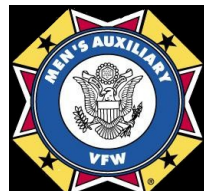




VFW Post 3219

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VFW Post 3219 Newsletter

Post Commander

Hello all the good folks of post 3219. Well the elections are over and the state convention is now behind us, and the new officers are taking their respective posts. I would like to thank all the folks that helped out for the Installation of officers. Job well done. Without all the volunteers at the post things couldn't and wouldn't get done. Thanks for all your time and effort that you put in at our post.

There are some changes coming in the near future, the newsletter alone was changed. Cathy and Robin revamped and volunteered to write the newsletter. So if you have anything you would like to see in it please send the articles to me.

I will be getting with all my elected officers and going over a few things that I would like to see happen and see what's on their minds. I will also be getting with the presidents of the Ladies Aux, Men's Aux, Cooties and the VFW Riders. They will all have time to bend my ear and tell me what's on their minds. I plan on working with NOT against all these fine organizations. Since throwing my hat into the ring for commander I've listened to many folks on what we should and shouldn't do. I will also be talking one on one with the Canteen Manager and then with all three bar tenders. I know they have their problems too.

I know in the beginning I might step on a few toes, but in the long run, I'm thinking it will be for the good of the post.

We have a lot of great things happening around the post, check out the VFW website at <http://www.vfw3219.org> look at the calendar for Friday night dinners, dances, special happenings and anything that going on at the post. I try to keep this updated with the most current info that I receive.

Shep

Commander

"Together we can"

Senior Vice Commander

Hello Post 3219, I am honored to be your senior vice commander for the coming year. Congratulations to Shep, our new Commander —I'm looking forward to assisting. Membership must also continue to grow, I know many

Post members that never let an opportunity to recruit escape them. We always need volunteers for a variety of activities at the Post, don't hesitate to volunteer and thanks to all who have given their time. I'm looking forward to a spectacular year, please come out and support Post 3219.

Comrade Tony Kromoff—Sr Vice Cmdr Post 3219

Junior Vice Commander

Did you know that there are over 6 ways to donate to our veteran's and to programs that support all those who have served this great nation! The one near and dearest to my heart, of course, is the Poppy Drive! As Junior Vice it is my responsibility to ensure that Post 3219 makes every effort to hold Poppy Drives and this past year we handed out Poppies at the Langley Air Show, on Veteran's Day, and at the Hampton Boat Races. I want to take a moment to thank the Ladies Aux because, without them, we would have not had such successful Poppy Drives! There are more opportunities out there to get all of our members involved in donation drives. Please remember to visit the VFW Web Page and click on "Donations" to see all the ways to help our veterans and their families. There's even a link on top of the page which says "Where Needed Most" in which they will tell you where your donation is, of course, needed most! Here's the link to make a donation or just learn more about these important and vital programs:

http://secure2.convio.net/vfw/site/SPageServer?pagename=donation_main

But one reminder - we are not "selling" the Poppies - we are giving them out so all citizens will remember our veterans! It's all about remembrance and the donation is just a great side benefit! So go forth and distribute those beautiful Poppies - see you all at the next Poppy Drive!!!

Diane Mofield, Junior Vice Commander

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies of the Auxiliary. The new year has begun and the State Convention is behind us. Our new officers are in place and we are ready for the new year. I will need all of you to keep this Auxiliary running smoothly. I know you ladies hold a lot of important information, so I will be picking your brains to help me keep things running smoothly. Thank you again for electing me as your president.

Cathy Shepherd—President Ladies Auxiliary

Men's Auxiliary

Just a little note of great thanks for all the help we got from the Post and Ladies Aux last year, we are hoping for another great year in 2010. Men we need to get on membership, remember sign up 5 or more new members in 1 years time and your dues are paid for the following year. Remember it's that time of year and there are a lot of activities going on. Just ask if anyone needs a hand, after all that's what we are here for. Also meetings are on the 2nd Monday at 6:30pm. Again thank you and let's have a great year.

Mike Gregg—Men's Auxiliary President



Cooties

Hello fellow Cooties and VFW Members from Seam Squirrel Mike Mackowiak. First I would like to congratulate past Seam Squirrel Jill Lynch for her service to Pup Tent 5 for the past two years. You have made this Pup Tent the best in the Grand of Virginia. All I can say is thank you and will try to press on in the same fashion as you have.

Second I would like to congratulate all the incoming Officers for the Post, Ladies Auxiliary, and Men's Auxiliary. I am looking forward to working with all of you to make our VFW Post the best in District 1 and in the Department of Virginia!!!

