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**VFW10087.org**



***SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:***

07/11 Auxiliary Meeting  
\*\*6:00 PM\*\*

06/06 House Committee  
\*\*3:30 PM\*\*

06/20 Post Meeting  
\*\*6:00 PM\*\*

**\*\*New Canteen Hours\*\*  
Monday thru Thursday  
Canteen opens @ 2 PM**

**C O M M A N D E R ' S C O R N E R**

**Hope everyone is doing well. June is our transition month.**

**Thank you for your membership, it enables us to have a strong membership that supports our VFW programs serving our Veterans, community, and youth. Because of your support the post has achieved All-State status. This shows our post is one of the best in the state. We have also qualified for All-American; we will not know the final status on that award until June 10th or so.**

**In May we had two memorial services remembering those who gave their all in service to our country. The first one was at Crystal Memorial Gardens and the second was at our post. Post and Auxiliary volunteers made this possible and I truly appreciate the time they donated for the post and to our veterans and their families.**

**We also renovated our post hall. We put in new ceiling tiles, LED lighting, chair railing, patched the walls and painted. Stop by and take a look or even better attend our meeting on June 20th at 6pm. Our goal is to increase hall rentals this year to community members. It is set up to handle any type of event up to approximately 100 people. Please help us get the word out about new hall.**

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## ***COMMANDER'S CORNER***

The state convention is June 13 through the 16th. After the convention Pat Lenaghan and the 2024-25 officers will take over. When you see them please thank them and join me in wishing them a successful year. If there is an area you would to volunteer please let them know.

I am honored to have served the last six years and again thank you for keeping our post one of the best. We are blessed with a great post home and members who care.

Commander

Bill Merryman

## ***AUXILIARY***

*June 1, 2024*

*Since this will be my final newsletter after 4 years, I want to say **Thank you** to all those who were part of the team, the solution and not the problem. Dedication to service for our Veterans and Youth are paramount to keeping the VFW Auxiliary alive.*

*For those that have held office for multiple years I have the utmost respect. The time and energy it took to complete all the wonderful projects that have been done is undeniably the ultimate sacrifice for hours and monies raised.*

*Pat Lampersona, the work that you did many times on your own with coordination and delivery to make a group of nursing home residents have a memorable afternoon is priceless. All the chemo bags and clothing given to the Gainesville Veterans home is over the top. You were our conductor also and did so with grace and kindness. THANK YOU.*

*Joyce Kocielko my Sr Vice for 4 years and past president you are amazing. All the hours of reporting and legislative updates to help our veterans, wow. You saw the completion of the PACT Act get passed last year with your undying dedication to reminding us to contact our officials. You never missed a chance to help, no matter what. THANK YOU.*

*Belinda Blahnik, Jr Vice President. You have had to of posted as Historian hundreds of photos for our auxiliary and the Post. This kept our group in the loop if they couldn't make it to the meetings, functions, and parties. I have a whole slew of photos to remember with. Not only did you never say no you did it with a calm demeanor. You did a good job as secretary for different times also. Multi-tasking seems to be your forte. THANK YOU*

*Joyce Walter, how will I keep my holidays and reminders of upcoming special events without your wonderful reports every month. I always looked forward to what you had to present as patriotic instructor. You always dug a bit deeper for great information. Good luck in your new role as Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> year.*

*Beth Curnow, you started as our chaplain for a couple of years and now have moved on to the next stage. You have been a trustee for a year and now up to your 2nd year. You never failed to get communication out for our members who were suffering illness or loss of a loved one. THANK YOU.*

*Carol Clinefelter, you jumped in with both feet when you were needed to fill the position of trustee. Your knowledge of the system and Podium Book was beyond expectation and sure came in handy. You always had time for all the other extras we did. THANK YOU.*

*Michael Yates. What can I say, teacher, knowledge and tenacity got me through many a time. Your wisdom for the programs and PODIUM BOOK is above reproach. You told me once during our many conversations, and I do mean many that knowledge is wisdom, especially in the Auxiliary. My best to you as you finish your last year as trustee and move on to a much bigger stage. Looking forward to your next step as Senior Vice President for the State of Florida and then the number one post as President. THANK YOU.*

*My final thank-you on a personal level goes to Carol Franker. My friend and cohort went on many trips to Gainesville, Orlando, Bushnell. You have been a bright light as treasurer. Your knowledge and computer skills are unsurpassed. I'm glad you're still on my left side in this busy world. Best wishes for the next year, love to my Miller the wonderful.*

*For all that served in the last few years, Joe Smurawa, my exceptional float puller in the parade and past Jr Vice. THANK YOU for the memories with Bobo, Jackie Ray, and Mike King. I will keep those photos till time stands still.*

