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FROM THE COMMANDER

March newsletter

I like to start by talking about National Vietnam War Veterans day. The day is celebrated on March 29. President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Recognition Act of 2017. On Friday March 29 the Veteran Village is having a golf tournament on Ocala. Then on March 30 there will be a picnic at the Veteran Village at Fort McCoy. Further information is available on the state web site which is vfwfl.org under events.

On Friday March 29 the post will have Bill's Ribs and we will be celebrating Vietnam Veterans Day.

Also on Sat. March 30 there will be a memorial in Gainesville at the Veterans Memorial Park 7400 SW 41st Place at 11:00am.

I would like to thank Bruce for his dinner on Jan. 18 and also Connie and Gene for the fish dinner on Jan.25 Two great dinners.

District meeting will be on March 23 at the Gainesville VFW at 10:00 am. Further state events are on the web site.

The state convention is June 19-23 in Orlando.

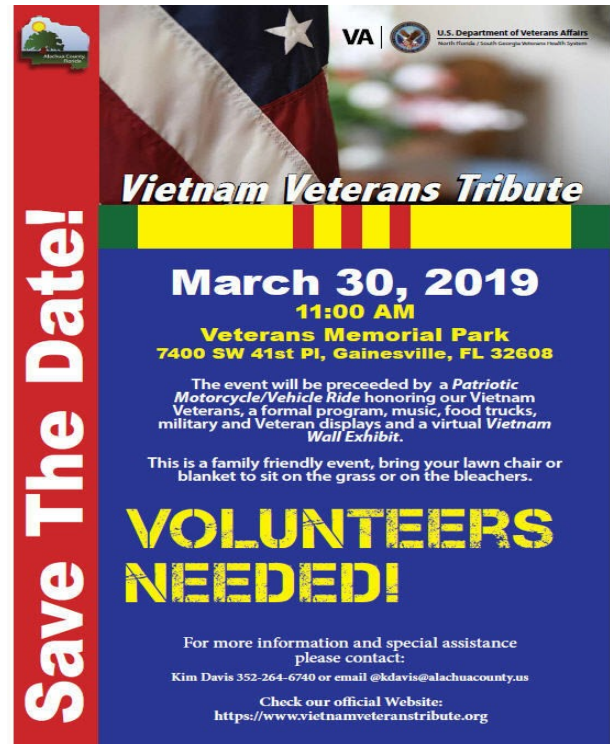
The National Convention is July 20 to 24 in Orlando.

Check the calendar for other events

Commander

Gerald Donnelly

Post Event Info



Save The Date!

Vietnam Veterans Tribute

March 30, 2019
11:00 AM
Veterans Memorial Park
7400 SW 41st Pl, Gainesville, FL 32608

The event will be preceded by a *Patriotic Motorcycle/Vehicle Ride* honoring our Vietnam Veterans, a formal program, music, food trucks, military and Veteran displays and a virtual *Vietnam Wall Exhibit*.

This is a family friendly event, bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit on the grass or on the bleachers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For more information and special assistance please contact:
Kim Davis 352-264-6740 or email kdavis@alachuacounty.us

Check our official Website:
<https://www.vietnamveterantribute.org>



VIETNAM VETERANS
TRIBUTE RIDE

Start Malcom Randall VA Medical Center
30 MAR 2019 1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608
Meet 8:30am then Kickstands up at 9:30am

Veterans Memorial Park **Finish**
7400 SW 41st Pl, Gainesville, FL 32608

To Register Contact: **Cherie Korn**
EMAIL: CKORN@ALACHUACOUNTY.US

<https://www.vietnamveterantribute.org/>

Event sponsored by: NE/SC Veterans Health System and Alachua County Veteran Services

National Vietnam Veterans Day



Vietnam Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and their families and is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago.

The [Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act](#), signed into law on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, designates March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Most states celebrate “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” on March 29 or 30 of each year. Though there is some debate, March 29 is generally viewed as a more appropriate date. On that day in 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil. It is also the date President Nixon chose for the first Vietnam Veterans Day in 1974.



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 LUNCHES

March 2, 2019 1130hrs @ Chilies

April 20, 2019 1130 hrs @ Magnolia Cafe

CANTEEN CHATTER

Check the calendar for upcoming events.

Come join us.

Charlene

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 & 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 & S'mores</i> 6PM	23 District 14 Meeting Gainesville 10 AM
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 <i>Vietnam Veterans Tribute</i> 1100 hrs Gainesville Memorial Park

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	2  Bingo 6-10 PM	3 Bowling 6 PM	4 House Committee Meeting 7 PM  Queen of Hearts 7 PM	5 Spaghetti Dinner 6PM	6 Texas Hold'em 6-10 PM
7	8 Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	9  Bingo 6-10 PM	10 Post & Auxiliary Meeting Office nominations/elections 7 PM	11 House Committee Meeting 7 PM  Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	12 Steak Dinner 6PM	13 Yard Sale 9- 2 pm Inhouse Bowling 2 PM
14	15 Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	16  Bingo 6-10 PM	17 Bowling 6 PM	8  Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	19 Fish Dinner 6PM	20 Auxiliary Lunch 1130 @ Magnolia Cafe
21	22 Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	23  Bingo 6-10 PM	24 Bowling 6 PM	25  Queen of Hearts 7 PM Darts 7 PM	26 Pork Sandwich with Tots & Corn on the Cob	27
28	29 Pizza & Bowling 6 PM	30  Bingo 6-10 PM				

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
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
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

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>

From the Publisher:

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Thank you

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