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# April 2024 NEWSLETTER – VFW POST 4412

## VFW

- Commander – Dale Cloutier
- Sr. Vice – Ron Wood
- Jr. Vice – Dan Kowalewski
- Quarter Master- Ken Malone
- Judge Advocate – Wayne Tuttle
- Chaplin – Harvey Warshawsky
- Post Adj – Dale Cloutier
- Surgeon – Ken Vaughan
- Service Officer – Ken Malone
- John Gudavich – in Training
- Officer of the Day–Bob Harrer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Trustee – Edward Lorgan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee – Daniel Mc Laren
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee – Dan Kowalewski

## AUXILLIARY

- President – Kathy Vaughan
- Sr. Vice – Martha Young
- Jr. Vice – Shawn Fairbanks
- Treasurer – Diane Pace
- Secretary – Valerie Stanton
- Chaplin – Chris Dorsey
- Patriot Inst. – Judy Kennedy
- Conductress – Donna Mier
- 1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Trustee – Debbie Witt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee – Rhonda Campbell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee- Sandy Clak
- Guard- Gene Cadden

## RIDERS GROUP

- Director – Roger Carlton
- Asst Director – Jack Julian
- Secretary – Tami Barton
- Treasurer – Ken Vaughan
- Sgt. at Arms – Ron Clemo
- Road Captain – Roger Carlton
- Chaplin – Roger Carlton

**VA Outreach Program Bus**  
**Mondays 12-2PM**  
**Nick Frick Veteran Outreach Specialist**  
**Check the White Board for possible.**  
**Time changes or cancelations.**

## House Committee

Chairman – Daniel Mc Laren

## Members

- Dale Cloutier
- Bill Katilus      John Gudavich
- Ken Malone
- Ron Wood        Dan Stemmler

## Canteen Manager

Jackie Martin

## Kitchen Manager

Beverly & Larry

**Hours/ Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

- Mon -Sat 4pm-8pm
- Sun - 4pm-8pm

## Post Location

9734 Dick Street  
Hudson, FL. 34669

## Hours

- Sun – Thurs: 11pm-11pm
- Fri – Sat: 11am-1am

## PHONE

727-697-1602

## **Commander's Message April 24**

**Greetings Comrades,**

**April showers bring May Showers, whatever!!!! April Fools.... That too. Yes, it is April!**

**Voting for your new officers has begun, time to put up or shut up! Time to stop being a sideline officer and stand up and volunteer, be all you can be! get yourself nominated to a Post or Auxiliary position. Stop talking about what you could do better and get some skin in the game. We are looking for a few Good Men & Women to step up and fill these positions, do not let your Post down.**

**We are going on our fifth straight year as an All-State & All-American Post that is pretty unprecedented for a Post of our size. We are currently at 392 members 8 members away from my goal of 400 by the end of this calendar year.**

**In last month's newsletter I inserted a section of the by-laws pertaining to the House Committee Rules governing events, some individual parties did not receive these instructions so I will be inserting them again this month please read them and pass them along to those that need to know them. I will also be at each meeting this month to explain these rules and answer questions.**

**The Blood Mobile will be here April 6 see the table tents for details. Operation Stand Down at Safety Town is April 19-21. The Bike & Car Cruize in is April 21 12-4 pm.**

**April 9 is National POW Recognition Day we will have a ceremony at 6pm.**

**Our snowbirds will be leaving this month as always, it was great to see our friends from the north. Have a safe trip home, we look forward to seeing you in the fall.**



**Wednesday March 27, we celebrated our 1<sup>st</sup> responders and teachers with a dinner and award ceremony, what a great evening we had here at the post our kitchen provided an amazing dinner, and everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone for attending and supporting these amazing people from our community! Congratulations to all the recipients of awards last night, I have one teacher award I need to deliver next week at Hudson academy. Thank you to the Auxiliary for all their hard work setting up the room and helping with the clean-up.**

**The Bar update is now complete, Randy and the guys have out done themselves this time. I gave Randy an idea of how I wanted the bar to look, and he made it happen, it just comes out great every time.**

**Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, Family Fun Day was a complete success congratulations to the Auxiliary for putting on a magnificent event, a special thanks to Martha Young for heading up this event you out did yourself this year, over 230 people checked in, that is amazing. BZ. Thank You to all the Volunteers.**

**I look forward to seeing everyone around the post remember my office hours end around 4pm and once I am at the Canteen I prefer not to conduct any post business, Thank you.**

**Respectfully your**

**Commander**

**Dale**



3/1/2024

As previously discussed at the February House Committee meeting all Post event must be brought before the House Committee for approval by the House Committee.

