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- Brian Freeman, Commander**
- Ray Seale, Senior Vice Commander
  - Dale Kiel, Junior Vice Commander
  - Maris Atchison, Chief of Staff
  - Don Buchanan, Adjutant
  - Don Buchanan, Quartermaster
  - Ken Algar, Judge Advocate
  - Tom Welch, Chaplain
  - Dick Myers, Surgeon
  - Ken Gregory, Trustee 3 yr.
  - Fred Neiderburger, Trustee 2yr.
  - Ken Waringa, Trustee 1yr.
  - Service Officer, Dale Kiel
  - Membership Chairman, Ray Seale

## COMMANDER'S CALL

This is my last newsletter and I wanted to take the time to thank everyone for your support over the last 2 years.

**Senior Vice-Ray Seale** - Thank you for your dedication to the Post and for helping out.

**Junior Vice-Dale Kiel** - Thank you for taking the Service Officer position. With your hard work and dedication, you were able to help veterans get what they deserve. Thank you for stepping up when needed.

**Quartermaster-Don Buchanan**-Thank you for everything - for keeping the records and being the Adjutant. Without you, I don't know if the Post would have made All-State.

**Judge Advocate-Ken Algar** -Your past history of this Post is not forgotten. I hope your health improves and thank you for the advice you were able to give me at times. I hope that you will be able to continue to help the new Commander out with anything he may need.

**Chaplain-Tommy Welch** - Thank you. I know that you were called on a lot and I hope that you did not mind. Every time I needed you for anything, you have been there. You always had a prayer for the Post when needed.

**Surgeon-Dick Myers** - Thank you for stepping up and taking the Surgeons position.

**To the Trustees-Fred Niederberger, Ken Waringa & Ken Gregory** - You three are the ones that the Commander and Quartermaster needs to make sure that everything is accounted for. I want to

thank you all for being there to make sure the books were correct.

**To my House Committee Chairman-Jim Foreman** - or should I say my long lost father. Thank you for all of your help. I cannot say how much I appreciate your help and our friendship. Thank You!

**To All the Members of this Great Post** -For the past 2 years, you have entrusted me to make sure we maintained our charter. It was with your help that we were able to make this Post the best in the state of Florida.

Membership was and *is* the key goal. Over the last 2 years we brought in over 50 new members, but that is just keeping up with the ones that don't pay or that pass away. I am asking you to help our new Commander and renew your membership as soon as you can. If you are unable to pay due to unemployment or any other reason, let him know. We are here to help.

I hope that I did not miss anyone. I want to say thank you and wish our new Commander the same success that we have had for the last 2 years.

Brian

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## Quartermaster Corner — Don Buchanan

The Post has made All-State. Thanks to all those who made this possible. We will have a huge goal ahead of us this coming year. Hopefully with the support of all of you, the new officers will have the same fortunes.

Now it is time for you to come out and enjoy the Post. I will be looking for ideas to get folks out here. Your help in this matter would be appreciated. So if you live in close proximity, come out at least once a month to enjoy.

I will be looking at doing something different with the

newsletter. We are spending a lot of money to produce and mail them. We are now getting charged at least \$.50 for returns. This has been very costly over the past couple of months. If you are moving, sent us an update at the Post e-mail [vwf10555@knology.net](mailto:vwf10555@knology.net). The newsletter is on the web and really is not of interest to those who live out of state. Our web address is [vwfpost10555.com](http://vwfpost10555.com). We also have a facebook page under VFW Emerald Coast. Hope to see you soon.

See you at the meeting....

## Ladies Auxiliary News - Betty Sharpe, President

Well, I thought I could give up my briefcase, but that comes next month. We did install the new officers at the last meeting. We also approved 3 new applicants for membership. I think that we may have fared better than the Post from the membership drive.

Speaking of the membership drive, I want to thank all those that helped with the food. I also want to thank the Ladies who helped with the Buddy Poppy sales.

For the month of June, we have a Fish Fry planned for June 11th from 5-7 pm. The tickets will be \$7.00 in ad-

vance and \$9.00 at the door. There will be music that night.

