



The Tidewater Post

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Installation (8th)-Memorial Day Picnic (31st)

Commander
 Fellow Comrades & Sisters,
 My year as your Commander is coming to an end. Our Post **Elections** were held on April 26th. However, I can't provide the names of our new Officers because I am writing this before the elections were held. Stop by the Post to see

who will lead our Post for 2010-2011.
 The **Installation** of Post Officers will be on May 8th. Come out and support your incoming Post Officers. Check the calendar for time.
 The **2nd District Convention** will be held at VFW POST 4809 on the 16th of May. Lunch at 1:00 and the Meeting

will start at 2:00. We will be electing our **2nd District Officers**. Our Post Surgeon, **Eric Mallet**, is running for District Surgeon. Come out and support Eric and VFW Post 4809. Every Post Member at the meeting gets a vote. WE CAN get Eric elected if we show up at the Meeting and cast our VOTE.

Comrades: If you have NOT renewed your MEMBERSHIP for 2010, as of 31 December 2009, you are NOT A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. Please renew your MEMBERSHIP NOW. The Post Membership stands at 95% as of 14 April. We still need 61 Members for 100%.

WE WILL BE HAVING A POST CLEANUP ON SATURDAY THE 29th of MAY starting at 0900. We need all of your support. We will be cleaning the deck and the back yard. Memorial Day is on Monday the 31st. TOGETHER WE CAN GET THIS DONE!

For the past year I have asked to see more of our members at the Post Meetings. I will continue to ask each of you to attend at least one of our two monthly meetings. We need your input on how to make our Post the best in the State.

During the 2nd Meeting of the month, we have been conducting the **VFW Obligation** and presenting the Cross of Malta to our new POST MEMBERS who are in attendance – meetings will start at 7:30.

The **Volunteer of the Month** is **Skip Snedecor**.

"Together We Can"

Bill Holtzner
 Commander

MAY, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DATES TO REMEMBER: 1: Empire State Building (New York City) (1931) 5: CINCO DE MAYO 7: Germany Surrendered (1945) - Military Spouses' Day 15: Peace Officers Memorial Day - ARMED FORCES DAY 21: Lindbergh Lands in Paris (1927) 22: National Maritime Day						
						1 3:00 pm JR. GIRLS 4:30 DERBY DAY Loyalty Day N.A.R.T.U. PWP Dance
2 9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST Maharlika	3 7:00 pm Ladies Aux Meeting PWP Mtg.	4 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	5 WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL & Darts Cribbage \$5.00 Pizza	6 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Remote Control Club	7 6:30-8:00 pm AUXILIARY STEAK DINNER	8 POST & AUX Installation V-E DAY
9 9:00-11:30 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST U.F.A.S.	10 7:30 PM POST MEETING	11 7:00 PM MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers Club	12 COUNTRY FAIR VA HOSPITAL	13 Rifle Club Fair Rain Date	14 6:30-8:00 POST DINNER (Pork) Ocean Breeze in Canteen	15 1:00 pm Past District Presidents' Meeting Sub Vets
16 2nd DISTRICT CONVENTION 1:00 Lunch 2:00 Meetings	17 1st Kentucky Derby (1875)	18 7:00 pm B.O.D . AM: CWA/RMC	19	20 Alhambra	21 6:30-8:00 MOCA STEAK DINNER PremiumBlend in Canteen	22 9:00 am De-Stress Vets
23 Jolly B's ----- 30 9:30-1130 COOTIE BREAKFAST	24 7:30 pm Post Meeting ----- 31 MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC	25 Fleet Reserve	26	27	28 KARAOKE BIRTHDAY BASH Burgers & Fries	29 PWP Dance Post Clean-up

Senior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

Another month has arrived, and what a busy month May will be! There are plenty of opportunities to serve your Post and fellow Comrades; so check out the calendar and come out and assist if you can.

There are two important events I want to highlight this month where we need assistance.

