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**VFW POST 3349**

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**FROM THE COMMANDER**

We had a very nice ceremony at the park on Veteran Day. The parade was very good. Jerry Shuler gave a nice speech on his career in the Navy. The singing was beautiful by all the singers. The post has a nice lunch for about 30 people. I would like to thank everybody who helped to prepare the food.

The golf tournament was very successful. Like to thank the committee for a find job on whole sponsorship. They raise about 3500 dollars for the post and charitably organizations.

The children Christmas party was very nice. Like to thank the Auxiliary for providing the gift for the children and the food. Santa was good to the children has they entered the post.

Let's remember our veteran who died and who survive on Pearl Harbor Day. This was very sad day for American sailor. Hope we never see another day like this. I held a memorial at the post on this day.

The post will hold a bowling tournament on Jan. 13. The post has machine with the bowling on it. Come see what going on at the post. We are trying different things. On Friday Jan 8 we are to try slow cooking pot lucky. Bring your favor dish in crook pot so everybody can try it.

On Jan 13 the Auxiliary is happen a yard sale with the car club from 8 to 2.

Hope everybody has a nice Christmas and New Year.

Commander  
Gerald Donnelly

***Our Mission:*** *To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.*

***Our Vision:*** *Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.*

Our Core Values:

- Always put the interests of our members first
- Treat donors as partners in our cause
- Promote patriotism
- Honor military service
- Ensure the care of veterans and their families
- Serve our communities
- Promote a positive image of the VFW

Respect the diversity of veteran opinions

From the Publisher:

If anyone would like to receive this news letter contact me by e-mail at [dfrench5785@gmail.com](mailto:dfrench5785@gmail.com) and let me know and I will add you to my distribution listing.

Douglas French

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT –  
VALERIE FRENCH – JAN. & FEB 2018**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE POST & AUXILIARY MEMBERS, WE HOPE 2018 WILL BE A GREAT YEAR FOR ALL OF US.**

**MALTA** which stands for MEMBERSHIP & AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP TECHNOLOGY ACCESS is up and running. The program will allow each member to go on-line to her own account. **Go to <https://vfw-auxiliary.org> You will need you membership ID # from your card. Then follow instructions.**

**UNDECORATE THE POST: SUNDAY JANUARY 7TH 10AM.** All hands are needed, so please volunteer if possible.

**BINGO** Can use some more volunteers to work the floor and call. If we can get enough works, you would only need to one or Tuesdays a month. Bingo is one of the main supports of the Post, so please help if you can.

**YARD SALE** - We are doing the yard sale quarterly. Next one is scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> 8am – 2pm. If you have anything to donate, please bring it in now. Just drop it off at the Post next time your in town.

**AUXILIARY LUNCHESES** – Are January 20<sup>th</sup> at Corky Bells and February 10<sup>th</sup> at Beef O'Brady's Both at 12 Noon.

**BE SURE TO CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR ALL THE ACTIVITIES GOING ON AT THE POST SUCH AS LADIES NIGHT, QUEEN OF HEARTS, BOWLING TOURNAMENTS, DARTS, SATURDAY NIGHT PIZZA & MOVIE THESE ARE OPEN FOR EVERYONE AND THE MORE WHO PLAY THE MORE FUN WE HAVE.**

**AUXILIARY TREASURER –  
MARY LOU BERRY – 325-6190**

**LIFE MEMBERS** - Your \$5.00 yearly Cancer Insurance is due now. Please send check made out to VFW Aux Post 3349 to Mary Lou Berry, 2609 Golf Dr., Palatka FL 32177 or drop off at the Post next time your in town.

We are at 97.37% on membership – need 4 more to be 100% and 7 more to be quota busters. Your 2017 card was good only until 12/31/17. Now you will have to fill out a new application and be voted by the Auxiliary. You also loose the Cancer Grant for one year.

**CANTEEN CHATTER**

The next couple of months are going to be busy for all of us. Please check the calendar and come join us.

Reminder to check the calendar for the events that are going on.

