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Vets' House Fund-raiser - 19th

Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

We have another busy month ahead of us; so that means plenty of opportunities for each and everyone to get involved. The more help we get for a function, the easier it is on everyone – and more fun.

The **4th of July Picnic** was well attended; and there is no way I can mention everyone who contributed to its success. I want to pass along my thanks to ALL those who helped in any way – be it working in the kitchen, on the grill, serving food, or helping to clean up after all was done. The Post

had a great time. I would like to thank **Skip Snedecor**, his father, and **Butch Baines** for doing all the grill cooking. Three of them did a great job. THANKS.

The **Ladies Auxiliary Patio Party** was a blast. I had a great time and would like to thank all who worked that event. I'm looking forward to the next party, which is the **Toga Party** on the 23rd of September for a **Cancer Fund-raiser**.

On the third Wednesday of every month at 1830 (6:30 p.m.), we have the **VA Hospital Visit**. If you can fit this into your schedule, we can always use help with the Bingo games. The Vets need help with playing their cards and they really look forward to seeing us all when we are there.

Our next big event will be on the 19th of August—the **Vets House Fund-raiser**. If you are looking for a GREAT night out, stop by the Post and have a great **MOCA Steak Dinner**; and then cross over to the big hall for an excellent good time and entertainment provided by the **Touch of Elvis Fan Club**. You will not be disappointed. Don't forget to bring those non-perishable items that are needed by the Vets House.

The **Junior Girls Car Wash** was postponed in July. Check the calendar for the makeup date. The **Car Safety Inspection** will be also on that date.

Thanks to the efforts of our Recruiting Chairperson, **Craig Dudley**, and with the great assistance of a number of Comrades and Sisters, we had a very successful year 2010-2011. With that said, we need more this year. If you know of a friend who is eligible to be a

AUGUST, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING PWP Meeting	2 Band Practice 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	3 WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL, Cribbage \$5.00 Pizzo	4 Remte Control Club	5 6:30-8:00 pm AUXILIARY DINNER	6 PWP Dance N.A.R.T.U. 2:00 pm Dist. School of Instruction
7 L.T.D.	8 7:30 pm POST MEETING	9 7:00 pm MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers	10 Coin Club	11 Rifle Club	12 6:30-8:00 pm Post Dinner: ROAST BEEF Premium Blend in Canteen	13 COOTIE SAFARI
14 9:30-11:30 MOCA BREAKFAST U.F.A.S.	15 Partilite Candles	16 Band Practice 7:00 pm B.O.D.	17 Civic League Post/Aux HOSPITAL VISIT	18 Alhambra	19 Vets House Fund-Raiser ELVIS SHOW 6:30-8:00 MOCA Steak DINNER	20 PWP Dance
21 MOC/MOCA Hosp. Visit	22 7:30 pm POST MEETING	23 Partilite Candles Fleet Reserve	24	25	26 8:30-2:00 KARAOKE BIRTHDAY BASH Burgers/Fries	27
28 9:30-11:30 COOTIE BREAKFAST	29 7:30 pm JOINT MEETING	30	31	DATES TO REMEMBER: 1: AIR FORCE DAY 4: U.S. Coast Guard Established 7: Purple Heart Medal Established (1782) 14: Japan Surrendered (1945) National Code Talkers Day 19: National Aviation Day		

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 a good recruiting spot, share them with **Craig** or myself.

The **Volunteer of the Month** for August is **George Troutman**. Thanks, Comrade, for all your hard work at the Post these last couple of months.

"Summer is here, the heat index is over 100 degrees – keep the fluids in, be safe and take breaks while outside for long periods."

... **Eric Mallett**

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Senior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

Happy August Everyone!!! It's hard to believe that this is the beginning of the end of summer!! The **4th of July Picnic** was another huge success. There were many in attendance with lots and lots of food. It was good to see so many come out in the hot weather to enjoy some comradeship with their fellow VFW Comrades and Sisters. Sometimes it's the only time we get to socialize with some of our members, so it was nice to see everyone enjoy themselves.

I hope you all enjoyed the **Patio Party** that the Auxiliary provided. Once again there was enough food to feed a small army so we all had plenty to eat!! The games were a lot of fun and it was good to see everyone have a fun time on the Patio. It was for a great cause – our Auxiliary's General Fund. Thanks to all who came out to support them. They certainly support us in many ways!!

Watch the calendar for events coming up this month. We always need help in the kitchen for the Post Dinner, so think about giving a couple of hours to help either set up, serve or clean up afterwards.

Let's continue to focus on our Membership. We were very successful last year and I trust we can keep that momentum going for another great year! We meet new people all the time – in the doctor's office, waiting in line at

the Credit Union, in the barbershop or hairdresser, 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. Also invite them to dinner one Friday night or to one of our fund-raisers and show them what we are all about. 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 their renewal. Maybe they forgot, or perhaps 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 him 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 month everyone, and I'll see you at the Post!

