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FROM THE COMMANDER September 2020

I attended the State VFW School of instruction on Saturday, August 8. I was a little disappointed on the information presented at this meeting. I was expecting more on the new program for reports. This program is called "The Dashboard". This program requires the Post Adjutant to enter all reports in order to count toward credit to warrant achievement to become an All American Post. This has created a problem because I do most of the reports.

When I came back from the School I had a rude awakening. My Adjutant had resigned his position. We will miss his assistance and wish him well. The Post Quartermaster will assume the duties of the Adjutant until further notice. Please thank Robert for taking on this additional duty.

On a positive note we are currently in the process of updating our web site at VFW3349.org. Continue checking the web site for weekly updates. There is information on the web site about what is going on in the post.

We now have a TV up in the Post Canteen to scroll a slide show with information about upcoming events and pictures of past events. It's a great addition for the post.

The post continues to remain open. We just cannot serve alcohol as of yet. Tuesday night bingo is going strong. The members are bowling and having a fun time with it. The post is serving Friday Night Dinners at 6 PM.

The Post's next monthly meeting is September 9th at 7 PM. Come to the meeting and see what is going on.

Commander
Gerald Donnelly

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT September 2020

Hello, hope everyone is staying healthy. The School of Instruction gave us a lot more information and news of upcoming programs going on within the Dept. of Florida. September 9th is our monthly meeting at 7 P.M. in the auxiliary room. September 16 is sewing in the auxiliary room at 10 a.m. and lunch at Colees at noon. We changed to Colees instead of the Rusty Duck. September 18 is the auxiliary dinner: meatball subs, coleslaw and chips. September 30th we will be setting up for the yard sale to be held on October 3rd 8 a.m. to noon. If you have anything you would like to donate please bring it to the auxiliary room no later than September 30th. You can bring it down anytime before. If you would call me, I will meet you at the auxiliary room to help you bring your donations into the room. My number is (386)546-4770; if no answer, please leave a message and I will return your call. October 14 is the monthly meeting at 7. October 1-7 is cancer bingo 1 till 5 p.m. All money raised stays in Putnam County and is donated to the Cancer Center in Palatka. Doors open at noon and lunch will be sold. Choice of Sloppy Joes and chips or pasta tuna salad and crackers: \$3.00 for each meal. Please invite your friends to come play bingo with us. Lots of door prizes will be available. This year door prizes will have a number on them. When your ticket is pulled you will pick a bingo ball from a bag and the number you pull will be the door prize you win. October 23 and 24 is the fall conference at the Florida Hotel in Orlando.

Respectfully,

Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President

The Canteen is now open for Service at 50% capacity. The following E-mail excerpts are from our State Commander and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Well Team, my persistence seems to have paid off.
The email below is from DBPR so we can now serve alcohol in our Posts except those Posts still in phase 1 or those Posts under suspension.
BUT – we must follow all the Phase 2 guidelines the same as restaurants.

*Yours In Camaraderie,
Glen Tilley
State Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars,
Dept. of Florida*



From the State of Florida DBPR to Commander Glen Tilley

“With that being said, and after further discussions with our team and the Secretary, we agree that after further review of the Order, we have ascertained that since private social clubs, lodges, fraternal groups, benevolent associations, American Legions, and VFWs are exempt from the definition of "Public food service establishment" in 509.013(5)(b), F.S., and are therefore ineligible to apply for a food service license from our Division of Hotels and Restaurants, section 1) of DBPR Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 shall NOT apply to your organizations. DBPR will classify you under Section 2) of the order permitting you to open and operate as a restaurant with the ability to sell and serve alcohol for consumption on premises. Please note that you must still subscribe to those delineated provisions and are allowed to open under the temporary "restaurant" guidelines, as defined in Executive Order 20-68, 20-71, 20-112, 20-139, and 20-192.

Please be careful and safe and good luck to you.”

Michael B. Johnson
Deputy Secretary - Business / DBPR

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

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bingo 6 pm	2	3 House Meeting 7 pm Queen of Hearts <i>Darts / Bowling</i>	4 Friday Night Dinner - Baked Chicken Qtr with Mashed Potatoes and a veggie. \$5.00	5
6	7 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	8 Bingo 6 pm	9 Post & Aux Meetings 7 PM	10 Queen of Hearts <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	11 Friday Night Dinner Steak Night \$10.00	12 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i> <i>Submariner Meeting at noon in dining room.</i>
13	14 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	15 Bingo 6 pm	16 Auxiliary Sew- ing at 10am followed by lunch at Colee's at noon.	17 Queen of Heart <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	18 Friday Night Dinner— Meatball Subs \$5.00	19
20	21 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	22 Bingo 6 pm	23	24 Queen of Hearts <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	25 Friday Night Dinner - Pork Dinner \$TBA	26 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
27	28 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	29 Bingo 6 pm	30 Auxiliary Yard Sale Set-Up at 10am			

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
	Gerald Shuler

	John Dillingham
Canteen Manager	Vickie Dixon

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHELEULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
2nd	Nov xx, 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 National Web Site for Members: www.jointheelite.org

VFW eMembership: <http://emem.vfw.org>

VFW Store Online: www.vfwstore.org

VFW Department of Florida Web Site: <http://www.myfloridavfw.org>

National Do Not Call Registry www.donotcall.gov

VFW Post Website <http://vfw3349.org>

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Thank you

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