



May 2024

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4809
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From the Commander:

Family 4809,

April was a huge month for our Post. We held elections for our new officers, take the time to congratulate them when you see them. They have all worked hard to be in the position to lead us into the next year! Community awards were held, where we honored all our community heroes and local teachers and students for their hard work this past year.

What is happening now:

As some of you may know, November this year is our Post's 80th birthday. Our Senior Vice Commander Lewis Bush is putting together a committee to plan our celebration. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee or if you have any ideas to make this the best celebration ever, please make your voices heard. The 80th Anniversary Challenge Coin is available for pre-order now for \$20.00.

Upcoming in May:

The next Virginia District 2 meeting will be here at our post on May 11th at 9AM. If you plan to attend the Department Convention June 13-16, remember to book your hotel rooms sooner rather than later due to limited availability. If you are not able to book a room at Fort Magruder, there are other hotels/motels close in the area. The Memorial Day events will be happening on May 27th, some people will be heading to Albert G. Horton Veterans Memorial Cemetery in the morning and there will also be a picnic starting around noon, so come

on out and support one or the other, either way we will end up back at the Post for the picnic.

The Post dinner for this month will be White Chicken Chili cooked by our incoming Commander, Lewis Bush.

Next Post meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th @7:00PM. Every member of the Post is invited and highly encouraged to attend. Come find out and be a part of what your post is planning for us!

Still Serving,
Curtis Bobbitt
2023-2024 Post Commander,
VFW Post 4809
(757) 300-9111



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

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Auxiliary President:

Hello to all,

Hopefully by the time you read this the temperatures have gone up and the rain has stopped. I am so ready for some warm dry weather!

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Luau. Whether you helped or came out to support it. A HUGE thank you to our Post Commander Curtis Bobbitt for the donation of the pig and smoking it! It was so yummy. A good time was had by all.

At the April meeting New Officers were elected for the next year. Congratulations to all and I wish you all a great year!

May is an extremely busy month, some key dates are:

May 3: Aux Dinner, Chicken Enchiladas, \$10 at 6:30, will need help with serving and clean-up.

May 4th: Installation, 12:00, light lunch to follow.

May 6th: Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00

May 9th: Spaghetti Fund Raising Supper at 6:00.

This is our VFW Day of Service; we will be Donating all profits to CHKD. \$10:00 A Great Cause!

May 11th: District Convention, Post 4809, 9:00 AM. No lunch, Coffee and Doughnuts and Fruit.

May 19th: Childrens Safety Day, Post 4809 Parking lot. Fire Truck and bike track and other games. 2:00 PM

May 27th: Memorial Day Picnic with the Vets from the VA, 12:00 Please bring a covered dish.

Please remember to support the Post, Cootie and Canteen activities. Everyone be Healthy and safe.

My Best to all,

Martie Braunshausen

Post 4809 Auxiliary President

757-289-1686

From the Post Chaplain:

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you and your family well.

Don't forget that the Post is back to doing Bingo at the VA hospital in Hampton. It will be the third Sunday of the month so the next one will be on 19 May (but please confirm the date with the newsletter calendar) in the CLC beginning at 1530 (3:30pm for the Air Force guys) LOL!!!.

Keep our Post family members who are having health issues in your thoughts and prayers. I know there are a lot of our members recovering from surgeries and fighting other health issues as well as personal issues. If you can visit but call first.

Remember, if you or a family member should become ill, confined at home, admitted to the hospital, or experience the loss of a loved one, be sure to contact me, Tim Dawley at (757-813-8054 or the Post Home at (757) 463-4343).

One of our most important responsibilities as VFW members is to provide emotional support whenever possible to our fellow Comrades, Sisters, and family members. Never forget to pray for each other as well as all our active-duty service personnel, DOD civilians, first responders, medical personnel both stateside and overseas.

Watch out for each other. We are all family. Sometimes just an ear to listen can help someone tremendously.

Please stay safe and I will see you around the Post home!!

A Bible verse for the month of May:

John 15:12-13

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Very respectfully,

Tim Dawley

(757)813-8054

Timothy.dawley@gmail.com

From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessings to “you and yours!” Happy Spring!

There are many events going on; Lunches, DJs, Dinners, and our pool tournaments to name a few. Come on down and support our Veterans!

You will enjoy the good company and make memories! Remember a call or a quick visit can bring a smile and lift spirits more than we know.

Let us remember our Veterans and the wonderful work that this organization preforms to Honor them and our God. Please Pray for the Jewish People and all those that are supporting them.

“The Lord will give strength to his people: the Lord will bless his people with peace.” Psalms 29:11

If you need anything, please contact me at edwardsmelva73@yahoo.com. If you are sick, in the hospital or know of anyone who is, please call me at (860)-884-5243. Look forward to seeing all of you, as we come out to support our Veterans!! God Bless You and keep you!

Susie Edwards

VFW Post 4809 Auxiliary Chaplain

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From The Seam Squirrel:

Listen up Cooties,

We completed a Scratch, a Burger Night, and Breakfast events. We even continued to have Lousy training on our new Nit Bingo! Thank you to all who help with our Cootie events! Your LOUSY EFFORTS are noted and DEFINITELY NOT APPRECIATED at all!

Please help me find us some new Nits!!!! We are always looking for new WORTHY Post Comrades who are willing and able to be invited into the seams of our crummy Pup Tent! As a COOTIE we are the working members of the Post, we need able bodied Comrades that are willing to support our crummy events. The meals we prepare are how we raise money to assist Veterans and fellow Comrades with any appropriate necessary / unmet needs they may have.

It is especially important we support these functions. The shopping, the prep work, the cooking, the serving, and the cleanup all need to be done to make our customers happy and keep them coming back. Remember to keep your food handlers' card current and on file at the Post. These expire every three years. Please ensure the Canteen Manger has your Food Handler Card on file.

As a working member of the Post, please continue to support Post and Auxiliary activities. For these events keep a close eye on the Post newsletter. When supporting these activities wear your Cootie Gear to show off our great organization and be on the lookout for new Nits!

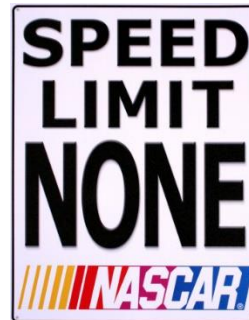
We are always looking for new ways to increase the Crummy Duffel Bag. Please bring those lousy ideas to the next Scratch.

I hope to see you all soon. OUR SCRATCH IS ON 07 MAY!
Please be safe and look out for each other. Please let me know if you need anything!!!

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,
Dave Alexander Sr.
Seam Squirrel (Round 2)
757-574-3564
Cwo1967@yahoo.com



Enjoy NASCAR, Baseball, NBA
Basketball, and Hockey in our
Canteen at VFW Post 4809!!



Up Coming Events:

- 04 MAY – Post Installation
- 07 MAY – Scratch
- 11 MAY – DIST II Convention
- 12 MAY – Mother's Day Breakfast
- 13 MAY – Post Meeting
- 19 MAY - VA Hospital MOC Bingo – DOM
- 21 MAY – House Committee Meeting
- 24 MAY – MOC Steak Night
- 26 MAY – MOC Breakfast
- 27 MAY – MEMORIAL DAY – Post Picnic
- 31 MAY – MOC Burgers, Fish Sandwiches, Fries, and Onion Rings



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From the Canteen:

We offer Pizza, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Lumpia, Mozzarella Sticks, French Fries, Tater Tots, Jalapeno Poppers, and Loaded Potato Skins daily in the Canteen. Come on out and enjoy some snacks!

Upcoming Dinners MAY 2024:

03 MAY – Aux Dinner Chicken Enchiladas.
09 MAY – CHKD Spaghetti Dinner.
10 MAY – Post Dinner White Chicken Chili.
17 MAY – Corp Dinner Meat Loaf.
24 MAY – **MOC Steak Night.**
31 MAY – **MOC Burgers/Fish Sandwich/Fries.**
26 MAY – **MOC Breakfast.**

Canteen Entertainment for MAY 2024:

10 MAY – DJ Mike in the Canteen.
27 MAY – DJ Knight – Post Picnic.
31 MAY – DJ Mike in the Canteen.

*****WE HAVE A NEW GAME ON THE ETAB MACHINES, AND NEW BET AMOUNTS, CAN WIN UP TO \$1,000.00!! COME ON OUT AND PLAY!!!!*****

Food Handlers Card reminder: If you are working in the kitchen, you need an up-to-date card. eFoodhandlers.com

COME IN AND SUPPORT YOUR POST AND ENJOY THE COMRADERY!

If you have any questions, please contact the Canteen Manager.

CANTEEN HOURS:

09:00 AM to 02:00 AM MONDAY thru SUNDAY

*****NOTE: Canteen can close at the discretion of the on-duty Bar tender. *****

Pool Tournaments!!!!

**Post Tournaments are every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 3:00pm!
APA 8-ball Rules.**



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – WING AND SHRIMP TEAMS!!!!

