

July 2021 Newsletter



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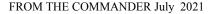


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The Memorial Day parade was very nice. The American Legion, VFW and the Submariners of Palatka helped with planning the parade. The ceremonial at the Riverfront was well attended. Our Quartermaster Gerald Shuler gave a very good speech. Afterward the 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





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 <u>proclamations</u> in support of the National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

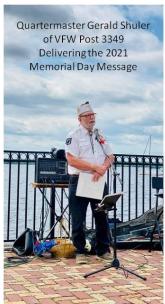
Serving in Korea from June 30, 1949 to present for 30 consecutive days or 60 days total allows a Veteran to be eligible to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The 2.5



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.

Memorial Day Pictures











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 Robert Sisson







Patriotic Rally

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Canteen Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 3:00 to 9:00 PM Friday - 1

Friday - 1:00 to 9:00 PM Sat - noon to 5:00

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

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 Kevin Donnelly Chaplin Jim Jones Surgeon 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

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DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

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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:

<u>https</u>://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/vfw-magazine

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