Next is to thank the Pup Tent to elect me as your Seam Squirrel. It is an honor and privilege of this task. I have lots of ideas and I expect more ideas from the Pup Tent also. I would like to keep this Pup Tent the best in the Grand of Virginia. I am certain that we can keep the "tradition" going!!! I am looking forward to serving you in the coming year.

Seam Squirrel,

Mike "Big Mack Daddy" Mackowiak

President VFW Riders

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

Happy 4th of July to all our Brothers and Sisters; the VFW Riders Hampton Roads were at the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids Michigan on July 4th. The Dept of Virginia VFW and the VFW riders donated \$13,035.00 to our National Home for the Children.

Our June 4th meeting at Post 4809 again brought new members. Matt Weiner of 3160 and Ernie Metcalf from 8252 in Gloucester and Ernie Green who moved here from Ohio became the newest members of the VFW Riders. A number of riders found themselves at a BBQ outside Mathews Virginia supporting the Gloucester post on Saturday June 6th.

After riding to Richmond for State convention we had a short break before our Langley Speedway Pot Luck Dinner and a few non rider comrades were able to share with us. Fathers Day Weekend was also the Virginia Hog Rally held this year in Roanoke Va. A number of Riders show our colors and had a great time with many stories and pictures to share.

We left at 0800 on the morning of the first of July for the National Home. I imagine many of us are riding home as you read this. I think you will all be proud after seeing the pictures and donations your Riders took to the National Home representing the Department of Virginia. I know I am.

Say a Prayer for our Kids in our National Home.

Randy Schilling—VFW Riders President

Canteen News

REMEMBER—We have dinner at the Post every Friday night. Dinner is served at 6 PM, but if you want to make sure you get a dinner, please come early, and place your order. Also, if you call in your order, please be there by 7:30 PM to pick it up and pay for it.



Sunday Bingo

Help is always needed for Sunday Bingo, so come out and volunteer and keep Bingo running smoothly. The kitchen always needs help during Bingo, you can take money, run food, take orders or whatever is needed from you. It's only a few hours out of your day.



Upcoming Events

Jul 11—Spirit of America—Phoebus
Jul 12—Bingo 1:00pm
Jul 13—Men's Aux Mtg 6:30pm/Ladies Aux Audit 6:30pm
Jul 15—Ladies Aux Mtg 6:30pm`
Jul 17—Friday night dinner—Post
Jul 19—Bingo 1:00pm
Jul 24—Friday night dinner—Ladies Aux
Jul 26—Bingo 1:00pm
Jul 27—House Committee Mtg 7:00pm
Jul 31—Friday night dinner—Men's Aux
Aug 1—Breakfast 9:00am/Cootie Scratch 12:00
Aug 2—Bingo 1:00pm
Aug 4—Post Mtg 7:00pm
Aug 7—Friday Night dinner—Cooties
Aug 8—Cootie Safari
Aug 9—Bingo 1:00pm
Aug 14—Friday night dinner—Post
Aug 14-16—Hampton Boat Regatta
Aug 15-20—National Convention—Phoenix
Aug 16—Bingo 1:00pm

Aug 18—VA Bingo
Aug 19—Ladies Aux Mtg 6:30pm
Aug 21—Friday night dinner—Ladies Aux
Aug 22—Adopt a Spot 9:00am
Aug 23—Bingo 1:00pm
Aug 27—1812 Overture—Ft Monroe
Aug 28—Friday night dinner —Men's Aux
Aug 31—House Committee Mtg 7:00pm
Sep 1—Post Meeting 7:00pm
Sep 4—Friday night dinner—Cooties
Sep 5—Breakfast—9:00am/Scratch—1200
Sep 6—Bingo 1:00pm
Sep 7—BBQ 1:00pm—setup 10:00am
Sep 11—9/11 poppy hand out (no donations)
Sep 11—Friday night dinner—Post
Sep 12—Bicycle Safety 1:00pm
Sep 13—Bingo 1:00pm
Sep 14—Men's Aux Mtg 6:30pm
Sep 16—Ladies Aux Mtg 6:30
Sep 18—Friday night dinner—Ladies Aux
Sep 18—Inputs for newsletter due
Sep 20—Bingo 1:00pm
Sep 25—Friday night dinner—Men's Aux
Sep 26—Womanless Fashion Review (TBD)
Sep 27—Bingo 1:00pm
Sep 28—House Committee Mtg 7:00pm
COME ON OUT FOR DINNER EVERY FRIDAY @ 6PM (UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE ON CALENDAR) AND OUR MONTHLY BREAKFASTS (FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH)
SEE ONLINE CALENDAR AT VFW3219.ORG FOR UP- DATES/CHANGES



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TO VOLUNTEER**