



June 2025 Newsletter



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FROM THE POST COMMANDER
Gerald Donnelly
June 2025



Greetings Comrades:

From Commander Gerald Donnelly

The VFW year for 2024-2025 will end in June with the VFW State Convention in Orlando. We have had another very successful year with all programs being completed and achieving "All State" status once again. Thanks to everyone that assisted in getting all of our programs completed.

We are reaching out to local schools for participation in the 2025-2026 year for our Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen essay contest. The theme for both contest are the same this year. "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country".

We are also seeking entries for our teachers of the year awards. There are 3 categories. K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Information for all of our programs can be found at "vfwfl.org" under the programs link at the top of the page. You can reach out to me for any questions about program inputs and deadlines.

In May, the post presented the Cadet of the Year award to Palatka Senior High School JROTC.

The Memorial Day parade and ceremony were great successes and thanks to all those who assisted and special thanks to the volunteers for the open house and those who brought food. ***A shout out and special thanks to Woodsman of the World for supplying the fried chicken.***

VFW State Convention will be held June 13 and 14 in Orlando.

There will be a Veterans Resources Fair on Wednesday, June 11 at the Putnam Veterans Services Office. See attached flyer for more details.

Yours in Comradeship,
Gerald Donnelly
Commander VFW Post 3349





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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Marian Chialastri

Happy Father's Day Everyone

June 4th—Sewing @ 10:00 AM

June 11th—Meeting @ 7PM

June 13-14th—State Convention Orlando

June 18th—Lunch at 207 Diner @ Noon

June 20thAux Dinner-Chicken Tenders, corn on cob, potato salad, watermelon \$8

On June 13th and 14th Joyce, Sherry, Lisa, Valerie and I will be attending the June State Convention and will report on what we learn at the July Meeting.

July 1st starts the new year. I look forward to a great year for our Auxiliary.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marian Chialastri

Auxiliary President



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
North Florida / South Georgia Veterans Health System

Welcome Veterans and Caregivers



Veteran Resource Fair

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 9am - 2pm

Putnam Veterans Services Office

2509 Crill Ave, Suite 800

Palatka, FL 32177



At this event:

- On-site registration/enrollment for VA healthcare
- Palatka VA CBOC staff
- Caregiver Support Program
- Suicide Prevention
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Outreach Services
- Post-9/11 Military2VA (M2VA) Case Management Program

and others.

VA SUICIDE PREVENTION COORDINATOR
Stefan Weeks 352-278-1634

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER
Raymond Buquo 386-329-0328

We hope to see you here!



Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 to commemorate the adoption of the flag of the United States. On June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution stated "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."¹ Flag Day was first proposed in 1861 to rally support for the Union side of the American Civil War. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that designated June 14 as Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was officially established by an Act of Congress. On June 14, 1937,

US Army Birthday is on June 14, 2025, the U.S. Army celebrates 250 dedicated years of protecting our nation, its people, and our way of life. Happy 250th birthday!

Established in 1775, the Army is the oldest and largest branch of the U.S. military, and formed more than a year before the Declaration of Independence was issued. The Second Continental Congress passed a resolution that created a national Army of "six companies of expert riflemen" to join Patriot forces near Boston.

JUNE HAPPENINGS

BINGO every Tuesday at 6pm

June 1—Beginning of Hurricane Season. Be Prepared

June 5—6pm House Committee Meeting

June 6—June Birthday Celebration

June 11—9am Veterans Resource Fair , Putnam VSO see attached flyer

6:50pm Queen of Hearts,

7pm Post Meeting

June 13 and 14—VFW State Convention Orlando

June 14—Flag Day,

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1pm In house bowling

June 15—Fathers Day

June 20—Jaws 50th Anniversary Party in the canteen. Jaws movie will be showing.

June 21—First day of summer

June 27—Bill's Ribs, Order early

June 28—1pm In House Bowling

VFW Palatka Post 3349 Calendar. We are located at 3201 Reid St.
(Web Site: VFW3349.org) Phone 386-328-2863

June 2025

Canteen Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 3:00 to 9:00 PM Thursday, Friday - 12:00 to 9:00 PM Sat - noon to 5:00 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>June 1</i>	<i>June 2</i> <i>Pizza & Bowling</i> <i>5:30 PM</i>	<i>June 3</i> <i>BINGO</i> <i>6PM</i>	<i>June 4</i> <i>Queen of Hearts</i> <i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>June 5</i> <i>1</i> <i>7 PM Darts / Bowling</i> <i>House Comm</i>	<i>June 6</i> <i>6PM</i> Hamburgers June Birthdays D-Day 1944	<i>June 7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Pizza & Bowling</i> <i>5:30 PM</i>	<i>10</i> <i>BINGO</i> <i>6PM</i>	<i>11</i> <i>9 Veterans Resource Fair</i> <i>Queen of Hearts</i> <i>6:50PM</i> <i>Post Meeting</i> <i>7:00PM</i>	<i>12</i> <i>7 PM Darts / Bowling</i>	<i>13</i> Steak Nite \$15.00 VFW State Convention	<i>14</i> Army 250th Birthday Bowling VFW State Convention Flag Day
<i>15</i> Father's Day	<i>16</i> <i>Pizza & Bowling</i> <i>5:30 PM</i>	<i>17</i> <i>BINGO</i> <i>6PM</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Queen of Hearts</i> <i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>19</i> <i>7 PM Darts / Bowling</i> <i>Juneteenth</i>	<i>20</i> 50th Anniv Jaws Party Aux Dinner Chicken Tenders Sides \$8	<i>21</i> <i>First Day Of Summer</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Pizza & Bowling</i> <i>5:30 PM</i>	<i>24</i> <i>BINGO</i> <i>6PM</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Queen of Hearts</i> <i>7:00PM</i>	<i>26</i> <i>7 PM Darts / Bowling</i>	<i>27</i> Bill Ribs	<i>28</i> <i>In House Bowling</i> <i>1:00 PM</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Pizza & Bowling</i> <i>5:30 PM</i>	<i>July 1st</i> <i>BINGO</i> <i>6PM</i>	<i>July 2nd</i> <i>Queen of Hearts</i> <i>7:00PM</i>	<i>July 3rd</i> <i>7 PM Darts / Bowling</i> <i>House Comm</i>	<i>July 4th</i> Celebrating American Independence	<i>July 5th</i>

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gerald Donnelly
Sr Vice Commander	Tammy Spaulding
Jr Vice Commander	Jack Gibbs
Judge Advocate	Weldon Taylor
Adjutant	Gerald Shuler
Quartermaster	Gerald Shuler
Chaplin	Kevin Donnelly
Surgeon	Rubin Myers
Service Officer	Bruce Howe
Trustees 1 yr	Weldon Taylor
2 yr	Valerie Johns
3 yr	William Thompson
Membership Chairman	Commander
Employment Officer	Weldon Taylor
Legislative Officer	John Dillingham
Disaster Preparedness/Relief	Bill Thompson
Historian	John Dillingham
House Committee Chairman	Gene Nieman
National Home for Children	Quartermaster
Communications/Media Relations	Commander

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman	Gerald Donnelly
Members	Commander and ALL Members

COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA RELATIONS

Chairman	Commander
Members	Adjutant and Quartermaster

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Gene Nieman
Members	Gerald Donnelly Kevin Donnelly Gerald Shuler Rubin Myers Jack Gibbs Bruce Howe
Canteen Manager	Vickie Dixon

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Marian Chialastri
Sr. Vice	Joyce Donnelly
Jr. Vice	Malinda Taylor
Treasurer	Valerie French
Secretary	Jan Stephens
Chaplain	Kathie Thompson
Conductress	Sherry Smith
Guard	Robert Stephens
1Yr. Trustee	Sherry Smith
2Yr. Trustee	Joyce Donnelly
3Yr. Trustee	Kathie Thompson
Patriotic Inst.	Kathie Thompson

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
1st	TBD			

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 Magazine:
<https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/vfw-magazine>

VFW Store Online:
www.vfwstore.org

VFW Department of Florida Web Site:
<https://vfwfl.org>

National Do Not Call Registry
www.donotcall.gov

VFW Post Website
<http://vfw3349.org>

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by the 20th of each month.

Thank you

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