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4th of July Picnic, 1:00

Commander
 Comrades & Sisters,
 As I begin my term as Commander, I want to thank everyone for their vote of confidence and the support I have received from many to date. I believe we have an excellent lineup of Officers, as do the Ladies Auxiliary and Junior

Girls; and each of them are as eager as I am to get to work for our members, the community and the Veterans who need our support and assistance.
 This year will be another busy one; and there will be plenty of opportunities for each and every one to get involved in various ways.

The **Memorial Day 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, serving the Veterans from the VA Hospital, helping to distribute the door prizes and cleaning up after all was done.

We get to do it all over again as the Post will celebrate our Nation's Birthday on Sunday, July 4th with our annual **Fourth of July Picnic**, starting at 1:00 p.m.


The **Post Dinner** on July 9 will be *Fish & Shrimp*; so if you are not in the mood to cook at home, come by and join your "Post Family" for a great meal.

One of the true gems we have at our Post is the **Junior Girls**; and this past year *Paige Jarvis* did a great job leading them as their President. *Savannah Nobles* has now taken on that role and I have no doubt the Junior Girls will realize another fine year. Let's give these young ladies our support and "dirty" vehicles to help them raise money.

In addition, the Post will once again be offering Vehicle Safety Checks as part of the **Car Wash**.

A Special Thanks is in order to *Leonard Horsfall* and *Judy Lasseter* who were the Hospital Chairpersons for the Post and Auxiliary last year. Thanks to their efforts, the Post was awarded a *Hospital Visit Program Award* at the 2010 VFW Department Convention. If you can assist with the Post/Auxiliary Hospital visit on Wednesday July 21, let Leonard or myself know. Another helping hand will always be welcomed.

JULY, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DATES TO REMEMBER: 1: 2st U.S. Postage Stamp (1847) 2: U.S. Army Air Corps Established (1926) 7: 1st Comic Book printed (1847) 13: 1st World Cup Soccer (1930) 27: Korean War Ended (1953) 28: World War I Began (1914)				1 Remote Control Club	2 6:30-8:00 pm AUXILIARY STEAK DINNER	3 3:00 pm JR. GIRLS PWP Dance
4  1pm PICNIC	5 7:00 pm Ladies Aux Meeting PWP Mtg.	6 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	7 WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL & Darts Cribbage \$5.00 Pizza	8 Rifle Club Civic League	9 6:30-8:00 Post Dinner Fish/Shrimp Premium Blend in Canteen	10 DOVER BUS TRIP N.A.R.T.U.
11 9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST U.F.A.S	12 7:30 PM POST MEETING Partilite Candles	13 7:00 PM MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers Club	14 Coin Club	15 Alhambra	16 6:30-8:00 MOCA Steak Dinner	17 PWP Dance
18 MOC/MOCA Hospital Visit Jolly B's	19	20 AM CWA/RMC Partilite Candles 7:00 pm B.O.D.	21 Neighborhood Watch Post/Aux Hospital Visit	22	23 Tim Hopkins in Canteen	24 JUNIOR GIRLS CAR WASH
25 9:30-11:30 COOTIE BREAKFAST Jolly B's	26 7:30 pm Post Meeting	27 AM Fleet Reserve	28 World War I Began (1914)	29	30 KARAOKE BIRTHDAY BASH	31 9:00 am De-Stress Vets

Snack foods are also needed; so see Leonard for details on the types of snacks that are allowed by the VA Hospital.

In closing, I want to thank **Bill Holtzner** for the great job he did as Commander this past year in guiding this Post to another successful year. For his commendable service, he is the **Volunteer of the Month!**

Bob Clinebell
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Senior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for their support at the May 2 District Meeting in electing me as the **2nd District Surgeon**. Also, I would like to thank each of you for your support and trust in electing me as your **Senior Vice-Commander** of this great post.

I would like to thank everybody who went to the *Tides* game with the Vets in June. We had a great time. We had a great turnout for the Post **Flag Day** ceremony. I would like to thank everybody who helped in the recruiting drives in May. We recruited 53 new members in two weekends – GREAT JOB to all. The Post is sitting at 3 away from 100% with 13 being processed. If all go through, we will be at 110%. We get 1% for each new member. After 100%, we will be in contention for ALL AMERICAN Post.

Please check the calendar for events, programs and meetings for the month of July.

Note on your calendar the **2nd District Meeting** is on Saturday, August 7 at Post 392 in Virginia Beach: 12:00 - 1:00 for Lunch; 1:00 p.m. for Meeting.

