



December 2023 Newsletter



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FROM THE COMMANDER December 2023

It is hard to believe that 2023 is coming to a close. This year was another good one.

-The Post made All American for the third time and All State too. The newsletter won first place in the state for the VFW.

-The program the Post put on for the Club Scout Pack 235 was very nice. Thank to everybody that came to the program. The flag ceremony was very nice.

-Thanks to Jack Gibbs and Tammy Spaulding for the Buddy Poppy Drive at Hitchcocks. Thanks to everyone who help. The Post raised 1330 dollars. Another super job by all.

-The Post had 16 entries for the Patriots Pen Competition. Thanks to all the students who wrote their essay. Thanks to the students who wrote essays for the Voice of Democracy.

-The children Christmas breakfast is on Saturday December 9 from 9 to 11 AM.

-The Post needs help for the Bartender Appreciate on Saturday December 16. You only have to bartend for one hour if we get enough help.

-Egg Nog is on Saturday December 23 from 1 till.

-The post will be closed on Christmas December 25.

The Commander and Post members wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commander Gerald Donnelly

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT December 2023

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. The Veterans Day parade and open house were very nice. The special service at the post Memorial Garden was a wonderful experience. Thank you Commander Donnelly for doing this for everyone.

District meeting was held on November 18 in Gainesville. Special guest Department of Florida Sr. Vice President Virginia (Ginger) Brehmer shared a lot of information. She also informed us that per National any annual member who has not paid their annual dues by December 31, 2023 will no longer be an auxiliary member as of January 1, 2024. You will lose all privileges including going into canteen as of January 1, 2024. You will have to rejoin the auxiliary same as a new member including showing DD 214 from the veteran you are joining under. Please pay your annual dues ASAP if you haven't already paid them. Valerie and I will be reporting on this and other information at the December meeting on December 13, 2023.

Children's Christmas Party will be on December 9 from 9 to 11. Breakfast will be served Children 12 and under eat free all others paid \$5.00 each person.

December 13 monthly meeting at 7 p.m.

December 15 Chili cook off

December 16 Bartenders Appreciation 6 to 9 p.m

December 23 Eggnog party 1 to 3 p.m

December 29 Auxiliary Dinner by Kathie and Jan. Menu to be announced.

No Auxiliary lunch in December. We will be going to lunch on January 9, 2024 at noon at the Longhorn (old Golden Coral).

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President

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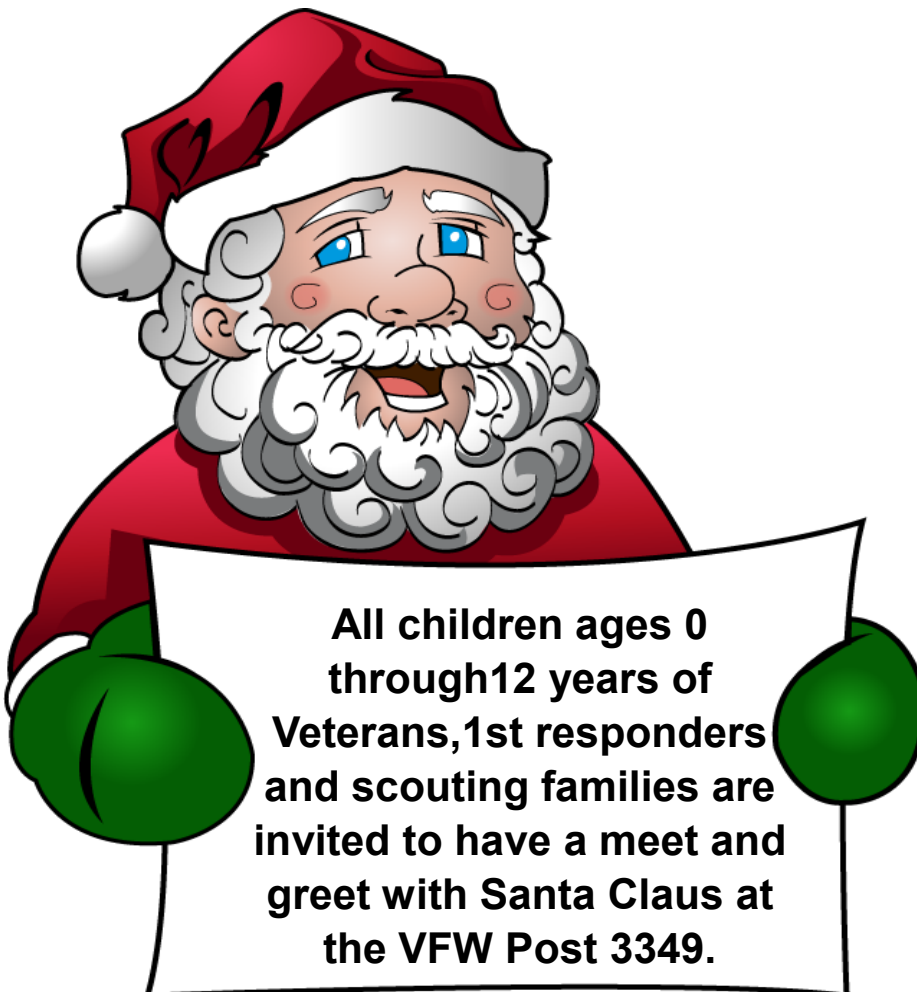
Children's

