



April 2021 Newsletter



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***April 9th
Former POW
Recognition
Day***



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



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FROM THE COMMANDER April 2021

I would like to thank Gene, Doc, and Bill for the oyster roast held on March 26. They donated the oysters. All proceeds went to help the Canteen. Gene and Bill steamed the oysters. A special thanks to Gary Stewart for helping with the setup, serving, and the cleanup.

The Poker Run on Sunday March 21st was a success in spite of the inclement weather. Over 40 bikes participated and all had a great stop here at the post where we had refreshments and raffles all to support Veteran Needs.

The post has adopted the National Guard in Palatka and have invited their families to our Easter Egg Hunt on April the 3rd. The post is trying to setup a meeting with the detachment to go over the benefits we offer for them and their families when they return from deployment.

The post is going to have an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd for children age 0 to 12. The post will start the Hunt at 1:00 PM. There will be a small party for the children after the Hunt.

On April 8th we will honor our Teacher of the Year at James A. Long Elementary. This will be our 3rd consecutive year the post has honored a teacher that has incorporated Veteran History into the curriculum taught in their classroom.

The post will honor our Policeman, Fireman, and EMT of the year at the Putnam County Commission Meeting in May. The post will also Honor them at the Palatka City Commission meeting.

Mark your calendar for April 17. This will be Freedom Fest at the Fairground. This is a free dinner for Veterans and their Families. The Post will set up a table and have a membership drive that day. The event is from 10 AM to 4 PM. General public can purchase a meal for \$8 for adults; children age 12 to 18 for \$4 and children 12 and under for free.

Commander Gerald Donnelly

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT April 2021

Happy Easter Everyone,

April will be another busy month for the auxiliary.

- April 3 Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00P.M. at the post
- April 7 Sewing in the auxiliary room at 10:00A.M.
- April 14 Monthly meeting in the auxiliary room at 7:00P.M.
- April 15 Auxiliary Luncheon at Noon at Woody's in Palatka
- April 16 Meatball subs and macaroni salad for \$5.00 by Marian and Valerie
- April 17 Freedom Fest at the Fair Ground 10 to 4. Come out and support our Veterans and let them know we appreciate their service to our country. Lots of fun and lunch will be available at the event.

-District meeting will be held at Palatka Post on May 8th at 10:00A.M.

-Remember Bingo is played at the post every Tuesday starting at 6:00P.M. and is open to the public. All Friday night dinners are open to the public. Please come out and join us for these events.

Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President



April 9th

Former POW recognition day

In 1984, a movement led by former POWs began seeking a day recognizing for former Prisoners of War on April 9th each year. In 1988, Congress approved legislation setting April 9th to commemorate the date the tragic number of captives were taken prisoner on Bataan. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day on April 1, 1988, through Presidential Proclamation 5788. He set the observance for April 9, 1988. Since then, through legislation and Presidential Proclamations, the observance carries on.

Join us here at VFW 3349 as we say a prayer for our comrades that have survived captivity and all those still in captivity and Missing in Action.

22.2 Poker Run for Vets



VFW Veteran's Village

<https://vfwveteransvillage.org/>



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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 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	2 6PM Friday Fish Dinner by Gene & Connie \$7.00 <i>Good Friday</i>	3 <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i> at 1 PM
4 <i>Easter</i>	5 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	6 Bingo 6 pm	7 Queen of Hearts	8 Darts 7 pm House Committee	9 6PM Friday Dinner Steak Night \$10.00 <i>Former POW</i> <i>remembrance</i> <i>day</i>	10 <i>In House Bowl-</i> <i>ing at 1:00 PM</i>
11	12 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm <i>Aux Sewing at</i> <i>10 AM.</i>	13 Bingo 6 pm	14 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM Post meeting at 7:00 PM	15 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	16 6PM Dinner Meatball Subs for \$5.00	17 <i>Freedom Fest at</i> <i>the Fairgrounds</i> <i>10:00 to 4:00</i>
18	19 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	20 Bingo 6 pm	21 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	22 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	23 6PM Friday Night Dinner— TBA	24 <i>In House Bowl-</i> <i>ing at 1:00 PM</i>
25	26 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	27 Bingo 6 pm	28 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	29 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	30 Friday Dinner— TBA	

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gerald Donnelly
Sr Vice Commander	Bruce Howe
Jr Vice Commander	Rubin Myers
Judge Advocate	Ray Dixon
Adjutant	Vacant
Quartermaster	Gerald Shuler
Chaplin	Vacant
Surgeon	Frank Caisineau
Service Officer	Bruce Howe
Trustees 1 yr	William Thompson
2 yr	Ron Sliter
3 yr	Weldon Taylor
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
	Gerald Shuler Rubin Myers
	John Dillingham Bruce Howe
Canteen Manager	Vickie Dixon

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Marian Chialastri
Sr. Vice	Joyce Donnelly
Jr. Vice	Matthew French
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Secretary	Valerie French
Chaplain	Dorothy Donovan
Conductress	Linda Sliter
Guard	Gerald French
1Yr. Trustee	Joyce Donnelly
2Yr. Trustee	Kathie Thompson
3Yr. Trustee	Dorothy Donovan
Patriotic Inst.	Dorothy Donovan

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
4th	May 8, 2021	3349	Palatka	10 am

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

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

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

National Do Not Call Registry www.donotcall.gov

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