



May 2022 Newsletter



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Memorial Day

Remember

Our Heroes



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



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FROM THE POST COMMANDER

Gerald Donnelly

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Greetings Everyone,

The month of April was busy. I started the month by going to Crescent City Jr.Sr.High School to honor our Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen Winners. Our VOD winner is Maya Shaffer who was also presented an award for excellence as a JROTC outstanding member. The Patriot's Pen winner is Max Lydon whose Parents were also at the school to see him receive his award. Both winners took home \$100 each and a certificate from our Post. Max also received an additional \$100 for 1st place in District 14 while Maya placed 2nd in the District.

The Post gave three food bank groups \$1500 donations each: St. Monica's Food Pantry, Palatka Christian Service Center Food Bank, and Bread of Life Pantry and Kitchen. This is to help our community's needy population which includes Veterans so they have food to eat. The Bread of Life prepares up to 90 meals a day for anyone needing a warm meal. Palatka Christian Service Center gives out food on an as needed basis. St. Monica's give out bags of food each Thursday to anyone in need.

The month of May is going to very busy. On May 7 the VFW is holding a day of service in collaboration with Humana Health Services to collect canned goods to help people in times of emergencies. The post will open at 0900 hours to receive the can goods. I need help to collect the can goods. Our Post is going to be the center for the District. Other posts will bring their goods to our Post. On May 11 Humana will pick up the can goods.

On May 10 at 0900 hours I will be honoring the Putnam County Fireman of the Year at the County Commissioner Meeting at County Complex. Brooke Bateman is the Fireman of the year. On May 24 We will honor the Policeman of the Year at the County meeting. The Policeman of the year is Sheriff SGT Shaun Valdivia. The meeting is at 0900 hours.

On May 12 We will honor the Fireman and Policeman of the Year at the City meeting. The meet is at 1800 hours. The Fireman is Engineer Robert Mohr. The Policeman is Officer Eric Pleiman.

On May 30th there will be a parade at 1000 hours. The Post will have open house at 1200 hours. Food will be served at 1230 hours to 1400 hours.

There will be a Heroes Honor Festival at Daytona Speedway to honor the Vietnam Veterans. The dates are May 27 and 28. The big festival will be on Saturday.

On May 26 and 27 the post will be doing Buddy Poppy's Hitchcock. We need help with this Event. We are asking to work 2 hours to collect donations. We start at 0900 Hours to 1700 hours Thursday and Friday. Saturday May 28 will work from 0900 hour to 1400 hours. Please sign up at the post for what hours you can help. Tammy Spaulding, our new Jr.Vice Commander is coordinating this year's Buddy Poppy drive. Thank you for stepping up Tammy.

Sincerely,

Commander Gerald Donnelly



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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Marian Chialastri

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Greetings Everyone,
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO EVERYONE
Hope everyone had a nice Easter

At the April meeting we elected and installed our new officers for 2022-2023

PRESIDENT; Marian Chialastri
SR VICE: Joyce Donnelly
JR VICE: Malinda Taylor
TREASURER; Valerie French
CHAPLIN; Dottie Donovan
CONDUCTRESS; Linda Sliter
GUARD; Bradlie Mulvey
1 YEAR TRUSTEE; Dottie Donovan
2 YEAR TRUSTEE Diane Shuler
3 YEAR TRUSTEE Betty Burnham
SECRETARY; Valerie French
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR; Dottie Donovan



Lunches will be at Beef O'Bradys May 12 and at Sumi Sushi Hibachi (next to Winn Dixie) on June 9

Memorial Day we will be having open house from Noon till 2p.m. Please bring a side dish Thank you to all our Veterans.

On May 7 we will be having a memorial service for Neva Lyons at 1p.m. the family has requested everyone to bring a side dish.

*Respectfully,
President Marion Chialastri*



May 31st

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Congress passed the [Uniform Holiday Act](#) in 1968 that Memorial Day was officially recognized on the last Monday in May. This law went into effect in 1971.



**Memorial
Day**
*Never Forget
Ever Honor*

The [National Moment Remembrance Act](#) sets aside 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day as a moment to pause in remembrance of our fallen Heroes.

On Memorial Day the flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon only, then raised briskly to the top of the staff until sunset, in honor of the nation's Battle Heroes.

May 2022

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	2 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	3 Bingo 6 pm	4 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	5 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm House Committee	6 Grilled Ham- burgers for Din- ner 6PM \$5.00	7 9 AM -VFW day of service. 1:00 PM Neva Lyons Memorial Service
8 <i>Mothers Day!</i>	9 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	10 Bingo 6 pm	11 Queen of Hearts Post meeting at 7:00 PM	12 Darts 7 pm Aux Lunch at Beef O'Bradys at noon.	13 6PM Dinner Dinner Steak Night \$12.00	14 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
15	16 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	17 Bingo 6 pm	18 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	19 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	20 6PM Dinner Baked Potato Night—Top em' how you want em'! \$5.00	21 <i>District 14 meeting at 10 AM in Palatka</i>
22	23 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm Auxiliary Sewing at 10:00	24 Bingo 6 pm	25 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	26 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	27 6PM Auxiliary Night Dinner— Sloppy Joe's \$5.00	28 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i> Flag placement On Veteran Graves
				Poppy Drive at Hitchcocks		Grocery
29	30  Memorial Day 10:00 - Parade 12:00 Open House Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	31 Bingo 6 pm Flag Pick-Up Veteran Graves	June 1 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	June 2 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	June 3 Grilled Ham- burgers for Din- ner 6PM \$5.00	June 4 VFW Quartermas- ter & Trustee School of Instruc- tion in Clearwater

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	Mark Retzlaff
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 Mark Retzlaff Bruce Howe
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	Bradley Mulvey
1Yr. Trustee	Dorothy Donovan
2Yr. Trustee	Diane Shuler
3Yr. Trustee	Betty Burnham
Patriotic Inst.	Dorothy Donovan

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
4th	05/21/22	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

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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