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**Commander
Jack Fulmer**

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It has been anything but a quiet September. Several significant and successful events have occurred internal and external to the Post that required a tremendous amount of planning. The results have been positive and I would like to share them with you.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Lee that decimated central and northern Florida, our Post, along with several other Posts in District 13, collected relief supplies which were delivered to a central collection point. This location was Post 4174 in Lehigh Acres. From there, the supplies were trucked north and ultimately distributed within Perry County Florida.

The six polished metal branch service plaques donated to the Post by the Rolling Thunder Chapter 5 are now on display in our Post Canteen. Stop by when you visit the Post and take a look. I think you will be very pleased at what you see.

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**PLEASE, HAVE ALL
ENTRIES IN FOR THE
NEWSLETTER BY THE
25TH OF EVERY
MONTH!**

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The VFW Department of Florida leadership team made a courtesy visit to our Post for breakfast followed by a “meet and greet” with our Post membership. The Department leadership team was composed of the Department Commander, “Mac” McLucas, Department Senior Vice Commander, Glenn Wright, Department Junior Vice Commander, Scott Hice, and Department Adjutant/Quartermaster, Gene Perino.

The Post was invited to participate in the annual Golden Gate Government Center 9/11 ceremony. JB Holmes and his wife, Dusty, presented a memorial Wreath and Dave Ramos provided the playing of Taps.

We had one Post veteran participate in the Collier-Lee County Honor Flight. This individual was Mike Ricci, a Vietnam veteran, who made the trip to Washington, DC. He had the opportunity to visit the various military branch memorials and war monuments to include a visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The Post and the Auxiliary conducted a joint POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at the Post on September 15th that was very well attended.

As I have previously mentioned in prior newsletters, the Post Honor Guard team has been very active in planning for many Veterans Day events. At last count, we were involved in 10 different ceremonies. This places a huge burden on our Honor Guard manpower and equipment because they have to be in many diverse locations during a given day.

Jack Fulmer
Commander

Senior Vice



Greeting Comrades!

We hope everyone is doing well and in great Spirits. As we enter the peak of the Hurricane season, we are blessed not to have been the recipient of a major storm, but we need to continue to be vigilant and prepared through the end of the season. That said, we had a good month of very much needed rain.

Membership: We are at 78% membership and need to reach the goal of 102% for All American and All State by the end of the VFW year Jun 2024. Currently, we have 510 members and need 663 new annual/life members to reach that goal. We obtained two new members last month, and two for next month's total. We call upon all active members to reach out to those eligible annual members with this year's expiration date to sign up for a new or life membership. Additionally, we are planning on at least two recruitment venues to help reach this goal.

House Activities: Our Pavilion contractor has worked on placing electrical lines, outlets, and fans and installation of additional lights, rain gutters, and moving the VFW sign will be next. We were fortunate not to incur any house related issues/costs last month. A audio/video camera was set up in our members' meeting room and will soon be broadcasting our monthly meetings, possibly by next month's via zoom application. This will allow seasonal and other members who cannot attend the opportunity to view our meetings but will not be able to vote on motions. Members must be present during meetings to vote. Special thanks to our Adjutant "JR" for his expertise, making this happen, and donating equipment for this purpose.

As a TEAM, we continue to improve upon our previous administration's successes and look forward to additional house improvements and services for our Post and Auxiliary members, Veterans, and Community residents. A special thanks goes out to Auxiliary members/volunteers who perform these duties for the betterment of the Post.

Regards and Stay Safe!

Tony Reyes, Senior Vice Commander/House Chair

Junior Vice



Hello Friends,

The month of October has arrived and I have a couple of things to report to you about reporting! As you know I am tasked with the management of program reporting for the Post. With your help we are currently the #3 Post in the State of Florida for program reporting. This has been due to your diligence in getting information to me in a timely manner to be entered into the state dashboard. Thank you for the emails and text messages, please keep them coming!

There are a couple ways we can enter program info into the dashboard. Every one of us possesses a VFW member number (can be found on your VFW Member ID card) that can be used to log into the state dashboard. On the internet navigate to <http://vfwfl.org>. Then move to the "log in" icon. Your username is your VFW member number and your password is your last name (it is not case sensitive). Once you are logged in on the website you are able to report information directly into 1 of 3 categories, "Americanism", "Community Service", and "Youth Activities." This is the most proactive way you can participate in program reporting. We have a handful of members that participate in this way and it has been very helpful to the cause. Of course, if you'd like to learn how to do it I would happy to teach you.

The other method for program reporting is compiling the needed information, number of members participating, the event and its location, date & time-then send this information directly to me either by email or text message (baxter_pk@yahoo.com or text (239) 537-4111). As I receive it I enter it. Many of you prefer this method and I welcome the information. The best part of my work as Junior Vice Commander has been seeing what types of things our members are up to month to month. It's my way of getting to participate in what you are doing even if I'm not available to be out there with you fighting the good fight!

My personal goal for program reporting is to achieve the #1 spot in the state for reporting. We are a very active VFW post and I know if we were able to capture all information about what we are out in the community doing then we can achieve that goal. Remember friends, if you are at a community event, youth activity, veteran-related event and you are there representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in any capacity, that is data that can be captured and entered.

Take care friends and I will see you at the Post!

