



# ALL-AMERICAN TIDEWATER POST 4809



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## Easter Party (23rd)



### Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

Thanks to everyone who attended the **District 2 Meeting** in Franklin. 4809 was well represented in both the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary sessions.

To all those who participated in the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** you earned a

big "Thank You" as well! The continuation of the St. Patrick's Day festivities at the Post was a grand time and the kitchen crew of **Mary and Gary Messersmith** along with **Gordie Dodson** cooked up a delicious meal of corned beef and cabbage.

The **Awards Night** was also a huge

success. **Eric Mallett** and **Kathy Durbin** deserve kudos for the superb job they did in planning, judging and coordinating this year's **Patriot's Pen** and **Voice of Democracy** program.

The judging of the essays is never an easy task as a number of well qualified entries are received year in and year out. It is quite inspiring to hear those young men and women personally read their essays.

I hope that by now everyone's internal clock has been reset as 4809 "springs forward" into April. Take note of the monthly calendar and join us at the Post when you can.

Remember, we can always use some extra help with the **Bingo** at the VA Hospital on the third Wednesday of each month. A number of the patients from the Community Assisted Living Center need help playing their Bingo cards.



There are three special events I'd like to highlight: The first is the annual **Election** of your Post Officers on Monday, April 11. This is your opportunity to have a say in the leadership of this Post for the 2011-2012 year.

The next event is the **Vets House** fund raiser which will be held in the large hall on Friday, April 8.

The other event is the visit by the **National President** of the Ladies Auxiliary on Friday, April 29. What an honor for our Ladies Auxiliary to host the dinner that evening for the National President as she visits the Hampton Roads area.

The **Post Dinner** on Friday, April 8, will be *Meat Loaf*.

## APRIL, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
DATES TO REMEMBER: 9: National Former POW Recognition Day 11: Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991) 15: Income Tax Day 19: Passover == 24: Orthodox Easter 27: Administrative Professionals Day 29: Arbor Day						1 April Fool  6:30-8:00 pm AUXILIARY STEAK DINNER	2      PWP N.A.R.T.U.
3  Georgette Tupperware  L.T.D.	4 7:00 pm LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING  PWP Meeting	5 Band  7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	  WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL, Cribbage \$5.00 Pizza	7  Remote Control Club	8 6:30-8:00 POST DINNER Premium Blend in Canteen Vets House Fund-raiser	9 11:00 am Junior Girls Meeting 6:00 pm Batangas	
10 9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST U.F.A.S.	11 7:30 pm POST MEETING  PartyLite Candles	12 7:00 pm MOCA MEETING  Pepper Lovers Club	13  Coin Club	14  Rifle Club Civic League	15 6:30-8:00 MOCA STEAK DINNER Ocean Breeze in Canteen	16  PWP  Sub Vets	
17  MOC/MOCA HOSPITAL VISIT  Palm Sunday	18  PartyLite Candles B.O.D.	19 CWA/RMC  PartyLite Candles B.O.D.	20 Post/Aux VA Hospital Visit  Neighborhood Watch	21  Maundy Thursday	22 6:30-8:00 MOCA STEAK DINNER Tim Hopkins in Canteen Good Friday	23 Coin Show  2:00 p.m. EASTER PARTY	
24  EASTER No Breakfast	25 7:30 pm POST MEETING + Annual Corporation Meeting	26 AM Fleet Reserve	27  Alhambra	28  Alhambra	29 6:30-8:00 Spaghetti 8:30-2:00 KARAOKE BIRTHDAY BASH	30  PWP	

The **Volunteer of the Month** for April is **Kathy Durbin**. Thanks, Kathy, for all the work you did for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program.

... **Bob Glinebell**  
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### Senior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the **District 2 Meeting** on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March in Franklin – great support for the Commander and District 2.