#### Post By-Laws

Approved and Dated February 18, 2020

#### Article X Section 4.

Fundraising organizations or individuals conducting solicitation, activities or projects for profit shall not be engaged or used by the Post for such purpose unless such engagement is made by writing agreement between the post and the organization or individual providing those services. The form of any such written agreement must be submitted to the Department (Post) Commander (House Committee) for review at least thirty (30) days prior to any Post entering into any agreement.

#### Section 5.

Unless previously authorized by a majority vote 1<sup>st</sup> the House Committee then the Post, no solicitations or ticket sales shall be permitted in the Post Quarters or at socials or meetings unless such solicitations or ticket sales shall have been approved by the Post.

#### Section 6.

The Ways and Means Committee shall confine any such approved solicitations or ticket sales to the stated meeting and socials of the Post in or around the Post quarters.

Now this is just a procedural thing, this this how we should have been doing this business all along we do not operate as 3 independent organization here. The Post House Committee controls the business and the planning which includes the calendar for the Post. Every event that happens here at 4412 is going to be on the calendar. Nothing will happen if you don't first get your event on the calendar, so come to the House Committee meeting prepared with all your event particles. Band, Basket Raffle, Gun Raffle, Food Drive, Clothing Drive, whatever it might be. All of this goes into the meeting minutes and is read into the Membership meeting minutes for approval by our members. Believe any event is good for the Post so all events get approved, it's about the paperwork and following the proper procedure.

Thank you for you corporation,

Dale Cloutier

Commander





Welcome veterans, veterans' families, friends and guests to my corner of the world! Another busy month has come and gone as we prepare for April.

### **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?**

**3/4** - several boxes of clothing and shoes were taken to the Moon Lake Mission Homeless Shelter.

**3/6** - it was great to have twenty-eight (28) members present at our last meeting. Auxiliary approved being a platoon sponsor of the upcoming Operation Stand Down for homeless veterans on 4/19-4/20. Items needed will be collected until 4/3 and will be delivered to One Community Now in New Port Richey on 4/4. The greatest need at this time is \$5 - \$10 gift cards to Taco Bell, Burger King, McDonalds, Wawa, Walmart, etc.

**3/23** - Five (5) Auxiliary members attended the Department of Florida's Veterans Village Picnic and our Department Commander's Homecoming in Fort McCoy, Florida. Four members helped served lunch as they were needing volunteers. We attended the ribbon cutting ceremony, heard some great music, danced a bit, visited the veterans at the home and presented a donation check from our Auxiliary.

**3/27** - Auxiliary members attended and participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders and Teachers of the Year Appreciation Dinner. Approximately 60 people attended. A welcome was given, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, grace was said, a delicious meal was served, an introduction & presentation of awards were given to our honored Police, Fire, EMT, and Teachers of the year, and cake was served to end the evening.

**3/29** - National Vietnam Veterans Day - auxiliary members were in attendance during the VFW's service. Their speech left many speechless. Vietnam veterans were recognized, greeted with handshakes & hugs, thanked and told "WELCOME HOME".

**3/29** - We sold tickets up until the time of the drawing. The winning ticket would allow 10 people the opportunity for a one (1) day fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico on a three (3) bedroom yacht. Congratulations to the VFW Post #4412 for having the winning ticket. Enjoy the trip and the memories. Thank you to all who supported this fundraising event for our Department of Florida's Auxiliary President's Special Project (MST - Military Sexual Trauma and Women's Healthcare).

**3/30** - Oh, what a day! Approximately 350 were in attendance during our Free Family Fun Day! It was a great day of face painting, crafts, bounce houses, petting zoo, Easter Bunny with photos, 3-legged race, Jenga, horseshoes, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy, food, drinks, karaoke, door prizes and goody bags for the kids to take home! Many thanks to Martha Young, Event Coordinator, and all who had a hand in making this a day that families won't soon forget.

### **WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?**

#### **April - Month of the Military Child**

**4/3** - **Auxiliary Social Hour 6pm & Meeting 7p** - please make it a priority to attend as we will be holding elections and installation of our new officers. We need leaders. Please consider



being an officer. Any Auxiliary member can run for any office and if not nominated by someone else, they can nominate themselves! For those stepping down, thank you for your time and dedication. For those stepping up, bless you! May we keep our eyes on our main focus which has always been and will always be our veterans. **“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” Henry Ford**

**4/5 - Gold Star Spouses Day** – surviving loved ones of military members who lost their lives in the line of duty. This Day was created to honor these loved ones.