§ The first, thanks to Comrade *Craig Dudley*, is the recruiting drives that will take place during the Chesapeake Jubilee the weekend of May 21-23; and

§ Second, the Pungo Strawberry Festival the weekend of May 29-30.

If you can assist with either, contact *Craig* and he will give you the details.

May is also the time of year when we do a **Buddy Poppy Drive**. As I write this note, the dates and places have not been finalized, so check the bulletin board or contact Comrade *Leonard Horsfall* for more information. The Buddy Poppy Drive is an important event for the VFW and our Post. The funds raised are used to support the various programs we do each month at the VA Hospital for our hospitalized veterans.

You can participate in one of two ways: Physically come out and help man one of the locations for a few hours. Secondly, make a donation to the Post for the Buddy Poppy Drive, either by cash or check. If you write a check, make sure to annotate that it is for the Buddy Poppy program. Just think, if every member was to donate \$5, we could easily raise more than \$6,500. If possible, do both – we would really appreciate everyone's assistance!

If your **Annual Membership** has expired, or it is getting close, renew now! If you know of a Comrade who has let his their membership lapse, contact them and encourage them to renew as well. We need less than 80 renewing or new members to reach 100%. If you are not a Life Member, please consider a Life Membership. Fees are as follows and can be paid through a 12- or 24-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	

Please note, however, that the 24-month payment plan will no longer be available after June 30, 2010 – so take advantage of this option before it ends!

... *Bob Clinebell*

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Junior Vice Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

Once again, during this month's observance of Memorial Day, we will pay homage to all our brothers and sisters who have died while in military service. Please, take some time to pause, reflect and give thanks for the many soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have selflessly made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom – not only for our great nation, but for so many other nations around the world. God Bless America and our fallen comrades!

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

May 2, 1975 - the U.S. Navy departed Vietnamese waters after ending evacuation operations.

May 4, 1943 - the first carrier vs. carrier battle begins during the Battle of the Coral Sea.

May 7, 1940 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders the Pacific Fleet to remain in Hawaiian waters indefinitely.

May 8, 1945 - Allied Forces achieve victory in the European Theater after Germany's unconditional surrender to allied forces. VE-Day!

May 10, 1862 - Confederate forces destroy the Norfolk and Pensacola Navy Yards.

May 12, 1975 - The SS Mayaguez is seized by Khmer Rouge and escorted to Koh Tang Island. Two days later, on May 14, U.S. Marines recapture the Mayaguez and go ashore to Koh Tang Island where they release the crew.

May 15, 1969 - The USS Guitarro (SSN-665) accidentally sinks in the Napa River while under construction at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. The Guitarro would be refloated and put

into service over two years later.

May 22, 1968 -The USS Scorpion (SSN-589) is lost at sea with all 99 hands on board. The Scorpion currently rests on the Atlantic seabed, 400 nautical miles southwest of the Azores Islands at a depth of 9,800 feet. Although theories abound, the true cause of the loss remains a mystery.

May 28, 1980 - 55 female midshipmen become the first women to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.

May 31, 1944 - The USS England sinks a record sixth Japanese submarine in 13 days.

Comrades, please be generous in your support of the VFW **Buddy Poppy** program during the month of May. One way to help support this worthwhile program is to help distribute them at the scheduled events in our local community. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow veterans and family members. I have heard many sea stories while distributing them and it is a pleasure to hear how many people do appreciate the sacrifices of service many of us made during our military service. But most importantly, all donations received help our great post provide some comfort and fun to our hospitalized veterans. So, please come out and join us.

... *Juan R. Gonzalez*

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Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had another Comrade who passed away: **Raymond B. Chapman**.

Sick Comrades are as follows: **Eugene O. Broughman, Richard Baker, Charles Quillin, Harold Lockie, Gary Messersmith**, and **Steve Lasseter's** sister passed away.

Sick sisters are: **Brittney Pavona** is doing well after surgery; and **Debra Brouwer** is recouping from surgery.

Let's keep all of these Comrades, Sisters and their families in our prayers for a quick recovery.

