



July 2021 Newsletter



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FROM THE COMMANDER July 2021

The Memorial Day parade was very nice. The American Legion, VFW and the Submariners of Palatka helped with planning the parade. The ceremonial at the Riverfront was well attended. Our Quartermaster Gerald Shuler gave a very good speech. Afterward the post had an open house with the Flag raising at noon with a prayer to honor our fallen soldiers. I would like to thank Doc Taylor for supplying the chicken and all who brought food for the Memorial Day open house. The post started the open house with a prayer for our soldiers and the food. The post had a moment of silence for VD day for our fallen soldiers at the battle of Normandy during World War 2. This was done at our regular monthly meeting. The post also honored our flag for Flag Day with a salute at the monthly meeting. VD day was June 6 and Flag day was June 14. The Commander and Quartermaster attended the State Convention on June 19 and 20. We received our All State award on Friday June 20. We received a Plaque, banner, shirt, and a hat for this award. Our District 14 hosted a hospitality room at the convention and was well manned by the Interlachen Post. A patriotic rally was held at the convention. The Governor made a Speech at the rally. They played songs to honor our flag. The post will be open Sunday July 4 from 12 to 5 and we will have hamburgers and hot dogs. We ask people to bring other food to go along with them. The post is still looking for bingo callers and helpers. This is one of our largest fund raisers for the post and we need additional help. If we get enough assistance you would only have to attend once a month. I am going on vacation in August and so I may let a guest writer pen this newsletter for the September issue.

Sincerely,
Commander Gerald Donnelly

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT July 2021

Happy fourth of July to everyone. Valerie, Joyce and I attended the convention in Orlando and learned a lot. At the patriotic rally on Friday night the guest speaker was Florida's own Governor Ron DeSantis. What a nice surprise and very interesting as to what he is doing for all of us in Florida.

The upcoming events for July and August are as follows: July 4 cookout at the post from 1 to 5; please bring a side dish, hamburgers will be provided by the post. 7 /14 monthly meeting at 7 p.m., 7 /15 lunch at Beef O'Bradys at noon, 7 /18 Malta Meeting 2 p.m. All auxiliary members are also members of Malta so please plan on attending this yearly meeting. 7 /21 sewing at 10a.m., 7 /26 will be shopping for supplies for the teacher giveaway at 10a.m. at Walmart. August 11 monthly meeting at 7p.m., 8 /12 lunch at Bradleys at noon, 8 //13 Teachers giveaway 8 /20 and 21 School of Instruction at the Florida Mall in Orlanda, 8 /25 sewing at 10a.m., 8 /28 District Meeting in Interlachen at 10a.m. Cancer bingo has been changed to October 16, 2021. *Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President*



**JULY
27th**

Korean Armistice Agreement

The armistice was signed on 27 July 1953, and was designed to “ensure a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea until a final peaceful settlement is achieved. A final peace settlement has never been attained. The signed armistice established the [Korean Demilitarized Zone](#) (DMZ), the de facto new border between the two nations, put into force a [cease-fire](#), and finalized repatriation of [prisoners of war](#). The DMZ runs close to the [38th parallel](#) and has separated North and [South Korea](#) since the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed in 1953. Over the years, United States Presidents have made [proclamations](#) in support of the National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

Serving in Korea from June 30, 1949 to present for 30 consecutive days or 60 days total allows a Veteran to be eligible to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The 2.5 mile wide DMZ continues to be one of the worlds most militarized areas. The insignia by this article is for the 8th Army that serves in the Korean Peninsula. Follow the link below for more information. The above links are from Wikipedia.



<http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil>

Memorial Day Pictures

VFW Palatka Post 3349
Flag Detail on
Memorial Day 2021



Picture taken by Melanie Wilson

Quartermaster Gerald Shuler
of VFW Post 3349
Delivering the 2021
Memorial Day Message



Picture taken by Melanie Wilson

SUBMARINERS MEMORIAL
MEMORIAL DAY 2021



Picture taken by Melanie Wilson

Picture at right taken by Bruce Howe at Memorial Gardens of volunteers to place flags on Veterans Graves for Memorial Day.



State Convention Pictures

Receiving the Post All-State Award



Picture taken by Joyce Donnelly

THE NEW VFW STATE OFFICERS



Picture taken by Robert Sisson



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Patriotic Rally



July 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
				<i>1</i> Darts 7 pm	<i>2</i> No Friday Dinner This Date—we are picnicking on Sunday!	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>  <i>VFW Picnic 12—5 at the Post.</i>	<i>5</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>6</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>7</i> Queen of Hearts	<i>8</i> Darts 7 pm House Committee	<i>9</i> 6PM Dinner Dinner Steak Night \$12.00	<i>10</i> <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>13</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>14</i> Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM Post meeting at 7:00 PM	<i>15</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm Aux luncheon Beef O'Bradys at noon	<i>16</i> 6PM Friday Gene & Connie Fish Fry Supper \$7.00	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> <i>Malta Annual Meeting at 2:00 PM</i>	<i>19</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>20</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>21</i> Queen of Hearts 7 pm <i>Aux Sewing @10 AM</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>23</i> 6PM Friday Night Dinner— Shuler Special \$7.00	<i>24</i> <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>27</i>  Bingo 6 pm	<i>28</i> Queen of Hearts 7 pm	<i>29</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>30</i> Friday Dinner— Meatball Subs \$5.00	<i>31</i>
<i>Aug01</i>	<i>Aug02</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>Aug03</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>Aug04</i> Queen of Hearts 7 pm	<i>Aug05</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>Aug06</i> 6PM Dinner TBA	<i>Aug08</i> <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</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 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

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

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