



# June 2024 Newsletter



# All American Post

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## Flag Day

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**FROM THE POST COMMANDER**

**Gerald Donnelly**

**June 2024**



**Greetings Comrades,**

My leg is healing very nicely. I have to thank my wife for taking me to the meeting I made in May.

On May 4th the post held our Day of Service. The post sponsored a blood drive administered by the Life South Bloodmobile. There were 10 blood donors from the post. The post held a dual bingo session and all the money will be donated to Epic-Cure Food Bank. The post raised 621 dollars through bingo and we plan on increasing the donation to \$750 after our upcoming monthly meeting. I would like to thank Aetna Insurance for donating \$500 for the food and other incidental costs associated with our Day of Service.

On May 9th I went to the Palatka City Meeting to give out our City Fireman and Policeman of the Year awards. I would like to thank Gerald Shuler for his help with this ceremony.

On May 14th I went to the Putnam County Commissioners meeting to give out our County Fireman and Law Enforcement of the Year awards. I would like to thank Bill Thompson for his help with this ceremony.

I would like to thank Bill Thompson, Jack Gibbs, Robert Stephens and Gene Nieman for building a ramp for a veteran. Great job.

I would like to thank Tammy Spaulding and Jack Gibbs for running the Buddy Poppy Drive at Hitchcocks Grocery. Additional thanks to Gene and Connie Nieman for walking the Parade with Buddy Poppies. A total of \$800 dollars was collected through the Memorial Day week.

I'm still looking for people to step up and help with different programs that the Post will be doing next year.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their 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

June 2024

**Greetings Everyone,**  
**HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL OUR DADS**

June 13 14 15 and 16 is the Convention in Orlando. Sherry and I will be attending and will report at the July meeting.

June 12 is our monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Please try and attend.

June 19 is lunch at Beef O'Bradys at noon.

Our Officers for 2024-2025 are  
PRESIDENT Marian Chialastri  
SR VICE Joyce Donnelly  
JR VICE Malinda Taylor  
TREASURER Valerie French  
CHAPLAIN Kathie Thompson  
CONDUCTRESS Sherry Smith  
GUARD Robert Stephens  
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR Kathie Thompson  
SECRETARY Jan Stephens  
1ST YEAR TRUSTEE Sherry Smith  
2ND YEAR TRUSTEE Joyce Donnelly  
3RD YEAR TRUSTEE Kathie Thompson  
I look forward to working with all the officers.

*Respectfully,*  
*President Marion Chialastri*



# VFW

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



# June 14th

# Army Birthday

The **United States Army (USA)** is the [land service](#) branch of the [United States Armed Forces](#). The Army is the oldest branch of the U.S. military and the most senior in order of precedence.<sup>[15]</sup> It has its roots in the [Continental Army](#), which was formed on 14 June 1775 to fight against the British for independence during the [American Revolutionary War](#) (1775–1783). It is the largest military branch. The mission of the U.S. Army is "to fight and win our Nation's wars, by providing prompt, sustained land dominance, across the full range of military operations." The branch participates in conflicts worldwide and is the major ground-based offensive and defensive force of the United States of America. Before 1933, members of the Army National Guard were considered state militia until they were mobilized into the U.S. Army, typically on the onset of war. Since the 1933 amendment to the [National Defense Act of 1916](#), all Army National Guard soldiers have held dual status. They serve as National Guardsmen under the authority of the governor of their state or territory and as reserve members of the U.S. Army under the authority of the president, in the Army National Guard of the United States.



Since the adoption of the total force policy, in the aftermath of the Vietnam War, reserve component soldiers have taken a more active role in U.S. military operations. For example, Reserve and Guard units took part in the [Gulf War](#), peacekeeping in [Kosovo](#), Afghanistan, and the [2003 invasion of Iraq](#).

All information taken from "[United States Army - Wikipedia](#)"

# June 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
2	3 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	4 Bingo 6 pm	5 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	6  <b>D-Day</b> 6 pm House Committee 7 pm Darts / Bowling	7 Grilled Ham- burgers & Corn on the Cob for Dinner 6PM \$6.00	8
9	10 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	11 Bingo 6 pm	12 Queen of Hearts  Post meeting at 7:00 PM	13 Darts 7 pm	14  <b>Flag Day &amp; Army Birthday</b> 6PM Dinner Dinner Steak Night \$15.00	15 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
VFW Florida State Convention						
16 <b>Fathers Day!</b>	17 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	18 Bingo 6 pm	19 <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Juneteenth</span> Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM  Aux Lunch at Beef O'Bradys at noon.	20 Darts / Bowling 7 pm	21 6PM Dinner  Connie's Turkey Dinner \$8	22
23	24 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	25 Bingo 6 pm	26 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	27 Darts / Bowling 7 pm	28 6PM Jerry's Taco/ Nacho Night \$6	29 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
30	July 1 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	July 2 Bingo 6 pm	July 3  Queen of Hearts 7 pm	July 4  <b>Independence Day</b> 12 to 2 Open House Free Picnic Lunch  House Committee at 3 PM	July 5 Grilled Ham- burgers for Din- ner 6PM \$5.00	July 6
July 7	July 8 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	July 9 Bingo 6 pm	July 10 Queen of Hearts 7 pm Post meeting at 7:00 PM	July 11 Darts / Bowling	July 12 6PM Dinner Dinner Steak Night \$15.00 <b>Our Post's 89th birthday!</b>	July 13 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</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	Rubin Myers
Service Officer	Bruce Howe
Trustees 1 yr	Weldon Taylor
2 yr	Valerie Johns
3 yr	William Thompson
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	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	Valerie French
Secretary	Jan Stephens
Chaplain	Kathie Thompson
Conductress	Sherry Smith
Guard	Robert Stevens
1Yr. Trustee	Sherry Smith
2Yr. Trustee	Joyce Donnelly
3Yr. Trustee	Kathie Thompson
Patriotic Inst.	Kathie Thompson

### DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
1st	TBA	TBA	TBA	1000

### 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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