Christmas Party

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

KIDS FREE, ADULTS \$5

SATURDAY 12/09/23 9:00 AM



*If any questions
call Commander
Jerry Donnelly at
(717) 965-3266*

Needs of the Post

Volunteer Bartenders for Bartenders Appreciation Night. Sign up in the Canteen if you can help. No experience necessary! Just be willing to have fun!



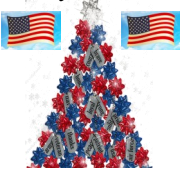


- Bingo workers are needed, especially additional Bingo Callers. No experience required, just a willingness to work with the public. We will train. Call the post or Email MediaVFW3349@gmail.com

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Canteen Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 3:00 to 9:00 PM Friday - 1:00 to 9:00 PM Sat - noon to 5:00

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6PM Friday Dinner- Grilled Hamburgers	2
3	4 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	5 Bingo 6 pm	6 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	7 House Committee at 6 pm <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm Pearl Harbor  Day 	8 6PM Friday Steak Night \$15.00 Please Pre-order	9 <i>Children's Christmas Break- fast at 9:00 AM</i> <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
10	11 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	12 Bingo 6 pm	13 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM Post meeting at 7:00 PM	14 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	15 6PM Friday Dinner Annual Chili Cook Off	16 Bartender Appreciation evening from 5 to 9 PM.
17	18 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	19 Bingo 6 pm	20 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	21 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	22 6PM Friday Night Dinner— <i>Winner-Winner chicken dinner by Jerry</i>	23 Egg Nog party 1 to 3 PM <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
24	25 Post Closed Merry Christmas! 	26 Bingo 6 pm	27 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	28 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	29 6PM Friday Dinner Kathy & Jan Special!	30
31	<i>Jan 01</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>Jan 02</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>Jan 03</i> Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	<i>Jan 04</i> Darts 7 pm	<i>Jan 05</i> 6PM Dinner Grilled Hamburg- ers	<i>Jan 06</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	Valerie Johns
Service Officer	Bruce Howe
Trustees 1 yr	William Thompson
2 yr	Weldon Taylor
3 yr	Ron Sliter
Membership Chairman	Commander
Employment Officer	Weldon Taylor
Legislative Officer	John Dillingham
Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
Historian	John Dillingham
House Committee Chairman	Gene Nieman
National Home for Children	Quartermaster
Communications/Media Relations	Commander

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman	Bruce Howe
Members	Commander and ALL Members

COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA RELATIONS

Chairman	Commander
Members	Adjutant and Quartermaster

HOUSE COMMITTEE

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

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Marian Chialastri
Sr. Vice	Joyce Donnelly
Jr. Vice	Malinda Taylor
Treasurer	Valerie French
Secretary	Minnie Stephens
Chaplain	Dorothy Donovan
Conductress	Linda Sliter
Guard	Robert Stephens
1Yr. Trustee	Kathy Thompson
2Yr. Trustee	Rebecca Burnham
3Yr. Trustee	Dorothy Donovan
Patriotic Inst.	Dorothy Donovan

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
3rd	Feb10	3349	Palatka	10:00

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>

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Newsletter Editor