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# **September 2017 Newsletter**

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

**Thank You**

Fort McHenry was a maze of more than 100 filled with all manner of wounded during World War 1. It was the largest Army hospital in the nation more than 32,000 patients underwent 119,000 surgeries here -and moved significant surgical advances from academia into everyday use.

Fort McHenry also pioneered vocational rehabilitation aimed at ensuring injured veterans found meaningful work after leaving the military. And by the time it closed General Hospital No. 2 has laid the groundwork for the creation of a nationwide health-care system for former service members we know as VA.

Now to date to remember for September on 18 is Air Force founder day and 29 is the founder of the VFW. September 22 there will be a oyster roast. We will need sponsors and help with this event. Now to November 18 there will be a golf tournament at the Palatka Golf Course. See Gene Neiman for detail and help find hole sponsors.

I need help to get student to do the Voice of Democracy. They have to be student in grade 9 to 12 to enter this contest. Paper work and detail is on the web site. I also need student in grade 6 to 8 to do Patriot Pen Contest. Detail on the web site.

Commander

Gerald Donnelly

I would like to take a few minutes and thank everyone for all the help that I have received over the past three years,

Commanders Haeseker, Taylor, and Thompson it was a pleasure. I am glad to have had a small part in helping the Post reach All State status for three years running.

John Dillingham, thank you for all your help. Your knowledge and experience was invaluable to me. I know we didn't always see things the same way but we always reached the same goal. " Helping the Post."

All the trustees: Thank you.

It really has been a pleasure serving in this position. I learned a lot more than I gave. It is an eye-opener when you take on this job and all the responsibility that comes with it.

I would like to say "good luck" to Commander Gerald Donnelly and Quartermaster Gerald Shuler. I am sure you will do a much better job than we did.

Charlie Wellborn

Post Quartermaster

Marian and Rubin are making a Chicken Fried Steak dinner. The menu will be Chicken Fried Steak with gravy, real whipped potatoes, corn on the cob roll and desert. Cost only \$5.00 and all the money goes to the Canteen. We did the meal last year and everyone enjoyed it. Please come out and enjoy a nice meal with your friends and family and support your Post Canteen.

Thanks

Marian and Rubin

Date if the dinner is September 15th.

## **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. **CANCER BINGO** is Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 -5, with lunch of pulled pork or cold tuna-mac salad available at 11am. **YARD SALE** is Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 8am – 3 pm **ONE DAY ONLY**. You can start bringing in donations other than clothing now.

**CHILI COOK OFF - FRIDAY SEPT. 1ST. BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHILI. CANTEEN WILL SUPPLY BREAD, CRACKERS AND ETC. THE MORE ENTRIES THE TASTIER THE MEAL.**

**LUNCHES: SEPT. 16TH - BEEF O'BRADYS  
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**

It's hard to believe that the year is more than half over. September 1<sup>st</sup> is here and autumn is just around the corner. We have a few new drinks on our bar menu and are working on a new food and snack menu. We have lots of activities scheduled for the next few months.

Each Monday is Ladies Night with drinks at half price for the ladies. We play games, sometimes do karaoke and always have a good time. Monday is also Member Appreciation day with 25 cents off for post and auxiliary members.

Tuesday is Bingo from 6 to approximately 9 PM. Everyone is welcome. We could use some additional volunteers to call and distribute cards etc.

Thursday is Dart Night starting at 7 PM. It's informal and all are welcome beginner to expert, great fun!

Friday night is our post dinner at 6 PM. The menus vary but the second Friday is always Steak Night with salad, baked or sweet potato, rolls and desert. We need a head count for Steak Night so please call us for a reservation. (386-328-2863) The third Friday is Spaghetti Night. Dinners are prepared by volunteers, and volunteers are **ALWAYS** needed to help cook, serve and clean up. We are open to menu suggestions and ways to improve our dinners. Additionally, if you would like to donate the ingredients for one of the dinners, we will be happy to do the cooking.

### September Dinners

Sep 1<sup>st</sup>: Chili Cook-off-friendly competition, always fun, and you won't go away hungry.

Sep 8<sup>th</sup> Steak Night (please call with your head count) 386-328-2863)

Sep 15<sup>th</sup> Chicken Fried Steak with real mashed potatoes, graciously prepared by Marion and Rubin

Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> Oyster Roast by Gene and Connie. Call for reservations and please bring a side dish.

Sep 29<sup>th</sup> Campfire Dinner-The entire dinner will be cooked in foil. It will be hamburger and vegetables. It is quite good and favorable.

Charlene

# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  <b>Chili Cook-off</b> 6PM	2  <b>Texas Hold'em</b> 6-10 PM
3	4 <b>Ladies Night Drinks</b> 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  <b>Member Appreciation Day</b>	5  <b>Bingo 6-10 PM</b>	6	7 <b>House Committee Meeting</b> 7 PM <b>Queen of Hearts</b> 7 PM  <b>Darts</b> 7 PM	8  <b>Steak Dinner</b> 6 PM	9  <b>Cancer Bingo</b> 11 AM - 5 PM
10	11 <b>Ladies Night Drinks</b> 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  <b>Member Appreciation Day</b>	12  <b>Bingo 6-10 PM</b>	13  <b>Post &amp; Auxiliary Meetings</b> 7 PM	14  <b>Queen of Hearts</b> 7 PM  <b>Darts</b> 7 PM	15 <b>Marian and Rubin Chicken Fried Steak Dinner</b> 6 PM	16 <b>Auxiliary Luncheon</b> 12 Noon at BEEF O'BRADYS
17	18 <b>Ladies Night Drinks</b> 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  <b>Member Appreciation Day</b>	19  <b>Bingo 6-10 PM</b>	20	21  <b>Queen of Hearts</b> 7 PM  <b>Darts</b> 7 PM	22 <b>Oyster Roast</b> See flyer	23
24	25 <b>Ladies Night Drinks</b> 1/2 Price 5-8 PM  <b>Member Appreciation Day</b>	26  <b>Bingo 6-10 PM</b>	27	28  <b>Queen of Hearts</b> 7 PM  <b>Darts</b> 7 PM	29 <b>Camp Fire Supper</b> 6 PM	30 <b>Movie Night &amp; Pizza</b> 5 pm



# **Oyster Roast**



## **September 22, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Served with baked beans and coleslaw.**

**Any side dishes are welcomed.**

**RSVP by Tuesday, September 18**

**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	Weldon Taylor
	Charlie Wellborn
	Phil Haeseker
	Bill Thompson
	Gerald Donnelly
	John Dillingham
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
Conductor	Doug French
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](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