*All of us make up the team. The workers for SMTM, 50/50's, raffle boards, poppy sales, dinners and of course Bingo. It takes a lot of help to make it work. Continued success for this Auxiliary and all the new officers.*

*God, Veterans and Community.*

*Sincerely,*

*Deb Wilson, President*

## ***POST NEWS***

1. **POST ELECTION RESULTS:** For the fiscal year 2024—2025 the following individuals were elected or appointed to the following positions and will take office at the close of business of the State Convention on Sunday, June 16, 2024:

- COMMANDER: Pat Lenaghan
- SENIOR VICE COMMANDER: Bill Merryman
- JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER: Robert Galante
- QUARTERMASTER: Howard Wahl
- CHAPLAIN: Dennis Kocielko
- FIRST YEAR TRUSTEE: Jim Shepherd
- SECOND YEAR TRUSTEE: Irene Schwaninger
- THIRD YEAR TRUSTEE: Duncan Pugh
- ADJUTANT: Bill Merryman
- SERVICE OFFICER: Pat Lenaghan
- JUDGE ADVOCATE: Chris Carpenter
- SURGEON: Brooks Herrold



## **NOTABLE DATES AND EVENTS**

### **\*\*\*WEEKLY ACTIVITIES\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Charity Bar-Bingo \*\*\***

*Every Monday at 4 PM*

**\*\*\* Queen of Hearts \*\*\***

*Every Tuesday at 5:30 PM*

**\*\*\* Show-Me-The-Money \*\*\***

*Every Wednesday at 5 PM*

**\*\*\* Charity Bar-Bingo \*\*\***

*Every Thursday at 4 PM  
(except 2nd Thursday—Membership Meeting)*

### **\*\*\*ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS\*\*\***

*Saturday, June 1st*

***Sawyer Country***

*6:00 PM to 9:00 PM*

*Saturday, June 8th*

***Karaoke with Dragon***

*6:00 PM to 9:00 PM*

*Saturday, June 15th*

***The Dave and Kenny Duo***

*6:00 PM to 9:00 PM*

*Saturday, June 22nd*

***Karaoke with Katman & Charlie***

*6:00 PM to 9:00 PM*

*Saturday, June 29th*

***Karaoke with Deb Sagesse***

*6:00 PM to 9:00 PM*

## *June Eats*

*Dinner served from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Please support your Post!*

04-June Tuesday To Be Announced

11-June Tuesday To Be Announced

18-June Tuesday To Be Announced

25-June Tuesday To Be Announced

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| <b>POST OFFICERS</b> |
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- ◇ Commander - Bill Merryman
- ◇ Sr. Vice - Robert Wilson
- ◇ Jr. Vice - Pat Lenaghan
- ◇ Quartermaster - Howard Wahl
- ◇ Chaplain - Robert Galante
- ◇ Surgeon - Open
- ◇ Adjutant - Irene Schwaninger
- ◇ Advocate - Dennis Kocielko
- ◇ Service Officer - Patrick Lenaghan
- ◇ Officer of the Day - Dennis Kocielko
- ◇ Trustees :
  - 1 yr. - Duncan Pugh
  - 2 yr. - James Shepherd
  - 3 yr. - Gary Clinefelter

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| <b>AUXILIARY OFFICERS</b> |
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- ◇ President - Deborah Wilson
- ◇ Sr. Vice - Joyce Kocielko
- ◇ Jr. Vice - Belinda Blahnik
- ◇ Secretary - Belinda Blahnik
- ◇ Treasurer - Carol Franker
- ◇ Chaplin - Kerry Brown
- ◇ Conductress - Patricia Lampasona
- ◇ Guard - Debbie Bennett
- ◇ Trustees:
  - 1 yr. Carol Clinefelter
  - 2 yr. Mike Yates
  - 3 yr. Beth Curnow
- ◇ Patriotic Instructor - Joyce Walter
- ◇ Historian - Belinda Blahnik

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| <b>HOUSE COMMITTEE</b> |
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| Robert Hembree—Chairman |                 |
| Dennis Kocielko         | Bill Merryman   |
| Robert Galante          | Howard Wahl     |
| Brooks Herrold          | Chris Carpenter |



