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## December 2024 NEWSLETTER – VFW POST 4412

### VFW

Commander – Dr. Ron M. Wood  
Sr. Vice – Dick Moore  
Jr. Vice – Dan McClaren  
Quarter Master- ad int – Dale Cloutier  
Judge Advocate – Regina Madden  
Chaplin – Carl (Slim) Schlender  
Post Adj – Jack Julian  
Surgeon – Debbie Perlberg  
Service Officer – John Gudavich  
Officer of the Day–Troy Butterbaugh  
1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Trustee – Edward Lorgan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee – Dan Kowalewski  
3<sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee – Bill Donovan

### AUXILLIARY

President – Judy Kennedy  
Sr. Vice – Barbara Faunce  
Jr. Vice – TBD  
Treasurer – Diane Pace  
Secretary – Annette Lewis  
Chaplin – Chris Dorsey  
Patriot Inst. – Melissa Greene  
Conductor – Donna McClaren  
1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Trustee – Rhonda Campbell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee – Sandy Ciak  
3<sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee- Donna Bush  
Guard- Deborah Witt

### RIDERS GROUP

Director – Roger Carlton  
Asst Director – Jack Julian  
Secretary – Tami Barton  
Treasurer – Ken Vaughan  
Sgt. at Arms – Jim Futrell  
Road Captain – Buck Sweatland  
Chaplin – Wayne Tuttle

### 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 – Dale Cloutier

### **Members**

Ron M. Wood, Dick Moore  
Dam Stemmler, Regina Madden,  
Debbie Perlberg, Dale Cloutier  
Dan Stemmler, Edward Lorgan,

### Canteen Manager

Jackie Martin

### **Kitchen Manager**

Beverly & Larry

### **Post Location**

9734 Dick Street  
Hudson, FL. 34669

### **Hours**

Sun -4-7pm Closed Mondays  
Tues – Saturday 4-8pm  
Sunday Breakfast 8-11am  
9am-12pm

### **PHONE**

727-697-1602

## **Commander's Corner**

Dear Post:

It is hard to imagine that we are about to wrap up another year. So much has happened to our community, our country and our world that sometimes it is a lot to take in. Still, we have a post to run and Veterans issues that demand our ongoing attention. It is for this purpose that I digress into a few key issues.

Ken Malone, Having Served this post faithfully for the past 16 years including a term as District Quartermaster has resigned for health-related issues. Anyone who is familiar with Ken knows how hard he has fought to come back from a few medical setbacks. As Commander, I can assure you that Ken is square with the House, and we wish him well in his retirement. The role of Quartermaster is demanding. I know firsthand what it was like taking over a set of books and trying to bring a post into the green. Although this was a quarter century ago, I can relate to the rigorous demands. As Commander, I abided by the National Bylaws when an officer resigns. I appointed Dale Cloutier interim Quartermaster for a period not to exceed 60 days. After 60 Days, a special election will be held to elect a new Quartermaster for the post. I want to thank Dale for the countless hours he has spent at the post in recent days familiarizing himself with every aspect of the office. He is my brother and personal friend, and I know he loves this post as much as I do. Additionally, this post owes a debt of gratitude for all of his efforts to make our post look modern. Every week I am reminded from visitors of how nice our post looks. We owe the great portion to Dale and his Vision for a vibrant post.

Harmony. I would ask each person to examine why they come into this post. It is obvious the love and sacrifice of so many who have gone



