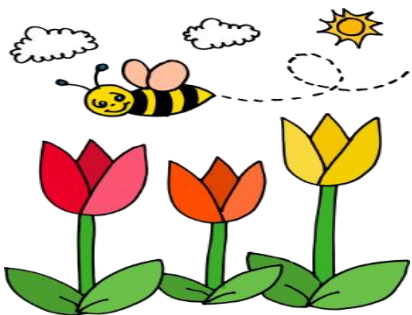




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CDR Note

Greetings,

I want to start by saying that the support the Post has been getting from all of you is great. We appreciate it very much.

This month we will be electing our officers for the upcoming year. As the year winds down, we need to keep working on membership. Shawn, our Adjutant, does an amazing job at keeping it up to day with loads of information.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please let myself or one of the other officers know and we will do our best to answer or help.

Thank you all for everything you do.



Madam President Note

Sisters & Brothers, here are the upcoming events for the Auxiliary. I'd like to welcome our newest member, Margaret K. Brown.

The added standing motion at our February meeting to allow the person in charge of the weekly meal to charge accordingly to the cost of the food. This cost is NOT to exceed \$ 12.

As this newsletter is going to print our annual ride will almost be here. If you are able to help on Saturday, April 3rd, please show up at the Post and see Theresa Farrell, Felicia Hartely, or Shari Worthen. I know they will need the help and find you something to do. Please remember all proceeds from this event are going to our Department Presidents Special Project for Homeless Vets.

Please remember, nomination and elections of Post Auxiliary Officers will be Thursday, April 15th at our regular monthly meeting. If you are presently an elected or appointed officer and do not wish to hold an office next year, please let me know. We will also elect both District and National Delegates. The District 7 meeting will be Saturday, April 17th at 1000 in Jesup at Post 4583. During this meeting we will nominate/elect District Auxiliary Officers for next year.

The annual awards banquet is set for Saturday, May 1st. Tom Eddleman and Dan Mayeux have said they would cook for us again this year. Please see the signup sheet in the canteen for food donations. If you are able to help Linda Bryan with table decorations please let her know. If you are planning on attending the banquet, please sign up so that we will have an idea of how many will be there.

Please continue to support our Tuesday dinners and also the breakfast we host twice a month. With that said, due to the District Meeting on April 17th, Breakfast is cancelled and also the breakfast on May 1st due to the banquet. Please mark this on your calendars. If you are planning on going to the June State Convention in Macon on 17-20 June and want me to put your reservation in, just let me know at the April meeting. Best regards and Thank you all for everything you do for our Veterans!



Chaplains Corner

- George Tweedy



In this month of the Chaplains Corner, I would like to give you a topic to think about and that topic is humility. In the busy world we live in, we tend to think only about ourselves at times and the difficulties we are experiencing. I have seen our Post members quick to express their anger at one another during these times. Let us practice a little humility this month and think about others better than ourselves. In Philippians 2:3 "*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty pride, but in humility consider others more important than yourselves.*"

I understand that some Post members are experiencing some difficult issues in their lives which are quite stressful. Some members will lash out and some members will retaliate in response which at times can get out of hand. However, instead of lashing back in retaliation if we stop for just a minute and think about the person who is having that stressful day and treat one another more important than ourselves, maybe, just maybe it will give that person who is having that difficult day a little ray of sunshine on that dismal day. Just something to think about my brothers and sisters. Thank you all and have a Happy Easter.

Service Officer

- Rob Ehrhart



Greetings!

The Veterans Administration (VA) has started scheduling veterans for Agent Orange exams as well as scheduling exams for Desert Storm and Afghanistan/Iraq veterans exposed to hazardous burn pits. These are available to any eligible veteran and current enrollment in the VA healthcare system is NOT a requirement.

For those existing patients (you are currently enrolled in the VA health system) You can be scheduled for an exam by contacting the VA Hospital related to your clinic. For those veterans not currently enrolled, you can choose the hospital based on the clinic of your choice.

VA Outpatient Clinic Jacksonville, contact VAMC Gainesville at
(800) 324-8387 ext. 106029 or (352) 548-6029

VA Outpatient Clinic Savannah, contact VAMC Charleston
(843) 577-5011

Please do not hesitate to contact me at PSO8385@outlook.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Auxiliary Tuesday Night Dinners

There is a sign-up sheet in the Post. Signing up ahead of time lets us figure out how much to buy. If you signed up and won't make it, please let us know so that we can sell to someone waiting.

