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**US Army Band on the 4th**

# **July - Aug 2018 Newsletter**

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

### COMMANDER REPORT

The lady bowler has a great series at Interlachen. The had a 2100 series for 3 games. They brought the trophy back to Palatka.

The men did not fair has well.

Hope everybody has a safe 4th of July. For anybody that is traveling have a safe trip.

Our Post meeting this month on July 11 will be a joint meeting with the auxiliary. We will be having a guest speaker from the Guardian ad Litem program.

There will be a Malta meeting in July. More information will come on the web site.

Commander  
Gerald Donnelly



The auxiliary bowling team won the tournament against Interlachen on June 16 The team members are:  
Kathy Thompson, Joyce Donnelly, Vickie Dixon, and Connie Neiman.

Greetings!

Just thought you'd like to know that two Vietnam medics (VFW member Steve Donovan, along with fellow vet Fred Borchardt) have recently published a humorous memoir about their wartime experiences. Their book "Long Daze at Long Binh" has been getting very good reviews: the VVA Veteran online magazine calls it "the best book about REMF (Rear Echelon) life in South Vietnam during that time period... Nobody will top it any time soon, if ever."

Also, the Midwest Book Review (Feb. 2018 issue) calls Long Daze "a unique and valued contribution to the growing library of Viet Nam War histories and memoirs." You can read all about the book at [www.longbinhdaze.com](http://www.longbinhdaze.com) where you'll find reviews, photos and sample chapters.

If you'd like to review the book for your VFW Post newsletter or website, we'll be happy to send you a PDF copy that you can read on your computer screen. Meanwhile, here are the reviews from the VVA Veteran website, the Midwest Book Review (Feb 2018 issue) and The Lost Art of Reading:

<https://booklife.com/project/long-daze-at-long-binh-23997>

For your free PDF copy of "Long Daze at Long Binh," just email us your name, title and VFW Post affiliation along with this identifier code:

IDENTIFIER CODE: CH00299024

Best regards,

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**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.

**YARD SALE** - We are doing the yard sale quarterly. Next one is scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm. If you have anything to donate, please bring it in now. Just drop it off at the Post next time your in town.

**AUXILIARY LUNCHESES** – Will be on July 14<sup>th</sup> at Sonny's BBQ and August 18th Bradley's all at 11:30 am.

We've scheduled the **ANNUAL TEACHERS ONLY SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY** for Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12 noon. And the **CANCER BINGO** for Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 -5 pm.

**BE SURE TO CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR ALL THE ACTIVITIES GOING ON AT THE POST SUCH AS:  
BINGO, LADIES NIGHT, QUEEN OF HEARTS, BOWLING TOURNAMENTS, DARTS, TEXAS HOLD'EM.**

**THESE ARE OPEN FOR EVERYONE AND THE MORE WHO PLAY THE MORE FUN WE HAVE.**

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

We did not make 100% membership this year.. Let's hope we will do better in the 2018 - 2019 year which starts July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WANTED:**

**A volunteer to be Auxiliary Assistant Treasurer. If interested contact Mary Lou at 386-435-6190.**

**CANTEEN CHATTER**

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














Reminder to check the calendar for the events that are going on.

**Charlene**

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Ladies Night 5:30-8 PM  Pizza & Bowling	3   Bingo 6-10 PM	4 Men's Night 5:30-8 pm	5 House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	6  Jim's Italian Dinner	7 Texas Hold'em 6PM  Yard Sale 9-2
8	9 Ladies Night 5:30-8 PM  Pizza & Bowling	10   Bingo 6-10 PM	11 Post & Auxiliary Joint Meeting 7 PM	12  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	13  Steak Dinner	14 Auxiliary Lunch Sonny's 11:30
15	16 Ladies Night 5:30-8 PM  Pizza & Bowling	17   Bingo 6-10 PM	18 Men's Night 5:30-8 pm	19  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	20  Spaghetti Dinner	21
22	23 Ladies Night 5:30-8 PM  Pizza & Bowling	24   Bingo 6-10 PM	25 Men's Night 5:30-8 pm	26  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	27  Black Fish Dinner	28
29	30 Ladies Night 5:30-8 PM  Pizza & Bowling	31   Bingo 6-10 PM				

# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Men's Night 5:30-8 pm Shop for School Supplies Wal-Mart 10AM AM	2 House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	3 Pot Luck Dinner	4 Texas Hold'em 6PM Teachers School Supply Give Away 10 AM-12 PM
5	6 Ladies Night 5:30-8 PM  Pizza & Bowling	7   Bingo 6-10 PM	8 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7 PM	9  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	10 Steak Dinner	11 In-house Bowling Tournament 1pm
12	13 Ladies Night 5:30-8 PM  Pizza & Bowling	14   Bingo 6-10 PM	15 Men's Night 5:30-8 pm	16  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	17 Spaghetti Dinner Dinner	18 Auxiliary Lunch Bradley's 11:30
19	20 Ladies Night 5:30-8 PM  Pizza & Bowling	21   Bingo 6-10 PM	22 Men's Night 5:30-8 pm	23  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	24 Picnic Supper Ham Cake & Ice Cream Dinner	25
26	27 Ladies Night 5:30-8 PM  Pizza & Bowling	28   Bingo 6-10 PM	29 Men's Night 5:30-8 pm	30  Queen of Hearts 7 PM  Darts 7 PM	31 Casserole Cook Off Dinner	

**POST OFFICERS**

Commander	Gerald Donnelly
Sr Vice Commander	Robert Thropp
Jr Vice Commander	Carl "Bill" Jones
Judge Advocate	Phil Haesecker
Adjutant	Vacant
Quartermaster	Gerald Shuler
Asst. Quartermaster	Charles Wellborn
Chaplin	Bruce Howe
Surgeon	Rubin Myers
Service Officer	Charles Burkley
Trustees 1st yr	Mark Retzlaff
2nd yr	Weldon Taylor
3rd yr	William Thompson
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	Gerald Donnelly
	Phil Haesecker
	Gerald Shuler
	Charlie Wellborn
Canteen Manager	Charlene Dillingham

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President	Valerie French
Sr. Vice	Marian Chialastri
Jr. Vice	Joyce Donnelly
Treasurer	Mary Lou Berry
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
1st	9/15/2018	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](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)

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