



VFW POST 3349
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Veterans Day



November 11th



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FROM THE COMMANDER November 2020

-October was a busy month. We had two memorial services to remember our comrades, Charles Burkley who had been our service Officer and Wayne Towles who was a member of our bowling team. We will miss them both.

-On Sunday October 18 our post bowled Interlachen VFW in Interlachen. It was a nice afternoon of fellowship as each post enjoys visiting each other. We had to return the trophy to the Interlachen men while the Ladies won and retained their trophy for another space of time.

-On October 31st we are doing a membership drive at the Palatka Airport. There will be a program to honor the Vietnam Veterans. There will be a Uh-1 helicopter there on Friday October 30, Saturday October 31, and Sunday November 1. The post will need help on Saturday to man our Membership drive booth which will run from 0800 to 1500.

-The post is holding a Poppy drive at Hitchcocks in East Palatka starting on Thursday November 5 and running through Saturday November 7. We still need volunteers to help man our stations at the entrances to the store. We plan on manning the tables from 0900 to 1700 on Thursday and Friday, then 0900 to 1400 on Saturday. If you can help please leave your name at the post and what time you can help.

-Our District meeting is on November 7 at 1000 at Lake City.

-The post will be closed on Thanksgiving. Hope everybody has a nice Thanksgiving.

-Looking ahead to December, the 12th we will have breakfast with Santa. The post will need help to make breakfast which will start preparing at 0730. Breakfast will be served at 0900. Children under 12 will eat free and adults will be \$5.00.

Commander Gerald Donnelly

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT November 2020

-October was a busy month for the auxiliary. We had our fall yard sale on the 3rd and made over \$300.00 for the auxiliary. Thanks to everyone who donated items for us to sell.

-Oct 17th was our annual Cancer bingo. We had a nice crowd and money raised stays in Putman County. Lots of fun was had by all who attended. Thanks to Valerie, Joyce, Malinda, Dorothy and Vickie for all your help at this worthy cause.

-No lunches or sewing are scheduled for November or December due to the holidays.

-Remember we have bingo every Tuesday at 6:00P.M. and it is open to the public. The auxiliary will be collecting canned goods for the Heart Of Putman. Please bring your donations to the post and if you bring them to bingo you will receive one free game for your donation.

-On November 6 the auxiliary will be serving meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert for \$6.00. Please come join us for dinner. Check the monthly calendar to see what is being served each week.

-November 11 the post will be having open house at noon in honor of Veterans Day. Our regular monthly meeting will also be on the 11th so we will hold our meeting at 5:00P.M. instead of 7:00P.M. so we won't need to go home and then come back for the meeting. If you would like to bring a side dish to share at the open house please do so. It's always appreciated when you bring something to share with everyone. Hope to see everyone there.

Happy Thanksgiving to All.

Respectfully,

Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President

Wednesday
November 11th
noon to 4:00PM



Post 3349
Open
House



Canteen Hours will be as follows until further notice.
Monday through Thursday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Saturday: noon to 5:00 PM



The Round Canopy Parachuting Team - USA will present Operation Black Cat IV, taking place at Skydive Palatka on October 30 through November 1st, and featuring World War Two veteran Jim "Pee Wee" Martin, Vietnam Veteran and former Prisoner of War Bill Arcuri, The Friends of Army Aviation's Vietnam era UH-1 "Huey" aircraft, a mock firebase provided by the Florida Historical Preservation Groups "1st CAV Skysoldiers", and the Horse Soldiers of Afghanistan.

The Round Canopy Parachuting Team - USA is proud to bring Operation Black Cat to Skydive Palatka for the fourth year in a row. Operation Black Cat IV will highlight Vietnam era paratroopers and the teams' mission to perform round canopy commemorative airborne demonstrations to increase awareness and educate the public about the sacrifices and heroism of Allied Paratrooper from World War Two onward.

The event is free and open to the public.

Copy and paste the below URL for a video presentation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=x5QESN7UCwM&feature=emb_title

VFW Post 3349 Policeman of the Year Ashton Cassidy



Officer Ashton Cassidy (left) is presented the VFW Post 3349 Policeman of the Year Award by Palatka Police Chief Jason Shaw.

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	3 Bingo 6 pm	4	5 House Committee Queen of Hearts Darts 7 pm Poppy Drive at Hitchcocks 9 to 5 	6 Friday Night Dinner - Meat- loaf for \$6.00 Poppy Drive at Hitchcocks 9 to 5 	7  <small>"BUDDY" POPPY "BUDY" POPPY"</small> Poppy Drive at Hitchcocks 9 to 2
8	9 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	10 Bingo 6 pm	11 Veterans Day Open House Noon to Four. Post meeting at 5:00 PM	12 Queen of Hearts <i>Darts / Bowling</i>	13 Friday Night Dinner Steak Night \$10.00	14 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
15	16 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	17 Bingo 6 pm Navy Birthday	18	19 Queen of Hearts <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	20 Friday Night Dinner—Fish Fry by Gene & Connie	21
22	23 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	24 Bingo 6 pm	25	26  Happy Thanks- giving—Post closed	27 No Dinner to- night	28 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
29	30 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>Dec 01</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>Dec 02</i>	<i>Dec 03</i> House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>Dec 04</i> Chili Night	<i>Dec 05</i>
<i>Dec 06</i>	<i>Dec 07</i> Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	<i>Dec 08</i> Bingo 6 pm	<i>Dec 09</i> Post and Aux Meeting 7 PM	<i>Dec 10</i> Queen of Hearts <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	<i>Dec 11</i> Friday Night Dinner Steak Night \$10.00	<i>Dec 12</i> Breakfast with Santa 9:00 AM Children are Free Adults are \$5.00

Needs of the Post

- Rubin needs two volunteers to man our Poppy Drive tables at Hitchcocks on Friday Nov 6th from 3 to 5 PM. All other times are covered. Please contact the post at (386) 328-2863 and leave a message for Rubin.



- Bingo workers are needed, especially additional Bingo Callers. No experience required, just a willingness to work with the public. We will train. Call the post or Email MediaVFW3349@gmail.com



POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gerald Donnelly
Sr Vice Commander	Bruce Howe
Jr Vice Commander	Rubin Myers
Judge Advocate	Ray Dixon
Adjutant	Vacant
Quartermaster	Robert Thropp
Chaplin	Gerald Shuler
Surgeon	Frank Caisineau
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 Neiman
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 Neiman
Members	Gerald Donnelly Robert Thropp Gerald Shuler Rubin Myers John Dillingham Bill Thompson
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	Gerald French
1Yr. Trustee	Joyce Donnelly
2Yr. Trustee	Kathie Thompson
3Yr. Trustee	Dorothy Donovan
Patriotic Inst.	Dorothy Donovan

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
2nd	Nov 07, 2020	2206	Lake City	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>

National Do Not Call Registry www.donotcall.gov

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