**Charlene**

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM</p> <p>Member Appreciation Day</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p></p> <p>Bingo 6-10 PM</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>Men's Night 5-8 pm</p>	<p><i>4</i> House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>Slow Cooker Pot Luck Dinner 6 PM</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p></p> <p>Texas Hold'em 6PM</p>
<p><i>7</i></p> <p>Undecorated Post 10AM</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM</p> <p>Member Appreciation Day</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p></p> <p>Bingo 6-10 PM</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>Post &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM</p>	<p><i>11</i>  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>Steak Dinner 6 PM</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Yard Sale 8-2</p> <p>Bowling Tournament 1pm to ?</p>
<i>14</i>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM</p> <p>Member Appreciation Day</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p></p> <p>Bingo 6-10 PM</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>Men's Night 5-8 pm</p>	<p><i>18</i>  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>Spaghetti Dinner 6 PM</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Auxiliary Lunch at Corky Bells 12 noon</p>
<i>21</i>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM</p> <p>Member Appreciation Day</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p></p> <p>Bingo 6-10 PM</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Men's Night 5-8 pm</p>	<p><i>25</i>  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>Fish Fry Dinner 6 PM</p>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM</p> <p>Member Appreciation Day</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p></p> <p>Bingo 6-10 PM</p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>Men's Night 5-8 pm</p>			

# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	2	3  <i>Texas Hold'em</i> 6PM
4	5 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation Day	6  Bingo 6-10 PM	7 Men's Night 5-8 pm	8  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	9 Steak Dinner 6 PM	10 Auxiliary Lunch at Beef O'Bradys 12 noon
11	12 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation Day	13  Bingo 6-10 PM	14 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM  <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	16 Spaghetti Dinner 6 PM	17 District Meeting Lake City 10 AM
18	19 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation Day	20  Bingo 6-10 PM	21 Men's Night 5-8 pm	22  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	23 Bill's Bibs 6 PM	24
25	26 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation Day	27  Bingo 6-10 PM	28 Men's Night 5-8 pm			

### POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gerald Donnelly
Sr Vice Commander	Robert Thropp
Jr Vice Commander	Carl "Bill" Jones
Judge Advocate	Raymond Dixon
Adjutant	Charles Wellborn
Quartermaster	Gerald Shuler
Asst. Quartermaster	Charles Wellborn
Chaplin	Bruce Howell
Surgeon	Philip Haesecker
Service Officer	Charles Burkley
Trustees 1st yr	William Thompson
2nd yr	Mark Retzlaff
3rd yr	Weldon Taylor
Membership Chairman	Charles Wellborn
Employment Officer	Weldon Taylor
Legislative Officer	John Dillingham
Disaster Preparedness/Relief	Phil Haesecker
Historian	John Dillingham
House Committee Chairman	Gene Neiman
National Home for Children	Quartermaster
Communications/Media Relations	Commander

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman	Charles Wellborn
Members	Commander and ALL Members

### COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA RELATIONS

Chairman	Commander
Members	Adjutant and Quartermaster

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Gene Neiman
Members	Gerald Donnelly Phil Haesecker Gerald Shuler Charlie Wellborn
Canteen Manager	Charlene Dillingham

### AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Valarie French
Sr Vice	Marian Chialastri
Jr Vice	Joyce Donnelly
Secretary	Marian Chialastri
Treasurer	Mary Lou Berry
Chaplin	Charlene Dillingham
Conductress	Linda Sliter
Guard	Jon Berry
Trustees 1st yr	Jon Berry
2nd yr	Kathie Thompson
3rd yr	Neva Lyons
Patriotic Instructor	Charlene Dillingham

### DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
3RD	2/17/2018	2206	Lake City	10 AM

### Useful Web Sites

Get copy of DD Form 214 or other discharge documents: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

Request Lost and Replacement Medals: <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/public/awards-and-decorations.html>

VFW National Headquarters Web Site: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

VFW National Web Site for Members: [www.jointhelite.org](http://www.jointhelite.org)

VFW eMembership: <http://emem.vfw.org>

VFW Store Online: [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org)

VFW Department of Florida Web Site: <http://www.myfloridavfw.org>

National Do Not Call Registry: [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)

VFW Post Website: <http://vfw3349.org>

**Join the VFW in Opposing GI Bill Tax on Troops:** The VFW adamantly opposes a proposed tax on military service members to pay for the GI Bill. "We are still a nation at war. We have troops actively engaged in Iraq, in Afghanistan, and now in Syria," said VFW National Commander Brian Duffy. "The war on terrorism is not over! Congress' focus should be on defeating our enemies and ending the war, not cutting the benefits of those who are fighting it." With impending changes to TRICARE and retirement benefits, this proposed tax on troops would force the brave men and women who join the military to choose between health care, retirement and education benefits. As Congress looks to tax junior military service members to pay for their post-military educational benefits, the VFW needs every member and supporter to get involved and help protect the GI Bill. Join the discussion by using the hashtag #NoTaxOnTroops on your Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites. Use the [talking points for the proposed tax on troops](#) and contact your members of Congress. If you have questions on how to get involved, please