**4/6 – Blood Drive** – 12:30p – 4:00p – the Auxiliary is hosting a blood drive and the Oneblood Big Red Bus will be at the post! Sign up and save lives! Donors receive \$20 e-gift card, insulated tote bag, and a wellness checkup. Appointments are encouraged, visit [oneblood.org/donate](http://oneblood.org/donate) now and use sponsor code 22135 or contact me and I will book you an appointment online. Walk ins are welcome!

**4/8 – New members meeting** (any and all Auxiliary members/officers are welcome) will be held the Monday following our regularly scheduled monthly Wednesday meeting. Come join us at 6:30p at the post. Bring your new members packet (if you have received one), your laptop for training, enthusiasm, and any questions you may have.

**4/9 - National Former POW Recognition Day** – honors the more than 500,000 American courageous men and women warriors captured while protecting our way of life. We pay tribute to these patriots for their unwavering and unrelenting spirit. They have endured brutal treatment at the hands of their captors. As a result, they’ve also suffered separation from family and displayed incredible endurance and faith during their captivity. If you are a “former POW” or know of any, please contact me.

**4/19-4/20 – Operation Stand Down for Homeless Veterans**

**4/22 - Earth Day** – an annual celebration that honors the achievement of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth’s natural resources for future generations.

The Auxiliary wishes to thank you for your continued support of our weekly bake sales, 50/50 and our monthly shotgun bingos. Without you, we could not accomplish all that we do! The Auxiliary welcomes all bakers, those who wish to volunteer their time helping with bake sales, 50/50, and shot gun bingo.

Are you eligible and interested in joining our Auxiliary or Post family? We would love to share info and answer any questions. We hope to hear from you soon. There is something for everyone.

Proudly serving our veterans,

Kathy Vaughan  
VFW 4412 Auxiliary President

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### Rider's Director's Message April 24

We had our annual Charter party March 9<sup>th</sup>, great food, and tunes from DJ Christine with plenty of beer to drink.

Some of our Rider's rode to the Nature Coast Bike Fest, great turnout for this event.

This month we have a ride to Yalaha Bakery, an old German bakery and restaurant. Our annual ride to Cedar is this month, which is always a good time.

Remember: Fish Fry every Friday

Rider's Shot Gun Bingo 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

Rider's Meeting and Dinner April 17<sup>th</sup> @7pm dinner @6:30

Roger Carlton

Rider's Director

Ph# 727-255-1661

e-mail [rac01kar02@gmail.com](mailto:rac01kar02@gmail.com)



# VFW 4412

## April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> April Fools  Nick Frick 12-2pm VA rep	<b>2</b> Karaoke 5pm House Committee 7pm	<b>3</b> Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Auxiliary Meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm	<b>4</b>  Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm	<b>5</b> Red Shirt Friday BOGO 11-4 pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale 4:30-7:00pm Shot Gun Bingo 7pm (R)	<b>6</b> Free Pool All Day Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Queen Of Hearts 7pm Steak Night 4pm \$14.00  Big Red Bus Bloodmobile 12:30-4:00pm
<b>7</b> Show Me The Money 4pm	<b>8</b>  Nick Frick 12-2pm VA rep	<b>9</b>  Karaoke 5pm  National Former POW Recognition Day  G.S.6-8pm	<b>10</b> Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Membership Meeting 7pm	<b>11</b>  Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm	<b>12</b> Red Shirt Friday BOGO 11-4 pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale 4:30-7:00pm Shot Gun Bingo 7pm (A)	<b>13</b> Free Pool All Day Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Queen Of Hearts 7pm
<b>14</b>  Publix Gift Card Shoot 4pm	<b>15</b>  Nick Frick 12-2pm VA rep  Tax Day	<b>16</b>  Karaoke 5pm	<b>17</b> Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Riders Meeting & Dinner 6/7pm	<b>18</b>  Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm	<b>19</b> Red Shirt Friday BOGO 11-4 pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale 4:30-7:00pm Shot Gun Bingo 7pm (R)  Operation Stand Down 19-21	<b>20</b> Free Pool All Day Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Queen Of Hearts 7pm
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<b>28</b>  Publix Gift Card 4pm	<b>29</b>  Nick Frick 12-2pm VA rep	<b>30</b>  Karaoke 5pm				



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## **VFW 4412 New Members**

Please welcome our new members to our family here at 4412. When you see them, please introduce yourself and help them feel like this is their home away from home.