Apr 6th – Beef Stroganoff w/ Green Beans (\$ 8)

Apr 13th – Mexican Casserole w/ chips and cheese
(\$ 8)

April 20th – Ribs w/ Potato Salad and French Fries
(\$ 8)

Apr 27th – Turkey Tetrazzini w/ Broccoli and Salad
(\$ 8)

If you are interested in helping with any of these dinners or would like to host one yourself, contact Felicia Keller at felkel212@gmail.com.

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

Kat's Café

Kat Carnes is working hard making up delicious lunch menus for the Post. The Café serves lunch Mon – Fri w/ a lunch special every Wednesday.

Lumpia	\$ 4.00
Wing Dings (5 wings)	\$ 5.00
Jalapeno Poppers w/ Cheddar/Cream Cheese	\$ 3.50
Fries Small or Large	\$ 1.50 or \$ 2.50
Onion Rings	\$ 3.50
Mozzarella Sticks	\$ 4.00
Sampler Plate (3 Lumpia, 3 Cheese Sticks, 3 Wings)	\$6.00
Burgers & Sandwiches (add fries for \$ 1.00)	
Hamburger w/ chips	\$ 5.00
Cheeseburger w/ chips	\$ 5.50
Patti Melt	\$ 6.25
Grilled Cheese w/ chips	\$ 3.00
Beef Hot Dog	\$ 2.00 or 2 for \$ 3.50
Homemade Chicken Salad w/ chips	\$ 5.00
Chicken Tender Plate w/ fries	\$ 5.00
BLT w/ Pickle & Chips	\$ 5.00
Chicken Tender Plate	\$ 5.00
Fried Chicken Tender Sandwich	\$ 5.00
Fried Shrimp Basket w/ fries	\$ 7.00

Wednesday Lunch Specials

Apr 7th - Chicken Quesadillas w/ Spanish Rice and Apple or Cherry Dessert Quesadilla (\$ 8)

Apr 14th - Cold Italian Sub w/ Salami, Cappacola, Pepperoni, Italian Ham, Provolone Cheese, Lettuce/Tomato w/ chips and Pepperoncini's (\$ 8)

Apr 21st - Cuban Sandwich w/ Fires (\$ 8)

Apr 28th - Homemade Sloppy Joes w/ Pasta Salad and chips (\$ 8)

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

April Important Dates

Month of the Military Child
Military Saves Month

- 1st - April Fools Day
 - U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers Birthday
- 2nd - Good Friday
- 4th - Easter
- 5th - Gold Star Spouses Day
- 9th - National Former POW Recognition Day
- 12th - Ramadan Begins
- 14th - Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 22nd - Army Reserve Birthday
- 30th - National Military Brats Day

April Post Dates

- 3rd – Veterans and Families Charity Ride/Breakfast
- 10th – Steak Night
- 14th – House Committee Meeting
- 15th – Post/Auxiliary Meeting
- 17th – Riders Group Meeting/Aux Breakfast

VFW Riders Group



Hello. Spring is in the air and we are seeing the temperature start to warm up. That means more and more people will be taking in some wind therapy. If you're caging it, keep an eye out for those riding. If you plan on riding and your bike has been in the garage for a few months, I highly recommend you check your tire pressures and battery before heading out.

The Auxiliary ride is coming up on the 3rd of the month and, as always, we will support them. The Auxiliary does so much for the Post that most people never think about or simply just take for granted. Our riders will be at the various stops for them and then help out here and there once we are all back at the Post. They did not get to host their ride last year and I'm sure they can't wait for this year's event.

Here are some events coming up in April you might be interested in.

- VFW Auxiliary ride April 3rd
- Chaplain Freds Easter Service April 4th
- AFMC Rock A Billy ride April 10th
- Bikers Riding for Veterans Poker Run/ Savannah April 10th
- Co-Op Meeting Hosted by Free Byrds @ AFMC April 13th
- Red Knights – Ride Around the Swamp April 24th

Last month we had our nominations for our 2021-2022 RG Officers. I am pleased to announce the following members were nominated:

President – Quinn Goodson, Adan Monreal, John Strugala
Vice President – Mike Spurlin
Chaplain – George Tweedy

Elections will take place next month at our meeting on April 17th. New Officers do not officially take over until after the State Convention in June. We will still need 2 Road Captains, a Sergeant at Arms, and a Secretary. If you think you would be interested in one of those, then come out on our meeting day. We will never say no to those who want to be involved.

Our next monthly meeting will be held April 17th at 1000 at the Post.

