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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I hope everybody made it thru Irama okay. I have very little to said. Check the date on web for event, one to remember is October 20

for the oyster roast. Need help and donation toward this event.

Commander

Gerald Donnelly



For those that are in need of FEMA assistance for damages they are located at the Putnam County Fair Grounds in East Palatka until October 6th. Or for their website <https://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance>.

Douglas French

Navy Birthday

The U.S. Navy traces its roots back to the privateers that were employed to attack British commerce in the early days of the revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet would be able to offset the uncontested exercise of British sea power.

The early Continental navy was not expected to take on the British navy for control of the seas. This small naval force was designed to work with privateers to wage tactical raids against the transports that supplied British forces in North America. To accomplish this mission the Continental Congress purchased, converted, and constructed a fleet of small ships--frigates, brigs, sloops, and schooners. These navy ships sailed independently or in pairs hunting British commerce ships and transports like prey, avoiding whenever possible fights with Royal Navy men-of-war.

The Continental navy faced several obstacles both during and after the revolution – mostly political and economic. Two years after the end of the war, the money-poor Congress sold off the last ship of the Continental navy, the frigate Alliance.

Navy Birthday | General Interest

In the 1790's Europe began to relax many mercantile commercial restrictions and the U.S. trade and the shipping industry expanded accordingly. However, as the number of U.S. ships increased so did the possibility increased attacks by the European powers and pirates. In March 1794 Congress responded by calling for the construction of a half-dozen frigates. And, once again, the United States had a navy.

Although the Continental navy was later dismantled, October 13, 1775, remains the U.S. Navy's official birthday.

From these humble beginnings, the world's most powerful naval force was born. With thousands of ships and aircraft serving worldwide, the U.S. Navy is a force to be reckoned with. To learn more about the early years of the U.S. Navy, visit the U.S. Naval Historical Center website.

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
VALERIE FRENCH**

MALTA which stands for **MEMBERSHIP & AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP TECHNOLOGY ACCESS** still is not up and running. They are still trying to get all the glitches worked out. Will keep you informed. The program will allow each member to go on-line to her own account.

YARD SALE is Saturday, October 14th 8am – 3 pm **ONE DAY ONLY**. You can start bringing in donations other than clothing now.

**OCT. 7TH - CRYSTAL COVE
MARINA**

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

I am sending dues notices this week and will handle the renewals the “old fashion” snail mail way. 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.

CANTEEN CHATTER

We're glad everyone survived Irma. I want to give a Big Thank You to Ray and Vicki Dixon for keeping the bar functioning after Irma. Also a Big Thanks goes to Rubin and Marion for doing the prep work for Steak Night and to Bruce and Linda for cooking and cleanup.

The Chicken Fried Steak dinner by Marion was superb...Thank You.

I especially want to thank Connie Newman for the Fish Dinner. We enjoyed it so much, and Thanks goes to Gee too.

We have a lot planned for October. The Oyster Roast is scheduled for October 20th. Make [reservations](#) at the bar. Side dishes are welcomed.

October 27th, we are having a Halloween Dinner and Costume Contest. If you wear a costume, dinner is free; otherwise, dinner is \$6.00. Bring your monster appetite if you dare!

Menu: Ghouls Brew, Road Kill Stew, Pumpkin Vomit, Zombie Toes with Blood Sauce, Spider Eggs, Skeleton Innards, Mummy Loaf, Bugs ala Roach and Kat Litter Desert.

Charlene 325-6559

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM Member Appreciation Day	3  Bingo 6-10 PM	4	5 House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	6 Smoked Sausage Dinner 6 PM	7  <i>Texas Hold'em</i> 6PM Auxiliary Luncheon 12 Noon at <i>CRYSTAL COVE</i> MARINA
8	9 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM Member Appreciation Day	10  Bingo 6-10 PM	11 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM	12  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	13 Navy Birthday <i>One (1) Free Drink For All Navy Personnel</i> Steak Dinner 6 PM	14 YARD SALE 8am to 3 pm
15	16 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM Member Appreciation Day	17  Bingo 6-10 PM	18	19  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	20 Oyster Roast See flyer	21
22	23 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM Member Appreciation Day	24  Bingo 6-10 PM	25	26  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	27 <i>Halloween Dinner and Costume Contest</i> 6 PM	28 <i>Movie Night & Pizza 5 pm</i>
29	30 Ladies Night Drinks 1/2 Price 5-8 PM Member Appreciation Day	31  Halloween Bingo 6-10 PM				



Oyster Roast



Postponed due to lack of oysters

October 20, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Served with baked beans and coleslaw.

Any side dishes are welcomed.

RSVP by Tuesday, October 17

Or you may not get any oysters!

Donation cost determined by market value.

All proceeds benefit the Canteen.

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
	Bill Thompson
	Weldon Taylor
	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	11/4/2017	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

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