### **Post Members**

Clarence C. Woodard  
Anthony W. Pinnetti  
Maurice M. Toole  
Brian K. Haberkern  
George R. Albert  
John H. Stanjeski  
Wayne R. Beebe  
Donald Bounds  
Timothy A. Hassan  
Christopher Foreman  
Charles A. Napier  
Allen A. Crow  
Richard Darrelle Perry  
Charles Tingley Bernard  
Donald Lee Sanderson  
William Arthur Derrington

### **New Auxiliary Members**

Walter Fedun  
Walter Fedun Jr.  
Kathy Goodman  
Kevin McCready  
Katie Embry  
Sean Donahue  
Donna Mc Laren  
Dan Burns  
Karen Valure  
Susan Rusiecki  
Thomas Rusiecki  
Tina Walters  
Karen Hanna

## Upcoming Events For April-May 24

- April 6<sup>th</sup> Blood mobile 12:30-4pm
- April 9<sup>th</sup> National POW Recognition Day
- April 15<sup>th</sup> Income Tax Day, File Your Taxes ☹
- April 19-21 Operation Stand-Down
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Bike & Car Cruize-112-4pm



# Miss B Haven Café

## Hours

4-8pm Tuesday-Thursday

4-8 Friday Fish Fry Specials

1-6pm Saturday & Sunday

Steak Night 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month

1/3lb Cheeseburger	\$7.00	Chicken Fingers	\$7.00
Bacon Cheeseburger	\$8.00	Cod Fish Fingers	\$10.00
Bacon Mushroom Swiss Burger	\$9.00	BLT	\$7.00
1/4lb Beef Hot Dog	\$6.00	Chicken or Tuna Salad	
w/kraut or chili & cheese	\$7.00	Sandwich on a Croissant	\$7.00
Philly Cheese Steak	\$8.00	Pretzel	\$4.00
Grilled Cheese	\$6.00	Chicken Cutlet	\$8.00
Add Ham, Bacon & Tomato	\$7.00		
Italian Sub	\$8.00		
Chicken Parm Sandwich	\$8.00		
*Choose of Fries, Potato Salad, or Coleslaw			
With any sandwich add \$1.00 for onion rings.			

## Appetizers

Mozzarella Sticks	\$6.00
Fried Mushrooms	\$7.00
Egg Rolls (2)	\$5.00

## Pizza

Thin Crust or French Bread

Cheese	\$7.00
Cheese & Pepperoni	\$8.00
Supreme	\$9.00

## Sides

French Fries	\$4.00
Add Chili & Cheese	\$5.00
Onion Rings	\$5.00

Check the Board for Wednesday Specials

Soup of the Day

And other Tasty specials.

Thank You

Beverly & Larry

Located At

VFW 4412

9734 Dick St.

Hudson Fl.