Til next time!

Chuck Grigsby
RG President

Scouts Corner



April will be a busy month for the Scouts. We have the Girl Scouts on Wednesdays from 5-6:30 pm and our Troop will meet on the 18th and 25th as well as the Sea Cadets who meet one Sunday of the month from 12-4.

The Troop held a cross-over ceremony with the Cub Scouts and gained four new Scouts for Troop 8385. There are four Cub Scout Packs in the area and during the cross-over the Cubs have a choice on which Troop they want to join.

We have two Eagle Scout candidates for Eagle Scout of the Year within our local area. Jacob Lewis was selected to be advanced to the State competition. He is the son of Asst. Scoutmaster Brian Lewis. Jacob received his Eagle Scout rank last June. The committee will meet this month to review the applicants received from Posts throughout the State to advance on to the National selection process. We wish the best of luck to all the participants.

We had a delayed Court of Honor for Jacob Lewis at Crooked River State Park and we have an upcoming camping trip for the beginning of April.

Scout Oath

“On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.”

Tax Time


The IRS has delayed Federal Tax filing until May 17th, 2021.



The state of Georgia has automatically extended the filing date to May 17th as well with no penalties.

So.....Mark your calendars now so that you don't forget the tax deadline!!!
Your returns must be post stamped on the 17th or you are late!

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Auxiliary Charity Ride
4 	5 Wing Night 1730-1900	6	7	8	9	10 Steak Night 1830-2000
11	12 Wing Night 1730-1900	13	14 House Committee Mtg - 1800	15 Post/Aux Mtg - 1800	16	17 RG Mtg 1000
18	19 Wing Night 1730-1900	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Wing Night 1730-1900	27	28	29	30	

****Due to the District 7 Meeting, the Auxiliary Breakfast for April 17th is cancelled****



VFW 8385 Auxiliary
14th Annual
Veterans and Families
Motorcycle Run



Saturday, April 3rd, 2021

Registration 0900-1100 w/ Kickstand Up at 1100.

\$20 per bike/\$5 per passenger

Stops to be announced but we will start and end at
Post 8385 (150 Camden Woods Pkwy, Kingsland, GA)

We will have lunch after the ride and live music.

The stops year are The Eagles, VFW Post 4351, The
Whistlestop, American Legion (Fernandina) & Post 8385

Best/Worst Dice Rolls, Door Prizes, and Auction
items as well as a 50/50

Come join the fun and support a great cause helping
our veterans and their families.

Contact Theresa Farrell @ (912) 409-2695 for Flo
Elmgren @ (912) 464-7190.

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

Post Officer Elections for 2021-2022

Nominations were held at our monthly meeting in March for Post Officer positions as well as support positions. They are:

Commander	Shawn Necaie & Ben Atkinson
Senior Vice Commander	Dave Worthen
Junior Vice Commander	George Mahieu
Quartermaster	Gary Pugh
3-Year Trustee	
2-Year Trustee	David Grimes
1-Year Trustee	Tom Eddleman
Chaplain	George Tweedy
Surgeon	Bob Shepard
Service Officer	J.T. Miller
House Committee	AJ Frank, Buck Taylor, Bob Shepard, & Will Calderwood

There are other appointed positions such as Adjutant, Judge Advocate, and 3 House Committee positions available. If you are interested in a position, there is a signup sheet in the Post by the jukebox and behind the bar. If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting, provide a written note, whether hand written or electronic message, to any Post Officer accepting the nomination/position. If you have any questions, DO NOT hesitate to ask.

Elections will take place at the monthly meeting in April 15th, 2021.

Per the VFW Manual of Procedure, Article II/Sect. 217:

“A member making the nomination of an absentee for any office shall have presented to the Adjutant, in writing, the consent of the member being nominated prior to the opening of nominations. Nominations of Post Officers shall open in March and remain open until the Post is ready to vote, provided, however, that when a poll system is used, as hereinafter described, nominations must be closed at the meeting prior to the election to allow the Adjutant to prepare a printed ballot.

Election. Post officers shall be elected in April. Balloting for Post officers may be conducted by open vote or written secret ballot (handwritten or printed) at a regular Post meeting, or, if required by Post Bylaws or authorized by Post vote prior to the opening of nominations, by a poll system. Absentee ballots and proxy votes are prohibited.

Post 8385 Bylaws, Article 5/Section 5 states “During annual Post elections, the approved voting method shall take place by using a show of hands to vote on the new officers for the upcoming year. Only those members present will be allowed a vote.”