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- **George Tweedy**

## CDR Note



Greetings from the Commander.

Things have been going well at the post. Our lunch menu has been bringing more people into the post for lunch, which is always good. It is most likely that once the construction across the street is complete, we could see even more people coming in. Our kitchen worker, Kate Carnes, has been doing an awesome job. Please let her know that her hard work is appreciated when you are in the post.

Now that the New Year has started for the VFW, we need to work on membership as usual. We also have Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and the Teachers to work on. If you have any input or would like to help, please contact Dennis G. or Linda B. as they work very hard to get these done every year and could definitely use the help.

We as a post did make All-American this last year. I am very proud of all the members and others that helped to make this happen. Continue what we have been doing and let us do it again. Remember what it is that we do, help veterans.

Thank you,  
Benjamin



## Madam President Note

Thank you for your continued support of our Dinner's and Saturday Breakfast's. We are currently looking for a treasurer, if interested please see me. Please remember the District 7 meeting is 14 August. I would like to encourage as many members as possible to attend.

## Chaplains Corner



Before I begin this month of the Chaplain corner I would like to thank everyone for their faith and trust in me to be your post Chaplain. As your post chaplain some of duties are to see how our VFW post members are doing. I hope everyone is healthy and due to the recent outbreak of this COVID-19 delta variant I pray that everyone is healthy and if there are any members that need my assistance please reach out to me soon as possible so I can help any of our members in any way I can. This month topic I would like to discuss is love and forgiveness. Sometimes we all need to take a "timeout" from our complex life and sit back and think is it worth getting upset or hold grudges which each other just because we have disagreements on certain issues really? We all share a common bond and that is our love for our country and let us take that love one step further and share our love and forgiveness with

each other because that is what makes our post so special is the love we have for each other. Let us treat each other with love and respect even if we disagree on issues and forgive each other when we get angry with each other.

I would like to close with this verse "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." 1 Corinthians 13: -47. I love you all.

V/r George Tweedy VFW Post 8385 Chaplain.

## Service Officer



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.

Quinn Goodson

## VFW Riders Group



Hello fellow comrades! As the newly sitting Riders Group President, I'd like to first start off by giving a big shout out to Chuck Grigsby, Gary Pugh, and Shawn Necaise for all their hard work over the past year. They did a phenomenal job and put in lots of hard work to make the Riders Group successful! The new officers have big shoes to fill and we look forward to the opportunity for continued success.

With that said, new positions were nominated and have now been voted on. The current sitting positions for the Riders Group for 2021-2022 are as follows:

- President - Quinn Goodson
- Vice President- John Strugala
- Chaplain - George Tweedy
- SAA - A.J. Frank Jr.
- Road Captain - Mike Kidd & Adan Monreal
- Secretary - Jenn Mann

The next big event for us is the annual Circle the Swamp ride and to honor our fallen. Special thanks to those that have been making the special committee meetings to start planning for this ride that will happen October 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please voice it to one of us or make one of our meetings. Our next meeting will happy August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

- VFW CTS committee meeting August 4<sup>th</sup>
- Co-Op meeting hosted by OTMC @ OTMC CH August 10<sup>th</sup>
- OTMC Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> party / Trivia from Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> movie August 13<sup>th</sup>
- VFW steak night August 14<sup>th</sup>
- VFW Post and Auxiliary Meeting August 19<sup>th</sup>
- AFMC 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual 41 for Freedom Ride August 21<sup>st</sup>

