

VFW POST 3349
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

This will be my last new letter input as your Commander. Gerald Donnelly has been elected to lead the post next year and will take over during state convention in Orlando at the end of June. Gerald has done a great job as Senior Vice by stepping in when and where needed. Please continue to provide him the program support that has come to be the norm with our Post.

We currently have reached 105% in membership and achieved over 500 points toward all state and all American status. Our EMS Paramedic entry, John Thomas has been recognized by the Department of Florida as the #1 Paramedic in the State. John and our Fire Fighter entry, Captain Chris Taylor, were recognized at the Post and presented a plaque and certificate for their achievement of going above and beyond the call of duty. We have recognized our JROTC award winners with medals and certificates.

Our Post web-site is still work in progress and has been delayed due to changes being incorporated at the National VFW Headquarter. They are paying for the development and the first year. After that, the Post will absorb the cost of maintaining the site. We are still looking for someone with knowledge of running and updating our website. It is a very import tool to assist us in getting information out, attracting visitors and new members. This website will tie use to National with real time news updates of VFW happenings throughout the country and the world.

Charles Barkley has agreed to be our new Post Service Officer. As Charley gets up to speed, please support his ongoing task of helping to support our veterans and their families.

Bill Thompson

CANTEEN CHATTER

We are looking for ways to improve your canteen so we can better serve you. We are open to new ideas and suggestions. Any complaints concerning the canteen or bartenders should be directed to the Canteen Manager only.

We have a new draft beer and several new drinks. Come check us out.

Charlene

FROM SR VICE COMMANDER

I would like to thank the committee for the support for our February 25th **new membership** day. Special thanks to **Wayne** and **Bill** for providing the food.

I would also like to give a thanks to the Auxiliary for their donation toward the **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 15th for the children of our veterans and active duty military families.

Special recognition to **Bill Thompson** for a great job as Post Commander this past year. The Post has accomplished a lot in supporting **VFW programs** and through **Post activities** during his tenure.

Does anyone have a nomination for **Police, EMT, Fireman and Teacher** of the year for 2018? These are very important programs that recognize outstanding persons in our community. Please let me know if you have a nomination so we can get the material together to present to the VFW Department of Florida.

I am looking forward to serving you, and the VFW as your Commander for the next year. Please come to our **Post meetings on the 2nd Wednesday** of each month. We need your help and support.

Gerald Donnelly

Dinner and River Cruise

Wednesday, June 7th 2017

2 PM Departure - Boarding at 1:15

(See flyer on page 2)

Make reservations and pay at the Post by June 1st. \$19.95 per person.

The Post will make a group reservation.

Some of our members have done this and they say the dinner is fabulous! We are looking forward to a large turnout for an enjoyable afternoon and dinner.

AUXILIARY
PRESIDENT VALERIE FRENCH

ELECTION RESULTS: President: Valerie French, Sr. Vice: Marian Chialastri, Jr. Vice: Joyce Donnelly, Secretary: Marian Chialastri, Treasurer: Mary Lou Berry, Chaplain: Charlene Dillingham, Conductor: Doug French, Guard: Jon Berry, Trustees: 1 yr. Jon Berry, 2 yr. Kathi Thompson, 3 yr. Neva Lyons, Patroitic Instructor: Charlene Dillingham. Installation of the new Officers will be before the regular meeting on Wed. May 10, 2017.

DISTRICT MEETING: will be Sat. May 20th in Lake City. We will car pool from the Post leaving at 8am. If you wish to ride, contact Mary Lou.

YARD & CRAFT SALE - SAT. MAY 13TH 8AM – 3PM
TO RENT A SPACE (\$10.00) OR A TABLE (\$5.00) CALL MARY LOU AT 325-6190 BEFORE MAY 3RD.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: SUNDAY 14TH 9AM TO NOON MOTHERS FREE, MEN 7 CHILDREN \$5.00 EACH.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & OPEN HOUSE: MONDAY MAY 29TH, To ride in the Parade, meet at the Post at 9am. For Open House, bring a side dish to share.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST: SUNDAY JUNE 20TH 9AM TO NOON. DADS EAT FREE, WOMEN & CHILDREN \$5.00 EACH.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION: JUNE 22 – 24 ORLANDO, FL.

LUNCHEONS 12 NOON: MAY 6TH – PALATKA BUFFET AND JUNE 17TH - BRADLEYS

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-A-WAY SATURDAY JULY 29TH 11AM – 1 PM

ANNUAL CANCER BINGO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH 11AM – 5PM

FALL YARD SALE FRIDAY & SATURDAY OCTOBER 6TH & 7TH

TREASURER – MARY LOU BERRY - 325-6190

We still have a few Life Members who have not paid their \$5.00 Cancer Insurance. Please send it as soon as you can.

