

August 2022 Newsletter



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**August 7th
Purple Heart Day**



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FROM THE COMMANDER August 2022

Please help the post spreading the word for the Voice of Democracy (9th through 12th grades) and Patriots Pen for Middle school students. Information can be found on our website VFW3349.org. The topics for this year are "Why is the Veteran Important?" and "My Pledge to Our Veterans." respectfully.

The post made All American for 2021- 2022. Jerry Shuler did an outstanding job with the dashboard again.

The post is doing very well has we head into 2022- 2023. I will be working on our programs soon.

The Department School of Instruction is coming up on August 6 at 0800hours. The school will be held at The Florida Hotel & Convention Center in Orlando, Fl. The school will start at 0900 hours.

If anybody has a student in 9 to 12th grades have them submit a Voice of Democracy essay and voice report. The essay should be 300 to 400 words and then record the essay on a flash drive for the voice portion of the contest.

The Patriot's Pen essay is for students in grades 6 to 8 and must be 300 to 400 words without the voice portion.

Both essays must be completed and submitted to the Post by October 29, 2022.

For Teacher of the Year look up info on our web site . The web site is VFW3349.org.

Commander Gerald Donnelly

**FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
August 2022**

Wow. It's August already, where has this year gone?

Our yard sale on July 10, 2022 went well. Our next yard sale will be October 1, 2022.

August 5 and 6, 2022 will be the School Of Instruction at the Florida Mall in Orlando. Valerie, Joyce, Kathie, Diane and myself are attending. We will report on this at our meeting on August 10 ,2022.

Lunch this month will be Bobby G in Welaka. We can car pool if you want please let us know in advance.

District Meeting is August 13, 2022 in Gainesville.

The Auxiliary Dinner will be on August 26, 2022. We will be serving Spaghetti with meat sauce. Cost is \$6.00

Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President

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August 07, 1780

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Today

Purple Heart Medal

<https://www.uso.org/stories/2276-8-purple-heart-facts>

The Purple Heart is the Oldest Military Award Still Presented to American Service Members

The Purple Heart's first predecessor, the [Fidelity Medallion](#), was created in 1780 by the Continental Congress, but was only awarded to three soldiers that year.

[Two years later, in 1782, President George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit.](#) Because the Fidelity Medallion was never again bestowed, it is generally thought of as commemorative, and the **Badge of Military Merit is instead considered to be the first U.S. military decoration and the Purple Heart's predecessor.**

According to Washington, who designed the Badge of Military Merit in the form of a cloth purple heart, the Badge of Military Merit would be given to soldiers who displayed "not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way."

The Badge of Military Merit later became evolved into what we now know as the [Purple Heart, which is still presented to qualified U.S. service members today.](#)

Thanks to Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the Purple Heart officially received its modern-day look and name in 1932.

MacArthur, who wanted to refresh and rename the award in time for the bicentennial of George Washington's birthday, [worked with the Washington Commission of Fine Arts and Elizabeth Will](#), a heraldry specialist in the Army's Office of the Quartermaster General, to design the medal.

The revived **Purple Heart medal, which features George Washington's likeness**, was designated primarily as a combat decoration for the Army or Army Air Corps only, recognizing commendable action as well as those wounded or killed in combat. At this time, the Purple Heart could not be posthumously given or given to the recipient's family.

A few years later in 1942, [President Roosevelt and the War Department further defined the qualifications for receiving a Purple Heart](#), designating it for those who were wounded or killed in action. They also expanded the [eligibility of the award to all military branches of service](#) and gave authorization to present posthumous Purple Heart medals.

Presentation to Building Fund for the Palatka Christian Service Center



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Commander
Post 3349

Sheila McCoy
Supervisor

Gladys Jones
Volunteer

Kevin Donnelly
Chaplain
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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
	<i>1</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>2</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>3</i> Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	<i>4</i> Coast Guard Birthday House Committee <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>5</i> Grilled Ham- burgers for Dinner 6PM \$5.00 Dept SOI	<i>6</i> Dept School Of Instruction - Orlando
<i>7</i> Purple Heart Day 	<i>8</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>9</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>10</i> Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM Post meeting at 7:00 PM	<i>11</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>12</i> 6PM Dinner Dinner Steak Night \$12.00	<i>13</i> <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i> <i>District Meeting in Gainesville 9AM</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>16</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>17</i> Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	<i>18</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>19</i> 6PM Friday TBA	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>23</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>24</i> Queen of Hearts 7 pm	<i>25</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>26</i> 6PM Friday Night Dinner— Spaghetti by the Auxiliary \$6.00	<i>27</i> <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>30</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>31</i> Queen of Hearts 7 pm	<i>Sept 01</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>Sept 02</i> Grilled Ham- burgers for Din- ner 6PM \$5.00	<i>Sept 03</i>
<i>Sept 04</i>	<i>Sept 05</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>Sept 06</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>Sept 07</i> Queen of Hearts 7 pm	<i>Sept 08</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>Sept 09</i> 6PM Dinner Dinner Steak Night \$12.00	<i>Sept 10</i>

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gerald Donnelly
Sr Vice Commander	Rubin Myers
Jr Vice Commander	Tammy Spaulding
Judge Advocate	Weldon Taylor
Adjutant	Gerald Shuler
Quartermaster	Gerald Shuler
Chaplin	Kevin Donnelly
Surgeon	Jim Jones
Service Officer	Bruce Howe
Trustees 1 yr	Ron Sliter
2 yr	William Thompson
3 yr	Mark Retzlaff
Membership Chairman	Bruce Howe
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	Bruce Howe
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 Bruce Howe
Canteen Manager	Vickie Dixon

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Marian Chialastri
Sr. Vice	Joyce Donnelly
Jr. Vice	Malinda Taylor
Treasurer	Valerie French
Secretary	Valerie French
Chaplain	Dorothy Donovan
Conductress	Linda Sliter
Guard	Bradlie Mulvey
1Yr. Trustee	Dorothy Donovan
2Yr. Trustee	Diane Shuler
3Yr. Trustee	Rebecca Burnham
Patriotic Inst.	Dorothy Donovan

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
1st	August 13	2811	Gainesville	0900

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>

VFW Store Online: www.vfwstore.org

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

National Do Not Call Registry www.donotcall.gov

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

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Thank you

Newsletter Editor