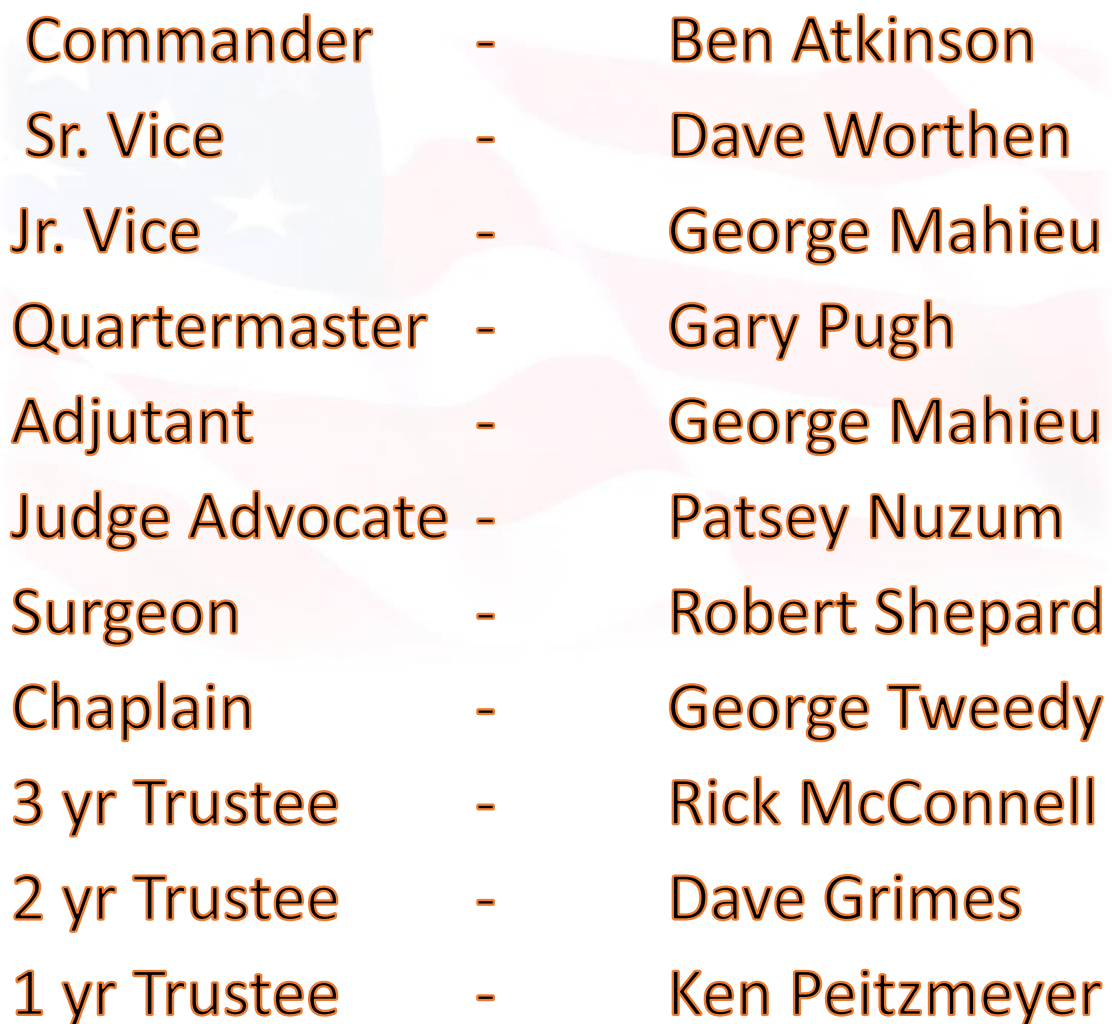
A special shout out to James Jones for making the stencil and applying the motorcycle only parking lettering to our motorcycle pad in the back.

Also, Dave Worthen for hanging the motorcycle only parking signs on the fence. Please enforce that the pad is ONLY for motorcycles, not for other vehicles.

Our next monthly meeting will be held August 21<sup>st</sup> at 1000 at the post.

Thanks if you read this to the end!

## PLEASE WELCOME THIS YEARS NEW OFFICERS



Commander	-	Ben Atkinson
Sr. Vice	-	Dave Worthen
Jr. Vice	-	George Mahieu
Quartermaster	-	Gary Pugh
Adjutant	-	George Mahieu
Judge Advocate	-	Patsey Nuzum
Surgeon	-	Robert Shepard
Chaplain	-	George Tweedy
3 yr Trustee	-	Rick McConnell
2 yr Trustee	-	Dave Grimes
1 yr Trustee	-	Ken Peitzmeyer

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AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	-	Florrie Elmgren
Sr. Vice Pres.	-	Rhonda Atkinson
Jr. Vice Pres.	-	Shari Worthen
Treasurer	-	TBD
Secretary	-	Anna Ensley
Chaplain	-	Julia Williams
Conductress	-	Lisa Taylor
Guard	-	Sue Gantz
3 yr Trustee	-	Terri Pugh
2 yr Trustee	-	Stephanie Ging
1 yr Trustee	-	Donna Kania
Patriotic Inst.	-	Linda Bryan
Historian	-	Dottie Simpson

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RIDERS NEW OFFICERS**

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***Vice President - John Strugala***

***Chaplain - George Tweedy***

***Sergeant-at-Arms—AJ Frank***

***Secretary—Jenn Mann***

***Road Captains - Adan Monreal &  
Mike Kidd***

# Kat's Café

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

## Wednesday Lunch Specials

*4th – Hot Pastrami and Swiss sandwich, on Panini, chips and a pickle, Kraut optional. \$8.00*

*11th - Grilled Turkey, Tomato, Bacon and Provolone with chips and a pickle. \$8.00*

*18th - Beer Brats, Kraut, and Onions with German Potato Salad and a pickle. \$8.00*

*24th– Fried Chicken Breast Salad, grilled or fried with bread sticks and choice of dressing. \$8.00*

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



# *August Important Dates*

August is International Peace Month  
August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month

National Health Week, - 2nd Week of August.  
National Aviation Week, - 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August

Air Force Day August 1

Coast Guard Day August 4

Purple Heart Day August 7

U.S. Department of Defense Birthday August 10

Agent Orange Awareness Day August 10

Navajo Code Talkers Day August 14

National Airborne Day August 16

Marine Corps Reserve Birthday August 29

## *Post Dates*

14th - Steak Night

11<sup>th</sup> - House Committee Meeting

21st - Riders Group Meeting/Aux Breakfast

19th - Post/Auxiliary Meeting

## **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.**

**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

