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Department Convention: June 9-12

Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

Another month has come and gone and as usual, it was a very busy month for VFW Post 4809. I want to thank everyone who participated in the **Post Cleanup**, the **Country Fair** at the VA Hospital, the **Installation Ceremony**,


District 2 Convention, the recruiting drives at the **Chesapeake Jubilee** and **Pungo Strawberry Festival**, and the **Memorial Day Picnic**. To name everyone involved would take up most of the space in this newsletter; but I want each and everyone to know your efforts are much appreciated.

Looking forward to June, there are two items I would like to highlight: There will be another **Buddy Poppy Drive** at Little Creek on Saturday, June 4, starting at 9:00 a.m. Our last drive at Little Creek was very successful as we collected over \$1,600. Remember, the money collected goes to support the various programs we do for all veterans – primarily those at the VA Hospital. Donations from our members are always welcomed; and if you would like to contribute, make out a check payable to VFW Post 4809 and note that it is for the “*Buddy Poppy Program*”. If all members contributed \$5.00, we could easily collect over \$6,500!

The **Department Convention** will be held June 9-12 in Richmond at the Ramada Plaza Richmond West Hotel. It may have a different name this year, but it is the same hotel where the Department Convention has been held in recent years. VFW Post 4809 usually has a good representation, and I would encourage anyone who is interested in attending the Friday or Saturday activities to make the trip. See first-hand what is happening throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

With the Department Convention approaching, my term as your Commander is quickly coming to an end. It has been my pleasure to serve and it was a rewarding year for VFW Post 4809! Thanks to the support and efforts of so many dedicated Comrades and Sisters, we have obtained **ALL STATE Honors!** I want to thank all my Officers, the Ladies Auxiliary under the leadership of Madame President Margaret Leaver,

JUNE, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DATES TO REMEMBER: 6: D-DAY - Allied Invasion of Europe (1944) 14: U.S. Army Founded (1775) 21: SUMMER BEGINS 22: Pledge of Allegiance (1942) GI Bill (1944) 25: KOREAN WAR BEGAN (1950) 30: 21st Century GI Bill signed (2008)			1 WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL, Cribbage \$5.00 Pizza	2 Remote Control Club VFW Riders	3 6:30-8:00 pm AUXILIARY STEAK DINNER Premium Blend in Canteen	4 PWP Dance N.A.R.T.U. Picnic
5 L.T.D.	6 7:00 pm LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING PWP Meeting	7 Band Practice 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	8 Coin Club	9 Rifle Club Civic League CONVENTION	10 CONVENTION	11 Coin Show CONVENTION
12 CONVENTION	13 7:30 pm POST MEETING PartyLite Candles	14 7:00 pm MOCA Mtg Pepper Lovers  FLAG DAY (Canteen)	15 POST/AUX HOSPITAL VISIT	16 Alhambra	17 6:30-8:00 MOCA Steak DINNER Smith Retirement	18 PWP Dance Sub Vets Junior Girls
19 9:30-11:30am FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST MOC/MOCA Hosp. Visit	20	21 CWA/RMC PartyLite Candles 7:00 pm B.O.D.	22	23	24 8:30-2:00 KARAOKE BIRTHDAY BASH Burgers/Fries	25 Naomi Lodge
26 9:30-11:30am COOTIE BREAKFAST	27 7:30 pm POST MEETING	28 Band Practice Fleet Reserve	29	30	JULY 1	2

and the Junior Girls under the leadership of Savanna Nobles for a great year! I must also say a big "Thank You" to my wife, Jeanne, for her support this past year.

Your new Commander, **Eric Mallett**, has a great group of Officers and a large number of eager volunteers, so there is no doubt in my mind that next year will also be one that will accomplish many things. I would ask all to support Eric as you have me, as he leads the Post forward.

Each month we acknowledge a person or persons who have made a significant contribution to the Post during that month. There is one couple who easily could have been named month after month. Not only did they plan and prepare each Post Dinner, they were often called upon to support a number of functions which involved the feeding of large numbers.

The **Volunteers for the Month** of June are **Mary and Gary Messersmith!** Your continuing dedication and loyalty to VFW Post 4809 is very much appreciated. Working with both of you this past year has been a pleasure.

... **Bob Clinebell**
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Senior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

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

The month of May was very busy: the Post clean-up; Mother's Day Breakfast; Country Fair at the VA Hospital; Installation of Officers; District 2 Convention. **Memorial Day**, we had the Vets over from the Hospital and as always it was well supported by the members. **THANKS** to you all.

We have our 100% and are working on more for All American. 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

"Summer is approaching; swimming and other water sports will start; be safe."

