

September 2022 Newsletter



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**September 18th
USAF Birthday**



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FROM THE COMMANDER September 2022

The month of August went by very fast. The post was busy in August. QM Gerald Shuler and I went to QI Roberts Jr Sr High School to present our Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher of the Year programs. We met with all the teachers in a general meeting for about 15 minutes. I hold high hopes the school will submit participates for all three programs. I also spoke to Putnam Academy which is a middle school about the Patriot Pen program.

On September 17 the state commander is coming to the post for lunch. I will be in New York for a wedding. I understand everything is set to go. Let us know if you plan to attend so we have enough food.

October is going to be very busy. I will only go over what the post needs. On October 1st the post is going to need a Color Guard. The Bass Pro Fishing is going to take veterans fishing. This is a very early morning event. If you go you need to be at the river front about 6:15 AM. The paper work is available at the post. The color guard needs to be at the river about 6:15 AM. This is a nice day on the river fishing. The Bass Pro provides the boats and fishing equipment.

The other date to remember is October 1st for in house bowling that day. The 2nd Saturday is going to be very busy so we have to move in house. Also October 15 the Auxiliary is going to have a Cancer Bingo.

Fall Conference is on October 24 at the Florida Hotel in Orlando.

Commander Gerald Donnelly

**FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
September 2022**

The auxiliary will be having their monthly dinner on September 16. We will be serving ham croquettes for \$7.00. There will be no auxiliary dinner in October.

Our monthly meeting is September 14 and lunch is September 15 at Pizza Boys at noon.

Sewing is on September 28 at 10:00. You don't have to know how to sew there are lots of other things to do to make the lap blankets for our Veterans at the Gainesville VA hospital.

October 1 will be our yard sale from 8 to noon. October 15 is the Cancer Bingo from 1 to 5. Lunch will be sold starting at noon until we sell out. ..You will have a choice of Sloppy Joe and chips or Pasta salad with crackers for \$4.00 each. Please plan on coming and bring your friends. We will have lots of door prizes along with raffles and a cookie jar. All money raised stays in Putman County.

The Fall conference will be October 21 and 22 at the Florida Mall in Orlando.

Marian Chialastri, Auxiliary President



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Air Force Birthday



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_Force_Day#United_States

The Air Force Day of the [United States](#) was introduced on 1 August 1947 by order of President [Harry Truman](#).^[25] It was created "in recognition of the personnel of the victorious [Army Air Forces](#) and all those who have developed and maintained our nation's air strength". 1 August was specifically chosen as the date for this holiday for historical reasons, being that at the time of its introduction, it celebrated the [ruby jubilee](#) of the 1907 establishment of the [Aeronautical Division, U.S. Signal Corps](#). It officially came into being after the signing of the [National Security Act of 1947](#), with its first celebration being staged while still under the control of the [United States Army](#). Air Force Day was last observed in 1949.^{[26][27]} Today, the Air Force Birthday honors the modern [United States Air Force](#) on 18 September.^[28]

Today the military celebrates the Air Force birthday by air demonstrations by the [Thunderbirds](#). A precision combat air demonstration squadron, military "tattoo" air show events that feature a variety of aircraft in the air and on the ground. Attend an Air Force air show to be impressed with the abilities of the most powerful and versatile Air Force in the World.



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Upcoming Partner Events

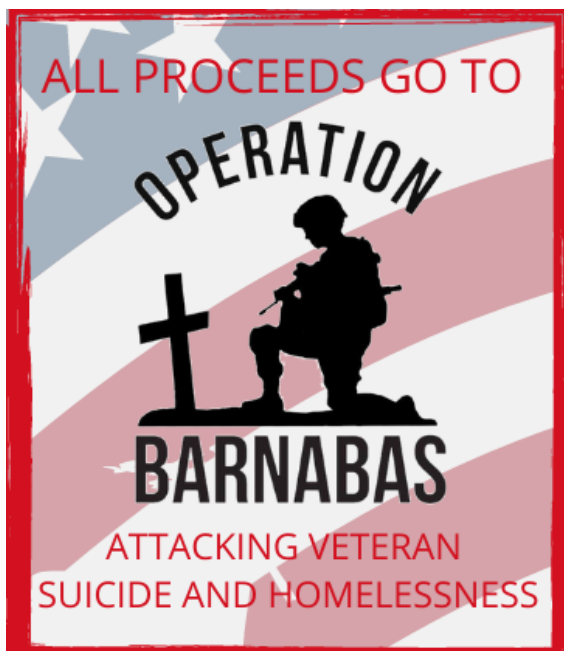
VETERANS GAMES

OCT. 8, 2022



REGISTER ONLINE
OperationBarnabas.com

HOSTED BY
BOOGERVILLE HIDEOUT
6043 Hwy 17
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043



