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April 2022 Newsletter



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The Persian Gulf War



<https://www.infoplease.com/history/world/the-persian-gulf-war-jan-16-1991-april-6-1991>

Timeline

1990

Iraq invades its tiny neighbor, Kuwait, after talks break down over oil production and debt repayment. Iraqi president Saddam Hussein later annexes Kuwait and declares it a 19th province of Iraq (**Aug. 2**). President Bush believes that Iraq intends to invade Saudi Arabia and take control of the region's oil supplies. He begins organizing a multinational coalition to seek Kuwait's freedom and restoration of its legitimate government. The UN Security Council authorizes economic sanctions against Iraq. Bush orders U.S. troops to protect Saudi Arabia at the Saudis' request and "Operation Desert Shield" begins (**Aug. 6**). 230,000 American troops arrive in Saudi Arabia to take defensive action, but when Iraq continues a huge military buildup in Kuwait, the President orders an additional 200,000 troops deployed to prepare for a possible offensive action by the U.S.-led coalition forces. He subsequently obtains a UN Security Council resolution setting a **Jan. 15, 1991** deadline for Iraq to withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait (**Nov. 8**).

1991

Bush wins congressional approval for his position with the most devastating air assault in history against military targets in Iraq and Kuwait (**Jan. 16**). He rejects a Soviet-Iraq peace plan for a gradual withdrawal that does not comply with all the UN resolutions and gives Iraq an ultimatum to withdraw from Kuwait by noon **Feb. 23 (Feb. 22)**. The president orders the ground war to begin (**Feb. 24**). In a brilliant and lightning-fast campaign, U.S. and coalition forces smash through Iraq's defenses and defeat Saddam Hussein's troops in only four days of combat. Allies enter Kuwait City (**Feb. 26**). Iraqi army sets fire to over 500 of Kuwait's oil wells as final act of destruction to Kuwait's infrastructure. Bush orders a unilateral cease-fire 100 hours after the ground offensive started (**Feb. 27**). Allied and Iraqi military leaders meet on battlefield to discuss terms for a formal cease-fire to end the Gulf War. Iraq agrees to abide by all of the UN resolutions (**Mar. 3**). The first Allied prisoners of war are released (**Mar. 4**). Official cease-fire accepted and signed (**April 6**). 532,000 U.S. forces served in Operation Desert Storm. There were a total of 147 U.S. battle deaths during the Gulf War, 145 nonbattle deaths, and 467 wounded in action.

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FROM THE POST COMMANDER
Gerald Donnelly
April 2022



Greetings Everyone,

The Adopt A Unit event held on March 5th was a big success. The Post had 10 people and the National Guard unit had 35 in attendance.

I want to thank Humana's Joe Watts for attending. Joe talked about health insurance for the Guards. I would also like to thank the following individuals for their presentations; Charles Foster, the Putnam County Veteran Claims Examiner Supervisor ,who talked about VA benefits.' David Harris, Ex State Commander who talked about VFW benefits: Quartermaster Jerry Shuler for information on membership.

The Post purchased a new stove on March 10. The stove arrived on March 15. What a job it was to get the new stove in the post. I would like to thank Bill, Gene, Larry and Kevin for their help to get the stove into the post. I would like to thank the Palatka Gas Authority for their help moving the stove in the post and hooking the stove up.

The picnic at The Veteran Village was good as always. The BBQ was tasty as well.

On April 4th the post will honor our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners at Crescent City Jr. Sr. High School.

Sincerely,

Commander Gerald Donnelly



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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Marian Chialastri

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Greetings Everyone,

Hey! It's April already! This year is moving fast!

On April 2, 2022 we will be having our Spring Yard sale from 8a.m. till noon. Please bring all donated items to the auxiliary room on or before March 31, 2022.

On April 29, 2022 Valerie and I will be preparing the auxiliary dinner. Homemade Chicken Pot Pie, salad, dessert for \$7.00 Please try and to come and join us.

The VFW State Convention will be on June 16th to the 19th at the Renaissance Hotel Orlando at Sea World.

Happy Easter

*Respectfully,
President Marion Chialastri*



Max Lydon—Patriots Pen
1st place winner

Jerry Shuler
Quartermaster
VFW 3349

Jerry Donnelly
Commander
VFW 3349

Maya Shaffer—Voice of Democracy
1st place winner

Award banquet 20 A
Cadets must wear class
1700hrs to 1900hrs
bring food or drinks

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- HARPER SHAFER
- HOLT
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Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States
Auxiliary
Voice of Democracy Certificate of Merit
Presented to
Maya D. Shaffer
FOR FREEDOM
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CRESCENT
RAIDERS
SOFTBALL

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
03	04 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	05 Bingo 6 pm	06 Queen of Hearts 7PM <i>Persian Gulf War Ends (1991)</i>	07 House Committee Meeting & Darts 7 pm	08 Friday Night Dinner Steak Night \$12.00	09 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	12 Bingo 6 pm	13 Queen of Hearts 7PM Post meetings at 7:00 PM	14 Darts 7 pm	15 Good Friday Night Dinner <i>Fried Fish by Gene & Connie</i>	16
17 <i>Easter</i> 	18 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	19 Bingo 6 pm	20 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	21 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	22 Friday Night Dinner Jerry Shuler's- Roast Beef with Potatoes & Carrots \$7.00	23 <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 Friday Night Dinner - Auxiliary Chicken Pot Pie -\$7.00	30
<i>May 01</i>	<i>May 02</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>May 03</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>May 04</i> Queen of Hearts 7 pm	<i>May 05</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>May 06</i> Friday Night Dinner Grilled Ham- burgers & fix'ins \$5.00 "No Foolin'"	<i>May 07</i>
<i>May 08</i>	<i>May 09</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>May 10</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>May 11</i> 7 PM Queen of Hearts	<i>May 12</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm House Commit- tee Meeting	<i>May 13</i> Friday Night Dinner Steak Night \$12.00	<i>May 14</i>

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gerald Donnelly
Sr Vice Commander	Bruce Howe
Jr Vice Commander	Rubin Myers
Judge Advocate	Ray Dixon
Adjutant	Gerald Shuler
Quartermaster	Gerald Shuler
Chaplin	Kevin Donnelly
Surgeon	Jim Jones
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 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 Bruce Howe Gerald Shuler Rubin Myers Mark Retzlaff
Canteen Manager	Vickie Dixon

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
4th	May 14, 2022	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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Thank you

Newsletter Editor