



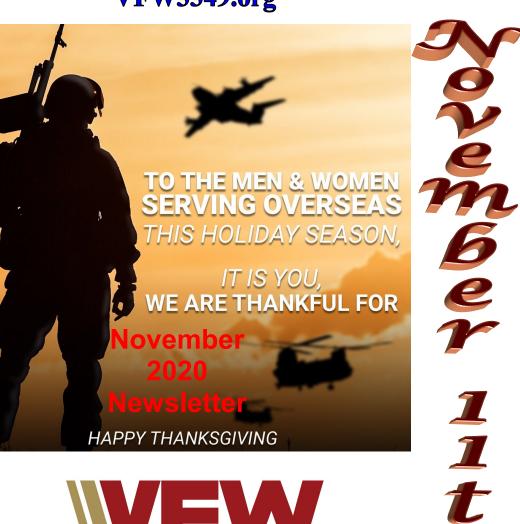


**VFW POST 3349 3201 REID ST., PALATKA, FL 32177** 

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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.** 

VFW Post 3349 **PO Box 218** Palatka FL 32178-0218



### November 2020

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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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

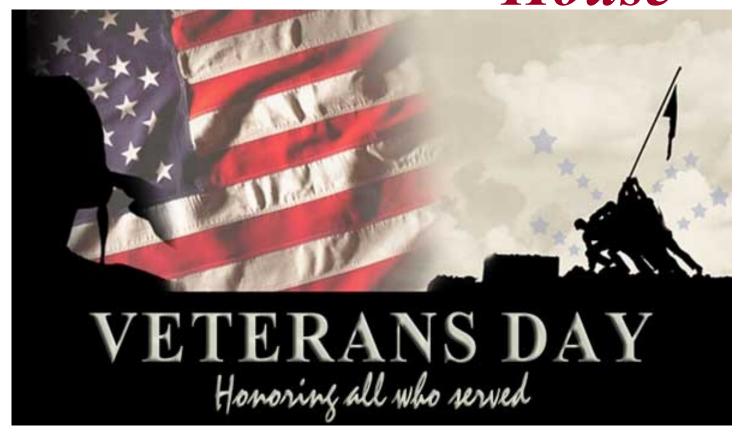
Respectfully,

Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President

# Wednesday November 11th noon to 4:00PM

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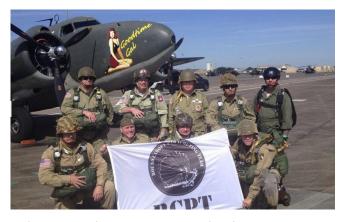
Post 3349 Open House



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?reloa d=9&v=x5QESN7UCwM&feature=e mb\_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.



### November 2020

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	Friday Night Dinner - Meatloaf for \$6.00 Poppy Drive at Hitchcocks 9 to 5	Poppy Drive at Hitchcocks 9 to 2
8	9 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	10 Bingo 6 pm	Veterans Day Open House Noon to Four. Post meeting at 5:00 PM	12 Queen of Hearts Darts / Bowling	13 Friday Night Dinner Steak Night \$10.00	14 In House Bowling at 1:00 PM
15	16 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	17 Bingo 6 pm Navy Birthday	18	19 Queen of Hearts Darts / Bowling 7 pm	20 Friday Night Dinner—Fish Fry by Gene & Connie	21
22	23 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	24 Bingo 6 pm	25	Happy Thanksgiving—Postclosed	27 No Dinner to- night	28 In House Bowling at 1:00 PM
29	30 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	Dec 01 Bingo 6 pm	Dec 02	Dec 03 House Committee Meeting 7 PM Queen of Hearts Darts / Bowling 7 pm	Dec 04 Chili Night	Dec 05
Dec 06	Dec 07 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	Dec 08 Bingo 6 pm	Dec 09 Post and Aux Meeting 7 PM	Dec 10 Queen of Hearts Darts / Bowling 7 pm	Dec 11 Friday Night Dinner Steak Night \$10.00	Dec 12 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 Frank Caisineau 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 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**

Marian Chialastri President Sr. Vice Jovce Donnelly Jr. Vice Matthew French Treasurer Valerie French Secretary Valerie French Chaplain Dorothy Donovan Linda Sliter Conductress Guard Gerald French Joyce Donnelly 1Yr. Trustee Kathie Thompson 2Yr.Trustee Dorothy Donovan 3Yr. Trustee Dorothy Donovan Patriotic Inst.

### **DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE**

QtrDatePostLocationTime2ndNov 07, 20202206Lake City10 am

### **Useful Web Sites**

Get copy of DD Form 214 or other discharge documents: <a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/">http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/</a>

Request Lost and Replacement Medals: <a href="http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/public/awards-and-decorations.html">http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/public/awards-and-decorations.html</a>

### 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

### VFW Post Website

http://vfw3349.org

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