... **Kathy Goodall**

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Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had some Comrades who have moved on to a bigger place: They are **William L. Bishop**, **Reon G. Hillegasse** and **Eugene F. Begley**. Let's keep these Comrades, families and friends in our prayers.

Sick Comrades are: **Julie P. Edwards**, **Gloria K. Brother**, **Bob Sarka**, **Charlie Quillin**, **Craig Dudley's** mother and **Gary Messersmith**, who lost his sister.

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

and thoughts.

Let's keep all of our Comrades and Sisters in harm's way in our thoughts and prayers as well.

God bless and keep every one safe in this heat

... **Leonard Horsfall**
Chaplain

Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Sisters and Comrades,

I would like to say "Welcome" to all the new Members of the Post and Auxiliary – there are too many to name them all, but I sincerely hope your membership with us is a great experience as we do a lot of good work for our Veterans.

Our Auxiliary **Entertainment Committee** has so many plans for a wonderful year; it is my desire that all of you support them.

Nothing happens without all of us doing what we are able to do, which brings our recent **Patio Party** to mind. This was a great success as we raised over \$900.00 because of the hard work of our Officers and members supporting what we set out to do – which was to raise some funds to do our work and to bring people together. It was awesome. Thanks to ALL of you.

Jeanne Clinebell wanted me to express to all of you her appreciation for all we did this past year for her husband and the Post. She is very happy she did not decide to go to a hotel for the year as she says she had learned so much and they are grateful. **Jeanne**, we thank you for being there; also as a Commander's wife you went that extra mile to assist us always. All you did has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for lending us your husband for the year.

I have some very heart-breaking news. Our **Junior Girls Unit** is in need of new members because so many have moved up to Auxiliary status this past year; and some have moved away. And some just decided they had too many other activities to keep up with. Therefore, if we do not bring in new members, we may have to disband the Unit. We have Auxiliary members willing to help the Unit; we just need Girls so if you know any girls ages 5 to ;16 who are eligible, please have them contact

me. We are going to do our best to save the Unit, but we need help.

According to our By-Laws, we must notify all members that there will be an Election of a **3-Year Trustee** at our August 1st Meeting to fill that vacancy.

We are going to be trying different Menus; therefore, every other month we will have Steak. Please watch the calendar to see what we are having. As the weather changes we are going to have some good home cooking.

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

If you haven't attended a meeting lately, we would love to see you, so come on out and visit with us. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please let me know; I am here to serve—trying to keep all my Ducks in a row!

Sincerely,

... *Gloria Klinefelter*

President
282-6803

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Auxiliary Chaplain

Ladies,

I'm happy to report that in my first month in office, I don't have much. But always remember I will be here for any member who needs my assistance.

If sick, overnight hospital stay, or in case of death of a member or family member, PLEASE let me know ASAP. You can reach me at the number below.

And please keep our Sister **Phyllis Stokes** in your prayers; and if you would like her address, please feel free to drop her a card at 1009 Grassland Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

And for any reason you can't reach me, call our President, **Gloria** at 757-282-6803. Our prayers go out to ALL!

God Bless ... Please take a minute to pray for our troops who SERVE.

... *Gindy Chivers*
757-202-3087

Seam Squirrel

Listen up, Cooties,

Your Seam Squirrel here! I hope all have been enjoying your summer. We had a lousy time at my first Scratch and I hope to see you this month for my next lousy Scratch. I hope that those who came out for dinner on the 22nd had a lousy time.

In my article last month, I addressed the fact that the Cooties were considering bringing back **Wednesday Night Dinners** in the Post a couple of Wednesdays a month. But I have not received any feedback as to how you might be interested in seeing another couple of meals a month in the Post. If you are interested, please shoot me an e-mail to seamsquirrelpt2@gmail.com. I'm not looking for a commitment to show up and eat; I'm just trying to get an idea of how many might be interested.

August 13th is the **Cootie Safari**; and it looks to be a lousy time. They have sold out two buses so we are looking at about 110 Cooties at the Post on that Saturday. It should be a lousy time – even if you do not want to ride the bus, come by the Post and set up food and clean up afterwards.

And **Breakfast** will be Sunday the 28th. Enjoy the last month of summer.

"Submarine Veteran, sleep well tonight for somewhere in the ocean's depths my submarine brothers are protecting your freedom."

L.O.T.C.S.

... *Craig Dudley*
Seam Squirrel
757-688-9729

M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

Our **Meetings** are on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., unless we notify you of any changes. I encourage all Sisters to attend our Meetings.

The **Hospital Visit** last month went very well. It is our promise to do what we can for our Hospitalized Veterans and this is an

active visit we do with our MOC Comrades every month.

Please watch the calendar for events and dinners, etc., as you never know what lies ahead.

Take care of yourself and pray for all of our service personnel at home and abroad.

