

THE FRIENDLY POST

VFW POST 4225

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Richard Burgess
(Skeeter)

FROM THE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades, In past News Letters I have attempted to deal with the positive side of what is happening at our Post. Now it seems, much to my displeasure, a need to deal with some negative issues. The involvement and participation by our General Membership is for the most part nonexistent. We cannot continue to survive as a functioning Post if this does not change.

It is believed that there will be some upcoming vacancies in officer positions that must be filled at the time they occur. The attitude that someone will do it but not me will be the downfall of this Post. There are a couple of us who for the past couple years indicated that it would be our last. I assure you that at this time or before next year that myself and others will no longer be holding positions in the Post

A little insight into what happens if positions and the responsibilities that go along with them are not achieved, the District and Department can suspend the Charter in hopes of a reorganization. If that cannot be accomplished National takes control of all property and assets of the Post. This action would affect our Auxiliary, who have done so much to assist us along the way. It would be extremely unfair to them that our General Membership couldn't step up and do their job.

This isn't some type of Fairy Tale; it is the facts of what will occur if you don't step back and ask yourself what can I do to make my post a viable and successful Post

In Comradeship,
Fred Sailor
Post Commander

FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Well here we are in September and it's still hot as all get out!! We will be doing Pulled Pork for our Labor day BBQ so that no one has to stand outside and cook on the grill. We don't want anyone to get heat exhaustion. I will be doing the pork on my smoker and also be making Potato Salad Sherry will be making Cole Slaw and Fred will be doing the Beans. We need Side Dishes and Desserts donated to complete our meal so please be generous and donate something for everyone to share.

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We will be smack in the middle of hurricane season and will be keeping an eye on the weather and hope all the really bad weather stays away from us. This being said get you a copy of the Hurricane Checklist from this newsletter and get prepared just in case. Don't wait until the last minute.

Richard " Skeeter" Burgess
House Committee Chairman

FROM THE CANTEEN MANAGER

I have been talking about the lack of support for our Canteen on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the last couple of months. Nothing seems to have changed very much. There has been requests to stay open after 7pm. We have to pay a bartender to work and if no one comes in to support it then we will continue to lose money on those days. We have been talking about changing our hours or closing completely on Mondays and Tuesdays. Due to the lack of support after 7pm changing our hours seems impractical. We can't remain open without the support!! Late last year we extended our hours until 9pm for several months to accommodate your requests and basically no one supported it so we changed them back to 7pm. One or two people will not pay the bartenders wages and pay for the overhead to stay open after 7pm. The canteen must make money to pay all the bills that occur monthly. For those that can't understand this I hope you understand that no support does not allow us to extend our hours. This also does not allow us to hire additional bartenders because if they can't make money they will not work here!! We will stay open if there are 5 people or more and they are spending enough money to support staying open, otherwise we will close. It's up to you if you want us to remain open so come in and support the canteen!!!!

Richard " Skeeter" Burgess
Canteen Manager

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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

No Article submitted

VFW Post 4225 – Auxiliary
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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

What a month of memories and special days!!
Sept 2nd 1945, the end of WWII, Japan surrendered. Our brave military had just taken Okinawa at a terrible cost.

The main island of Japan would have been next and would have come at a terrible cost. What a welcomed relief it was that we didn't have to invade.

Please remember POW / MIA Day Sept. 15th and Gold Star Mothers Day on September 24th.

We have these things and many more to be thankful for.

Please keep these Comrades and Sisters in your prayers:

Ron Morrison
Jean Morrison
Celeste Newell
Quentis Prey
Ernie Tredo
Gary Spear
Kimberly Rieman



Brothers and Sisters
have a Great September and stay safe See ya at
4225.

God Bless and Love You All
Wally

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BARTENDER

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drop off an application.

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BOOSTERS

IN MEMORY OF

Wendie Nicholson in Memory of her Husband Thomas Nicholson and their son Blake Nicholson.

Robin Krewson in Memory of Michael O'Dowd and Bryon Beise

Sherry Harlan in Memory of Connie Parrish and Judy Sultan

Skeeter Burgess in Memory of Bernie Mc Donald

Wally Wallace in memory of his wife Cruz Maria (Mary) Wallace



If you wish to commemorate a loved one, please give the information to the bartender with the full name of the person who is commemorating and the full name of the person you wish to commemorate.



