



*James Jarret Brown*  
*VFW Post 8385*  
*Newsletter*  
*February 2022*

## Issue 12-20/21

CDR - Ben Atkinson  
President - Flo Elmgren

### In This Issue:

CDR Note/  
Chaplains Corner/Service  
Officer Note

- Kat's Café Menu & Wed Lunch Specials
- Important Dates
- VFW Riders Group

### • Contact Us:

Post Phone:  
**(912) 729-7933**

Email:  
**Vfw8385@gmail.com**

Facebook:  
VFW Post 8385 James  
Jarret Brown

Website:  
**www.vfw8385.org**

Veteran Crisis Line:  
1-800-273-8255  
Text 838255  
Deaf: 1-800-799-4889

## CDR Note



### Greetings from the Commander.

Hope everyone is doing well. My apologies for the lack of newsletters the last couple months. Here it is, February already. The VFW year is over half way done. I appreciate all the help and support that we as a Post have received. At this point, I believe we are just needing membership to make All-American. Try to make it a point and call and check on your fellow comrades of the VFW. Remember, this month& meeting has been moved to the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. As a reminder, we open up nominations at the March meeting for next year&officers. Take some time and think about who you would like to see in those positions. Maybe consider yourself for a position as well. Thank you all for everything you do. Remember our mission, Veterans helping Veterans.

Ben



## Madam President Note

Sisters and Brothers,

The Children's Breakfast with Santa went very well. A big shout of thanks goes to BSA Troop 8385 for helping

with the party, then they went in the kitchen to help Dan & Ronda. While they were in the kitchen their parents cleaned the dining room for use.

**ANNUAL MEMBERS – PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR DUES - \$25.00, NEEDED TO BE PAID BY December 31 st**

**FOR YOU TO REMAIN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. You can pay them in the Canteen, Leave a check**

**in the Auxiliary Blue Box or go online to Malta to pay them. This is a very easy way to pay them. If not paid, you will not be able to vote at any meetings nor be eligible for any Cancer Grants.**

**Below are the events for February, 2022**

**05 February – Breakfast 9:00AM – 11:00AM – Workers 7:00AM – Florrie Elmgren; Rhonda Atkinson & Donn Kania 8:00AM – Dottie & Amos Simpson**

- **George Tweedy**

*06 February – Boy Scout Committee meeting 3:00PM-4:00PM*

*Troop meeting 4:00PM-5:30PM*

*07 February – 5:30PM until 7:00PM Commander Ben Atkinson & his team will be doing wings*

*07 February – 7:00PM Auxiliary members will meet to do table decorations for Valentine's Day;*

*Winter Conference Banquet in Macon & Our Awards Banquet in May. All are welcome to come out to*

*help. Thank you Donna for chairing this.*

*09 February – 6:00PM House Committee Meeting – If there is anything you would like me to bring up*

*please let me know by 5:00PM.*

*11 February – Boy Scout camp out on site to cook butts*

*12 February – Boy Scouts will hand out Boston Butts from 9:00AM – 12:00PM*

*PLC Meeting 3:00PM – 4:00PM*

*Troop Meeting 4:00PM – 5:30PM*

*12 February – 10:00AM District 7 Meeting at Hinesville 6602. If you need a ride please let me know.*

*I will be leaving the Post at 8:45AM.*

*12 February – Steak Night CANCELLED*

*13 February – SUPER BOWL GAME – Ed & Lois DeLeo and their team will be doing 6 Wings or ½*

*order of Chicken or ½ order Beef Nachos for \$6.00 each from 3:00pm or until sold out. The Post will*

*have a drawing for a 65 inch TV at ½ time. The profits for this drawing will go toward renovation of*

*the Post Men's rest room. Donation is \$5.00 per ticket.*

*14 February – Auxiliary will be doing a BBQ Rib dinner with ½ Rack of ribs; Salad; Baked Potato;*

*Green Beans with Bacon & Onions; Rolls and Choice of Banana Split Cake or Texas Sheet Cake.*

*Serving from 5:30 until 7:00PM, (unless sold out sooner). All this for \$10.00 per person. There will*

*be 3 drawings – 1. Outside American Flag; Bottle of Tommy Gun Vodka & 2 glasses. 2. RTIC 8 can*

*Cooler; 2 – 20 oz. Mugs with handles & straws; 2 Coffee cups (All items for drawings 1 & 2 were*

*donated by Auxiliary President & Dan Mayeux. 3. Tan Recliner donated by Brian Lewis – Right Time*

*Furniture. Anyone that buys a dinner or helps with the dinner will get a ticket for these drawings.*

*17 February – MEETING CHANGED TO FEBRUARY 24 TH – Change due to USS Wyoming having*

*their Change of Command reception at the Post.*

*18 February – 20 February – Winter State of Georgia Conference in Macon, GA*

*19 February – BREAKFAST CANCELLED DUE TO COOKS BEING IN MACON*

*24 February – 6:00PM POST & AUXILIARY MEETING. Post Service Officer, JT*

*Miller, will be at our meeting to discuss benefits for Military Spouse. Please bring any questions you*

*might have for him.*

*26 February – 9:00 AM – Mardi Gras Parade. Meet at North end of Hwy 17 and Royal Parkway.*

*PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK ROYAL PKY, as people live on this street.*

*26 February – Beginning at 3:00PM – Celebration of Life for Steve Dyer. We hope to see a good*

*turnout for this.*

*27 February – Lois & Ed DeLeo along with Danielle Shaver will be serving Chicken or Beef Nachos.*

*27 February – Boy Scout PLC Meeting 3:00PM – 4:00PM*

*Troop Meeting 4:00PM – 5:30PM*

*28 February – 5:30PM – 7:00PM Commander Ben Atkinson & his team will be doing wings*

*If you see any errors please send me an email or call me (912) 464-7190 as soon as you see them so*

*I can fix it – them. Thank you.*

*If you like this calendar please let me know and I will try to put one together for the next 4 months.*

*Florrie Elmgren, President*

*VFW Auxiliary Post 8385*

## **Chaplains Corner**

*This is the first chaplain corner post for 2022 and I do apologize that I was not able to*

*submit one for the month of January, but my wife and I were very sick because we*

*came down with the COVID-19 virus which put us down for several days. We are just*

*now both feeling much better and we thank you all of the prayers and support.*

*Every Month I like to give everyone something to think about during the month and this*

*month I would like to briefly discuss this issue and that is respect and dignity within our*

*VFW family and within our community.*

*I have personally witnessed during our post meetings how a simple question asked*

*during our meetings can get almost to the point of disrespecting not just our post*

*members but our VFW state officers and visitors in attendance. I have noticed this*

*action during several meetings and this behavior seems to be more and more apparent*

*with every meeting that I have attended over the past year.*

*I would like to remind all members that we need to treat everyone with a bit more*

*respect and dignity especially during our post meetings. I remember what my father told*

*me as a young man “ Blowing out some else’s candle will not make your flame any*

*brighter”*

*The bible teaches us in 2 Timothy 1.7 “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of*

*power and love and self-control”.*

*So when we are in our post meetings, let us exercise a bit more self control and control*

*our tempers when we speak to one another. I keep hearing how many post members do*

*not come to meetings or help in post activities. My question to each and every one of*

*you is this why would anyone participate in any meeting or post function if we are*

*bickering like school children instead of discussing important issues like professionals*

*and treating everyone with dignity and respect.*

*So this month I would like each and every post member to treat one another with a bit*

*more dignity and respect, because if we don't you might not have a post members left*

*to have a post anymore. Let us think about that this month.*

*Have a good month, If anyone needs my assistance or just wants to talk my door is*

*always open my brothers and sisters. I love you all*

*V/r George Tweedy VFW Post 8385 Chaplain.*

*George Tweedy VFW Post 8385 Chaplain.*

## **Service Officer**

During the last six months to date our post has assisted 19 veterans in filing claims such as, initial claims, notice of disagreements, appeals, veterans pensions as well as filing for Social Security Disability (SSDI). Since I started keeping records this has entailed roughly 170 man hours and 433 miles.

This is quite a feat for a Post of this size and it could not have been accomplished without the help and support of all our Veteran members as well as non veterans. Of course I have to give a shout out to all our bar

tenders for passing along my point of contact to inquiring veterans.

