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**USS Abraham Lincoln**

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**Newsletter**

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I would like to start about what happened on Oct. 11. I would like to say I read this article in one of my club book. If we all work together, we can accomplish goals never before reached. I believe that if we all put our efforts together Post 3349 and the auxiliary, all will have a great year.

Now to Veteran day which was founded on November 11,1918 after the Treaty of Versailles that ended the great war of World War 1. President Wilson proclaimed November 11,1919 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m. Veteran Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week which it falls.

ON this day the post will have open house starting at 12:30p.m. to honor veterans and their family. We should take a moment to honor all Veterans for their service to our country.

Now to other news . Our newsletter is going back to every two months. The next newsletter is going out after November will be in January 2018.

The post will have a Christmas party for the children on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Santa will be here to greet the children ages 0 to 12 years old.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas

Commander  
Gerald Donnelly

U.S. Marine Corps Birthday

On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. Serving on land and at sea, these first Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations, including their first amphibious raid into the Bahamas in March 1776, under the command of Captain (later Major) Samuel Nicholas. The first commissioned officer in the Continental Marines, Nicholas remained the senior Marine officer throughout the American Revolution and is considered to be the first Marine Commandant. The Treaty of Paris in April 1783 brought an end to the Revolutionary War and as the last of the Navy's ships were sold, the Continental Navy and Marines went out of existence,

Following the Revolutionary War and the formal reestablishment of the Marine Corps on 11 July 1798, Marines saw action in the quasi-war with France, landed in Santo Domingo, and took part in many operations against the Barbary pirates along the "Shores of Tripoli".

Marines took part in numerous naval operations during the War of 1812, as well as participating in the defense of Washington at Bladensburg, Maryland, and fought alongside Andrew Jackson in the defeat of the British at New Orleans.

The decades following the War of 1812 saw the Marines protecting American interests around the world, in the Caribbean, at the Falkland Islands, Sumatra and off the coast of West Africa, and also close to home in operations against the Seminole Indians in Florida. Marines have participated in all of the following wars of the United States, and in most cases were the first service members to fight. To date, Marines have executed more than 300 landings on foreign shores.

Today, there are more than 200,000 active-duty and reserve Marines, organized into three divisions stationed at Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton, and Okinawa, Japan. Each division has one or more expeditionary units, ready to launch major operations anywhere on short notice. Marines expeditionary units are self-sufficient, with their own tanks, artillery, and air forces. The motto of the service is Semper Fidelis, meaning "Always Faithful" in Latin.

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT –  
VALERIE FRENCH –  
NOV & DEC 2017**

**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.**

**CANCER BINGO** was good and a \$500 donation has been given to PUTNAM FIRST CANCER FUND to help local cancer victims with their non-medical expenses.

**YARD SALE** was a success and we thank all the those who donated and the workers. This may become a quarterly activity --- will keep you posted.

**SEWING FOR VETERANS** will meet WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH AT THE POST AT 10 AM. This will be to cut and pin so even if you don't sew, we can use your help.

**AUXILIARY LUNCHESES** – There will **NOT** be any during November & December due to everyone's busy Holiday schedule.

Check the calendar, there are a lot of activities that you may be interested in being a part of: Veterans Day, Children's Christmas Party, Bartenders Appreciation, Friday Night Dinners, Decorating the Post for the Holidays (Sun Nov. 26 10am, all volunteers welcome & needed)

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

I am sending 2<sup>nd</sup> dues notices this week and will handle the renewals the “old fashion” snail mail way if you do not want to go on line and do it yourself. Your dues card will come directly from National, so it could be several weeks before you receive it, but your old card is still good. Dues must be paid by December 15<sup>th</sup> so Department and National can have them processed before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Membership is at 88%. We would like to be 100% by the end of November, so send your dues ASAP and encourage your family, friends & neighbors who are eligible to join.

**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.

**CANTEEN CHATTER**










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

We need help with decorating the post for Christmas. We will be decorating on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

On November 17<sup>th</sup> Chef Bruce is cooking an authentic Italian dinner; home-made old country marinara sauce with penne pasta, Italian sausage and meatballs, salad, garlic bread and an Italian dessert. All for only \$7.00. Yes, he is Italian, just ask him.

**Charlene**

# November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Men's Night	2 House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	3  Beef Tip Noodle Dinner 6 PM	4  <i>Texas Hold'em</i> 6PM  <i>District Meeting</i> 10:00
5 <i>Time Change 1 hr back</i>	6 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation Day	7   Bingo 6-10 PM	8 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM  Sewing for Vets 10 AM	9  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	10  Steak Dinner 6 PM	11 <b>Open House</b> 12:30 to 4 pm
12	13 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation Day	14   Bingo 6-10 PM	15 Men's Night	16  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	17 <b>Italian Dinner by Bruce &amp; Linda</b>	18  Golf tournament 9:00
19	20 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation Day	21   Bingo 6-10 PM	22 Men's Night	23 Thanksgiving Day CLOSED 	24  NO DINNER	25  <i>Movie Night &amp; Pizza 5 pm</i>
26 <i>Decorate for Christmas</i>	27 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation Day	28   Halloween Bingo 6-10 PM	29 Men's Night	30		

# December 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Aux Chicken Dinner 6 PM	2
3 Children's Christmas Party 2-4 PM For children up to age 12	4 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation	5   Bingo 6-10 PM	6 Men's Night	7 House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	8  Steak Dinner 6 PM	9
10	11 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation	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	16
17	18 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  Member Appreciation	19   Bingo 6-10 PM	20 Men's Night	21  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	22  NO DINNER	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26   Bingo 6-10 PM	27 Men's Night	28  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	29  Pork Dinner 6 PM	30
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### 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	Anthony Carbo
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

### 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
2nd	12/9/2017	10164	Interlachen	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