WE NEED BOOSTERS FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to become a Booster, please give your name & \$10 fee per year to one of the Bartenders.

Your Booster is good for 1 year from the date above you name.

Museum of Military History
5210 West Irlo Bronson Hwy
Kissimmee, FL 34746



HOURS OF OPERATION

TUESDAY—SUNDAY 10 am—8 pm
407-507-3894

SEPTEMBER 2023 MEALS

*Come Join us for our Friday Fish Fry
September 8th, and 22nd, 2023*

4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

(or until whenever sold out.)

Fried Fish or Fried Shrimp or Chicken Tenders
Combinations Available for an additional price.

\$10.00

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Cole Slaw
&
Hush Puppies

**VFW Auxiliary Dinner
Saturday, Sept. 16th, 2023
4:30-7pm**

**Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Veggie
Roll & Butter
\$10.00**

Karaoke by John Kerr @ 7pm



RAFFLES & WEEKLY EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 2023 EVENTS & NOTICES

Post 4225 Meat Bingo
3rd Tuesday of the Month
@ 7pm
Family and Friends Welcome!!



VFW Post 4225
Barnyard
BINGO



Last Saturday of the month
1pm
Everyone Welcome

VFW POST 4225 LABOR DAY BBQ MONDAY SEPT 4TH, 2023 1-5PM

PULLED PORK
POTATO SALAD
COLESLAW
BEANS

COVERED DISHES AND
DESSERTS NEEDED AND
WELCOMED

50/50 DRAWING



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DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST



General

- ☐ Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
- ☐ A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Flashlights
Do not use candles
- ☐ NOAA Weather Radio
Battery operated or hand cranked
- ☐ Cash
Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm
- ☐ Cell phone chargers
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Phone Numbers

- ☐ Maintain a list of important phone numbers including:
County emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family

Clothing

- ☐ Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

Special Needs Items

- ☐ Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

First Aid

- ☐ First Aid Manual
- ☐ Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- ☐ Sterile gauze pads
- ☐ Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- ☐ Triangular bandages
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Sewing needle
- ☐ Moistened towelettes
- ☐ Antiseptic
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Thermometer
- ☐ Tube of petroleum jelly
- ☐ Safety pins
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Latex gloves
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Aspirin or other pain reliever
- ☐ Anti-diarrheal medicine
- ☐ Antacid
- ☐ Laxative
- ☐ Cotton balls
- ☐ Q-tips

Food and Water

- ☐ Food
Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Water
1 gallon per person per day
- ☐ Non-electric can opener
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Utensils

Important Documents

- ☐ Insurance cards
- ☐ Medical records
- ☐ Banking information
- ☐ Credit card numbers
- ☐ Copies of social security cards
- ☐ Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- ☐ Other personal documents
- ☐ Set of car, house, and office keys
- ☐ Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
- ☐ Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
- ☐ Copy of Will

**Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Vehicle

- ☐ Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

Pet Care Items

- ☐ Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Proper identification
- ☐ Medical records/microchip information
- ☐ A carrier or cage
- ☐ Muzzle and leash
- ☐ Water and food bowls
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Supplies for your service animal

Find more disaster preparedness tips at
FloridaDisaster.org



September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	Auxiliary Meatloaf Dinner 4:30—7pm
3 Queen of Hearts 7pm	4 Labor Day BBQ 1 - 5pm	5 POST CLEAN UP 9AM House Committee Meeting 1pm	6	7 Darts 7pm	8 Fish Fry Dinner 4:30 - 7pm	9 GEN. MEETING 10am
10 Queen of Hearts 7pm	11 POST CLEAN UP 9AM	12	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	14 Darts 7pm	15	16
17 Queen of Hearts 7pm	18 POST CLEAN UP 9AM	19 Meat Bingo 7pm	20	21 Darts 7pm	22 Fish Fry Dinner 4:30 - 7pm	23
24 Queen of Hearts 7pm	25 POST CLEAN UP 9AM	26	27	28 Darts 7pm	29	30 Barnyard Bingo 1pm