In the U.S., **Independence Day**, commonly known as the **Fourth of July**, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government,

and traditions of the United States. I wish you all a happy, fun and safe Fourth of July!

If your **Annual Membership** has expired, or it is getting close, 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

... *Eric Mallett*

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Junior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters

I would like to wish you all a safe and joyful **Fourth of July** celebration as we celebrate the birth of our great nation.

The month of July marks the anniversary of the following events in naval history:

July 18, 1775, Continental Congress resolves that each colony provide armed vessels.

July 4, 1776, The American colonies declare independence from Great Britain.

July 1, 1797, the U.S. Navy Regulations are passed by Congress.

July 11, 1798, the Marine Corps are reestablished under the U.S. Constitution.

July 1, 1850, the Naval School at Annapolis is renamed the Naval Academy. A year later, on this date, the Academy adopts a four-year course of study.

July 1, 1914, the Navy prohibits the consumption of alcohol.

July 2, 1937, Amelia Earhart disappears in the Pacific, The Navy conducts an extensive but unsuccessful search.

July 7, 1948, the first six enlisted women are sworn into the Regular Navy.

July 14, 1950, U.S. Marines sailed from San Diego towards the Korean Conflict.

July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong, a former Navy pilot, is first man to set foot on the moon.

July 27, 1953, the Korean War Armistice is signed at Panmunjom, Korea. Th Korean cease-fire goes into effect at 10:00 p.m. that evening.

July 29, 1967, a fire onboard the USS Forrestal kills 134 crewmembers.

... *Juan R. Gonzalez*
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Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

We had a few Comrades who passed on away. They are: **Archie R. Gurkin, Marcus A. Cordsey**, Past Post Commander **James N. Norwood**, and **Gerald F. Johnson**.

Sick Comrades are: **Steve Lasseter, Paul G. Molnar, John Lasseter, Wayne Sutton's** wife and myself, **Leonard Horsfall**.

Sick sisters are: **Theresa Dodson, Barbara Parker, Theresa Hilbert; and Joyce Lohr** (mother passed away), **Phyllis Stokes**, and **Donna Fearn**.

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

Howdy, Comrades & Sisters,

I hope everyone's summer is going well. I would just like to say "Thanks" to everyone who helped me get to where I am today - **LADIES AUX PRESIDENT** finally. I will try my best to be a great President with the help of my Senior Vice, Junior Vice, Post Commander, and anyone else who would like to help feel free – I never turn away free help. This will be the best year.

Our **Meetings** are the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. – we need and appreciate your attendance.

It's the same as last year, our **Steak Dinners** are on the first Friday of every month starting at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We appreciate all the help we can get to help serve or do cleanup.

Our **Hospital Visit** at the VA Hospital is on the third Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise stated in the Nursing Home section. There are people who leave the Post at 6:00 p.m. If you would like attend, let them know.

The Members voted to extend the **Early Bird Dues** until August 1, so there is time for you to send your \$14.00 to **Patsy Holland**. If you move, please send us your new address; and if you

happen to be aware of any Sister passing away, please inform us as we have no other way of knowing.

We are always looking for new members. The **New Membership Fee is \$21.00.**

Life Membership is the best way and we do take installments. Just let one of us know.

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

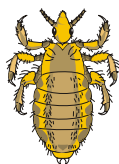
If you have any questions, please give me a call.

... *Margaret Leaver*
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M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

The schedule on the front of this newsletter will keep you up to date on the MOCA activities. Please be sure to check it out.



I will remind you, **NO BREAKFAST** on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF JULY** as it is a Holiday, and a **Picnic** is planned at the Post.

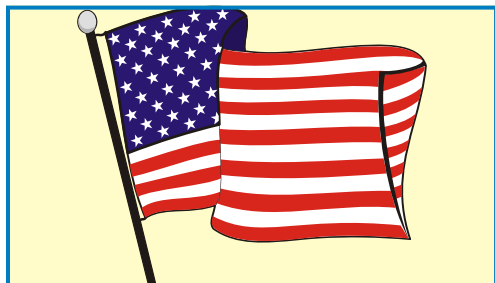
Our **Steak Night** and **Breakfast** are a lot of work and we need more help, so please come out and help when you can.

Refreshments are helpful for our Hospital Visits. Even if you cannot attend, you may drop some cookies etc. at the Post – we will pick them up.

Remember to always, “*Keep them Smiling in Beds of White*”.

Sincerely,

... *Patty Poo*
 ... President



Junior Girls

Comrades & Sisters,

It is my pleasure to serve as your Advisor this year. I thank you, Madame President **Margaret** for this Chairmanship. I promise to do my best for the Unit and Auxiliary.

