



# September 2023 Newsletter



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*September 15th  
POW/MIA  
recognition day*



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FROM THE COMMANDER September 2023

I am busy working on the Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy, and The Teacher of the Year. I talked with the JROTC of Palatka High and Crescent City Jr.Sr. High Schools on August 15, 2023. I talked to both about a Teacher of the Year and the essay for Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy.

I called Moseley Elementary for a Teacher of the Year on August 17, 2023.

On August 12 I went to the Florida VFW School of Instruction in Orlando. I had to stay for the reward program in the afternoon. I received the All State for Post 3349 for the third year in a row. The Post also made All-American for the third year in a row.

I would like to thank everybody who helped to rebuild a back deck for a veteran. The repair was done on August 25.

The Post has a district meeting at Lake City on September 9 at 1000 hours. If anybody would like to go contact the Post for a ride.

On October 7 the Auxiliary will have a fund raiser for cancer with bingo at 12 to 5 PM. You can donate to this cause by contacting the Post. There will be lunch for a small price before bingo.

*Commander Gerald Donnelly*

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT September 2023

September is here already and hopefully some cooler weather.

September 9 District Meeting in Lake City at 10 a.m.  
Breakfast at 9 a.m.

September 13 monthly meeting at 7 PM.

September 20 lunch at 207 Dinner in East Palatka at noon.

Yard sale will be 9/23 8 to noon. Please bring your donations to the auxiliary room before 9/21.

September 26 Sewing at 10 AM in the auxiliary room. You don't have to know how to sew, we need people to pin, cut quilts so they can be sewn.

Cancer bingo will be on October 7 noon till 5 p.m. Please invite your family and friends to come out and have a day of fun playing bingo, taking chances on door prizes and raffles. Lunch will be sold for \$5.00 each. Choices will be pulled pork sandwich with chips by Marian or pasta salad and crackers by Valerie. Remember all money raised stays in Putnam County to help people in Putnam County with their cancer treatment.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President*



September



# POW/MIA recognition day

[POW/MIA Recognition Day](#) is commemorated on the third Friday of every September, a date that's not associated with any particular war. In 1979, Congress and the president passed resolutions making it official after the families of the more than 2,500 Vietnam War POW/MIAs pushed for full accountability.

The point of POW/MIA Recognition Day is to ensure that American remembers to stand behind those who serve and to make sure we do everything we can to account for those who have never returned.

The traditional [POW/MIA flag](#) that's well-known across America was actually created many years before the remembrance day became official.

In 1971, Mary Hoff contacted a flag company near her home to see whether a flag reminding people of POWs and the missing could be made. She was one of the many waiting to see whether her husband, [Navy](#) Lt. Cmdr. Michael Hoff, would ever return home after his plane had been shot down over Laos.

World War II pilot Newt Heisley designed the now-famous flag, which was made in black and white to represent the sorrow, anxiety and hope symbolized by the image of the gaunt man featured on it.

For every POW/MIA Recognition Day since 1982, the flag has flown just below the stars and stripes at the White House – the only other flag to ever do so. In 1998, Congress ordered it to also be displayed on Armed Forces Day, [Memorial Day](#), Flag Day, [Independence Day](#) and [Veterans Day](#).

Above information obtained from <https://www.military.com/history/4-things-know-pow-mia-recognition-day.html>

The VFW is the only veterans organization to return to Southeast Asia every year since 1991, to Russia since 2004, and now into China for nearly a decade. The VFW opens doors on a vet-to-vet level that makes us the envy of U.S. government politicians and bureaucrats who must follow a strict protocol.

The [VFW's Action Corps](#) weekly e-newsletter lists returned MIAs once their names are posted on the [Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's](#) website.

[Download our POW brochure.](#)

# Still Serving

A new deck was built for one of our elderly disabled members who needed a helping hand. Thank you to all who participated.



**The Finished Project!**

# September 2023

**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 <i>VJ Day</i>
3	4 Labor Day  Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	5 Bingo 6 pm	6 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	7 <b>House Committee at 6 pm</b> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	8 6PM Friday Steak Night \$15.00 Please Pre-order	9 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>  <i>District Meeting at Lake City 10AM</i>
10	11  <b>Patriot Day</b> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	12 Bingo 6 pm	13 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM <b>Post meeting at 7:00 PM</b>	14 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	15  <b>MIA/POW rec- ognition day.</b> 6PM Friday Dinner Connie's Sky- line Chili	16
17	18 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm  <b>Air Force birthday</b>	19 Bingo 6 pm	20 Queen of Hearts 7 pm <b>Aux Luncheon at 207 diner- noon</b>	21 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	22 6PM Friday Night Dinner— Vickie & Tammy Special	23 <b>Yard Sale 8 to noon</b>  <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
24	25 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	26 Bingo 6 pm	27 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	28 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	29 <b>VFW Day</b> 6PM Friday Dinner  Jerry Shuler's Chicken & Rice	30
<i>Oct 01</i>	<i>Oct 02</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>Oct 03</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>Oct 04</i> Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	<i>Oct 05</i> Darts 7 pm	<i>Oct 06</i> 6PM Dinner Grilled Hamburg- ers	<i>Oct 07</i> <b>Cancer Bingo</b>

### 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	Valerie French
Chaplain	Dorothy Donovan
Conductress	Linda Sliter
Guard	Bradlie Mulvey
1Yr. Trustee	Dorothy Donovan
2Yr. Trustee	Diane Shuler
3Yr. Trustee	Rebecca Burnham
Patriotic Inst.	Dorothy Donovan

### DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
1st	Sept09	2206	Lake City	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>

VFW National Headquarters Web Site: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

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

VFW Store Online: [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org)

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

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