before us to make this edifice possible. As such, I have a low tolerance for squabbles that have no foundation. The largest of my frustrations is the machines that surround the interior of our post. The very notion that people can get nasty with one another over who gets to sit at what station is beyond me but it is the single biggest source of anxiety that I have seen so far. To be clear, fairness is to be expected on the part of all who play the machines. Monopolizing a machine or attempting to have someone hold a machine for you will not be tolerated. It is the policy of this Commander that if two people come into conflict over a machine that the purpose of this post being a memorial is compromised. As such, I will unplug any machine for the night that causes any form of dissention. A machine is so not worth rancor among our ranks. Please read that last sentence again. Folks, we are not here to get rich, to gamble and certainly not to get severely polluted in our canteen. These issues have been experienced on more than one occasion and will not be tolerated. I call on each person to examine why they are here. If it is not to support Veterans and Veterans Causes, it is highly likely that it is time for a change of places to patronize. Good order and discipline are among a few of my responsibilities, and I call on each member to police themselves and to walk away at any sign of conflict. Nobody ever wins a squabble. Especially at a memorial post. We are here to honor our fallen and support our Veterans, not to fight over who gets to sit where.

Onto happier notes..... My hat is off to the Auxiliary of our post for a most phenomenal Thanksgiving. We raised over two thousand dollars for the Auxiliary. Kudos to each member who worked tirelessly to see our post succeed in this venture. I would give my left pinkie for a thousand of you. You are what makes this post great!

As we look around us this Christmas season, let us be mindful of the Service men and women around the globe who often feel alone. I



believe in prayer and ask for those who wonder what they can do to consider lifting our Veterans' past and present up in our prayers. This is what we are about, and I can think of no better time than Christmas to emulate what it means to be a member of the VFW in every sense. Also, there are still those who hunger in the greater Pasco County area. Please consider giving to charitable organizations such as Metropolitan Ministries or any organization where 100% of your contributions go to those that need it most.

Lastly, the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas is Ground Zero for Veterans. It is the highest suicide rate of any time in the year. Please be mindful of those around you who are having a tough time. Ask a Veteran how they are doing. Show those outsiders of your circle that you care. The reason yours truly made this post a home is by an accidental hug I received after only being here for 5 minutes. Think of the effect a hug or warm handshake can mean to those who struggle with relevance. It is my personal feeling that Christmas is not a time to focus on what we don't have but to rejoice in what we do have. That we might sense a higher purpose in life this season is my humble prayer.....

Merry Christmas Post 4412!

Dr. Ron M. Wood, Psy.D, M.Div, M.A, LMHC

Post Commander



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

UNWYING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

## **December Newsletter**

***From the desk of your Auxiliary President, Judy Kennedy***

***Here it is the final month of the year, so much has happened this year.***

***Holidays in December, Dec 7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 13 U. S. National Guard Birthday, 18 National Wreaths Across America, 25 Christmas Day, 31 New Year Eve.***

***December 2<sup>nd</sup> Bartenders Christmas Party 5 P M, with the Commander & staff behind the bar. Finger food. Post Christmas Party 14, Doors open 5 P M with Embrey, December 25 like to Wish all Post, Riders and Auxiliary members Merry Christmas. December 31<sup>st</sup> Post New Years Eve Party with the Hit Men.***

***For the Christmas Party & New Years Eve Party I have been asked to ask the Auxiliary Members for side dishes please?***

***Presents for Pasco Toy Drive December 7-8 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walmart 12610 U S 19 in Hudson. Stop by to make Donations. All donated toys go directly to Pasco Children. Go to [news.pascosheriff.com](http://news.pascosheriff.com) for more information on the latest news.***

***Auxiliary is doing Shotgun Bingo twice a month, come on down and have dinner, by Beverly and enjoy playing Shotgun Bingo.***

***Attention Auxiliary Members our January 1<sup>st</sup>. meeting being on New Years Day, our meeting has moved to January 22, social Hour@6 P M and meeting @ 7 P M.***



**Upcoming January 23-26, 2025, we have the Mid-Winter Conference at the Westgate Resort in Orlando. I have already booked two-2 Bedroom Suites for this event.**

**For the Auxiliary Members. that have had their homes devastated from the Hurricanes, you may contact Virginia Brehmer, Department of Florida VFW Auxiliary and explain how much of your home, lost and you may be able to get from the Disaster Relief Fund \$250 up to \$500. Department President Virginia Brehmer at 321-324-4658 and she will be able to tell you what to do.**