The annual **Awards Night** was the 24<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:00 p.m. We honored the *Policeman, Fireman/Paramedic, Sheriff and Teacher of the Year*; as well as the *Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen* essay winners – and for the first time in awhile, the *Eagle Scout of the Year*. We also honored **Doc Brunner** who started the programs in 1965 as the Commander.

Thanks to all who helped with the **St. Patrick's Day** party at the Post, and those who participated in the **Parade**.

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

As of March 14's **Meeting**, we are at 98.33% in Membership, needing only 18 more new members before 30 April. If you know a friend, bring them into our great Post. If you need help in 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

"Spring will be approaching; check the gas grill out, the hoses and connections for wear and tear and leaks, be safe."

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

Comrades & Sisters,

The month of April marks the anniversary of the following events in Naval history:

\* April 1, 1893, Navy General Order 409 of 25 February 1893 establishes the rate of Chief Petty Officer.

\* April 1, 1917, Boatswain's Mate 1/C John I. Eopolucci, becomes the first U.S. Navy sailor killed in World War I after the steamship *Aztec* is sunk by a German U-boat. BM1 Eopolucci had been serving on the vessel as a Naval Armed Guard. The vessel was torpedoed and sunk off Ushant Light, Quessant Island off the northwest coast of France. Twenty-eight crewmembers were killed.

\* April 1, 1966, the command, US Naval Forces Vietnam is established.

\* April 1, 1967, the helicopter squadron HA(L)3 (Seawolves) is activated at Vung Tau.

\* April 7, 1979, the first Trident submarine, *USS Ohio* (SSBN-726) is launched at Groton, Connecticut.

\* April 9, 1959, the first Seven Mercury astronauts are selected. Of these, four are naval aviators.

\* April 10, 1963, the *USS Thresher* (SSN-593) is lost at sea with all hands: 112 crewmembers (16 officers) and 17 civilians.

\* April 11, 1991, a UN cease fire ends the Persian Gulf War.

\* April 26, 1869, the Good Conduct Medal is authorized.

\* April 29, 1975, Operation Frequent Wind begins evacuation operations from Vietnam.

\* April 30, 1975, Saigon falls to North Vietnamese forces.

Please be generous in your support of the VFW Buddy Poppy program during our next event on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Come and join us!

• **Juan R. Gonzales**  
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### Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had a few more Comrades who passed. They are: **Robert (N) English, Curtis B. Dozier, Thomas Roland, and Louis B. Talley**. Let's keep these Comrades and their families in our prayers.

Sick Comrades are: **Reuben Johnson,**

**Gary Messersmith, Dick Helm's Sister,** and **myself**. Let's remember **Bud Warren's** wife who passed away and **Turk Turner** who was a 392 Comrade.

Sick Sisters are: **Liz Wilson, Phyllis Stokes, and Donna Horsfall**.

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

Also, let's keep our Comrades and Sisters who are in harm's way in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless and keep every one safe.

... **Leonard Horsfall**  
 Chaplain

### Ladies Auxiliary

Sisters and Comrades,

Howdy everyone! I hope you are doing well. This month is not as busy as last month, but let's start at the beginning of the month.

As usual, on the 1st we will have our **Friday Night Steak Dinner**; it starts at 6:30 p.m. and runs until 8:00 p.m. If you cannot make it out and you would still like to help, **Gloria Klinefelter** does the morning prep on Friday morning at 10:00 a.m.. If you would like to help her, please feel free, or if you would like to help with the dinner, help is always welcome.

On Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have our monthly **Meeting**, and this month is **Elections**, so please come out and support us ladies. The Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

The **Junior Girls' Meeting** is on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. We will have our **Hospital Visit** on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. And last, but not least, we will have our **Children's Easter Party** on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Please come out and enjoy all the fun this month.

If you 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 have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank again for everything.  
V/R

... *Margaret Leaver*  
President

**Seam Squirrel**

Listen Cooties,

Quite a few of us crawled out to our **Scratch** on 1 March and a lousy time was had by all.

We had only a few days prior elected our new Seam and his officers, so not a lot of old and new business was presented.

Our next **Scratch** is on April 5; and let's tell all of our fellow parasites about it, remind them, give them a ride, or anything to have another lousy time.

Our Sky Pilot, *Leonard*, reported that it was a good **Pizza Party** on the 16<sup>th</sup> and a good **Bingo** on the 20<sup>th</sup>; but could have used a little more help. It only lasts a couple of hours and the looks on the veterans' faces makes it worth it.

I want to state again that although there are a few more Scratches before our new Seam, *Craig*, crawls up, I have enjoyed my term, and that's only because of your support and the mission of our Pup Tent. We still plan on having a final gathering of the "six-leggers", so if you have any ideas of what you would like before June, let me know. We can have a dance, a Karaoke party, or something else. I've asked before and want your input so we can try to do what you want.

Our **Bingo** is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month and our **Breakfast** is on the last Sunday. Please come out and bring a friend. I look forward to seeing you there. Remember, the amount of success of any endeavor is reflected by the amount of support and participation by everyone, not just one or two.

Please keep our Military in your prayers.

L.O.T.C.S.

... *Phil Durbin*

**M.O.C.A.**

Dear Sisters,

I want to wish you all a **Happy Easter**.

A warm welcome to our new members, *Elaine, Tammy, and Barbie*. A special "Thanks" to our Sisters who have come back to M.O.C.A. to help us. We are all Sisters in this Auxiliary. Let's help each other when we can.

My Sisters who are sick are in my prayers. Our **Schedule** is on the front calendar.

Remember to keep them smiling in beds of white.

Respectfully,

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

**Junior Girls**

Dear Comrades & Sisters,

The Junior Girls will have a **Meeting** on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April at 11:00 a.m. The Girls will have **Election of Officers** at this meeting. So please, it is important that all attend.

If for some reason your daughter/granddaughter cannot attend and desires to be elected to a certain position, she must send us a note saying, "If nominated for the office of \_\_\_\_\_, I will accept." and sign her name.

They will get to meet their new Chairmen for the incoming year at this Meeting. Their \$2.00 **Dues** will be collected on this day.

This is important! On April 29<sup>th</sup>, the National President will be visiting us for dinner and a little social time. We have been asked by the Visit Chairman to have an **Aisle of Honor** by the Junior Girls at this time. I will be letting you have more information as time gets closer, but please do your best to keep this date reserved for us to welcome our President with Honors. Everyone is invited to dinner. We may ask the Girls to serve spaghetti and give us a hand.

That's about it for now; we had fun at the **Saint Patrick's Day Parade**. I was proud of the Girls representing us well.

See you at the Meeting,

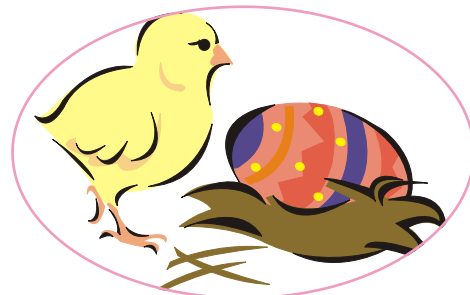
... *Gloria*  
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**Quartermaster**