Keep them smiling in beds of white.
Loyally,

... *Patty Baines*
President

Junior Girls

Hello, everyone,

At this time I am unable to let you know what we are going to do as this article has to be sent in before a **Parent/Girl Meeting** at the end of July.

I agreed to be the Unit Advisor this year and am looking forward to a fun year; but in order to do this we need active members in the Unit. As of right now, we do not have that.

If you know of any girls ages 5 to 16 who are eligible, please have them contact me or President **Gloria Klinefelter**.

It is our desire to keep the Unit alive and active, but at this point it is not going to happen; so I will let you know in the September newsletter what is going to happen.

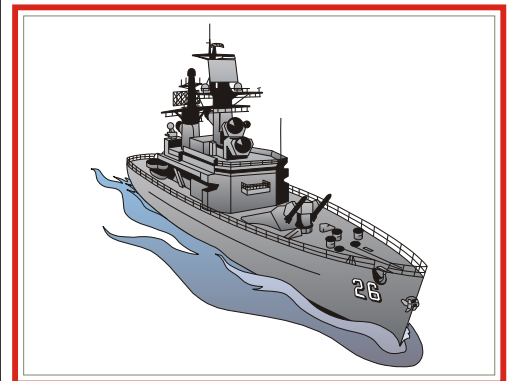
This is so sad because when the Girls are together, they have a good time and do some good things; but if they cannot attend Meetings, they cannot do anything. Parent response and cooperation are much needed to achieve anything we do.

Enjoy the rest of the summer – it's almost over.

... *Brittney Pavona*

Advisor
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<mailto:glokl@verizon.net>



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 12th. We have a Vets House Fund-raiser on the 19th. And our **Karaoke Birthday Bash** for August will be on the 26th. Come out, support your Post and join our entertainment.

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

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

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

Quartermaster

Post 4809 Members Due
 Continuous Service Awards:
 August, 2011

Baker, Linwood S.	30
Bathurst, Gregory A.	30
Lockwood, Wesley E.	25
Peters, John R.	25
Dvorak, Thomase J.	20
Gogan, Michael S.	20
Warren, Samuel C.	20
MacKaye, James S.	15
Mahrs, Ronald E.	15
Milam, Audrey R.	15
Nelson, Charles C.	15
Vedar, Rolando	15
Capito, George R.	10
Kent, Robert E.	10
Chadwick, William C.	5
Eagen, Deborah M.	5
Moody, Joseph H.	5
Williams, Arthur D.	5

... Richard Crockford

VFW Riders

Comrades & Sisters,
 The VFW Riders of Virginia have been busy riding and supporting the VFW and other organizations. The weather has been hot; but if you like to ride, you ride anyway.

So far this year, starting in May and throughout June, the VFWR have completed 20 projects with 205 volunteers, logged 565 hours, and rode over 7,000 miles to complete the projects. We have spent over \$1,600.

I'm sure this does not show all the riding done – this is simply what I have been able to record. If you like to ride and enjoy the comradeship, please join us. If you belong to a Virginia VFW Post and own a motorcycle, please check out our Website, www.VFWRidersofVirginia, or ask any VFWR member for information.

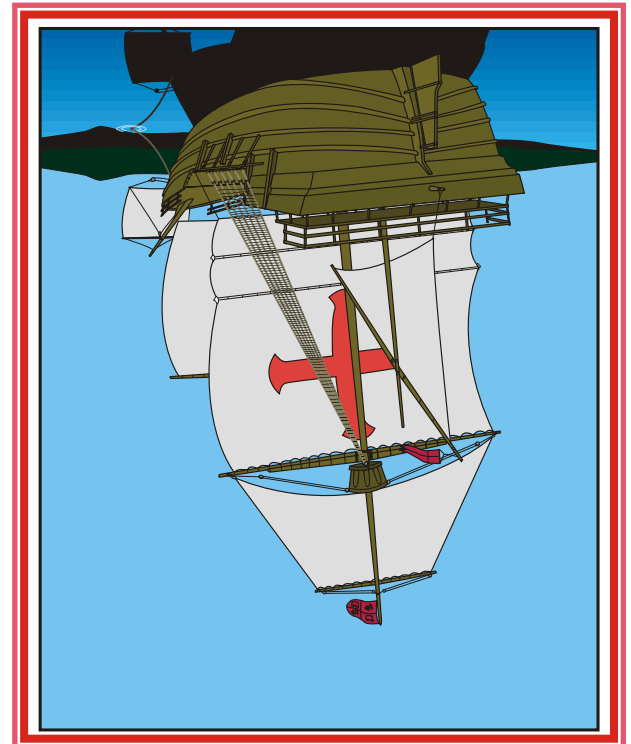
Our next **Meeting** is at Post 3160, Ocean View at 7:00 p.m. on August 4.

Thank you,

Glenn Holman, VFWR

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