



June 2022 Newsletter



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FROM THE COMMANDER June 2022

The post gave 1,500.00 Dollars to God's Kitchen. God's Kitchen delivers meals to veterans and people in need of Putnam County. The director will talk to the post and auxiliary members on June 8 at the monthly meeting.

I would like to thank Bill Thompson, Rubin Myers, and Jerry Shuler for making breakfast for the district meeting. The meeting went very well and we enjoyed having the state commander at the meeting.

I would like to thank Bill Thompson and Gene Nie-man for repairing the porch for one of our elderly members.

The post made All State and we will receive the award at the state convention. The state convention will be in Orlando on June 17 and 18.

The post will honor SGT Shaun Valdivia of the sheriff department on June 14 at the Putnam County Board meeting. SGT Valdivia is our county policeman of the year.

I would like to thank all the members for the food on Memorial Day.

Oh, By the way, don't forget Father's Day on the 20th!

Commander Gerald Donnelly

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT June 2022

Happy Fathers Day to all the fathers.

It's hard to believe it's June already. Where is the year going?

We are planning on having a yard sale on July 16, 2022 "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" we will have lots of Christmas items as well as regular items. Please bring your donated items to the auxiliary room by July 13, 2022 as we will be setting up for the sale on July 14, 2022.

On June 17 and 18 Valerie, Joyce, Kathie and myself will be attending the June convention in Orlando and we will report on what's happening for the new 2022-2023 year at the July Meeting.

June meeting is June 8, 2022 at 7 p.m. we will be joining the post side for a joint meeting first and then have our regular monthly meeting. We have set some dates for the Sewing for June and July which are June 22, 2022 and July 20, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Luncheons for June and July are June 9, 2022 at Sumi Sushi Hibachi (next to Winn Dixie) and at Corky Bells on July 7, 2022 both at noon.

July 13, 2022 is the monthly meeting and July 16, 2022 is the yard sale from 8 to noon.

Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President

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June 6th



D-Day

<https://www.history.com/news/d-day-normandy-wwii-facts>

On June 6, 1944, more than 156,000 American, British and Canadian troops stormed 50 miles of Normandy's fiercely defended beaches in northern France in an operation that proved to be a [critical turning point](#) in [World War II](#).

Unlike [V-E Day](#) ("Victory in Europe") or [V-J Day](#) ("[Victory over Japan](#)"), the "D" in D-Day isn't short for "departure" or "decision." As early as [World War I](#), the U.S. military used the [term D-Day](#) to designate the launch date of a mission. One reason was to keep the actual date out of the hands of spies; another was to serve as a placeholder until an actual date was chosen. They also used H-Hour for the specific time of the launch.

D-Day was the largest amphibious invasion in military history.

According to the D-Day Center, the invasion, officially called "Operation Overlord," combined the forces of 156,115 U.S., British and Canadian troops, 6,939 ships and landing vessels, and 2,395 aircraft and 867 gliders that delivered airborne troops.

Anticipating an Allied invasion somewhere along the French coast, Adolf Hitler charged Field Marshal Erwin Rommel with fortifying Nazi defenses in France. In 1943, Rommel completed construction of the "[Atlantic Wall](#)," Germany's 2,400-mile line of bunkers, landmines and beach and water obstacles. It's estimated that the Nazis planted 4 million landmines along Normandy's beaches.

In wave after wave of thousands of landing ships, more than 156,000 Allied infantrymen stormed the five beaches. Facing them were around [50,000](#) German troops. Stormy seas made the landings incredibly difficult, with many regiments coming ashore far from their target destinations. At Omaha Beach, only two of the 29 amphibious tanks even [made it to land](#) on their own power (three were later transported to the beach). At Utah Beach, the American troops included 14 Comanche "code-talkers" who relayed critical tactical messages in their Native American tongue.

The total Allied losses at Normandy are estimated to be [at least 4,413](#). Total Allied casualties in the Battle of Normandy, which dragged on until August, [topped 226,000](#). But thanks in part to the massive influx of troops and equipment, D-Day marked a decisive turning point in the war. Less than a year later, [on May 7, 1945](#), Germany signed an unconditional surrender.

"Copied from The History Channel"

County Firefighter/EMT of the Year award



Gerald Shuler
Quartermaster

Gerald Donnelly
Commander

Brooke Bateman
Firefighter/EMT
Of the Year

Donation to God's Kitchen



Kendra Lee
Kitchen Manager

Dennis Childers
Director

Gerald Donnelly
Commander

Gerald Shuler
Quartermaster
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 5/23/2022

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *God's Kitchen* \$1500⁰⁰
 One thousand, Five hundred dollars^{00/100}

MEMO *Food Assistance Donation* *Quartermaster*

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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> Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	<i>2</i> Darts 7 pm House Committee	<i>3</i> Grilled Ham- burgers for Din- ner 6PM \$5.00	<i>4</i> <i>QM / Trustee school</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm D-Day (1944) 	<i>7</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>8</i> Queen of Hearts Post meeting at 7:00 PM	<i>9</i> Darts 7 pm Aux Lunch at "Sumi Sushi"	<i>10</i> 6PM Dinner Dinner Steak Night \$12.00	<i>11</i> <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>14</i> Bingo 6 pm Flag Day & Army Birthday 	<i>15</i> Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	<i>16</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>17</i> 6PM Friday Gene & Connie Supper—\$7.00 State Convention	<i>18</i> <i>State Convention</i>
<i>19</i> <i>Father's Day</i>	<i>20</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>21</i> Bingo 6 pm <i>1st Day of Summer</i>	<i>22</i> Queen of Hearts 7 pm Aux Sewing 10:00 AM	<i>23</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>24</i> 6PM Friday Night Dinner— Spaghetti by the Auxiliary \$6.00	<i>25</i> <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>28</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>29</i> Queen of Hearts 7 pm	<i>30</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>July01</i> Grilled Ham- burgers for Din- ner 6PM \$5.00	<i>July02</i>
<i>July03</i>	<i>July04</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm 	<i>July05</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>July06</i> Queen of Hearts 7 pm	<i>July07</i> <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm Aux Lunch at "Corky Bells"	<i>July08</i> 6PM Dinner Dinner Steak Night \$12.00	<i>July09</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		TBA		

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>

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Thank you

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