been sick. Also Remember to keep me informed if anyone is sick, hospitalized, or the passing of a member or family member, so our Auxiliary can help take care of their needs.

Thank you, everyone, for the support I have received since becoming Chaplain.

God Bless. ... *John 3:16*

... *Cindy Ghivers*
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Seam Squirrel

Listen up, Cooties,

Happy Veteran's Day, Cooties! Thank you all for your service. I hope to see you all in D.C. at the **Tomb Trek**.

There will be plenty of work for the Cooties this month. There is a **Buddy Poppy Drive** Friday, the 4th, from 0530 to 0730 at BAE Systems, Norfolk. We will have lunch for the Veterans from the VA Hospital.

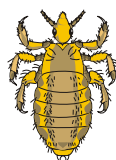
A lousy time was had by all who attended the last **Scratch**. We also had a lousy time at the last **Bingo** of the year. See you at the **Dinner** this month and the **Christmas Party** next month.

L.O.T.C.S.

... *Craig Dudley*

Seam Squirrel

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Junior Girls

Comrades & Sisters,

November is a busy month for the Girls. Please make sure to mark your calendars!

We will be having our **Meeting** on Sunday, November 13, at 3:30. We will be doing special **Elections** that day as well as a **Craft Project** for the Vets following the **Meeting**.

On the 15th, we were asked to do an **Aisle of Honor** for the National President – Girls should be at the Post by 6:00 p.m. and wear their blue Junior Girls shirt with black pants.

On the 20th, we will be having a **Dinner** for the Vets. The Girls should be at the Post by 10:00 a.m. and wear their red Junior Girls shirts with jeans. As always, please let me know if your daughter/granddaughter will not be attending.

Thank you all for your continued support.

... *Brittney Pavona*
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VFW Riders

Comrades & Sisters,

The VFWR have been riding and supporting the VFW and other events.

In the last article in August, I quoted May and June projects, etc.

From July thru October, the Riders have attended 9+ 1A send-offs. Two of our Riders, **Randy** and **Steve**, rode to the National Home in Michigan and presented a check to them for over \$5,600 and rode over 2,000 miles to do this. Donations were from VFW Posts, Ladies Auxiliaries, VFW Riders and personal donations.

Also, some of the VFWR rode to benefit the **March of Dimes' Ride** and rode to support an **Against Breast Cancer Ride**. We rode in the **Phoebus Parade** in Hampton with 15 M/C and 16 members riding.

On the 22nd of October, a large group of the VFWR and the American Legion Riders, with other groups, escorted two buses for the **Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia** from Virginia Beach to Williamsburg. Taking WWII Veterans to Washington, DC for the day, they visit the WWII Memorial and other locations. Some of the group escorted the buses all the way to DC.

If you would like to be part of the VFWR, please contact me or any VFWR member to get information about the Riders.

Our next **Meeting** is at Post 3160, Ocean View at 7:00 p.m. on November 3rd.

Thank you,

... *Glenn Holman*
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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.

Join us Veterans' Day, the 11th, after the Parade for some food and fun with *Ocean Breeze* donating their time for the Veterans in the Canteen.

Premium Blend will be in the Canteen on the 4th; *Ocean Breeze* on the 18th. And our **Karaoke Birthday Bash** for November will be on the 25th. Come out and support your Post and Auxiliary, and join our entertainment. See the posters around the Post or our web site for details.

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

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

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

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

M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

Our next Dinner will be a **Fish Fry** instead of Steak.

Remember our Vets will be coming to our Post November 20th for **Thanksgiving Dinner**.

We will not have Hospital Visits in November and December. We will appreciate any help on dinners and hospital visits. Our Schedule is on the front calendar.

Remember to keep them "smiling in beds of white".

Sincerely,

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

Quartermaster

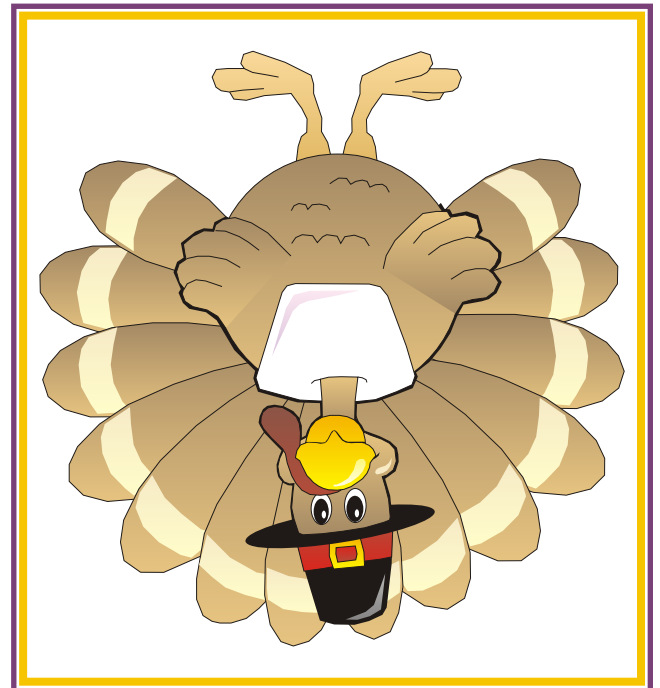
**Post 4809 Members Due
Continuous Service Awards:
November, 2011**

Bennett, Gary A.	55
Cross, Gerald R.	40
Cook, Homer C.	25
Braa, Emery W.	20
Wilkinson, William W.	20
Miller, Jack W.	15
Applegate, Richard H.	10
Campbell, Karl D.	10
Cifuentes, Jorge	10
Holschuh, Kelly L.	10
McLeod, George P.	10
Bushner, Michael G.	5
Matson, William O.	5
Mitchell, Mark A.	5
Young, Eric O.	5

... *Richard Crockford*

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