... **Eric Mallett**
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Junior Vice Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

I would like to congratulate the newly installed Post Officers and wish them a successful year serving our Post. Please give them your support and help them continue making VFW Post 4809 one of the most active and successful posts in the State.

The following are significant dates in military history for the month of June:

* June 4-7, 1942: The Battle of Midway, fought near the Central Pacific island of Midway. During this decisive battle, Japan would lose four irreplaceable aircraft carriers against one American aircraft carrier loss.

* June 6, 1944: Operation Overlord is launched by the Allied forces on the beaches of Normandy. With over 2,700 ships and craft, this is the largest amphibious assault in history and would be instrumental in the defeat of Axis forces a year later.

I would like to say "Thank You" to our fine post for all the support you have provided me while I have served as your Junior Vice Commander. Thank you all for your service.

J. R. Gonzales
mailto:gonzalez.juan.r@att.net

Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had a couple more Comrades who passed away: They are **Vincent T. Marrinucci** and **James W. Roche**. Let's keep these Comrades and their families in our prayers.

Sick Comrades are: **Glenn Gregoire**, **Tim Murden**, **Bob Sarka**, **Bill Holtzner's Sister**, and **Dick Helms' sister**.

Sick Sisters: **Dorothy Cooper** passed

away. Other Sisters who have been sick are: **Phyllis Stokes**, **Donna Wheeler**, **Mary Messersmith**, and **Margaret Williams**.

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.

... **Leonard Horsfall**
Chaplain

Ladies Auxiliary

Sisters and Comrades,

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

Margaret Leaver
President

Seam Squirrel

Listen Cooties,

We had a "LOUSY" Scratch on May 3 at the Pup Tent. The biggest news is that we held a 1st Degree for our newest and unsuspecting Nit, **Bob Clinebell**. Bob is well on his way to becoming a Grayback; and if he keeps scratching he will make it soon. Welcome, Nit Bob.

More good news is that the Pup Tent received a nice check from our Commander as a percentage of **Buddy Poppy** donations. In a one-day period, the Post raised over \$1,500. Great work! That is what happens when we have enough help. It only takes about two hours of your time; the donations received are needed and they go for a great cause.

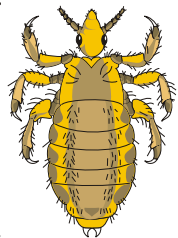
The same goes for our **Cootie Breakfast** and our **Hospital Visits**. It only lasts a couple of hours and the more who are helping takes the load off those who are always there, not to mention the smiles that we receive from the Vets at Bingo.

Fellow parasitic crawlers, you showed up in force for the Post **Field Day** on the 7th and did a fantastic job. The outside area is looking great; thanks for such a Lousy turnout.

Just so you can put it on your calendars, our next **Cootie Safari** will be August 13 this year. Let's plan early and have a Lousy time. Don't forget our **Bingo** at the Veteran's Hospital on June 19. Come out and support your Pup Tent.

Also, the **Breakfast** in May is on the 29th. Come help those who are always there. I think they have sleeping bags in the kitchen. Anytime I show up, they are in the kitchen cooking something up and it's always good. Thanks, guys.

Our next **Scratch** is on June 7th, so come one, come all, step right up and show our new Nit what this lousy organization is all about.



Remember, the amount of success of any endeavor is reflected by the amount of support and participation of everyone, not just one or two; and please keep our Military in our prayers.

L.O.T.C.S.
God Bless,

... *Phil Durbin*

M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

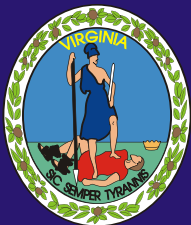
Thank you again for all your help this past year. We had a good time at the **VA Carnival**. Our schedule is on the front of this newsletter.

We will be canceling our **Breakfast** on the 12th of June due to the Convention.

Remember to keep them smiling in beds of white.

Respectfully,

... *Patty Poo*
President



Veterans' Affairs

Though still shrouded in controversy, historically Robert E. Peary is generally credited with reaching the North Pole on April 6, 1909. He and his assistant Matthew Henson made a herculean effort in reaching the top of the world, no matter what the disputes.

In his 23 years of arctic exploration, Peary had displayed incredible feats of endurance and lost 8 toes to frostbite. On his final expedition he started out with 24 men, 19 sleds and 133 dogs. By the time he reached what he believed to be the North Pole, the team was down to Henson and 4 Eskimos. From their base they had traveled 413 miles in 37 days across the polar ice pack.

Congress promoted Peary to rear admiral in March 1911. He died at age 63 in the nation's capital and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The dispute over Peary's accomplishment continues to this day. Still, he was honored with a postage stamp in 1959 and 1986.