National again has chosen to have Junior Girls remain in the youth category. Our State President, **Betty Gimble**, has decided that Junior Girls are going to be working as many of the Ladies Auxiliary programs that they are able and we must report all that we do. This could mean Awards at the end of year.

We will be incorporating as much of this work as we can, by doing **Buddy Poppy** drives, **Hospital** volunteering, making favors for the hospitalized Veterans, and teaching **Americanism** such as Flag etiquette. **Cancer fundraisers** are a large part of the Ladies Auxiliary, so we must do what we can to help.

There is a **Scholarship** available to Girls ages 13-16, so keep track of all that you girls are doing in the community, schools, and what you do for our organization.

We did receive one Award for the Unit and it was a surprise as they were not giving Junior Girls awards this year, but we got a Certificate and Check for submitting pictures for the State President’s memory book.

Please check the front of this calendar for important dates for the Unit.

I would appreciate it if all parents, or at least one parent, attend the first **Meeting** in July. I look forward to seeing everyone and having a fun, productive year.

Sincerely,

... *Gloria K linefelter*
 Advisor 282-6803
 Michelle Semones &
 Rhonda Leaver, Assistants

**Thanks to the
 Cribbage Club for
 their Donation.**

DOVER BUS TRIP

We now have the 55 people needed to fill the bus to Dover and all arrangements have been made with FunTours. The bus will pick us up and depart from the VFW at 0730 promptly (*that’s a.m. for ex-Air Force and civilian personnel*) on Saturday, July 10, 2010, and will return the same day, arriving back at the VFW at approximately 9:30 p.m.

We will be permitted to carry small coolers and/or thermoses filled with your beverage of choice, plus any snacks you might wish to bring.

We’ll be running a few money drawings, Bingo; and the bus is equipped with video monitors throughout so we can have a movie or two.

Any ideas? Contact me at 424-7499 or at the Post.

(I go there once in awhile.) **BE ON TIME!**

... *John Gebhardt*



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. *Premium Blend* will be in the Canteen on the 9th; *Tim Hopkins* on the 23rd; and the Karaoke Birthday Bash for July will be on the 30th.

Don't forget: Entertainment this month on Fridays the 9th, 23rd and 30th. 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*

VFW Riders

Hello, everyone!

I have to start off and apologize for not getting our newsletter out in a timely fashion. I need to welcome our newest members, *Frank and Pam Heise (I hope the two of you are doing better)*, also *Ted Vanhorn, Bob Perkins, Pat Carney and Barbara Lavender*.

We have had a busy first quarter going in different directions, but it is starting to come together again; and as you can see, the VFW Riders has not folded, we are still a group and we are doing good.

I have received e-mails from other VFWs asking how to get a Riders group started, which I am working on. I do want to give the past presidents a heads up - I may be calling on you for your help if I get stuck.

I also want to thank everyone who has participated in the different rides between the VFW Riders and the American Legion Riders.

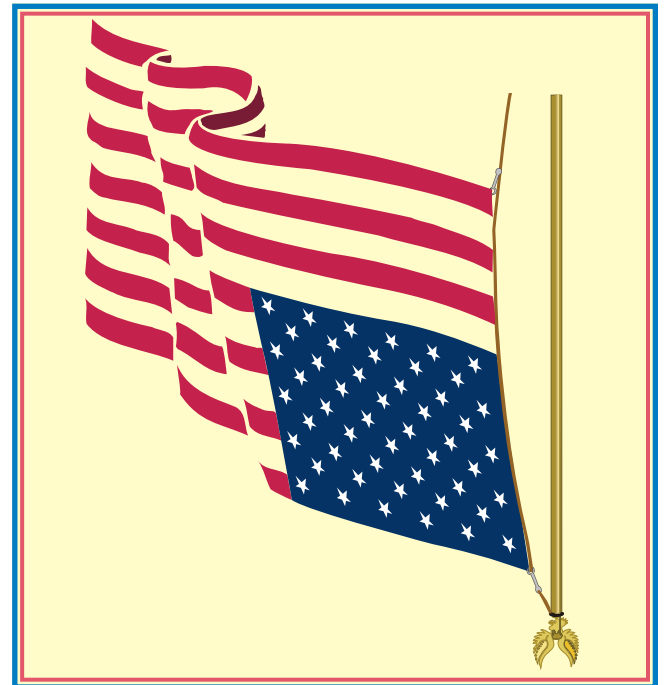
Until the next newsletter, keep the wind in your face and the rubber to the road.

... *Doug Miller* (missing link)
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