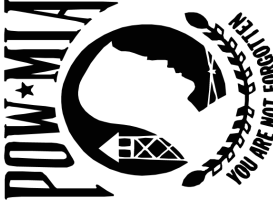


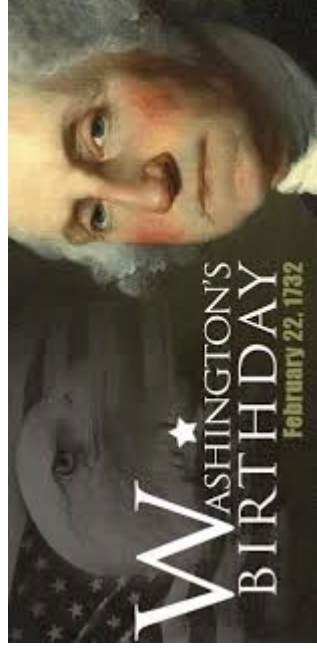
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

*"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."*

*-General George Washington  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1781*

# February 2019

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

On January 9, 2019 VFW Post 3349 presented the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy awards to Annie Leach and Logan Knowles. Both students were also 1<sup>ST</sup> place winners for District 14. The post also honored our 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place Voice of Democracy participants. The Guidance Counselor from Q I Roberts High School came to the meeting.

The post is in the process to Adopt-a-Unit. I am in contact with the National Guard here in Palatka. This gave us more exposure to the community and may help to bring in young members. If the unit is deploy we can gave them a going away picnic with their family.

I am working on membership . I need help getting members to pay their dues for 2019. I had one meeting to make phone calls to our member to see if they can pay their dues. I want to hold another membership drive in February, on a Saturday morning, to send letters to the members asking them to paid their dues as early as possible.

I am getting ready to gave out our teacher and first responders awards in May. I have the certificates to be given. The plaques have to be order yet.

In house bowling will be on February 9 at 1:00 PM.

Check the calendar for further events.

Commander

Gerald Donnelly

*Photo - Top right*

Patriot's Pen Winner Annie Leach and Jerry Shuler

*Photo - Center*

Voice of Democracy Winner Logan Knowles and Jerry Shuler

*Photo - Bottom right*

Voice of Democracy 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners Logan Knowles, Addison Leach, Ruth Rowbuck, and Grace Rowbuck

## Post Event Info

### *Patriot Pen & Voice of Democracy Awards*



### *History of the VFW*

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves.

In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. Today, membership stands at more than 1.6 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary.

Our voice was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, development of the national cemetery system, in the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, we won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active duty service members, and members of the guard and reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. We were the driving force behind the Veterans Access and Accountability Act of 2014, and continually fight for improved VA medical centers services for women veterans.

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, in 2005 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010. And in 2015, we became the first supporter of the National Desert Storm War Memorial which is planned for construction at our nation's capital.

We have many programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their families, as well as communities worldwide.

**No One Does More For Veterans.**

### **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT – VALERIE FRENCH**

**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.

### **AUXILIARY LUNCHESES**

February 2, 2019 1130hrs @ Bradley's

**March 2, 2019 1130hrs @ Chilies**

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

Life Members - The yearly Cancer Insurance of \$5.00 is due this month. Checks made out to "VFW Aux Post 3349" can be sent to Mary Lou Berry, 2609 Golf Dr., Palatka FL 32177 or dropped off at the Post next time you're in town.

### **CANTEEN CHATTER**

Check the calendar for upcoming events.

Come join us.

*Charlene*

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Chili Cook-off 6PM	2 Texas Hold'em 6-10 PM  Auxiliary Lunch 1130 @ Bradley's
3	4  Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	5    Bingo 6-10 PM	6  Bowling 6 PM	7  House Committee Meeting 7 PM  Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	8  Steak Dinner 6PM	9  Bowling 1 PM
10	11  Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	12    Bingo 6-10 PM	13  Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	14   Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	15  Spaghetti Dinner 6PM	16  District 14 Meeting Gainesville 10 AM
17	18  Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	19    Bingo 6-10 PM	20  Bowling 6 PM	21   Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	22  Jerry's Diner	23
24	25  Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	26    Bingo 6-10 PM	27  Bowling 6 PM	28   Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM		

# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Spaghetti Dinner</i> 6PM	2 Texas Hold'em 6 PM  Auxiliary Lunch 1130 @ Chili's
3	4 Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	5  Bingo 6-10 PM	6 Bowling 6 PM	House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	8 Steak Dinner 6PM	9 In House Bowling 1:00 PM
10 <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts</i>	11 Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	12  Bingo 6-10 PM	13 Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM Bowling 6 PM	14  Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	15 <i>Corn Beef &amp; Cabbage</i> 6PM	16
17 <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i>	18 Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	19  Bingo 6-10 PM	20 Bowling 6 PM	21  Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	22 <i>Weiner Roast &amp; S'mores</i> 6PM	23
24/31	25 Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	26  Bingo 6-10 PM	27 Bowling 6 PM	28  Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	29 <i>Bill's Ribs</i> 6PM	30

**POST OFFICERS**

Commander	Gerald Donnelly
Sr Vice Commander	Robert Thropp
Jr Vice Commander	Carl "Bill" Jones
Judge Advocate	Phil Haeseker
Adjutant	Mark Retzlaff
Quartermaster	Gerald Shuler
Chaplin	Bruce Howe
Surgeon	Rubin Myers
Service Officer	Charles Burkley
Trustees 1 yr	Ron Sliter
2 yr	Weldon Taylor
3 yr	William Thompson
Membership Chairman	Bill Jones
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	Bill Jones
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 Jones
	Mark Retzlaff
	John Dillingham
Canteen Manager	Charlene Dillingham

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President	Valerie French
Sr. Vice	Marian Chialastri
Jr. Vice	Joyce Donnelly
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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

**DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
3rd	Feb 16		Gainesville	10:00 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>

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Thank you

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