In the single deadliest hostile incident of the Cold War, 20 U.S. Navy aviators, 10 Naval Security Group cryptologists and one Marine were killed in action. On April 15, 1969, 2 north Korean MIGs shot down an unarmed EC-121M Super Constellation of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 1 based at Naval Air Station Atsugi, Japan.

Flying 75 miles from North Korean airspace over international waters, the aircraft was part of a recon program code named *Beggar Shadow*. Without a fighter escort, the EC-121 was defenseless when the 2 MIG-17s opened up with their 23mm and 37mm cannons.

The plane hit the sea quickly; only 2 bodies were recovered in the wreckage.

The downed Americans never had their names on any wall or memorial. (Fortunately, those names are now engraved on the National Security Agency Cryptologic Memorial at Ft. Meade, MD, and the Reconnaissance Memorial on the grounds of L-3 Communications Integrated Systems in Greenville, TX.)

Radio Pyongyang boasted as if this were a great victory, claiming a "brilliant battle success by shooting down with a single shot and so letting the fires of vengeance descend upon it." U.S. fighters remained on the ground because local commanders were prohibited from taking the initiative. They awaited orders from Washington that never came.

Quartermaster

Post 4809 Members Due
Continuous Service Awards:
June, 2011

Groh, John A.	40
Allen, Gary L.	30
Steen, Matthew K.	30
Kwiatkowski, Joseph L.	25
Dowdy, Charlie W.	20
Hanshaw, Leonard L.	20
Harmon, William H.	20
Lewis, Robert S.	20
Lutton, Wesley R.	20
Marciniak, Michael D.	20
Morgan, Dennis R.	20
Troutman, David A.	20
Bailey, Earl A.	15
Barritt, Oliver R.	15
Baugh, Winston.	15
Beaty, Russell H.	15
Caballero, Enrique E.	15
Embleton, Timothy W.	15
Messick, William L.	15
Nolan, Carl W.	15
Parsons, Robert D.	15
Allen, Nathaniel.	10
Carnahan, Harold T.	10
Durbin, Phillip D.	5

... *Richard Crockford*

DOVER BUS TRIP

We have scheduled another bus trip with Fun Tours to **Dover Downs Casino**. The bus will pick us up at VFW Post 4809 at 7:30 a.m. on July 30 and return us that same evening at around 9:30 p.m. We need 55 people to fill the bus at a cost of \$29.00 each. Payment is preferred at the time of signing up, but definitely no later than June 28. To sign up, see at the Post or call **John Gebhardt** at 424-7499.

This is not a public announcement for the greater Tidewater area; but is intended for VFW 4809 members and their guests. We'll do some cash drawings on the way up and back. Bring your favorite beverage and come along. We had a good time last year and I'm sure we will again this year.

... *John*

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 3rd; and our **Karaoke Birthday Bash** for June will be on the 24th. Come out and 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 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/year. Looking forward to your patronage,
... Phil & Bill

Junior Girls

Dear Comrades & Sisters,

This will be my last newsletter to you as I will be taking on the position of Auxiliary President. **Brittney Pavona, Michelle Semones** and **Alyssa Twisdale** will be taking over this year. We had a rough time this past year as it was so hard to get everyone together as we would have liked.

I am sad to say that we have lost some members this year, so if you know of a young girl between the ages of 5 and 16 who is a daughter or granddaughter of a VFW Member or Veteran, please consider letting her come out and join the unit.

The next **Meeting** will be June 18 at 3:00 p.m. we had to change it this month because of the VFW Convention – so many will be gone and there will be another group in the hall that morning.

I look forward to seeing all of you once in a while as we continue to do our work and have some fun doing it.

Congratulations to the new officers. We are going to have a great year!

Important Numbers:

Brittney - 646-9991;

Shelly - 284-6586.

Call one of them if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

... Gloria

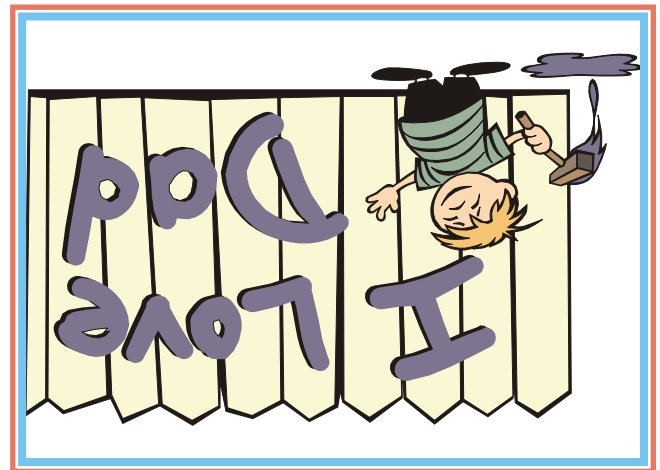
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