We will also be doing the Father's Day Dinner on June 20th. Of course, Father's eat free, other adults are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Children under 10 are \$6.00. Tickets for both events will be on sale in the canteen.

Betty Sharpe, President

## Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

Our third annual Open House and membership drive is over. I want to thank all of the Men's Auxiliary members who came out to help. We had so many people available there wasn't enough for all of the men to keep busy. Nevertheless, you came to help us succeed; that is most important and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

I also must thank the Ladies who came to help, especially Kitty, who managed me so I wouldn't set something up wrong or put out the food too soon or worse. In fact, after getting in the way for a couple of hours, Danny directed me to go supervise, but to get the "hell" out of the way. I did and things went smoothly after that.

I also want to thank Jim for cooking, Al for scheduling the entertainment, Dick for handing out VFW information, Rocky for getting flyers posted all over the county, Lee for informing his viewers about our affair, and of course, there were more - the Auxiliaries - Steve, Gary, Ed, Dave, Danny, Steve, Bob, Dick, Will, Betty, Maddie, June....unfortunately my short-term memory is beyond help, so if I've omitted a name, forgive me.

With all the thanks out of the way, I need to make another brief statement about the Open House/Membership Drive - It was a Dismal Failure! Hardly anyone came out, although we advertised the event to the public and the VFW membership. If the public chooses not to come, so be it. However, we were depending on the VFW membership

to come out in significant numbers to welcome guests and new members and show off our Post and our people. You Did Neither - Shame on YOU!

Enough said. I'm angry, so let's move on.

Regards,

Bill McGrath,

Disappointed President of the Men's Aux.



# Musings From The House Committee Chairman - Jim Foreman

Congratulations to all the new officers: Don Buchanan, our new Commander, has asked me to be House Committee Chairman again. Not having any more sense than I do, I accepted. My goal this year is to get more participation from everyone! So please step forward. In the past, it's always been the same few to step up. Let's see some new faces. Thanks to those that do.

For the very few who showed up for our field day house cleaning, we got a lot done and the sheds cleaned out & stuff sold at our silent auction. Thank you! But where were the rest of you? I was very disappointed in the turnout, again the same few. This Post belongs to ALL of us - there is more to it than just the canteen. Don't forget to

support our activities & dinners if you want to see more. If you have an idea for a function, step forward. Any ideas & suggestions will be appreciated.

Please remember when we have a function that requires tickets to buy early - it saves you money & helps control the costs & planning. Thanks again.

See ya around the Post ...

Jim



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# A Message From ..... Canteen Manager - Kitty Dye

This month has been pretty slow. Steak night went well and the music was good. The band for the membership drive was very good and so was the food.

We are trying out a couple of new products in the canteen. We now have Bud Lite Chelada (beer and clamato juice) and Bud Lite Lime.

I guess I sound like a broken record, but the canteen is a place to come and relax and enjoy good company. It is not a place to use offensive language and talk about the Post. The

walls do not have ears, but other people at the bar do. Also, suggestions in the suggestion box need to be signed.



Kitty Dye, Canteen Manager



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**Important Dates To Remember**

- 5th - 3pm - Boogie Daddy Karaoke
- 8th - 5pm - House Committee Meeting
- 11th - 5-7pm - Fish Fry music by Randy Watson  
Tickets \$7/Advance, \$9/at the door
- 13th - 3:30pm - Flag Day Ceremony w/hot dogs & Hamburgers
- 14th - 6pm - Men's Auxiliary Meeting
- 15th - 6pm - Gen. Membership & LAVFW Meetings
- 18th - 6-9pm - Entertainment by Al Gouge
- 20th - 12-2pm - Father's Day Brunch - Dad's eat free!  
Tickets \$8/Advance, \$10/at the door
- 24th - 3pm - Boogie Daddy Karaoke
- Saturdays - 7-9am - GI Party with free breakfast for Workers.
- Mon. - Fri. - 2-5pm - HAPPY HOUR!



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