**TEAM “DEAF SQUAD” –
Bill Cusson, Mike McFarland, and James Reid**

**TEAM “RUN SILENT; RUN DEEP” –
Curtis Bobbitt, Zach Nettles, and Mo Maurizzio**

**TEAM “GATOR NAVY” –
Dave Alexander, Steve, and Martie Braunshausen**



Respectfully,
Theresa and Curtis

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General Information:

1. **Happy Hour Pricing:** Canteen happy hour price time runs from 5pm to 7pm Monday through Friday **ONLY**. The Canteen Bar Tender will not accept any happy hour drink vouchers **AFTER 7pm**. If you have happy hour drink vouchers, please utilize them only during happy hour timeframes.
2. **Front Door Access:** The Post Home main entrance is now accessed using a Fob. To get your Fob, contact Theresa, Curtis, or Craig!
3. **Locker Dues:** Locker dues cost \$20.00 a year. Pay your locker dues to the Canteen Manager or put your dues in an envelope and give them to the on-duty Bar Tender.
4. **Food Handler Cards:** Anyone making, cooking, or serving food in the Post Home is required to have a valid Virginia Food Handler Card. Get yours now at www.efoodhandlers.com
5. **Newsletter Inputs:** All newsletter inputs are due to Dave Alexander by the 20th of each month. Please send me your newsletter inputs at: cwo1967@yahoo.com
6. **Shrimp and Wing Teams:** Anyone interested in joining or starting a Wednesday shrimp and wing team, please see Dave Alexander to be included in the watch rotation.
7. **Canteen Credit Card Purchases:** Minimum credit card charge in the Post Canteen is \$10.00.



With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember

May 2024

Post 4809 and CHKD

SPAGHETTI Fundraiser

09
May
5-7 PM



\$10 PER PERSON

**Come and enjoy spaghetti with meatballs, alfredo,
marinara, salad and drinks**

Let's Eat, Connect, and Make a Difference!
Tidewater Post 4809, 5728 Barteo St., Norfolk

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MOMS YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Mother's Day
BREAKFAST

SUNDAY MAY 12

HOSTED BY HUSBANDS, SONS, AND DAUGHTERS

STARTS: PROVIDED BY
POST 4809
930AM: MEMEBERS

WE HAVE MIMOSAS & GREAT FOOD

5728 BARTEE ST. NORFOLK

757-461-1343

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MAY 19TH AT 2PM

SAFETY DAY

Bike Obstacle Course, Firetrucks, food, games, etc

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MEMORIAL DAY

BBQ

27TH MAY MONDAY • 12PM

BURGERS | BRATS | HOT DOGS

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<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<p>***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***</p>			<p>1 Post Inventory Fried/ Steamed Shrimp – Team Deaf Squad 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	<p>2 VFW Riders</p>	<p>3 Aux Dinner: Chicken Enchiladas 6:30 pm</p>	<p>4 Post 4809 Installation 12:00 pm</p>
<p>5 <i>Cinco De Mayo!</i></p> <p>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</p>	<p>6 Aux Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>7 MOC Scratch 7:00 pm</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p> 	<p>8 Wings – Team Run Silent – Run Deep 5:30 pm to 7:30pm</p>	<p>9 CHKD Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 pm</p>	<p>10 Post Dinner: White Chicken Chili 6:30 pm</p> <p>DJ Mike</p>	<p>11 VFW DIST II Convention @ Post 4809 09:00 am</p>
<p>12 Post Mother's Day Breakfast! 09:30 am</p> <p>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</p>	<p>13 Post Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>14 Taco Tuesday</p> 	<p>15 Fried/ Steamed Shrimp – Team Gator Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Corp Dinner: Meatloaf 6:30 pm</p>	<p>18 Salty Dawgs MRC Annual Fisher House Poker Run 08:00 am</p>
<p>19 AUX Kid's Safety Program 2:00 pm</p> <p>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</p> <p>MOC&POST VA Hospital Bingo 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Taco Tuesday</p>  <p>HC Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>22 Wings - Team Deaf Squad 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 MOC STEAK Night 6:30 pm</p>	<p>25 Pool Tournament 3:00 pm</p> 
<p>26 MOC BREAKFAST 09:30 am</p> <p>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</p>	<p>27 MEMORIAL DAY Post Picnic 12:00 pm DJ Knight</p>	<p>28 Taco Tuesday</p> 	<p>29 Fried/ Steamed Shrimp – Team Run Silent – Run Deep 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 MOC BURGERS, Fish Sand & FRIES/ ONION RINGS 6:30 pm DJ Mike</p>	<p>***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***</p>