



July 2024

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4809
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From the Commander:

Family 4809,

I would like to thank everyone for giving me the great Privilege of being your Commander.

June had several events that took place from the State Convention and Flag Day and Army's Birthday.

We also had Father's Day breakfast by the Auxiliary that was amazing. Thank You!

July 4th, we are having a Post and Auxiliary picnic in celebration of Independence Day. That will start at noon. It will be free for all Post and Auxiliary members. \$5.00 for guests. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship and our Independence.

The Post meetings will be held on Monday, July 08th @1900 (7:00 PM). Every member of the Post is invited and highly encouraged to attend. July 12th is Post Dinner – TBA. Help is always needed, and never turned away - for Post Functions! Please make sure you have your food handlers card completed and on hand. We are also going to have a Second Post Meeting on July 22nd at 1900 (7:00 PM) For new business and for new members to accomplish their VFW obligation. Come find out and be a part of what your Post is planning for us!

We (myself and Josie Riffle - Auxiliary President) are meeting after the House committee meeting on the 16th to

work on the 80th birthday party for the Post. If anyone would like to attend and have some input, please stop by.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Post throughout the year.

Still Serving our fellow Veterans and Families
Lewis Bush
2024-2025 Post Commander,
VFW Tidewater Post 4809
(757) 609-1417



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Auxiliary President:

Hello Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,

I would first like to thank all the volunteers at Father's Day breakfast last month. You were all awesome! Amazing, yummy food and numerous compliments.

The busy month of June is now behind us, and we can start looking forward to all the July has to offer.

We start out the month with our meeting on July 1st at 7pm. I hope to see you all there.

We also have the 4th of July picnic starting at noon. Please bring a dessert or side to share.

Unfortunately, we will not be having an Auxiliary Dinner this month.

It is that time of year for all Annual Members. **EARLY BIRDS!** **July 1st to August 31st** if you are an annual member, you can pay early for a discounted rate and an entry into a life member drawing. The Early Bird dues are \$24.

While on the topic of dues we are raising dues this year. New Members are now \$36, Annual is \$28 and Early Birds are \$24.

If you have a question or concerns, please feel free to ask any Auxiliary Officer. We will be more than happy to help in any way we can. I am looking forward to a good year working closely with Commander Lewis and the Post membership.

Respectfully,
Josie Riffle
Post 4809 Auxiliary President
757-309-0342

From the Post Chaplain:

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you and your family well. I pray you all remain safe and have a great 4th of July celebration with family and friends.

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 19 July (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 a lot of our members recovering from surgeries and fighting other health issues as well as personal issues. If you can go 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 July:

Psalm 33:1

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”

Very respectfully,
Tim Dawley
(757)813-8054
Timothy.dawley@gmail.com

From the Auxiliary Chaplain:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessings to “you and yours!” As the HOT DAYS of summer are upon us, stop in a have a cold beverage while supporting our Veterans! We love to see you! We send our thoughts and prayers to those who cannot be with us.

Remember just one phone call or a quick visit can bring a smile and lift spirits more than we know. We can all find comfort:

“Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.” Ephesians 5:2 NLT

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 have 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,

I do not look forward to your LOUSY support! I also am not thankful you have voted me to be your Lousy Seam Squirrel! Please do your best to NOT SUPPORT me during my year!!!!

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:

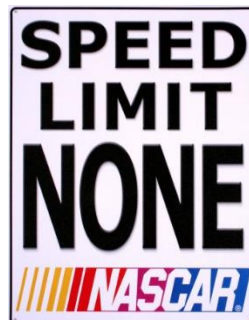
- 02 JUL – Scratch
- 04 JUL – 4th of July Picnic
- 08 JUL – Post Meeting
- 12 JUL – Post Dinner
- 16 JUL – House Committee Meeting
- 19 JUL – Corporation Dinner
- 21 JUL - VA Hospital MOC Bingo – DOM
- 26 JUL – MOC Burgers, Fries, and Onion Rings
- 28 JUL – MOC Breakfast
- 28 JUL – 01 AUG – VFW National Convention

I hope to see you all soon. OUR SCRATCH IS ON 04 JUL!
Please be safe and look out for each other. Please let me know if you need anything!!!

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,
Christine Hague-Renwick
Seam Squirrel
757-537-5928
christine_hague61@yahoo.com



Enjoy NASCAR , Baseball, and
Golf 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 JUL 2024:

12 JUL – Post Dinner - TBD.
19 JUL – Corp Dinner - TBD.
26 JUL – **MOC Burgers/Fries.**
28 JUL – **MOC Breakfast.**

Entertainment for JUL 2024:

12 JUL – DJ Mike.
26 JUL – DJ Mike.

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 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. **VFW Post Meetings:** Starting July there will be two VFW Post meetings per month – the 2nd and 4th 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
6. **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
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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Early Bird Dues

ATTENTION
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July 1-Aug 31
Dues \$24

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ANNUAL AUXILIARY
MEMBERS**



**DUES UPDATE FOR THE
2024-2025 YEAR**

Starting from July 1st:

New Members \$36

Regular Continuous \$28

Early Bird \$24

Early Bird rates are applicable from July 1st to
August 31st.

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2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

CIGAR NIGHT

BRING YOUR OWN CIGARS TO SWAP

VFW 4809
@ 6:00 PM

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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> |
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| <p>***WEEKLY DINNER MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***</p> | <p>1 Post Inventory</p> <p>Aux Meeting 7:00 pm</p> | <p>2 MOC Scratch 7:00 pm</p> | <p>3 Wings – Team Run Silent; Run Deep 5:30 pm to 7:30pm</p> | <p>4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!</p> <p>POST/AUX PICNIC – 12:00 pm</p> | <p>5 NO DINNER.</p> | <p>6 Post Trustee Audit - 0800</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</p> | <p>8 Post Meeting 7:00 pm</p> | <p>9 Taco Tuesday</p>  | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12 Post Dinner: TBD. 6:30 pm</p> <p>DJ Mike</p> | <p>13 Post Pool Tournament 3:00 pm</p>  |
| <p>14</p> <p>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16 HC Meeting 7:00 pm</p> | <p>17 Fried/ Steamed Shrimp – Team Run Silent; Run Deep 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19 Corp Dinner: TBD. 6:30 pm</p> | <p>20</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>BASEBALL AND NASCAR IN THE CANTEEN!</p> <p>MOC&POST VA Hospital Bingo 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm</p> | <p>22 Post Meeting 7:00 pm</p> | <p>23 Taco Tuesday</p>  | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26 MOC BURGERS, FRIES/ ONION RINGS 6:30 pm</p> <p>DJ Mike</p> | <p>27 Aux Pool Tournament 3:00 pm</p>  |
| <p>28 MOC BREAKFAST 09:30 am</p> <p><u>VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION</u></p> | <p>29</p> <p><u>VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION</u></p> | <p>30</p> <p><u>VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION</u></p> | <p>31</p> <p><u>VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION</u></p> | | | |