Also, we want to keep all of our Comrades and Sisters who are in harm's way in our hearts and prayers.

God Bless, and keep everyone safe.

Leonard F. Horsfall

Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Sisters & Conrades,

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Easter Egg Hunt such a success! The children had a wonderful time and I also hear the adults did as well!

Jimmy and I were also honored to attend the Junior Girls' Appreciation Dinner. I want to thank the Junior Girls for this wonderful dinner. I also stayed for the sleepover and thoroughly enjoyed the night with the Girls. We have the best girls in any Junior Girls Unit, and we are fortunate to have the best advisors anywhere!

Ladies, you have chosen your slate of officers for the ensuing year. They are as follows:

- President: Margaret Leaver
- Sr. Vice: Gloria Klinefelter
- Jr. Vice: Donna Horsfall
- Chaplain: Judy Lasseter
- Conductress: Michelle Neil
- Guard: Edna Colby

Congratulations to all! **Installation** will be May 8th. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

This month's **Steak Dinner** will be on the *first Friday*. The **Country Fair** is scheduled at the VA Hospital for May 12. Please mark your calendars with these dates and come out and support both our Auxiliary and our Vets with your time and energy. You will not regret your decision!

The **District 2 Convention** will be held at our Post on Sunday, May 16th at 1:00 p.m. There will be **Elections** and, as usual, a **School of Instruction**. Plan to attend if possible as we learn so much at these functions.

Don't forget about our annual **Memorial Day Picnic**. The Vets will be brought over from the Hospital, so we need all the assistance we can get. Please help by bringing a covered dish or dessert.

Think about **Life Membership**. It's the best way to go!

Life Membership rates 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 are sick, or if you know of someone who needs our support, please do not hesitate to call our Chaplain, **Judy Lasseter**, or myself and let us know. We want to help; but we can't if we don't know or hear from you.

Keep your calendar handy for any important dates I have not mentioned.

Remember, "*Together We Can*"

... *Liz Wilson*

Auxiliary President

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Seam Squirrel

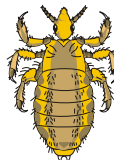
Listen Cooties,

To ALL Cooties: We have to continue to *Increase* and *Multiply*. We must seek out the Comrades who are actively supporting our VFW events and programs to come and join the ranks of our crummy organization.

Why would we think that a Comrade who does not support our parent organization – the VFW Post – would be useful to us in "*The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars*"? I don't believe that you can be a good Cootie without being a very strong **Comrade** first.

The end of my year as Seam Squirrel is approaching very fast. I'm asking all of you to start looking at what you can do to support our incoming Seam Squirrel, **Phil Durbin**. Give him all the support you can.

Once again, please check out the calendar on the front page – there's bound to be something there of interest to you.



Please continue to remember our servicemen and women serving at home and abroad in your daily prayers.

I look forward to seeing you at the **Scratch** on May 4, and our **Breakfast** on May 30.

May God Bless You; and **God Bless America!**

L.O.T.C.S.

... *Don Scholten*
<mailto:co1968@yahoo.com>

M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

We had a great time at our **Installation**. Phoebus did a great job.

The **VA Carnival** will be Wednesday, May 12 – Rain date will be May 13. Our Schedule is on the front page.

Sister Horsfall and **Comrade Leonard** are working on some dates this month to sell **Buddy Poppies**. Look for the Schedule on the Bulletin Board. Please help as much as you can.

Remember, we can always use help on **Steak Night**, the **Breakfasts**, and of course goodies for our VA Hospital Visits.

Remember to keep them smiling in beds of white.

Sincerely,

Patty Poo Baines

... President

Junior Girls

Dear Sisters & Comrades,

We want to thank all the Girls who helped with the **Easter Party**. It was so nice to have you there; we appreciate all you did very much.

At the time of this article, we will have had our **Family Appreciation Dinner**, thanking all for supporting the Girls; having you parents transporting the Girls; checking the e-mails; putting up with the changes in schedules – we wanted you to know we appreciate all that you do.