Post 4809 Members Due  
Continuous Service Awards:  
April, 2011

Thompson, Charles C. . . . .	35
Klinefelter, Phillip R. . . . .	30
Holloway, Louis D. . . . .	25
Burgung, Steven E. . . . .	20
Carey, Robert H. . . . .	20
McCane, Daniel J. . . . .	20
McGloin, Brian . . . . .	20
Oliveri, Kenneth R. . . . .	20
Parker, John T. . . . .	20
Presto, John W. . . . .	20
Sommerfield, Garry J. . . . .	20
Betchy, Harry J., II . . . . .	15
Brown, Raymond G. . . . .	15
Caffee, Kenneth D. . . . .	15
Dearing, James . . . . .	15
Gerstle, Terrance C. . . . .	15
Glauner, John G. . . . .	15
Jason, Hubert A. . . . .	15
Jose, Floirante P. . . . .	15
Belechak, Stephen D. . . . .	10
Consolacion, Benjamin A. . . . .	10
Brumfiel, Gary A. . . . .	5
Edwards, Richard A. . . . .	5
Gordon, James P. . . . .	5
Kelley, Scott R. . . . .	5
Lasseter, John A. . . . .	5
Messersmith, Aulton J. . . . .	5
Parkhurst, Robert H. . . . .	5
Pennington, Gary R. . . . .	5
Scholten, Donald H., Jr. . . . .	5
Widman, Christopher D. . . . .	5
Yohe, James D. . . . .	5
Yohe, Valorie P.O . . . . .	5

... *Richard Crockford*



**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 8th; *Ocean Breeze* on the 15th; *Tim Hopkins* on the 22nd, and our **Karaoke Birthday Bash** for April will be on the 29th.

Don't forget, entertainment this month on Fridays the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. We need your support to make this work in the Canteen.

**Soup** on Fridays goes out at Noon until it's gone. Come join the camaraderie.

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

There are a few lockers available at \$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 ran 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 @\$5.00/year.

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

**Youth Activities**

Comrades & Sisters,

The **Children's Easter Party** will be on Saturday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m. Please bring a basket or bag for your child to collect eggs in.

It would be greatly appreciated if some of you could pitch in with the refreshments and bring a snack for us to serve. We have a lot of adults who attend with the children, and it can get overwhelming when its *Snack Time*, so any help is appreciated.

Thank you,

*... Gloria Klinesfelter*  
 Youth Chairman, Auxiliary

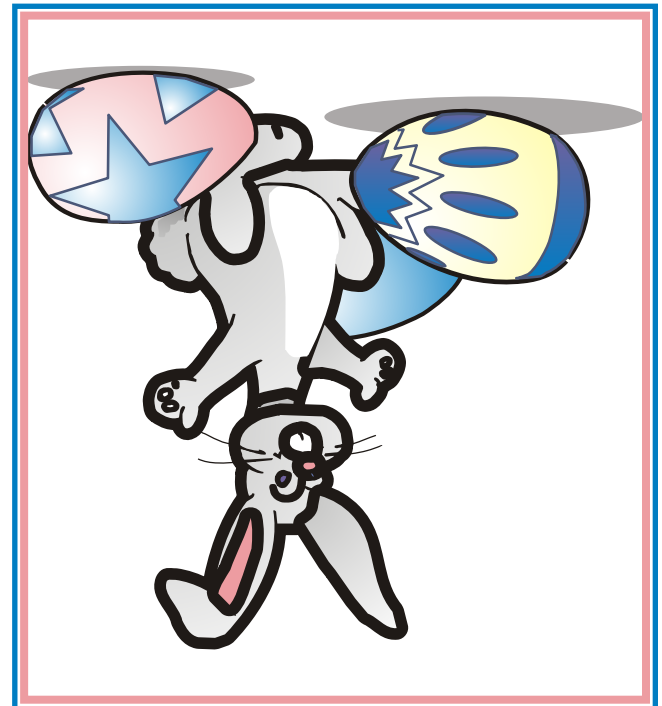
**Cancer Fund-raiser**

- » I want to thank everyone who participated and helped with the Variety Show in February. A great time was had ;by all. The talent was unbelievable. We would never have made it happen without all of you. We raised over \$2,400. We will one day find a cure for this disease.
- » A special "Thanks" to Hardee's who donated all the chicken tenders. Be sure and support Hardee's.
- » Also, a big "Thank You" to all who helped raise \$375.00 at the Saint Patty's Day festivities – especially Cindy.

*... Phyllis Stokes*  
 Cancer Chair

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