



December 2025 Newsletter

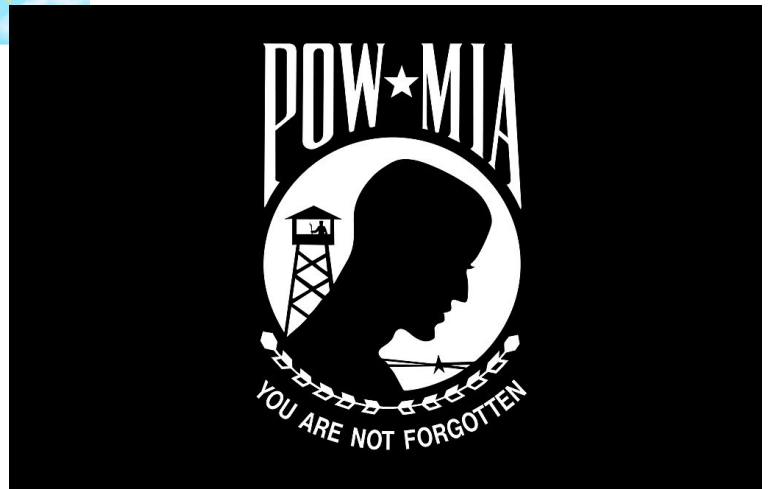


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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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FROM THE POST COMMANDER
Gerald Donnelly
December 2025



From Commander Gerald Donnelly

Greetings Comrades:

A big thankyou to all that made the Veterans Day open house a big success. The food was plentiful and awesome as usual.

The Post will open at 0730 on December 6th for those preparing food for the Children's Christmas Breakfast with Santa. Santa will arrive and Breakfast will be served at 0900.

The 19th we will celebrate bartender appreciation. Please sign up now for a one hour shift beginning at 5PM and going until the lights go out.

The Post will be open from 1200 to 1700 on Christmas Eve for our annual eggnog party and closed on Christmas Day.

We will open on New Years Eve, but may close early depending on how many people are at the Post. We will be open regular hours on New Years day with bloody mary specials.

Looking forward into January we will have our student award ceremony on the 14th at 1800 hours. The Post will honor our Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy winners as well as 2nd and 3rd place winners. We will also honor our teacher of the year that night.

Have a Merry Christmas and
a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

Gerald Donnelly
Commander VFW Post 3349





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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Marian Chialastri

Hello Members,

Merry Christmas Everyone!

December 6th-Breakfast with Santa from 9-11, cost is \$5 for anyone over the age of 12, including workers.

Kids 12 and under eat free.

December 10th-Monthly Meeting at 7PM.

December 19th-Bartenders Appreciation, no dinner that night, bring snack food for all to enjoy.

December 24th-Egg Nog Party Noon till 2, bring a Christmas Snack to share.

No Auxiliary Dinner or lunch in December.

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS!!

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Chialastri

Auxiliary President



National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

“Pearl Harbor Day, is observed annually in the United States on December 7, to remember and honor the 2,403 Americans who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii , which led to the United States declaring war on Japan the next day and thus entering World War II.

“The attack on December 7, 1941 sank four U.S. Navy battleships and damaged four others. It also damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, and one minelayer. Aircraft losses were 188 destroyed and 159 damaged. “

“On Pearl Harbor Day, the American flag should be flown at half-staff until sunset to honor those who died as a result of the attack on U.S. military forces in Hawaii. Pearl Harbor Day is not a federal holiday – government offices, schools, and businesses do not close. Some organizations may hold special events in memory of those killed or injured at Pearl Harbor “



Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization founded in 2007, dedicated to honoring veterans by placing wreaths on their graves during the holiday season. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day volunteers gather at over 5,200 locations across the US and abroad to Remember, Honor, and Teach about the sacrifices made by veterans. This year, the event will take place on December 13th. You can get involved by sponsoring a wreath or participating in local ceremonies.

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

December 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
	Dec 1st <i>Pizza & Bowling</i> 5:30 PM	Dec 2nd <i>BINGO</i> 6PM	Dec 3rd <i>Queen of Hearts</i> 7PM	Dec 4th <i>House Comm</i> 6PM 7 PM Darts	Dec 5th <i>Hamburgers Fries</i>	Dec 6th Childrens Christmas Party 9-11AM In House Bowling 1:00 PM
7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8th <i>Pizza & Bowling</i> 5:30 PM	9th <i>BINGO</i> 6PM	10th Post Meeting 7PM <i>Queen of Hearts</i> 6:50PM	11th 7 PM Darts Bowling	12th <i>Steak Nite</i>	13th Army/Navy Game
14 <i>Hanukkah Begins</i>	15 <i>Pizza & Bowling</i> 5:30 PM)	16 <i>BINGO</i> 6PM	17 <i>Queen of Hearts</i> 7PM	18 7 PM Darts / Bowling	19 <i>Bartender Appreciation Night</i> No Dinner Bring snacks to share	20 In House Bowling 1:00 PM
21 <i>Winter Begins</i>	22 <i>Pizza & Bowling</i> 5:30 PM	23 <i>BINGO</i> 6PM	24 <i>Egg Nog Party</i> Noon till 2 Bring Snack Food Post closes at 5	Dec 25 7 <i>Christmas</i> Post Closed	26 <i>No Dinner</i> <i>Kwanza</i>	27
28	29 <i>Pizza & Bowling</i> 5:30 PM	30 <i>BINGO</i> 6PM	31	Jan 1 2026 New Years Day Noon to 9	Jan 2	Jan3

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	Valerie Johns
2 yr	William Thompson
3 yr	Weldon Taylor
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	Lucie Barnette
Secretary	Jan Stephens
Chaplain	Kathie Thompson
Conductress	Sherry Smith
Guard	Betty Burnham
1Yr. Trustee	Joyce Donnelly
2Yr. Trustee	Valerie French
3Yr. Trustee	Robert Stephens
Patriotic Inst.	Kathie Thompson

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
3rd	2/21/26	2206	Lake City	10am
4th	5/16/26	2811	Gainesville	10am

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 25th of each month.

Thank you

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