The Girls will have a **Meeting** May 1 at 3:00 p.m. We do our best, but sometimes with so many Girls playing ball we cancel because we would not have enough for a Meeting. Or, like this month, so many went out of town for the Holiday and **Spring Break**. We try to work around it as best we can.

As for the **Sleepover**, we haven't had it at this time of printing; but the Girls will hold a Meeting and take care of business as they need to do. They will also be working on a **Buddy Poppy Project** for the **Convention**.

We do know the **Installation of Officers** will be on May 8 at the Post – same as last year. We ask that no jeans or sneakers be worn; please, something you would wear to church. Be at the Post by 6:00 p.m.

Thanks, everyone ...

... *Margaret Leaver*
 Advisor - 572-6024

From the Canteen

Canteen Hours

Mon thru Thurs - 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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 Darts, \$5.00 Pizza will also be available on Wednesday Nights. Ocean Breeze will be in the Canteen on the 14th; Premium Blend will be in the Canteen on the 21st; and the Karaoke Birthday Bash for May will be on the 28th.

Don't forget: Entertainment this month on Fridays the 14th, 21st and 28th. We need your support to make this work in the Canteen.

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. Locker Dues are due July 1st.

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 even 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

Auxiliary Membership

EARLY BIRD DUES

Ladies from May 1 until June 1, 2010, We will be collecting Early Bird Dues

We would like to have our incoming President take the Early Bird Parade walk at the Convention in June with a large percentage of members already paid.

Therefore, we are offering a Special of \$14.00 to all who pay Early this year. This is for one month only, so save yourself some money and send your \$14.00 today to Treasurer: Patsy Holland, 5728 Barte Street, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Any questions? Give me a call as I am the Membership Chairman, Gloria Klinefelter - 282-6803. Let's see Margaret walk with lots of paid members!

Thank you very much.

Quartermaster

Post 4809 Members Due

Continuous Service Awards:

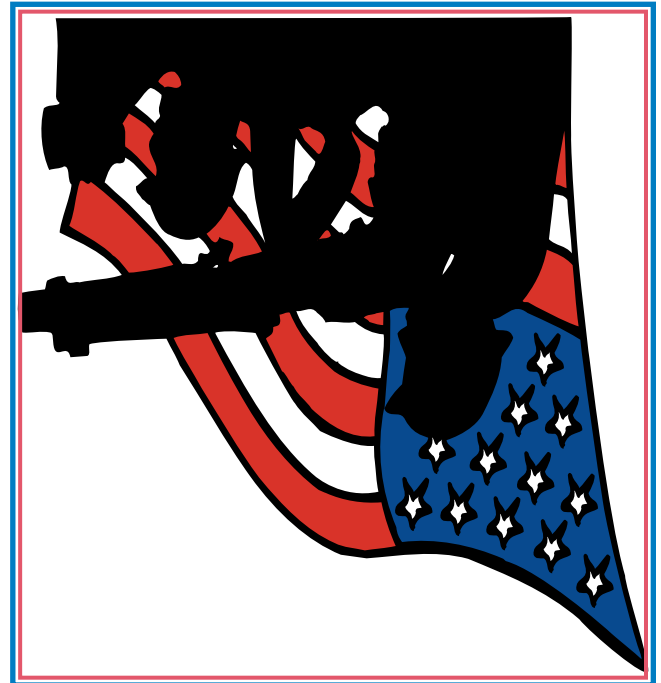
May, 2010:

Abbott, Chrystle D.	45
Poole, Hillery R., Sr.	25
Selleck, Maynard L.	25
Apelizan, Carlito M.	20
Lochbaum, Richard J.	20
Wild, Bernard W., Jr.	20
Young, David B.	20
Cummisk, John J.	15
Ketterman, Scott A.	15
Mallicott, Frank P.	15
Dugo, Mark A.	10
Harris, Joseph C.	10
Hyatt, Gerald C.	10
Romero, Sidney D.	10
Anglin, Brian K.	5

... Richard Crockford

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