On another not I want to bring everyone involved up to date on some issues that haven't published enough or at all;

- Out of work disabled veterans (no matter of % of disability) can file for Social security Disability (SSDI) and are qualified. I know I am one.
- Disabled/injured active duty military in some cases can apply for and receive SSDI
- Low income veterans can apply for a Veterans Pension
- Disabled veterans can apply for Aid and Attendance for nursing home as well as house bound (house bound vets allows for paid attendance including your attending spouse

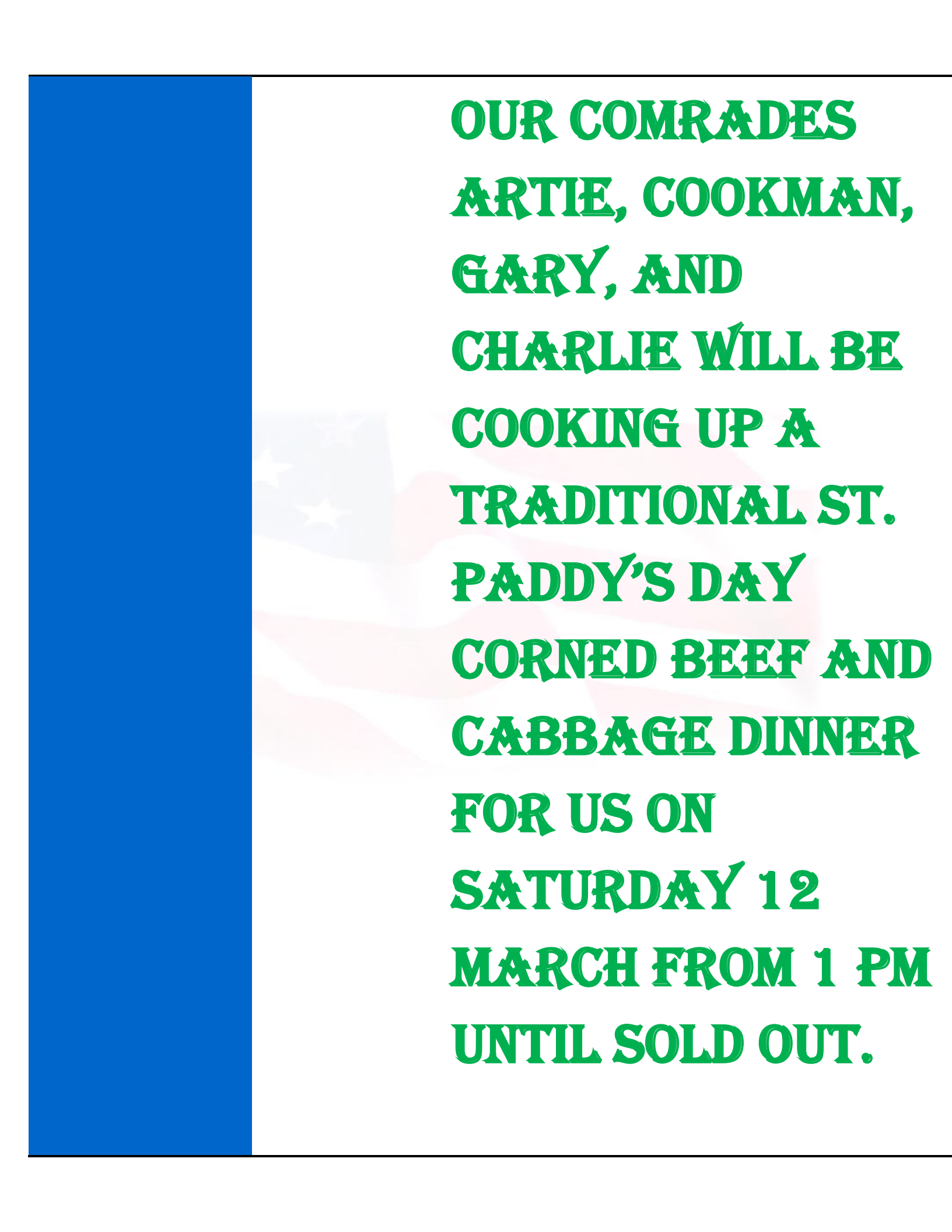
### ALERT

VA adds three new presumptions for agent orange;

- Bladder cancer
- Hypothyroidism
- Parkinsonism

VA extends presumptive period for Gulf War veterans to Dec. 31, 2026. There a wide variety of systems that can qualify a Gulf War veteran for presumptive service connection, so veterans that are experiencing unexplained medical issues are encouraged to file a claim.





