



# August 2021 Newsletter



# All American Post

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## August 14

## National Navajo

## Code Talkers Day



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FROM THE COMMANDER August 2021

The post received All American from national with a letter on July 19. I would like to thank my post officers for a good year. The post did all the reports for the year to receive the All American honor. The post will try to receive this honor next year.

The post has adopted the National Guard unit of Palatka. I am trying to get a meeting with the unit and planning a luncheon with them in the next couple of months. I talked to the commander back in May about this. This meeting is to try to bring new members to the post and explain what the VFW has to offer.

With schools getting ready to reopen in August the post will push the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen. Patriots Pen is for grades 6 through 8. They must write an essay. The theme this year is "How Can I Be Good American". The post will submit the winner to the district.

The Voice of Democracy is for grades 9 through 12. They must write an essay and submit a vocal rendition of the essay. The theme this year is "Where Do We Go From Here". Again, the post will submit the winner to the district. If the winner in the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen win the district they are submitted to the state. If they win the state they are sent to Washington DC. You can see all the information on the VFWFL web site which is [vfwfl.org](http://vfwfl.org) under programs. If you have children or grandchildren in these classes please ask them to write an essay. Read the program on the VFWFL website as there are thousands of dollars available for scholarships.

The post is also looking for a Teacher of the Year for grades Kindergarten to 5th, 6th to 8th, and 9th to 12th. The post last year gave our Teacher of the Year \$200 to use in their classroom. A parent, friend or school leader can submit a recommendation to the post. The information is on the VFWFL web site which is [vfwfl.org](http://vfwfl.org) under programs. There are monetary awards for the teacher and school to be had from National if the teacher is voted Teacher of the Year.

I want to thank Jerry Shuler for the hamburgers on July 4 and Vicky Dixon for bartending. Again thanks everybody for a great Year.

We still need help for bingo.

There will be a guest letter for September. I will be traveling.

*Sincerely,*

*Commander Gerald Donnelly*

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT August 2021

Hard to believe it's August already.

The auxiliary will be busy again in August.

August 11 Monthly meeting at 7p.m.

August 12th lunch at Bradley's at noon.

August 13th Teachers Give Away from 10 a.m. till 2p.m.

August 20 and 21st School of Instruction "BOOT CAMP" will be held in Orlando at the Florida Mall. Valerie and I are planning on attending.

August 28th District Meeting in Interlachen at 10a.m.

September 18th yard sale from 8a.m. till noon. You can bring your donations to the auxiliary room anytime before September 17th. Please No clothing, No CDs or DVDs, No electronics.

Cancer bingo will be Saturday, October 16th from [1p.m. to 5p.m.](#) doors open at noon. We will be selling lunch starting at noon. Choice of Sloppy Joe and chips \$3.00 or Pasta salad and crackers \$3.00 or both for \$6.00 Please invite your family and friends to come join us for this worthy cause. All money raised stays in Putman County to help our local residents.

Annual Auxiliary members be on the lookout for the letter reminding you your annual dues of \$30.00 is now due. If not paid by December 15th your membership will lapse and you will have to reapply for membership. Please try and submit it as soon as possible so you don't forget.

*Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President*

# VFW

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# August 14th



# Codetalkers



Every WWII combatant appreciated the need for an unbreakable code that would help them communicate while protecting their operational plans. The U.S. Marines knew where to find one: the Navajo Nation. Marine Corps leadership selected 29 Navajo men, the Navajo Code Talkers, who created a code based on the complex, unwritten Navajo language. The code primarily used word association by assigning a Navajo word to key phrases and military tactics. This system enabled the Code Talkers to translate three lines of English in 20

seconds, not 30 minutes as was common with existing code-breaking machines. The Code Talkers participated in every major Marine operation in the Pacific theater, giving the Marines a critical advantage throughout the war. During the nearly month-long battle for Iwo Jima, for example, six Navajo Code Talker Marines successfully transmitted more than 800 messages without error. Marine leadership noted after the battle that the Code Talkers were critical to the victory at Iwo Jima. At the end of the war, the Navajo Code remained unbroken.

<https://www.cia.gov/stories/story/all-in-the-family-the-son-of-a-navajo-code-talker-shares-his-fathers-story/>

# Just Pics I like :)



This photo was taken by a soldier in Afghanistan of a helicopter rescue mission. The pilot is a PA National Guard guy who flies EMS choppers in civilian life. Now how many people on the planet you reckon could set the ass end of a chopper down on the roof top of a shack, on a steep mountain cliff, and hold it there while soldiers load wounded men in the rear. If this does not impress you... nothing ever will.....

# August 2021

**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	2 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	3 Bingo 6 pm	4 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	5 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm House Committee	6 Grilled Ham- burgers for Din- ner 6PM <b>\$6.00</b>	7
8	9 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	10 Bingo 6 pm	11 Queen of Hearts Post meeting at 7:00 PM	12 Darts 7 pm  Aux Lunch at Bradleys at noon.	13 6PM Dinner Dinner Steak Night \$12.00  Teacher give-a- way 10 to 2 PM	14 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
15	16 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	17 Bingo 6 pm	18 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	19 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm  -VFW school of instruction in Or- lando for Service Officers	20 6PM Friday Connie Special Supper \$7.00 -VFW school of instruction in Orlando	21 -VFW school of instruction in Orlando
22	23 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	24 Bingo 6 pm	25 Queen of Hearts 7 pm  <i>Aux Sewing @10 AM</i>	26 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	27 6PM Friday Night Dinner—  Meatloaf \$7.00	28 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>  <i>District 14 meet- ing at 10 AM in Interlachen</i>
29	30 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	31  Bingo 6 pm	Sept 1 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	Sept 2 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	Sept 3 Friday Dinner— TBA	Sept 4

**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 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
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
1st	08/28/21	10164	Interlachen	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>

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

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

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Thank you

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