



June 2024



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### **From the Commander:**

Family 4809,

I would like to take the opportunity, this being my last newsletter, to thank all the people that believed in me to serve you as Commander this year. I am grateful to everyone that mentored, helped, has been available, and has been a steady and reliable resource in my corner. People measure success in different ways, and I measure it by the positive impact that you make in people's lives and that is what VFW 4809 is to me. And I consider this a highly successful year! I had a blast this year and loved serving you as Commander. There are too many people to thank individually, but I will thank you from the bottom of my heart, you know who y'all are. I will however thank all my officers, the Auxiliary, Corporation, Cooties, the MRC (VFW Riders and Salty Dawgs), you all stood beside me this past year, so thank you again. **You all are my family. I will always be available.**

### **What is happening now:**

As some of you may know, November this year is our Post's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our incoming Commander Lewis Bush is putting together a Committee to plan our celebration. If you are interested in being 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 June:**

The State Convention will be held at Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA from June 13th-16th, see you all there!

There **will not be a Post dinner** for this month due to the State Convention.

Next Post meeting will be held on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> @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!

Thank You,  
Curtis Bobbitt  
2023-2024 Post Commander,  
VFW Post 4809  
(757) 300-9111



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## **Auxiliary President:**

HELLO TO ALL!

I am so happy to see it is FINALLY getting warmer.

The installation was held on May 4th, and I wish to thank all who came and supported the incoming and outgoing officers. I wish the incoming Officers the absolute best and have an awesome year!

The VFW State Convention will be held in Williamsburg at the Ft. McGruder Conference center June 13th-16th. If you have never been to a convention please try to attend it is something to experience at least one time, unfortunately that will interfere with Father's Day Breakfast. We are moving the **Father's Day Breakfast to JUNE 23 at 9:30**. Fathers will be free, and all others will be \$8.00. See you there!

Aux dinner will be June 7th at 6:30 PM and it will be French Dip Sandwiches, Tater Tots, and dessert. The price will be \$8.00, as usual will need help, it will be YUMMY!! The next AUX meeting will be June 3rd at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

Just a reminder for next month is the July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic at noon. Start planning what amazing side dishes that you would like to bring.

I want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all my Officers for an impressive year! We hit several milestones and had some laughs along the way. I could not have done this year without your support! I also want to thank Auxiliary and Post members for all the support that was given to me and the Auxiliary. We could not have done it without ALL of you.

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.

Do not 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 16 June (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 June:***

***“Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.” – 1 Peter 2:16***

Very respectfully,

Tim Dawley

(757)813-8054

Timothy.dawley@gmail.com

## **From the Auxiliary Chaplain:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessings to “you and yours!” Memorial Day kicked off our start of summer!! And what a wonderful day it was! We so enjoyed having the Vets over from the hospital!! Thanks to all who helped and came out to celebrate!!! 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 Ukrainian People and all those that are supporting them.

***“This is MY commandment. That you love one another, as I have loved you” John 15:12***

If you need anything, please contact me at [edwardsmelva73@yahoo.com](mailto: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,

Thank you for your LOUSY support during my year as your Seam Squirrel! YOUR EFFORTS are noted and DEFINITELY NOT APPRECIATED at all! Please do your best to NOT SUPPORT your incoming Seam Squirrel Christine!!!!

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.

### Up Coming Events:

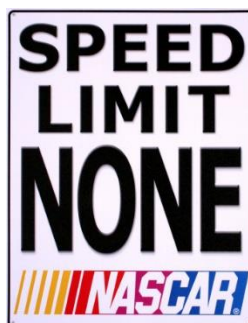
- 04 JUN – Scratch
- 10 JUN – Post Meeting
- 13 - 16 JUN – VFW State Convention
- 16 JUN - VA Hospital MOC Bingo – DOM
- 18 JUN – House Committee Meeting
- 23 JUN - Father's Day Breakfast
- 31 JUN – MOC Burgers, Fries, and Onion Rings
- 26 JUN – MOC Breakfast

I hope to see you all soon. OUR SCRATCH IS ON 04 JUN!  
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!!



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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 JUN 2024:**

07 JUN – Aux Dinner French Dip w/Tots.

21 JUN – Corp Dinner Meat Loaf.

24 JUN – **MOC Steak Night.**

28 JUN – **MOC Burgers/Fish**

**Sandwich/Fries.**

30 JUN – **MOC Breakfast.**

***Coming Soon – Card Night and Cigar Night! Details to follow.***

**\*\*\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. **VFW Post Meetings:** Starting July there will be two VFW Post meetings per month – the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month.
2. **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.
3. **Front Door Access:** The Post Home main entrance is now accessed using a Fob. To get your Fob, contact Theresa, Curtis, or Craig!
4. **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.
5. **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](http://www.efoodhandlers.com)
6. **Newsletter Inputs:** All newsletter inputs are due to Dave Alexander by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please send me your newsletter inputs at: [cwo1967@yahoo.com](mailto:cwo1967@yahoo.com)
7. **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.
8. **Canteen Credit Card Purchases:** Minimum credit card charge in the Post Canteen is \$10.00.



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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>						1 Post Inventory
2 <i>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</i>	3 Aux Meeting 7:00 pm	4 <b>MOC Scratch</b> 7:00 pm	5 Wings – Team Gator Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30pm	6	7 Aux Dinner: French Dip w/ Tater Tots 6:30 pm	8 Post Pool Tournament 3:00 pm 
9 <i>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</i>	10 Post Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Taco Tuesday 	12	13  VFW Virginia State Convention	14 Flag Day!  VFW Virginia State Convention	15  VFW Virginia State Convention
16 Father's Day!  VFW Virginia State Convention MOC&POST VA Hospital Bingo 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm	17	18 HC Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Fried/Steamed Shrimp – Team Gator Navy 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	20 Summer Begins!	21 Corp Dinner: Meatloaf 6:30 pm	22 Aux Pool Tournament 3:00 pm 
23 <i>Aux Father's Day Breakfast!</i> 09:30 am <hr/> 30 <b>MOC BREAKFAST</b> 09:30 am	24	25 Taco Tuesday 	26	27	28 <b>MOC BURGERS, FRIES/ ONION RINGS</b> 6:30 pm  Birthday Bash	29 VFW DIST II Tides Game 1800