



January 2024 Newsletter



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FROM THE COMMANDER January 2024

I hope everybody had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Children Christmas Breakfast was very nice. The Auxiliary served about 70 people who brought their children. The Post and Auxiliary did a superior job making the breakfast and serving the people.

The Bartender appreciation on December 16, 2023 was very nice. I would like to thank everybody who helped tend the bar.

The New Year is here and there are many events that the post will be involved in this year. On Wednesday, January 10th, the post will honor our Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teachers of the Year with a meet and greet beginning at 6:00 PM. At 6:45 PM the post will begin the ceremony. This will be a joint meeting. The post meeting will start following the awards ceremony.

I would like to see more members at the post meetings. Our meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. It would be nice to have more participation by our members at each meeting. It is your time to input and discuss events we sponsor throughout the year. Please help to make us the best post possible. I'm looking forward to see each of you this year.

Respectfully,

Commander Gerald Donnelly

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT January 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

—Our children's Christmas party was a huge success. We had 42 children and 47 adults. They all enjoyed a delicious breakfast and each child received a gift from Santa. Thank you Joyce and Kathie for doing all the shopping.

—A big thank you to Bruce for playing Santa, Annie for doing the face painting, and the fire department for bringing the safe house for the kids to play in, Linda for being the greeter and Valerie for playing Santa's elf. Thanks to our chefs Gene, Robert, Bill, Jack, Larry, Joe Ortiz and Jerry Donnelly, great job guys. Our Auxiliary members for serving Kathie, Jan, Malinda and Vickie. Joyce as always you did a great job with the planning, shopping, and making sure everything went well.

—January will be a busy one for the auxiliary. January 9 lunch at Longhorn at 11:00 instead of noon as they fill up fast for service.

—January 10 will be a joint meeting. We are doing the Teacher of the year, voice of Democracy and the Patriotic Pen winners. We will have a greet and meet at 6 p.m. before the meeting. Please bring finger foods to share.

—January 16 sewing

—January 19 thru 21 Winter Conference at Westgate. Sherry, Valerie, Jan, Robert, Kathie, Joyce and myself will be attending and we will report on what we learn at our February meeting.

—January 26 Auxiliary dinner by Valerie and Marian. Sloppy Joes for \$6.00

We will be going to lunch on January 9, 2024 at noon at the Longhorn (old Golden Corral).

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President

New Canteen Hours & Prices

Beginning January 1st we will be charging an increase of 25 cents for each alcoholic beverage. We have not had an increase in years and we try to keep the lowest price possible for our members while still keeping the canteen as a self supporting entity.

We will change our hours of operation for the next few months to bring us more in line with our pre-covid open hours. We have had suggestions that we do not open early enough so we will open at noon on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If we have enough members using this time period we will possibly open earlier in the week. If not, we will revert to our previous times in order to decrease overhead expenses. Thank you for your help and patronage in making our Post the best it can be! Your Quartermaster, *Gerald W. Shuler*

- 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



January 2024

Canteen Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 3:00 to 9:00 PM Thursday, Friday, Saturday - Noon to 9:00 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>NEW YEARS! BLOODY MARY SPECIALS & BOWL GAMES</i> Pizza & Bowling 1:00 pm	2 Bingo 6 pm	3 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	4 House Committee at 6 pm <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	5 6PM Friday Dinner- Grilled Hamburgers	6
7	8 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	9 Bingo 6 pm	10 <i>Award Presentations at 6 PM</i> Post meeting at 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts 7:00	11 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	12 6PM Friday Steak Night \$15.00 Please Pre-order Live Music DJ tonight!	13 <i>NFL wild card</i> <i>In House Bowling at 1:00 PM</i>
14 <i>NFL wild card games Post open at noon for 1st game!</i>	15 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	16 Bingo 6 pm	17 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	18 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm Department Mid-Winter Conference in Orlando	19 6PM Friday Dinner Connies Special	20
21	22 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	23 Bingo 6 pm	24 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	25 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	26 6PM Friday Night Dinner— <i>Sloppy Joes by the Auxiliary</i>	27 <i>In House Bowling at 1:00 PM</i>
28	29 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	30 Bingo 6 pm	31 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	Feb 01 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	Feb 02 6PM Friday Dinner—Grilled Hamburgers	Feb 03
Feb 04	Feb 05 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	Feb 06 Bingo 6 pm	Feb 07 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	Feb 08 Darts 7 pm	Feb 09 6PM Dinner Steak Night \$15.00 Please Pre-order	Feb 10 <i>District Meeting at 10 AM, Palatka Post.</i>

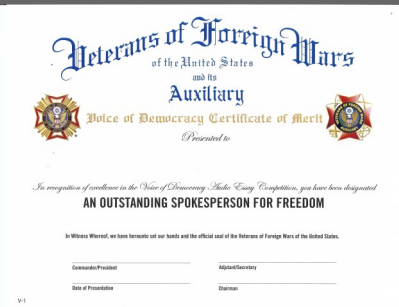
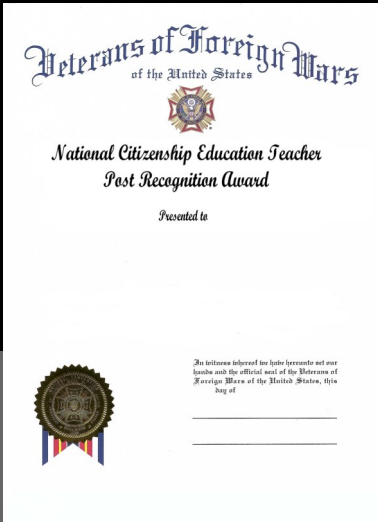
WHERE:

3201 REID ST.

PALATKA, FL

Time: 6:00 PM

**Date: Wednesday
January 10th
2024**



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Annual School Awards Ceremony

Please join us for a Meet and Greet for all our Award Winners where we will honor them with Certificates and Monetary Awards. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 PM and the Awards Ceremony will take place beginning at 6:45 PM. We will be awarding four Teacher of the Year Awards, three Voice of Democracy Awards and four Patriots Pen Awards this year.

Contact the Post at our Email with any questions: Post3349@vfwfl.org

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
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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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