## C A N T E E N   N E W S

### Canteen Daily Menu

**Large Pizza**  
Supreme  
Pepperoni & Sausage  
Pepperoni  
Four Cheese

**Personal Pizza**  
Supreme  
Pepperoni

**Angus Cheeseburger**

**Philly Cheesesteak**

**Cheese Sticks W/ Marinara Sauce**

**Hot Pretzels**

**Beef Jerky**

**Candy Bars**

**Popcorn**

**Variety of Chips and Nuts**

### Canteen Daily Specials

Wednesday's 5:00 PM to closing

\*\*Draft Beer 9 oz - \$1.00 \*\*

\*\*Draft Beer 16 oz - \$2.00\*\*

Thirsty Thursday  
12:00 PM to Closing

\*\*Well Drinks - 3.00\*\*

\*\*Domestic Beers - \$2.25\*\*

Sunday's Special  
12:00 PM to Closing

\*\*Bloody Mary 16 oz - \$3.00\*\*

### Canteen Notes

- SAWYER COUNTRY - Saturday, (06/01/24) from 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- Karaoke with DRAGON - Saturday, (06/15/24) from 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- The DAVE & KENNY DUO - Saturday, (06/01/24) from 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- Karaoke with KATMAN & CHARLIE - Saturday, (06/22/24) from 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- Karaoke with DEB SAGESSE - Saturday, (06/29/24) from 6:00 - 9:00 PM

# June 2024

| SUN   | MON                                | TUE                              | WED                                   | THU   | FRI        | SAT   |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|---|
| 30<br>Hotdog<br>Sunday<br><br>MLB<br>NASCAR |                                    |                                  |                                       |   |            | 1<br><br>SAWYER<br>COUNTRY<br><br>6:00 - 9:00 PM                      |
| 2<br>Hotdog<br>Sunday<br><br>MLB<br>NASCAR  | 3<br>Charity<br>Bar-Bingo<br>4 PM  | 4<br>Queen of Hearts<br>5:30 PM  | 5<br>Show Me<br>The Money<br>5:00 PM  | 6<br>D - Day - 3 PM<br>House<br>Committee<br>3:30 PM<br>Charity<br>Bar-Bingo<br>4:00 PM | 7<br>TGIF  | 8<br>Karaoke<br>with<br>DRAGON<br><br>6:00 - 9:00 PM                  |
| 9<br>Hotdog<br>Sunday<br><br>MLB<br>NASCAR  | 10<br>Charity<br>Bar-Bingo<br>4 PM | 11<br>Queen of Hearts<br>5:30 PM | 12<br>Show Me<br>The Money<br>5:00 PM | 13<br>Charity<br>Bar-Bingo<br>4:00 PM   | 14<br>TGIF | 15<br>THE<br>DAVE & KENNY<br>DUO<br><br>6:00 - 9:00 PM                |
| 16<br>Hotdog<br>Sunday<br><br>MLB<br>NASCAR | 17<br>Charity<br>Bar-Bingo<br>4 PM | 18<br>Queen of Hearts<br>5:30 PM | 19<br>Show Me<br>The Money<br>5:00 PM | 20<br>Charity<br>Bar-Bingo<br>4:00 PM<br><br>Membership<br>Meeting<br>6:00 PM           | 21<br>TGIF | 22<br>Karaoke<br>with<br>KATMAN<br>&<br>CHARLIE<br><br>6:00 - 9:00 PM |
| 23<br>Hotdog<br>Sunday<br><br>MLB<br>NASCAR | 24<br>Charity<br>Bar-Bingo<br>4 PM | 25<br>Queen of Hearts<br>5:30 PM | 26<br>Show Me<br>The Money<br>5:00 PM | 27<br>Charity<br>Bar-Bingo<br>4:00 PM   | 28<br>TGIF | 29<br>Karaoke<br>with<br>DEB SAGESSE<br><br>6:00 - 9:00 PM            |

**BOOSTERS**

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|-------------------|-------|
| Roger Foor        | 12/25 |
| Linda Feitel      | 05/26 |
| Howard Feitel     | 05/26 |
| Beth McCarthy     | 07/24 |
| Chris Carpenter   | 07/24 |
| Ray Roby          | 06/25 |
| RoseMarie Roby    | 06/25 |
| Lee L. Reale      | 03/27 |
| Raymond Galinski  | 10/24 |
| Deb Wilson        | 11/24 |
| Bob Wilson        | 11/24 |
| Diane Kaufmann    | 01/25 |
| Peter Kawonczyk   | 02/29 |
| Grace Kawonczyk   | 02/29 |
| Patrick S Blahnik | 05/26 |
| Belinda K Blahnik | 05/26 |

**IN MEMORY OF:**

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|----------------------|-------|
| Brenda Foor          | 12/25 |
| Melvin F. Lessmuller | 10/25 |
| George B. Reale      | 04/27 |
| Toni Holland         | 10/24 |
| Bobo                 | 11/24 |
| Scott Nordlund       | 01/25 |
| Josef Kawonczyk      | 02/29 |
| Joseph Blahnik       | 05/26 |

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**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION ALL BOOSTERS!**

Please take a look at the Booster List to see if you need to renew your Booster dues. Those who have 10/18 after their name need to renew by the end of **October** to remain on the list.

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