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## March 2025 NEWSLETTER – VFW POST 4412

### VFW

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

### AUXILLIARY

President – Judy Kennedy  
Sr. Vice – Barbara Faunce  
Jr. Vice – Tom Rusiecki  
Treasurer – Diane Pace  
Secretary – Annette Lewis  
Chaplin – Chris Dorsey  
Patriot Inst. – John Mariano  
Conductor – Donna McClaren  
1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Trustee – Pat Jung  
2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee – Sandy Ciak  
3<sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee – Donna Bush

### 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

### 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

### Members

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

## Commander's Corner

It is almost unfathomable to think I'm doing my 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter for 2025. While this year has been off to a roaring start, the element of time being on my side seems like a fleeting dream at times. Still our post continues to grow and expand its role within the community which is where I want to begin. First off, I'm deeply grateful for all the organizations within our VFW who are doing exceptional things to let others know who we are and what we stand for. For those of you who continuously roll up your sleeves and commit to the mission of our VFW, my hat is off to you. You are what makes our post work! Never forget that!

I have heard a few rumors that I would like to address. The first is that the Commander is just an extension of (or puppet of) the Previous Commander. I could tell you that nothing is further from the truth, but if you want an honest answer of who makes the final decisions in the post, ask our Quartermaster. He will tell you that the Commander has the final word on anything that transpires in this post. I can assure you that this is his response because he continues to bring every issue to me that needs ratifying. Dale is my friend who I loyally served under as his Senior Vice Commander. He is here because I invited him to continue his service where he can really make a difference. We do have two different styles of leadership, none more special than the other, just two different styles of leadership. I'm reminded of Bufford T Pusser in the 1970's movie "Walking Tall" who suggested that it was more important to walk humbly but carry a big stick if you want something done. I'm NOT a loud person until I need to be. I take the most peaceful path possible to any eventuality that comes across my desk. Anybody who has ever brought a problem to me knows that I take my time to evaluate and gather information before charting a course. To those who would call me a puppet of anyone does not know my life story. I have excelled and broken records to every task I've ever engaged both privately and professionally. This hardly is indicative of a puppet. Likewise, I am fully capable of walking and chewing gum simultaneously. But for those who would perpetuate such nonsense, I would ask you how many House Committee Meetings you have recently been to, how many membership meetings as well. My voice is the first one heard and the last one before the final gavel. I would never have availed myself for such a thankless job if I was taking orders from elsewhere. I follow my own drum beat

and insist that those on my team do likewise. I'm going to classify such comments as mean and destructive to the good order and discipline of the post. The second rumor is that I have driven certain entities or personalities out of this post. Folks, I've been doing this business off and on since 1991, this is not my first rodeo but it will be my last. To that end, I'm going to give this post every last drop of energy I have and continue to find pathways to peace because I believe that true forward trajectory relies on people working together, not shouting at one another only to hear themselves speak. I've run nobody out of this post except those who disrespect our members. In both cases, both individuals I threw out were not members of this post. Anybody else who has left has made that decision on their own and have to live with the consequences. I'm a loving man, but I will not tolerate those who seek to ridicule or diminish others, regardless of position.

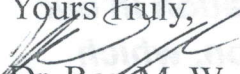
My father pastored for many years before I got into the business of running a large church. Over his office door was a sign "check your ego in at the door". I did not understand until adulthood how necessary that was for any organization to prosper. Show me hate and discontent, I'll show you ego's so far out of check that they are rarely useful in any setting. I am not a fan of ego because it breeds arrogance, a cancer to good order. Folks, In an organization of this size, only one person can speak for the entire organization and that is the dually elected Commander. I took this job knowing that there would be a huge price exacted for such a decision because I am not a "maintenance" leader. I am a forward-thinking leader who wants to see our post expand to new heights and new levels in their service to our fellow Veterans and the community at large. Consequently, I've made the decision to allow my name to stand for one more year, but beyond that I am eager to see who the next "new blood" is for this post. If we look closely, the new leadership is already here in our post and are active in its leadership. I truly believe the future of this post is not buried in its past or traditions, but its willingness to step out into new territory and not be concerned about who gets the credit. That's one way to put ego in check and to stay relatively humble in the process. What a concept eh?

The last of these rumors is that Post 4412 is nothing but another bar. I challenge you to ask the bartenders if they gather that from my comments to them. We are a memorial post that happens to have a canteen at its center. The day that this post resembles a bar, all of our efforts will have failed because we have not understood our mission. Our mission is Veterans- Period! It is not to the auxiliary, nor the

riders, but to Veterans! The only way comments like this can be generated is if people are sitting on the outside looking in or for overinflated visions of individual grandiosity. If you are on the inside looking out, this is simply not the case. As long as I'm Commander, I pledge that this will never be the case. We will never waiver that our primary commitment is to the Veterans of this post initially. I would ask each person to stop at our quarterdeck every time you enter into the post and look at the POW/MIA table. I'm grateful for Dale placing it there because we all need reminding of what we are all about. Nothing sums it up like a visual. This is hallowed ground, not a playground. Respect this post and its members!

