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CDR Note

Greetings,
I would like to say thank you to all that have helped this last year. Congratulations to our new officers that were elected at our last meeting. I appreciate the support that I have received and will try to do my best again this year. I look forward to working with the new leadership team to continue to be an All-American Post.



With that being said, I would like to thank my officers from this year, without your assistance, we could not have achieved all that we have.

Keep an eye on the announcement board for all the upcoming events are listed on there. We currently are in the running for All-American and All-State and I am positive that we will achieve both.

Again, thank you to everyone that helps our Post continue to do what the Veterans of Foreign Wars is all about....helping Veterans.

Ben Atkinson
Post Commander

Madam President Note



Greetings

It is sad to announce that one of our members, Louis Fierro, has passed on May 25th. Please keep his family in your prayers. I will put any arrangements that I hear of on our Facebook page.

The annual State convention is planned for 17-20 June in Macon. We have our monthly meeting on June 17th. If you have not made your hotel reservation or registered, please do so as soon as possible. Hopefully next month we will know if we are having Georgia Leadership Training. This is especially important for new officers.

Breakfast for June will be June 5th and this will be our only breakfast as the second one of the month is during the State Convention.

Tuesday night dinners are on hold for a couple of weeks. If you would like to do any dinners, please send me a text at (912) 464-7190. We had several people say they would do a meal or help with one at our meeting. We really don't want to see these dinners go away. Please watch the VFW Auxiliary Facebook page and the rolling message board at the Post for when dinners start up again. Thank you, Felicia Hartley, for the 5 months you did the dinners.

After the Memorial Day ceremony, there will be hamburgers and hot dogs served at the Post. There is a signup sheet for you to sign up for the sides.

All the best and thank you for all you do for our Veterans. Best regards

Flo Elmgren
Auxiliary President
(912) 464-7190

- George Tweedy

Chaplains Corner

In this month of the Chaplain corner, I would like to talk about Honor. Around this time every year, many of us see people completing their education at various levels. This is an achievement and a time of celebration as its truly and honor which should be respected at any level. But honor is not just an achievement you receive in school but is something we give as well. We all need to honor our families, our friends, and each other. But let us not forget to honor God as well. Whether you are young or old, graduate or a high school dropout, you can graduate before God today and guarantee an eternal future for yourself in heaven.

Graduate today by coming forward for repentance, forgiveness, and for your salvation. Honor yourself by doing these things in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I would like to close with one of my favorite passage, "Everyone, therefore, who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before my Father, who is in heaven. But whoever shall deny me before men, I will also deny him before my Father, who is in heaven." Mathew 10:32-33.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Post Chaplain this past year and I look forward to serving you all, and the Post, in this coming year.



Service Officer

- Rob Ehrhart



Greetings! I hope this find you all doing as well as can be expected.

The VMAC in Gainesville, FL has updated the exam request process for Veterans who wish to schedule an exposure exam with Occupational Health. These exams are performed on Veterans who have had any type of environmental exposure based on war time service and deployment history and location. Some examples would be Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Africa, the Nuclear/Tsunami accident in Japan and the Atoll Islands, etc.

The Veteran can request any and all exams pertaining to them specifically based on their military history and the results from these exams will be entered into your VA medical record.

Additionally, a Veteran DOES NOT have to currently be enrolled in the VA Healthcare system or have a service-connected disability in order to schedule an exam.

Lastly, I wanted to say thank you for all the support that has been given to me as the Post Service Officer this past year. I love, and thoroughly enjoy, helping our Veterans to ensure they get what they have earned. The incoming Service Officer, JT Miller, is an outstanding source of information and has a wealth of knowledge he can offer to our veterans. I will also be available to help anyone who needs assistance with their packages. When it comes to helping Veterans, the Post can NEVER have too many Service Officers.

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.

No Dinners are scheduled for the first few weeks of June.

We are looking for a new coordinator or volunteer(s) to host.

Please watch the Post and Auxiliary Facebook pages as well as the announcement marquee in the Canteen.

If you are interested in helping with any of these dinners or would like to host one yourself, contact Flo Elmgren at (912) 464-7190

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

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
Fried Shrimp Basket w/ fries	\$ 7.00

Wednesday Lunch Specials

Jun 2nd – Chicken Breast Salad w/choice of Fried or Grilled Chicken and dressing (\$ 8)

Jun 9th – Italian Sub w/ Pepperoni Cappacola Ham, Salami, Provolone Cheese, Lettuce Tomato, Onion, and Italian dressing w/ chips and a pickle. (\$ 8)

Jun 16th – Taco salad w/ choice of Shredded Beef or Chicken (\$ 8)

Jun 23rd – Sliders w/ choice of Ham & Cheese or Roast Beef w/ chips and a pickle (\$ 8)

Jun 30th – Cuban Sandwich w/ French Fries (\$ 8)

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June Important Dates

PTSD Awareness Month

6th – D-Day

12th – Women Veterans Day

13th – 19th National Flag Week

14th – U.S. Army Birthday
– U.S. Flag Day

20th – Father's Day

23rd – Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

27th – PTSD Awareness Day

Post Dates

9th – House Committee Meeting

12th – Steak Night

17th – Post/Auxiliary Meeting

17th – 20th VFW Dept. of Georgia State
Convention

19th – Riders Group Meeting

VFW Riders Group

- [Chuck Grigsby](#)



Hey there! I hope this finds everyone doing well and enjoying their summer.