**OUR COMRADES  
ARTIE, COOKMAN,  
GARY, AND  
CHARLIE WILL BE  
COOKING UP A  
TRADITIONAL ST.  
PADDY'S DAY  
CORNERED BEEF AND  
CABBAGE DINNER  
FOR US ON  
SATURDAY 12  
MARCH FROM 1 PM  
UNTIL SOLD OUT.**

**PRICE IS \$15.00**



Quinn Goodson

## VFW Riders Group



The next meeting is 19 February. We are getting close to this year's Auxiliary benefit ride, I will notify everyone as soon as we have a date.

## TROOP 8385 NEWS AND EVENTS

Braydon Smith recently completed his Eagle Scout project, which was organizing a wellness fair at Camden Community Recreation Center in Kingsland on Jan. 8. With the help of recreation authority director Buck Johnson, Kingsland Mayor Grayson Day, Eagle Scout coach Joe Roddenberry and Fellow Scouts from Troop 8385, the project successfully showcased a variety of health services, offered helpful information on health-related topics and entertained the crowd with various fun activities throughout the day..

Don't forget, If you ordered a Boston Butt from the scouts, they either need to be picked up Sat. the 12<sup>th</sup> by noon or arrangements made to make sure you get yours.

## Kat's Café

The Café serves lunch Mon – Fri w/ a lunch special every Wednesday.

Lumpia		\$ 5.00
Wing Dings (5 wings)		\$ 6.00
Jalapeno Poppers w/ Cheddar/Cream Cheese		\$ 4.00
Fries	Small or Large	\$ 2.00 or \$ 2.50
Onion Rings		\$ 3.50
Mozzarella Sticks		\$ 4.00
Sampler Plate (3 Lumpia, 3 Cheese Sticks, 3 Wings)		\$6.50
Burgers & Sandwiches (add fries for \$ 1.00)		
Hamburger w/ chips		\$ 6.00
Cheeseburger w/ chips		\$ 6.50
Patti Melt		\$ 6.25
Grilled Cheese w/ chips		\$ 4.00
Beef Hot Dog		\$ 2.50 or 2 for \$ 4.50
Homemade Chicken Salad w/ chips		\$ 6.00
Chicken Tender Plate w/ fries		\$ 5.00
BLT w/ Pickle & Chips		\$ 5.75
Chicken Tender Plate		\$ 5.00
Fried Chicken Tender Sandwich		\$ 6.00

**\*\*All menus and dates are subject to change\*\***

## ***February Important Dates***

Feb. is Black history month.

1 Feb. Chinese New Year.

3 Feb. Four Chaplains Day.

4 Feb. USO birthday.

14 Feb. National Salute to Veteran patients' week.

14 Feb. Valentine's Day.

19 Feb. Coast Guard Reserve Birthday.

21 Feb. Presidents Day.

## ***Post Dates***

9th - House Committee Meeting.

14<sup>th</sup> Feb, Valentine's day rib dinner at post.  
\$10.00 per person.

19th – Riders meeting.

19th – Breakfast Cancelled due to dist. mtg.

24thth - Post/Auxiliary Meeting.



There will be a celebration of life for Steve Dyer on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February at the post, please plan on attending.

## **Suggestions/Recommendations**

**Do you have an idea that would help the Post?  
Want to come up with an event that allows us to  
better help Veterans and their families?**

**If you do, and like to suggest or recommend  
something, write it out and drop it in the blue box by  
the office door.**

**The House Committee will review/discuss during  
their regular monthly meeting.**

## **Post Projects**

**Some items that we will need volunteers for.  
Pressure washing various area's, small and large.  
(We have our own pressure washer now), painting  
the building Exterior, help with lawn work (there is a  
mower here that has been donated.**

**If interested in assisting, let a Post Officer know and  
we will schedule the dates. Thank you!!!**



## Line Dancing Lessons

Wanna learn how to line dance? Or maybe polish up on those skills you learned when you were younger?

You are in luck. Mrs Darla teaches **FREE** line dancing lessons in the Post Banquet Hall every Wednesday from 7:30 – 9 p.m. And it isn't **ONLY** country/western line dancing.

Please feel free to contact her with questions at (912) 674-3291