Justin Baxter
Junior Vice Commander



October 2023 Auxiliary Newsletter

Dear post members,

Our Auxiliary is off to a great start with recruiting new members for auxiliary and the post, reminder - post members can recruit auxiliary members, we all work together to welcome veterans and family members to join to support our post

Recap of Auxiliary new members: July – 3, August – 5, September 10, we are certainly on our way to achieve the goal of 100% + by December 31st.

For the POW/MIA recognition day, Lois Bolin our Jr. Vice officer had the opportunity to read the meaning of the missing man table for this special event, on September 15. Sue Craft, our Sr. Vice officer created and presented a special Air Force coffee mug to Wayne Smith from the auxiliary.

Special Thanks to auxiliary members Sue Craft and Austin Rabbe, who worked together to create coffee mugs and present to post members which are hung on a special rack, as special veterans' recognition from our auxiliary.

Thank you to Mike Knutson, who brought me a Ladies Auxiliary Bible which was found in a military museum closet he was cleaning out. This 93-year-old special Bible was presented to a ladies' auxiliary member in June 1930, and has been sent to the National VFW Auxiliary headquarters to retain for auxiliary memorabilia.

Important Dates:

- .Saturday, October 15 – Octoberfest Dinner/Dancing, advance sale tickets available until 10/10/23, reservations for groups of 8 or more required. Auxiliary event
- .October 19 – 21 – Fall Convention in Orlando Auxiliary & Post
- .October 31 – entries for Patriots Pen & Voice of Democracy essays due
- .Nov 6-10 Buddy Poppy week distribution: visiting Assisted Living, and with AVOW to honor remembering Veterans. The Poppy distribution will be on Friday, Nov 10-day before Veterans Day.
- .Friday, December 15 – Christmas Party – Gift Exchange

Betty A. Bailey, President, 7721 Auxiliary

Dept of Florida Chairperson – Hospital Program
District 13 Chaplain



Auxiliary Treasurer

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations!! We are over 90% paid for the 2023-2024 membership year. Thank you to all recruiters!! We had 10 new members voted in last month alone!!

A 3rd dues reminder went out on September 25, 2023. If you have paid your dues and receive the notice, please disregard. If dues are not paid by December 31, 2023, you will no longer be a "member in good standing". You will not be eligible for the Cancer Grant nor will you be able to vote in Elections and on other matters. If dues are not paid by June 30, 2024, your membership will lapse and you will need to reapply and show proof of eligibility.

If you are an annual member, please consider converting to a life membership. Life membership is based on your age and the dues amounts are listed on the membership application.

The VFW Auxiliary Membership Eligibility Wheel is as follows: Husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter grandfather, grandmother, grandson or granddaughter (*Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran).

Sincerely,

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Sick Call

Savannah Lehnhard
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Taps



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October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM Lost Riders 5 PM	2 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Hall Rent 6-9 PM	3 Lunch 11-2 PM Lions 10:30 AM FF 7 PM	4 Lunch 11-2 PM Scouts 7 PM	5 House 9AM Honor Guard 11 AM Lunch 11-2 PM	6 Lunch 11-2 PM Fish Fry 5-7 PM Music-Country 5-8 PM	7 Queen of Hearts 6 PM
8 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM Happy Hour 1-5 PM	9 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Bikes for Tykes 6 PM Rolling Thunder 7 PM	10 Lunch 11-2 PM Naples Fish Board 6 PM Post/Aux Meet 7 PM	11 Lunch 11-2 PM Barbershop 7 PM Scouts 7 PM	12 Lunch 11-2 PM	13 Lunch 11-2 PM Fish Fry 5-7 PM Music by Darci 5-8 PM	14 Octoberfest 5 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM
15 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM LAMA 10AM Happy Hour 1-5 PM	16 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM Bikes for Tykes 6 PM Submarines 7 PM	17 Lunch 11-2 PM Naples Fish 7 PM Lions 6 PM	18 Lunch 11-2 PM Barbershop 7 PM Scouts 7 PM	19 Lunch 11-2 PM MOASWF 3-5 pm Honor Guard Dinner 6-8 PM	20 NDA 9 pm Lunch 11-2 PM Fish Fry 5-7 PM Music by Lefty F. Hall Rental 5-10 PM	21 Defenders 10 AM Queen of Hearts 6 PM
22 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM A.B.A.T.E. 11 AM Happy Hour 1-5 PM	23 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM	24 Lunch 11-2 PM MOASWF 11:30-12:30 PM Magicians Assoc. 7 PM	25 Lunch 11-2 PM Journey Home 5 PM Barbershop 7 PM Scouts 7 PM	26 Lunch 11-2 PM MOASWF 5-7 PM	27 Lunch 11-2 PM Fish Fry 5-7 PM	28 Halloween Party 5-8 PM Queen of Hearts 6 PM
29 Breakfast 9-11:30 AM Happy Hour 1-5 PM Lunch 11-2 PM	30 Lunch 11-2 PM Bingo 1 PM	31 Lunch 11-2 PM FC Bass 7 PM				



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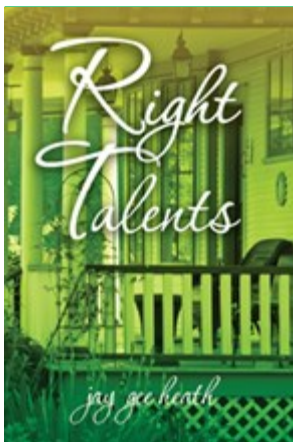
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Honor Guard	1st Thursday	11:00 AM
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Post Meeting	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM