

# January 2023 Newsletter



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**FROM THE COMMANDER January 2023**

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The post auxiliary held their children Christmas Party and they had 37 children. There were 75 people at the party. I would like to thank all the people who helped at the party.

The bartender appreciation night was a lot of fun. Everybody had a good time. I would like to thank those who bartended that night.

The post held a joint meeting in December to honor our Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy essay winners. The post gave out a total 400 dollars to the different winners.

The Mid Winter Conference will be held on January 20 and 21, 2023 in Orlando. More information can be found at the post. The conference will be held at West Gate Resort.

I would like to see more members at the monthly meeting. I go over what's going on at the post. They only last about hour. This would be a good New Years resolution. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours.

*Commander Gerald Donnelly*

**FROM THE AUX PRESIDENT January 2023**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE**

Can you believe it's 2023 already.

The Children's Christmas party was held on December 10<sup>th</sup>. 37 children attended this year. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a great success.

Next meeting will be January 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Winter conference will be January 20 and 21 at West Gate.

Auxiliary Friday dinner will be on January 27 we will be serving Sloppy Joes cost is \$6.00.

Sewing is on January 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the auxiliary room.

January lunch is on January 16 at Chico's in San Mateo.

February lunch is on February 15 at Pizza Boys in Palatka.

*Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President*

# Upcoming Events

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Friday Night's Dinner 01/06/23



Grilled Hamburgers to order with French Fries or Chips and a maybe a cookie! \$6.00 donation. Have it your way!

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Friday Night's Dinner 01/13/23



Grilled Steaks to order with Baked Potato, Salad and a Desert! \$15.00 donation. You'll be delighted!

# Award Winners

*Skylar Wilson  
1st Place  
Voice of  
Democracy*



Max Lydon  
2nd place Voice of Democracy



Shatera Edwards  
2nd place Patriots Pen

Not Pictured

Gianna Bohannon 1st place Patriots Pen

Brylie Lyons 3rd place Patriots Pen

Congratulations to everyone who entered!



# Jan 2023

**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>Happy New Year!</i>	2 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	3 Bingo 6 pm	4 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	5 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm House Committee	6 Grilled Ham- burgers \$6.00	7
8	9 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	10 Bingo 6 pm	11 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM <b>Post meeting at 7:00 PM</b>	12 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	13 Steaks \$15.00	14 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
15	16 <i>MLK Jr. Birthday</i> Pizza & Bowling Aux Sewing 10 AM Aux Lunch at Chico's	17 Bingo 6 pm	18 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	19 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	20 VFW Dept Winter Conference in Orlando  Dinner by Connie and Gene	21
22	23 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	24 Bingo 6 pm	25 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	26	27 Sloppy Joe's by the Auxillary \$6.00	28 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
29	30 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	31 Bingo 6 pm	Feb01 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	Feb02 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm House Committee	Feb03 Grilled Ham- burgers for Dinner 6PM \$6.00	Feb04
Feb05	Feb06 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	Feb07 Bingo 6 pm	Feb08 Queen of Hearts 7 pm <b>Post meeting at 7:00 PM</b>	Feb09 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	Feb10 Steaks \$15.00	Feb11 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</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	Weldon Taylor
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        Kevin Donnelly
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
3rd	Feb 18	3349	Palatka	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>

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