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FROM THE COMMANDER

COMMANDER REPORT

The post has a good month in April. The city water is now done and the roof for the Auxiliary building too. The post will celebrate Memorial Day with a parade at 10:00 AM downtown. The post will also have an open house at 12:30 PM. The state convention will be on June 22 & 23 in Orlando. See the details on the state VFW web site.

(<http://vfwfl.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp>)

The post will honor David Birch, Chief of Bostwick Fire Department at the District meeting. We have the state fireman of the year for the VFW of Florida. The post will also recognize David and Derek Edward on May 8 at the county commission meeting at 9:00 AM. The policeman of the year Tom Tipton will be honor at city meeting on May 10 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be at City Hall in Palatka.

Commander
Gerald Donnelly

From the Publisher:

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

Douglas French

Quartermaster Notes

If your name is listed below please contact the Quartermaster as soon as possible. If anyone has information on any of these members please contact the Quartermaster. Email the Quartermaster at QM@vfw3349.org

Wade Wring, Edward Wonorski, Merritt Walter, Kenneth Wagers, Robert Upton, Jeffery Stagg, Michael Stackhouse, Lawrence Solis, James Snyder, Arthur Schnapp, James Santo, Donald Riddick, Wesley Reith, Tracy Nesbitt, Junnie Murray, Samuel Mullins, John Montgomery, William Mills, Harry Mettetal, Michael Mcginlay, Andrew McCullogh, Burton Kerns, Ivan Kenyon, Julius Johns, John Hunt, Jeff Hodges, Nicholas Hale, Lawrence Guzman, John Gleaton, Henry Gay, John Flowers, Freddie Florence, John Fletcher, Thomas English, Kevin Donnelly, Henry De Loach, Justin Davis, George Crowell, James Coons, Herbert Collins, Phillip Brown, Warren Brown, Ralph Bennett, Vernon Bender.

This year has been challenging and fulfilling. As a first year quartermaster I have had a large learning curve in time delegation and spreadsheets. We have accomplished some major upgrades this year with changing over to city supplied water and reroofing the auxiliary building. We now have an upgrade / repair to our septic line in progress. We have been able to financially carry these required repairs and upgrades by the unselfish donations of a few members. We now need all our members to step up and donate what they can to the building fund so we can complete the sewer line upgrade. Please see the accompanying letter from the Commander of the Post and the President of the Auxiliary. All donations are tax deductible.

On another note, our annual membership has fallen behind in renewing or paying their dues. This has caused our Post to not receive "All State" status this year. If you are an annual member, I highly suggest converting to a lifetime membership with monthly payments for one year. See me with any questions or email me at QM@vfw3349.org with any questions or concerns. Thanks for a great year.

Gerald Shuler VFW Post 3349 Quartermaster



David Burch, 2018 Fireman of the Year



Patriot Pen Winners
1st Addison Leach from Palatka
2nd Anniston Leach from Palatka



Voice of Democracy Winner
2nd Judy Ogden Booth from Palatka

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT –
VALERIE FRENCH**

We held officer elections at the April meeting:

Your officers for the 2018-2019 year are:

President- Valerie French

Sr. Vice – Marian Chialastri

Jr. Vice – Joyce Donnelly

Treasurer - Mary Lou Berry

Secretary – Marian Chialastri

Chaplain – Charlene Dillingham

Conductress – Linda Sliter

Guard – Dorothy Donovan

1Yr. Trustee – Kathy Thompson

2Yr. Trustee – Neva Lyons

3Yr. Trustee – Jon Berry

Patriotic Inst. - Charlene Dillingham

BINGO Can use some more volunteers to work the floor and call. If we can get enough workers, you would only need to work one Tuesday 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 July 7th 9am – 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 May 5th at Magnolia Cafe and June 9th at Palatka Buffet and July 14th at Sonny's all at 11:30 am.

We've scheduled the annual **SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY** for Saturday August 4th 10am to 12 noon. And the **CANCER BINGO** for Saturday September 15th from 1 -5 pm.

**BE SURE TO CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR ALL THE ACTIVITIES GOING ON AT THE POST SUCH AS:
BINGO, LADIES NIGHT, QUEEN OF HEARTS, BOWLING TOURNAMENTS, DARTS, TEXAS HOLD'EM.**

THESE ARE OPEN FOR EVERYONE AND THE MORE WHO PLAY THE MORE FUN WE HAVE.

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

We did not make 100% membership this year.. Let's hope we will do better in the 2018 - 2019 year which starts July 1st.

WANTED:

A volunteer to be Auxiliary Assistant Treasurer. If interested contact Mary Lou at 386-435-6190.













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

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p>  <p>Bingo 6-10 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Men's Night 5:30-8 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>House Committee Meeting 7 PM</p> <p>Queen of Hearts 7 PM</p>  <p>Darts 7 PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tina's German Dinner 6PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Texas Hold'em 6PM</p> <p>Auxiliary Lunch Magnolia Café 11:30</p>
6	<p>7</p> <p>Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5:30-8 PM</p> <p>Pizza & Bowling</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Bingo 6-10 PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Queen of Hearts 7 PM</p>  <p>Darts 7 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Steak Dinner 6 PM \$8.00</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bowling Tournament 1pm</p> <p>VS Interlachen</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Mother's Day Breakfast 9 AM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5:30-8 PM</p> <p>Pizza & Bowling</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Bingo 6-10 PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Men's Night 5:30-8 pm</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Queen of Hearts 7 PM</p>  <p>Darts 7 PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Spaghetti Dinner 6 PM \$8.00</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Private Party 1-5</p>
20	<p>21</p> <p>Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5:30-8 PM</p> <p>Pizza & Bowling</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Bingo 6-10 PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Men's Night 5:30-8 pm</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Queen of Hearts 7 PM</p>  <p>Darts 7 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Chicken Ala King Dinner 6 PM</p>	26
27	<p>28</p> <p>Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5:30-8 PM</p> <p>Pizza & Bowling</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 12:30</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Bingo 6-10 PM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Men's Night 5:30-8 pm</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Queen of Hearts 7 PM</p>  <p>Darts 7 PM</p>		

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bill's Ribs 6 PM	2 Texas Hold'em 6PM
3	4 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5:30-8 PM Pizza & Bowling	5  Bingo 6-10 PM	6 Men's Night 5:30-8 pm	7 House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	8 Steak Dinner 6 PM \$8.00	9 Bowling Tournament 1pm Auxiliary Lunch Palatka Buffet 11:30
10	11 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5:30-8 PM Pizza & Bowling	12  Bingo 6-10 PM	13 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM	14 ♠  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	15 Spaghetti Dinner 6 PM \$8.00	16
17 Father's Day Breakfast 9 AM	18 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5:30-8 PM Pizza & Bowling	19  Bingo 6-10 PM	20 Men's Night 5:30-8 pm	21 ♠  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	22 Fish Fry 6 PM	23
24	25 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5:30-8 PM Pizza & Bowling	26  Bingo 6-10 PM	27 Men's Night 5:30-8 pm	28 ♠  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	29 Sausage, Pepper And Onion Dinner 6 PM	30

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 Haeseker
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 Haeseker
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 Haeseker Gerald Shuler Charlie Wellborn
Canteen Manager	Charlene Dillingham

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DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
1st	7/7/2018	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

VFW National Web Site for Members: www.jointhelite.org

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

VFW Store Online: www.vfwstore.org

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

National Do Not Call Registry 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