



OCT 2024 Newsletter



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FROM THE POST COMMANDER

Gerald Donnelly

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Greetings Comrades,

On Wednesday September 11 at a joint meeting with the Auxiliary, the Post conducted a ceremony and a moment of silence to honor the fallen heroes for the terror attack on New York City, Pennsylvania and the Pentagon.

On Friday September 20 the post held a MIA/POW ceremony at the Post Veterans Memorial to honor those still missing in action and unaccounted for. The post did a ceremony out of the VFW book.

The post is doing well with the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen contest and has several inputs to date. I am working on the Teacher of the Year.

Planning for the Veterans Day Parade in Palatka is well underway. I have Nease High School JROTC coming to Palatka. The Palatka High School JROTC will serve as Honor Guard. The American Legion is working with us to organize the events and will join us in the parade.

The VFW Fall State Conference will be held on Saturday October 26-27th at the Florida Hotel in Orlando.

I would like to thank everyone for there support this year. It is going really good with membership and other programs . The Friday night dinners are getting more people to them. Come and enjoy a nice dinner on Friday night at a reasonable price.

Sincerely,

Commander Gerald Donnelly





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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Marian Chialastri

HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE!

Our annual Cancer bingo will be on October 12, 2024. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Bingo will be played from 1p.m. to 5p.m. Lunch will be sold from 11 a.m. until sold out. Choice of sloppy joes and chips or pasta salad and crackers. Cost is \$5.00 each or both for \$10.00. We will have lots of door prizes, raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Please plan on joining us and invite your family and friends to join you for a fun day of bingo. All money raised stays in Putman County.

October 9 monthly meeting at 7p.m.

October 12 Cancer Bingo 1p.m. to 5p.m.

October 16 Lunch at Velchoff's Corner at noon .

October 18 auxiliary dinner 6p.m. *Beef Tips* with choice of rice or noodles.

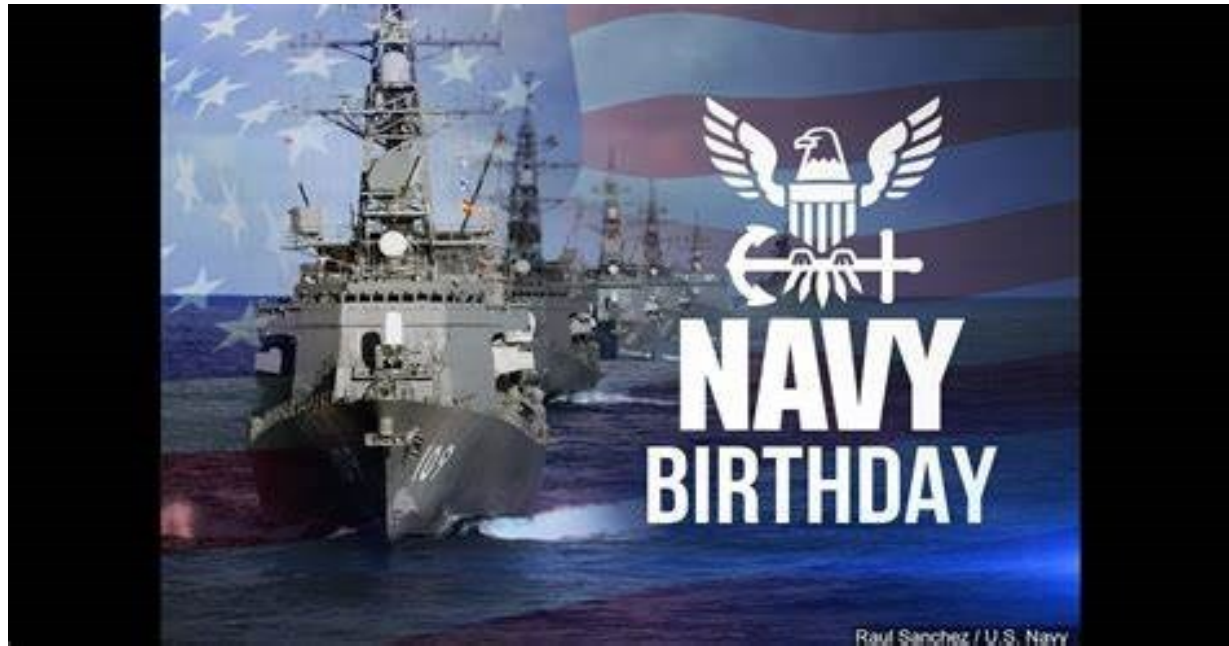
October 26 and 27 Fall Roundup at the Florida Mall in Orlando.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Chialastri

Auxiliary President





Happy 249th Birthday U.S. Navy

Oct. 13, 2024, will mark the Navy's 249th Birthday. The founding of the U.S. Navy dates back to the Revolutionary War. George Washington created the United States' first naval fleet by converting three Massachusetts Schooners into warships. The makeshift fleet's purpose was to intercept an unarmed British supply ship. The next day, Washington sent a letter to Congress urging them to establish a naval force. On October 13, the Continental Congress passed a resolution in order to create the Continental Navy. This date now represents the official establishment of the U.S. Navy.

In 1972, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Zumwalt designated October 13 as the Navy's official birthday, to "enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service."

The central theme of this year's celebration is "Warfighting Strength and Readiness" highlights our Navy's focus, that everything we do and have done is through a warfighting lens, to deliver decisive combat power. The announcement of this theme allows planners at all echelons to focus on talking points, guest speakers, and solicitations for this year's commemorations. Beginning with the establishment of our Navy in 1775 and continuing to our current modern fleet, our Navy has answered our Nation's call to service. The U.S. Navy has been the shield of the Republic for nearly 250 years. We are the most powerful navy in the world.

The word "grog" itself can refer to a variety of alcoholic beverages. It originally referred to a drink made with water and rum, which was introduced by the Royal Navy. Whatever the exact recipe, it is traditionally served very cold in a large, broad-based old fashion glass with crushed or shaved ice.

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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
<i>Sep 29</i>	SEP 30 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	Oct 1 Bingo 6 PM	Oct 2 7 PM Queen of Hearts	Oct 3 7PM Darts / Bowling <i>6 PM House Comm</i>	Oct 4 Hamburgers \$6.00 6PM	Oct 5
6	7 <i>Afghanistan War Began 2001</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	8 Bingo 6 pm	9 <i>Post Meeting 7 PM</i> Queen of Hearts	10 7 PM Darts / Bowling	11 <i>5 PM Navy Birthday Toasts and Grog Party</i> 6 PM Steak Night \$15.00	12 <i>Cancer Bingo 1-5PM</i>
13 <i>US Navy 249th Birthday Est. 1775</i>	14 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm <i>Columbus Day</i>	15 Bingo 6 pm	16 7 PM Queen of Hearts <i>National Boss Day</i>	17 7 PM Darts / Bowling	18 6PM Aux Dinner Beef Tips	19
20	21 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	22 Bingo 6 pm	23 7PM Queen of Hearts <i>Grenada Cam- paign Began 1983</i>	24 7 PM Darts / Bowling United Nations Day	25 6PM <i>Oktoberfest Dinner by Gene and Connie</i>	26 <i>Submariners Mtg VFW Fall Conf Orlando 1 PM In House Bowling</i>
27 <i>Navy Day</i>	28 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	29 Bingo 6 pm	30 7PM Queen of Hearts	31 7 PM Darts / Bowling HALLOWEEN	<i>Nov 1</i> 6 PM Hamburgers \$6.00	<i>Nov 2</i>
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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 Stephens
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
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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

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