**At our January meeting we will be electing Jr. Vice President and any other office that becomes vacant. If any of our member's, that would like to step up and take this office please contact me, Judy Kennedy, 727-992-1762, or [rinaldo2@yahoo.com](mailto:rinaldo2@yahoo.com).**

**Looking to great Year, Tawney Rowe VFW Auxiliary to VFW Post 4412 we are going to ROCK.**

# VFW 4412

## December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Breakfast 8-11am NFL Football All Games Shown - (All Day)	<b>2</b> BOGO Monday W/4412 Shirt OR A VFW Challenge Coin Bartenders Christmas Party 6pm-Close	<b>3</b> Karaoke 5pm House Committee Mtg 7pm	<b>4</b> Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Auxiliary Dinner 6pm Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	<b>5</b> Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm Thursday Night Football (Big Screen in Main Canteen)	<b>6</b> Red Shirt Friday BOGO 11-4pm Auxiliary Bake Sale 4-7pm 50/50 Drawing 6:45pm 7 O'Clock Toast Shotgun Bingo 7pm	<b>7</b> Free Pool All Day December 7 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service - 2pm Mbrship/Aux Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Live Music 6pm - 9pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Commander's Call 8pm
<b>8</b> Breakfast 8-11am NFL Football All Games Shown - (All Day)	<b>9</b> BOGO Monday W/4412 Shirt OR A VFW Challenge Coin Pool League 6pm	<b>10</b> Karaoke 5pm	<b>11</b> Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Membership Mtg 7pm	<b>12</b> Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm Thursday Night Football (Big Screen in Main Canteen)	<b>13</b> Red Shirt Friday BOGO 11-4pm Auxiliary Bake Sale 4-7pm 50/50 Drawing 6:45pm 7 O'Clock Toast Shotgun Bingo 7pm	<b>14</b> Free Pool All Day Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Members Christmas Party Dinner 5pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Embry Brothers 7pm Commander's Call 8pm
<b>15</b> Breakfast 8-11am NFL Football All Games Shown - (All Day)	<b>16</b> BOGO Monday W/4412 Shirt OR A VFW Challenge Coin Pool League 6pm	<b>17</b> Karaoke 5pm	<b>18</b> Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Riders Meeting 7pm	<b>19</b> Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm Thursday Night Football (Big Screen in Main Canteen)	<b>20</b> Red Shirt Friday BOGO 11-4pm Auxiliary Bake Sale 4-7pm 50/50 Drawing 6:45pm 7 O'Clock Toast Shotgun Bingo 7pm	<b>21</b> Free Pool All Day Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Live Music 6pm - 9pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Commander's Call 8pm
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<b>29</b> Breakfast 8-11am NFL Football All Games Shown - (All Day)	<b>30</b> BOGO Monday W/4412 Shirt OR A VFW Challenge Coin Pool League 6pm	<b>31</b> New Years Eve Party Food Served 6pm Band: "Hitmen" 8pm- Close Complimentary Champagne Toast at Midnight				



## Upcoming Events

### Every Saturday – Live Music, Queen of Hearts and Commander’s Call 6-9pm. Artist TBD

After popular demand, we are giving Live Music a Try. Please support this event beginning December 7. Also, Queen of Hearts at 7pm (ticket cutoff is 15 min prior). Commander’s Call 8pm. Come out and have FUN!

### Bartender’s Christmas Party – December 2.

Fun, Food, Prizes and Music. Come support your local bartenders. This is the one event of the year where all proceeds go to our bartenders. 6pm to Close

### Christmas Party – December 14.

#### “The Embry Brothers”

Member’s Only. Each Member is authorized two guests. If a couple are both members, they may bring two guests per member. Wristbands are issued at the door. 5pm - Food Served, 7pm – Band Begins.

### New Years Eve Party – December 31.

#### “The Hitmen”

Member’s Only. Each Member is authorized two guests. If a couple are both members, they may bring two guests per member. Wristbands are issued at the door. Food Served 6pm. Band plays 8pm till midnight. Complimentary Champagne toast at Midnight.