MOTORCYCLE AND JEEP POKER RUN LED BY DEAN & LORI WIND THERAPY NEFL
REGISTRATION: BOOGERVILLE HIDEOUT 9:30AM - 11AM
KICK STANDS UP: 11AM
STOPS INCLUDE
BOOGERVILLE HIDEOUT • GCS SALOON 17 • GCS
THE HOWLING WOLF • MELROSE LIL CAESARS • INTERLACHEN VFW • PALATKA
• LAST BIKE 3:30PM •
GROUP RIDE TO BOOGERVILLE
\$30/RIDER - \$10/PASSENGER
ALL PARTICIPANTS GET A SHIRT!

<https://www.operationbarnabas.com/events-operation-barnabas>



11th Annual Veterans Appreciation Bass Tournament

Hosted by Bass Capital BassMasters of Palatka

October 1 2022 Safe Light (6am) - 2PM

We invite **all Veterans** to participate in our annual **NO FEE** bass tournament to honor you for your many contributions and sacrifices for our country. The tournament will take place on **Saturday October 1, 2021**. Veterans will be treated to a fun filled day complete with a bass fishing tournament on the St. Johns River **launching from Palatka city docks at safe light (6:00 am) and weigh in at 2:00pm. Breakfast sandwiches will be provided at the ramp and a free Barbeque after weigh-in.** Family and friends are welcome to support their favorite Veteran.

<https://vfw3349.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=8991>

Click the above link for flyer and an application.

<https://www.basscapitalbassmasters.com>



Sept 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
	Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	Bingo 6 pm	Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	1 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	2 Grilled Ham- burgers for Dinner 6PM \$5.00 V-J Day	3
4	5 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	6 Bingo 6 pm	7 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM	8 House Committee <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	9 6PM Dinner Dinner Steak Night \$12.00	10 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
11 <i>Patriot's Day - Never Forget....</i>	12 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	13 Bingo 6 pm	14 Queen of Hearts 7:00 PM Post meeting at 7:00 PM	15 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm Auxiliary Lunch at Pizza Boys @ noon	16 6PM Friday Ham Croquettes By the Auxiliary for \$7.00	17 <i>State Commander visit for Lunch</i>
18 <i>USAF birthday</i>	19 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	20 Bingo 6 pm	21 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	22 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	23 6PM Friday Night Dinner— TBA	24 <i>In House Bowl- ing at 1:00 PM</i>
25 <i>Gold Star Mother's Day</i>	26 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	27 Bingo 6 pm	28 Queen of Hearts 7 pm Aux Sewing @ 10 am	29 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm National VFW Day - 124 years old	30 6PM Friday Night Dinner— TBA	Oct 01 <i>Yard Sale by the Auxiliary 8 to 12</i>
Oct 02	Oct 03 Pizza & Bowling 5:30 pm	Oct 04 Bingo 6 pm	Oct 05 Queen of Hearts 7 pm	Oct 06 <i>Darts / Bowling</i> 7 pm	Oct 07 Grilled Ham- burgers for Din- ner 6PM \$5.00	Oct 08

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	Bruce Howe
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	Bruce Howe
Members	Commander and ALL Members

COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA RELATIONS

Chairman	Commander
Members	Adjutant and Quartermaster

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Gene Nieman
Members	Gerald Donnelly Kevin Donnelly Gerald Shuler Rubin Myers 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	Bradlie Mulvey
1Yr. Trustee	Dorothy Donovan
2Yr. Trustee	Diane Shuler
3Yr. Trustee	Rebecca Burnham
Patriotic Inst.	Dorothy Donovan

DISTRICT 14 MEETING SCHEDULE

Qtr	Date	Post	Location	Time
2nd	Nov 19	2206	Lake City	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

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

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