I'm proud of this post and for what it means in the lives of its members and those who choose to call Post 4412 their home. My advice to all is to avoid people whose only posture is to facilitate negative comments. Avoid negative people or people who are disrespectful to others. By listening to them, you give them credence that what they say has value. It does not! If you love this post, I would challenge you to seek out the most positive aspects of this organization and to run in that direction. You can always find someone who wants to be gloomy, but is far more beneficial to find a positive person and hitch your wagon to the ideology of "infectious optimism". It is the only way to ensure we will not be like any other bar in the area. It is what separates us from being like any bar in the area. Please join me in putting an end to hurtful rumors and comments designed to injure or hurt one another. It is to this ideal that I ask you to join me in continuing to make this post the talk of the State of Florida (which it is). We lead the way across the VFW spectrum as fulfilling all the requirements for what a REAL VFW should look like. Congratulations! Don't stop now!

Yours Truly,



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

Post Commander



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

***Here we are in another month March 2025. Holidays for March are as follows: March 9, Daylight Saving Time Begins (Set clocks ahead one hour). March 5, Ash Wednesday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day, March 25 Medal of Honor Day.***

***Attention Auxiliary members next month April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be having an election of officers for 2025-2026. Be sure to get there before 6 p.m. so you can order your dinner before 6:30 pm.***

***Last month we had a group of our VFW Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers and 1 VFW member went to K-9 Partners for Patriots to present to Mary Peter, a check for \$3000. To me it was an experience I will never forget. What Mary does for these Veterans and service dogs is one thing to remember!!!!***

***Let's speak about our membership, as of this newsletter we have 351 members.***

***What I would like to see as your President is more participation in our VFW and Auxiliary. Auxiliary bake sales on Friday afternoon, which we need more bakers and more volunteers to help out on table sales, and our 50/50.***

***Then the Post have their 7 pm TOAST !!!.***

***Then onto Shotgun Bingo, in which every other Friday the Auxiliary does the Shotgun Bingo in which we need to train more of our auxiliary members to step-up to help us out. Donna Mier Oversees our Shotgun Bingo. So I am asking our auxiliary members if you would***



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> Breakfast 8-11am	<b>3</b> BOGO Monday W/4412 Shirt OR A VFW Challenge Coin Pool League 6pm	<b>4</b> Karaoke 5pm House Committee Mtg 7pm Kitchen Open 4-7pm	<b>5</b> Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Auxiliary Dinner 6pm Auxiliary Meeting 7pm Kitchen Open 4-7pm	<b>6</b> Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm	<b>7</b> Red Shirt Friday BOGO 11-4pm Auxiliary Bake Sale 4-7pm 50/50 Drawing 6:45pm 7 O'Clock Toast Shotgun Bingo 7pm Fish Fry Open 4-7pm	<b>1</b> Free Pool All Day Kitchen opne 2-7 Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Steak Nite 6pm Live Music 6pm - 9pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Commander's Call 8pm
<b>9</b> Breakfast 8-11am Show Me The Money 3pm	<b>10</b> BOGO Monday W/4412 Shirt OR A VFW Challenge Coin Pool League 6pm	<b>11</b> Karaoke 5pm Kitchen Open 4-7pm	<b>12</b> Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Riders Meeting 7pm Kitchen Open 4-7pm	<b>13</b> Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm	<b>14</b> Red Shirt Friday BOGO 11-4pm Auxiliary Bake Sale 4-7pm 50/50 Drawing 6:45pm 7 O'Clock Toast Shotgun Bingo 7pm Fish Fry Open 4-7pm	<b>15</b> Free Pool All Day Kitchen opne 2-7 Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Live Music 6pm - 9pm SOB's Queen of Hearts 7pm Commander's Call 8pm
<b>16</b> Breakfast 8-11am	<b>17</b> BOGO Monday W/4412 Shirt OR A VFW Challenge Coin <b>St. Patricks Day Corn Beef &amp; Cabbage</b> Pool League 6pm	<b>18</b> Karaoke 5pm 7pm Kitchen Open 4-7pm	<b>19</b> Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Members Meeting 7pm Kitchen Open 4-7pm	<b>20</b> Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm	<b>21</b> Red Shirt Friday BOGO 11-4pm Auxiliary Bake Sale 4-7pm 50/50 Drawing 6:45pm 7 O'Clock Toast Shotgun Bingo 7pm Fish Fry Open 4-7pm	<b>22</b> Free Pool All Day Kitchen opne 2-7 Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Live Music 6pm - 9pm SOB's Queen of Hearts 7pm Commander's Call 8pm
<b>23</b> Breakfast 8-11am	<b>24</b> BOGO Monday W/4412 Shirt OR A VFW Challenge Coin Pool League 6pm	<b>25</b> Karaoke 5pm Kitchen Open 4-7pm	<b>26</b> Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Kitchen Open 4-7pm	<b>27</b> Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm	<b>28</b> Red Shirt Friday BOGO 11-4pm Auxiliary Bake Sale 4-7pm 50/50 Drawing 6:45pm 7 O'Clock Toast Shotgun Bingo 7pm Fish Fry Open 4-7pm	<b>29</b> Free Pool All Day Kitchen opne 2-7 Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Live Music 6pm - 9pm SOB's Queen of Hearts 7pm Commander's Call 8pm
<b>30</b> Breakfast 8-11am	<b>31</b> BOGO Monday W/4412 Shirt OR A VFW Challenge Coin Pool League 6pm					

# Entertainment Schedule

March 2025

3/1 Mick Luke

3/8 Tre Dicci

3/15 Paul FM/Britton

3/23 Donnie Mak

3/30 Banjoe Steve/Matt Bistok