727-697-1602



# MISS "B" HAVEN

## VFW 4412

# Breakfast Menu

**#1 - 2 EGGS/CHOICE OF MEAT/HOME FRIES OR HASH BROWNS  
& TOAST \$8.00**

**#2 - CORNED BEEF HASH OR KIELBASA \$9.00**

### OMELETTES

**CHEESE \$7.00**

**WESTERN \*HAM, PEPPERS, ONIONS & CHEESE**

**FARMERS, BACON, HAM, SAUSAGE, ONIONS, \$9.00**

**PEPPERS, POTATOES, CHEESE & GRAVY \$11.00**

**2 PANCAKES & MEAT \$7.00**

**3 PANCAKES & MEAT \$8.00**

**2 FRENCH TOAST & MEAT \$7.00**

**3 FRENCH TOAST & MEAT \$8.00**

### HOMAMADE BUTTERMILK BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY

**1/2 ORDER (1 BISCUIT) 1 EGG \$6.00**

**FULL ORDER (2 BISCUITS & 2 EGGS \$7.00**

**CROISSANT SANDWICH W/ POTATO \$7.00**

**STEAK & EGGS \$12.00**

**SIDES: BACON (2 PCS) \$2.00**

**SAUSAGE LINKS (2) \$3.00**

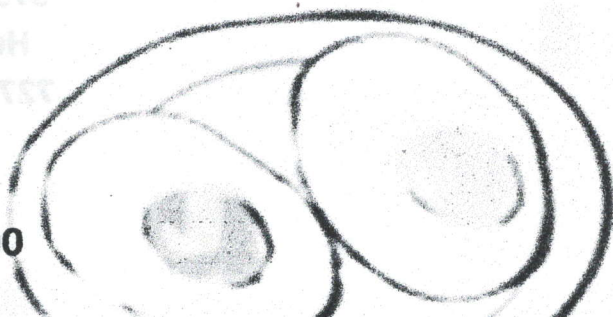
**CORNED BEEF HASH \$3.00**

**1 EGG \$1.00**

**HASH BROWNS OR HOME FRIES \$2.00**

**SAUSAGE GRAVY CUP \$3.00 BOWL \$5.00**

**2 BISCUITS \$2.00**





## VFW 4412 Booster Club-In the Spotlight

VFW Boosters voluntarily make donations. Donations can be in honor or in memory of a loved one. All donations are used to help offset the expenses in communications, newsletters, and other post needs.

The Names listed below are doners names, the month and year they last donated. Suggested minimum donation are \$10 yearly but can be given in any amount.

Thank You VFW Booster! Your donations are deeply appreciated.

### February 2024

Dale & Ann Marie Cloutier "in Memory of his dad, Roger Cloutier US Army"

### May 2023

P J O' Conner "in Memory of all our deceased Veterans"

### May 2023

Jackie & Ray "for the Veterans"

### May 2023

Donna & John Mier "in Memory of Donna's son Brad"

### May 2023

Best Dad Ever! Thank You For Your Service John Miller! Love Tina Ebdrup

### December 2023

Walter Fedun," In memory of all that have Fallen"

### December 2023

Brenda Meade, "in memory of her brothers Frank & Bill"

### December 2023

Bill & Laura Katilus in Memory of her son Marc Whitney

### January 2024

Bill & Laura Katilus in Memory of Bill's Mom Tilly & Brother Jake Katilus

### March 2024

Tamarra Barton "In Memory of Raymond Hawthorne"

### April 2024

Daniel Powers "In Memory of his wife Dauta Powers"

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Joe & Phyllis Messina "In Memory of Charles Messina (Brother) EN USN"

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April 2024

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## Wall Memorabilia

I am looking for your help with a little project. If there is an item on the wall of the post that you know the history of, please share it with us it is our plan to make engraved plates for every piece in the post so when the people who know the history of these items are no longer here someone can look at the things we have collected over the years and know what it is and where it came from. Ask the Bartender for a post a note and write down any information you know.

- What is the item
- Where did it come from/who donated it
- How long ago
- Is it from a Past Post member or a current member
- Dates if you know them

Place the post a note on the item and I will collect it and I will order an engraved plaque similar to the one in the foyer under the picture that Donna donated.

Thank You For your help me with this project.

Dale Cloutier

Commander

**SHOW ME THE MONEY RULES**

**PLAYERS CAN PLAY ONE CARD OR FIVE CARDS OR MORE.**

**IF YOU PLAY 1 CARD ITS \$1.00 FOR THE DAY WOULD BE \$9.00.**

**IF YOU PLAY 5 CARDS ITS \$3.00 FOR THE DAY WOULD BE \$25.00.**

**PLAYER MUST PLAY FIRST 2 SETS OF 3 GAMES EACH TO BE ABLE TO  
PLAY BONUS ROUND.**

**IF COME IN AFTER FIRST 2 SETS UNABLE TO PLAY BONUS ROUND.**

**THERE ARE 7 SETS OF 3 GAMES EACH FOR A TOTAL OF 21 GAMES.**

**MONEY IS COLLECTED BEFORE FIRST ROUND AND AFTER EACH 3 GAME  
SET.**

**MONEY IS DIVIDED INTO 4 PILES, 1 PILE FOR EACH GAME, 3 GAMES PER  
SET. THE FOURTH PILE IS PUT AWAY FOR THE BONUS ROUND AND 10%  
TO THE LODGE/CLUB.**

**FOR THE BONUS ROUND AND WINNER TAKES ALL \$4.00 IS COLLECTED  
ONE TIME.**

**3 CARD BONUS MONEY IS A \$1.00 EACH TIME MONEY IS COLLECTED  
PUT INTO ENVELOPE AND ANYONE THAT GETS SHOW ME THE MONEY  
IN 3 CARDS WINS THAT MONEY.**