This will be my last newsletter as the Riders Group President as the new officers take over in the middle of the month after the State Convention. We have all had our ups and downs this past year. We have gotten through several of our Riders going down due to accidents but thankfully we did not lose anyone. Bumps and bruises and of course, memories that are less than desirable but I can't tell you how proud I am of our group and how we have all pulled together for everyone and those who have had troubles. Some of the ups during the last year is we have done things our group has never done before. We raised almost \$ 9,000 during our Circle the Swamp ride and donated over \$ 5,000 to national, state, and local charities. We have gained about 10 new members (if I remember right) and our outreach as a group has been amazing. I like to think our participation and support of our community has been above and beyond what we have done in the past. We have reset the bar and I hope that we continue to great things in the upcoming year.

Having never held a position at the Post or in the Group, I can tell you have I learned tons of information as the Post Sr. Vice CDR and the RG President. I have a better understanding and appreciation for how the VFW operates and cannot stress enough how important it is for the Post to have people who volunteer. Even if you can't help out every week, trust me...every now and then is better than nothing.

I truly appreciate all the support during my tenure as the RG President and I look forward to continued support for our group. Thank you all for everything.

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

1st – CMA Fundraiser

5th – Red Knights Circle the Swamp

11th – Co Op Meeting Red Knights

22nd - Free Birds Hospice Ride

Scouts Corner



The Scouts have another eventful month ahead. We have our Eagle Scout, Jacob Lewis, and family being recognized at the VFW State Convention along with other Post award winners.

We have 18 scouts and 5 adult leaders that are scheduled to attend summer camp at Camp Limpinkin near LaGrange, GA from Jun 27th – July 3rd.

Scout Zachary Smith has completed his Eagle Project at Crooked River Elementary school and should be the newest Troop member to attain the rank of Eagle. He will be the 8th Scout to be advanced since the inception of Troop 8385. What an amazing statistic that is!

Following behind him is Scout Jake Humphries who is in the process of beginning his project at Saint Marys Middle School on behalf of our Teacher of the Year winner, Jason Smith, who teaches at SMMS.

The Troop would like to remind all of you to fly your personal flags on June 14th for Flag Day and we want to wish all of you a Happy Father's Day on June 20th.

The Troop will conduct regular meetings at the Post on June 6th and 13th only from 1530-1800.

I would like to introduce Cliff Martin as my replacement for the Scout Coordinator position. He is a recent new member to the Post and is currently the Asst. Scoutmaster for the Troop. I know the relations and coordination between the Post will be in good hands.

If I may so again, Thank you all so much for your assistance and cooperation during my time as the Youth Programs Coordinator. I have enjoyed the work and support from all those during my tenure. All the best to Cliff as he begins this new challenge. Thank you so much!

Dennis Gagliardi

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."

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Auxiliary Breakfast 0900-1100
6	7 Wing Night 1730-1900	8	9 House Committee Mtg - 1800	10	11	12 Steak Night 1830-2000
13	14 Wing Night 1730-1900	15	16	17 Post/Aux Mtg - 1800	18	19 RG Mtg 1000
				VFW State Convention - Macon		
20 Father's Day <div style="background-color: #000080; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>	21 Wing Night 1730-1900	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Wing Night 1730-1900	29	30			



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



- Operation Overlord was the code name for the invasion.
- Over 150,000 Allied soldiers land on the shores of Normandy
- 5,000 vessels w/ 30,000 vehicles crossed the English Channel to France
- 13,000 men parachuted into France
- 11,000 planes were involved
- 9,000 Allied soldiers were dead or wounded after the first day
- D-day was originally scheduled for 05 June but weather delayed the invasion.
- U.S. troops stormed only two beaches while Great Britain and other smaller forces stormed Gold and Sword beaches and the Canadians stormed Juno Beach.
- There were five beaches (sectors) of the invasion. Utah, Omaha, Gold, Sword, and Juno. These beaches are, today, still called by these code names.
- The landing craft boats used during the invasion were originally designed for use in the swamps of Louisiana.
- D-day is the largest amphibious invasion in history.