We found three of the Members but need to locate more. If you know of their whereabouts, Please let me know. Marcie Avera, Linda Barrett, Carol Brusseau, Margueritte Bryan, Mildred Carter, Cynthia Clay, Tonia Clay, Sally Drumm, Alicia English, Eugenia Gibbs, Mary Ellen Hickman, Beverly Hudson, Mary Jenkins Humbert, Annie Johnson, Dallie Jo Lankford, Druscilla Lindgren, Brittany McCall, Meichelle McClure, Barbara McMillan, Joan MacCuish, Mary Patterson, Nancy Plessala, Gladys Price, Evelyn Rodgers, Carmen Torres, Wanda White, Angie Wright, Hazel Yarbrough

Dinner and

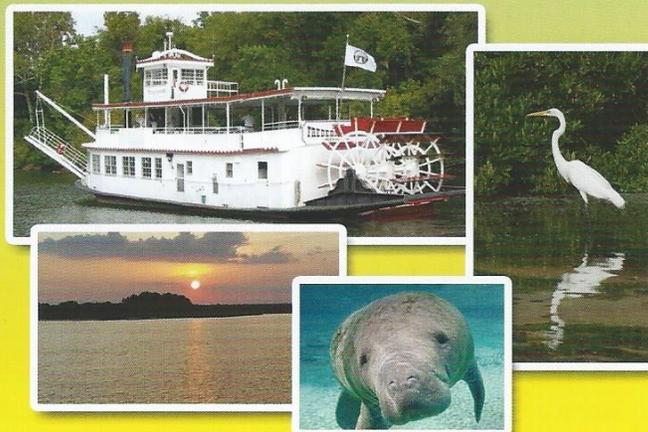
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River Cruise

Sail with us down the majestic Intracoastal Waterway aboard our beautiful Paddle Wheel Boat

Lady Dolphin of Daytona

Enjoy a spectacular two hour cruise that includes a delicious dinner, music, sightseeing info and free raffled prizes! Take in all the breathtaking scenery and enjoy watching the dolphins, manatees and pelicans around you.



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www.dineandcruise.com

Halifax Harbor Marina

125 Basin Street | Daytona Beach FL 32114

386-402-1353



Drinks are not included but discounted
Draft Beer \$2
Bottled Beer & Wine \$3
Bottomless Softdrink \$2
Mixed Drinks \$6 & up



May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Member Appreciation Day 25 Cents off All Drinks Ladies Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM	2 Burgers etc 5-6:30 PM  Bingo 6 PM	3 5 Minute Happy Hour 6 times 2 to 6 PM	4 House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	5 Mexican Dinner 6 PJM	6 Red Putnam Memorial 3 PM Texas Hold'em 6-10 PM
7 Post Closed	8 Member Appreciation Day 25 Cents off All Drinks Ladies Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM	9 Burgers etc 5-6:30 PM  Bingo 6 PM	10 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM	11  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	12 Steak Night 6 PM	13
14 Mother's Day Breakfast 9 AM-12 PM Need Help To Cook & Clean Up	15 Member Appreciation Day 25 Cents off All Drinks Ladies Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM	16 Burgers etc 5-6:30 PM  Bingo 6 PM	17 5 Minute Happy Hour 6 times 2 to 6 PM	18  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	19 Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner 6 PM	20 District Meeting Lake City 10 AM
21 Post Closed	22 Member Appreciation Day 25 Cents off All Drinks Ladies Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM	23 Burgers etc 5-6:30 PM  Bingo 6 PM	24 5 Minute Happy Hour 6 times 2 to 6 PM	25  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	26 Meatloaf Dinner 6 PM	27
28 Post Closed	29 Memorial Day Parade Meet at Post 9 AM Open House 12:30 PM	30 Burgers etc 5-6:30 PM  Bingo 6 PM	31 5 Minute Happy Hour 6 times 2 to 6 PM			

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	2 Turkey Dinner By Connie 6 PM	3  Texas Hold'em 6-10 PM
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POST OFFICERS

Commander	Bill Thompson
Sr Vice Commander	Gerald Donnelly
Jr Vice Commander	Robert Thropp
Judge Advocate / Adjutant	Phil Haesecker
Quartermaster	Charles Wellborn
Asst. Quartermaster	John Dillingham
Chaplin	John Dillingham
Surgeon	Ed Dandle
Service Officer	
Trustees 1st yr	Jess Shackelford
2nd yr	Gerald Shuler
3rd yr	Merle McLean
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	Weldon Taylor
	Charlie Wellborn
	Phil Haesecker
	Bill Thompson
	Gerald Donnelly
	John Dillingham
Canteen Manager	Charlene Dillingham

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Valarie French
Sr Vice	Neva Lyons
Jr Vice	Lugene (Jeannie) McCartney
Secretary	Marian Chialastri
Treasurer	Mary Lou Berry
Chaplin	Charlene Dillingham
Conductress	Malinda Taylor
Guard	Lorie Thropp
Trustees 1st yr	Malinda Taylor
2nd yr	Lugene (Jeannie) McCartney
3rd yr	Kathy Thompson
Patriotic Instructor	Charlene Dillingham

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHELEULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
4th	05/22/17	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.jointheelite.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

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 email vfwac@vfw.org.

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