



# May 2024 Newsletter



# All American Post

VFW POST 3349

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## *Memorial Day*

## *Remember*

## *Our Heroes*



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FROM THE POST COMMANDER

**Gerald Donnelly**

May 2024



Greetings Comrades,

I am healing very slowly. I cannot put weight on the leg. I go to the doctor on May 8.

On May 4 the post is going to do VFW Service Day. The post is going to have a blood drive. Bingo will be from 1100 to 1300 hours. Money raised will go to Epic Cure, a local food bank. The Auxiliary

is going to have a Yard Sale from 0800 to 1030 hours.

On May 9 the post will honor our Fireman and Policeman of the Year at the Palatka City meeting at 1800 hours. The Post will honor the Putnam County Fireman and Policeman of the Year at 0900 hours at the Putnam County Complex.

On May 27 there will be a parade for Memorial Day. The parade will be on St John Street from 11th street to the Riverfront.

After the parade there will be a ceremony at the Riverfront.

The post will have an Open House from 1200 to 1400 hours.

There will be food at the open house by Post and Auxiliary.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold our State Convention In Orlando on June 14 and 15 at the Renaissance Hotel.

Further information can be found on [vfwfl.org](http://vfwfl.org) web site.

*Sincerely,*

*Commander Gerald Donnelly*



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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Marian Chialastri

May 2022



Greetings Everyone,

***HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL!***

May 4 will be a Day of Service for the post and Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will have a yard sale from 8 to 10:30 a.m. A blood drive is being held at the post on May 4 please donate if you're eligible. There will be bingo at the Post also so plan on attending.

May is a slow month for the Auxiliary

May 4 yard sale from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

May 8 monthly meeting

May 15 Lunch at Woodland Burgers and Wings at 11:00 a.m. (located on Hwy 19 the Old Red Door Chinese Restaurant)

May 22 sewing 10:00 a.m.

The convention will be June 13, 14, 15, and 16 at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World.

*Respectfully,*





VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

May 27th



# Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Congress passed the [Uniform Holiday Act](#) in 1968 that Memorial Day was officially recognized on the last Monday in May. This law went into effect in 1971.



**Memorial  
Day**  
*Never Forget  
Ever Honor*

The [National Moment Remembrance Act](#) sets aside 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day as a moment to pause in remembrance of our fallen Heroes.

On Memorial Day the flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon only, then raised briskly to the top of the staff until sunset, in honor of the nation's Battle Heroes.

# May 2024

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

| Sun                           | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|--|
|                               | Pizza & Bowling<br>5:30 pm   | Bingo 6 pm   | 1<br>Queen of Hearts<br>7 pm   | 2<br><i>Darts / Bowling</i><br>7 pm<br>House Committee<br>at 6:00 PM | 3<br>Grilled Ham-<br>burgers for Din-<br>ner 6PM<br><b>\$6.00</b>   | 4<br>VFW day of service.<br>Aux Yard Sale 8:00<br>Blood Drive  |
| 5                             | 6<br>Pizza & Bowling<br>5:30 pm  | 7<br>Bingo 6 pm                                    | 8<br>Queen of Hearts<br>Post meeting at<br>7:00 PM                               | 9<br>Darts 7 pm  | 10<br>6PM Dinner<br>Dinner Steak<br>Night \$15.00   | 11<br><i>In House Bowl-<br/>ing at 1:00 PM</i>   |
| 12<br><i>Mothers<br/>Day!</i> | 13<br>Pizza & Bowling<br>5:30 pm   | 14<br>Bingo 6 pm                                   | 15<br>Queen of Hearts<br>7:00 PM<br>Aux Luncheon<br>at Woodland<br>Burgers 11:00 | 16<br><i>Darts / Bowling</i><br>7 pm                                 | 17<br>6PM Dinner<br>Jerry Shuler's<br>Roasted Chicken<br>Tenders over<br>Stuffing with<br>Mashed Potatoes/<br>Gravy/Green | 18   |
| 19                            | 20<br>Pizza & Bowling<br>5:30 pm   | 21<br>Bingo 6 pm                                   | 22<br>Queen of Hearts<br>7 pm<br>Auxiliary Sewing<br>at 10:00                    | 23<br><i>Darts / Bowling</i><br>7 pm                                 | 24<br>6PM<br>Auxiliary<br>Night Dinner—<br>TBA  | 25<br><i>In House Bowl-<br/>ing at 1:00 PM</i><br>Flag placement<br>On Veteran Graves<br>Poppy Drive at Hitchcocks Grocery |
| 26                            | 27 <br>Memorial Day<br>10:00 - Parade<br>12:00 Open House<br>Pizza & Bowling<br>5:30 pm | 28<br>Bingo 6 pm<br>Flag Pick-Up<br>Veteran Graves | 29<br>Queen of Hearts<br>7 pm  | 30<br><i>Darts / Bowling</i><br>7 pm                                 | 31<br>Connie's Turkey<br>Friday Dinner  | June 1<br>VFW Quartermas-<br>ter & Trustee<br>School of Instruc-<br>tion in Orlando  |
| June 2                        | June 3<br>Pizza & Bowling<br>5:30 pm   | June 4<br>Bingo 6 pm                               | June 5<br>Queen of Hearts<br>7 pm  | June 6<br><i>Darts / Bowling</i><br>7 pm                             | June 7<br>Grilled Ham-<br>burgers for Din-<br>ner 6PM<br><b>\$6.00</b>  | June 8<br><i>In House Bowl-<br/>ing at 1:00 PM</i>   |



# Palatka Post 3349

## VFW DAY OF SERVICE — LEADING THE CHARGE TO SERVE

America's veterans are #StillServing in communities across the country. The third annual VFW Day of Service is May 4, 2024 — marking the start of veteran-led community service projects throughout the month.



*Blood Drive  
10 AM to 2 PM  
VFW POST 3349  
3201 Reid Street  
Palatka Florida*

# Saturday May 4th Blood Drive Bingo!

Bingo will be held from 11:00 to 1:00. Two sessions will be held. Five games each session. Each packet will cost \$5.00. All proceeds will go to Epic Cure, a local Food Supply source. Two free bingo packets will be given to anyone who donates to the blood drive before bingo. Free hotdogs for lunch. Other drawings and raffles will be available. Come join us for a worthy local cause.

### 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                           | Valerie Johns    |
| Membership Chairman            | Commander        |
| Employment Officer             | Weldon Taylor    |
| Legislative Officer            | John Dillingham  |
| Disaster Preparedness/Relief   |                  |
| Historian                      | John Dillingham  |
| House Committee Chairman       | Gene Neiman      |
| 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 Neiman   |
| Members         | Gerald Donnelly    Jack Gibbs<br>Gerald Shuler    Rubin Myers<br>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  |
|-----|------|------|----------|-------|
| 1st | TBA  | UKN  | UKN      | 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>

National Do Not Call Registry [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)

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

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