



May 2021 Newsletter



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May 31 Memorial Day

"Remember & Honor"



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FROM THE COMMANDER May 2021

April was a busy month. The Post had their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April the 3rd . The auxiliary did a good job on putting on the Easter egg party.

The Post honored Mrs. Connie Westberry as our Teacher of the Year at James A. Long School. The Post gave Mrs. Westberry a certificate and \$200.00 to help with her classroom expenses.

On April 17 Hillcrest Baptist Church in Palatka held Freedom Fest at the Putnam County Fairgrounds with a meal for Veterans. The Post setup an outreach information table to demonstrate why VFW membership is vital to our community. The Post handed out at least 10 membership applications to possible new members.

May will be another busy month. On May 11 at 9:00 AM the post is going to honor The Putnam County Fireman and Policeman of the Year at the county meeting. We will also honor at the City of Palatka meeting on May 13 the city Fireman and Policeman of the Year at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

On May 8 the post will hold the District meeting at 10:00 AM. I hope to have a nice turn out for this meeting. If anyone is interested in holding a office in the district please be at the meeting.

On May 12 the post will hold our regular meeting for the month of May. I would like to see more people at our meeting. The Post had a small turn out in April. Come see what is going on at the Post. The meeting is at 7:00 PM and it lasts about 1 hour.

May 31 is Memorial Day. There will be a parade at 10:00 AM. The parade will go from 11th street to the river on St. Johns Ave. The committee would like to see Veterans come march in the parade. They will line up behind the ROTC Jr. Color Guard. After the parade there will be a ceremony at the river to honor our fallen veterans. The Post will hold an open house from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM.

Commander Gerald Donnelly

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT May 2021

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers and Grandmothers.

May 8th is District Meeting at Palatka at 10.a.m. Please plan on attending if at all possible as we will be electing district officers for the year 2021 thru 2022.

At our April meeting officers for the year 2021 thru 2022 were elected and installed. President Marian Chialastri, Sr. Vice Joyce Donnelly, Jr Vice Mathew French, Treasurer Valerie French, Guard Malinda Taylor, Conductress Linda Sliter, Chaplain Dottie Donovan, 3rd year Trustee Linda Sliter. President Chialastri appointed Valerie French as Secretary and Dottie Donovan as Patriotic Instructor. Kathy Thompson automatically moves from 2 year to 1 year trustee and Dottie Donovan automatically moves from 3 year to 2 year trustee.

May 8 District Meeting at 10a.m. breakfast will be served at 9a.m.

May 12 monthly meeting at 7p.m. May 13 Lunch at Salsa next to Firehouse Subs at noon, May 19 sewing at 10a.m. in auxiliary room, May 31 will be open house from 12 to 4 please bring a side dish to share. Post will supply chicken.

June 9 Monthly meeting at 7p.m., June 16 lunch at noon at This and That Cafe on St.Johns Ave across the street from Magnolia Cafe. June 17 thru June 20 is the Convention in Orlando at Sea World: Valerie, Joyce, Kathy, Dottie, Diane Shuler and myself are planning on attending and will report at our July meeting about new things happening for the auxiliary.

Future yard sales will NOT be accepting clothing or CDs or DVDs as they do not sell. If you do have clothing you would like to donate please take it to the Christian Service Center in Palatka.

Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President



May

National Military Appreciation Month

This month is always an important one here at our post. Number one is the remembrance and honor given to our fallen Comrades in Arms. It is because of their sacrifice to duty that we are able to live our lives of Freedom.

Congress has declared the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month culminating in Memorial Day on the 31st of May. We will participate in the Palatka Memorial Day parade and honor our fallen Comrades at the Riverfront Memorial Presentation. We will then have an Open House at our Post with food and fellowship. Please join us in this celebration of Honor. Thank You to each of our members and supporters as we reach out to everyone in our community.

Teacher of the Year



Mary Beth Hedstrom
Principal- J.A. Long

Connie Westberry
Teacher of the Year

Gerald Shuler
Quartermaster

Gerald Donnelly
Commander



Freedom Fest 2021

May 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
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2	3 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	4 Bingo 6 pm	5 Queen of Hearts	6 Darts 7 pm House Committee	7 6PM Dinner Ham Dinner by Connie and Gene \$7.00	8 District Meeting at 10 AM. Break- fast at 9:00. <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
9	10 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	11 Bingo 6 pm	12 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM Post meeting at 7:00 PM	13 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm Aux Lunch at Salsa's Mexican	14 6PM Friday Dinner Steak Night \$10.00	15
16	17 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	18 Bingo 6 pm	19 Queen of Hearts 7 pm <i>Aux Sewing at 10 AM</i>	20 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	21 6PM Friday Night Dinner— TBA	22 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
23	24 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	25 Bingo 6 pm	26 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	27 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	28 Friday Dinner— Sloppy Joes for \$5.00	29 <i>Flag placement at Palatka Me- morial Gardens cemetery</i>
30 <i>Memorial Service at Cemetery 2PM</i>	31 <i>Memorial Day Parade at 10 AM Open House 12 - 4 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
4th	May 8, 2021	3349	Palatka	10 am

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>

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