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JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER – VFW POST 4412

VFW Membership

Commander – Dr. Ron M. Wood
Sr. Vice – Dan McLaren
Jr. Vice – Edward Lorgan
Adjutant Quarter Master – Dale Cloutier
Judge Advocate – Joe McGuire
Chaplain – Harvey Warshawsky
Surgeon – Debbie Perlberg
Service Officer – Dale Cloutier
Officer of the Day – Tag Hockenberry
1st Yr. Trustee – Wayne Tuttle
2nd Yr Trustee – John Clemo
3rd Yr. Trustee – Michelle Fluke

House Committee

Chairman – Edward Lorgan

Members

Dam Stemmler, Dick Moore
Joe McGuire, Dan McClaren
Debbie Perlberg

Ex Officio: Commander
Adjutant Quartermaster

AUXILLIARY

President – Laura Katilus
Sr. Vice – Kellie Papadopoli
Jr. Vice – Laura Forano
Treasurer – Diane Pace
Secretary – Jean Vansteen
Chaplain – Chris Dorsey
Patriotic Instructor – John Mariano
Conductor – Andrea Arcedes
1st Yr. Trustee – Donna Bush
2nd Yr. Trustee –
3rd Yr. Trustee- Patty Smith
Guard – Gene Cadden

Canteen Manager

Nikki Burriss

Kitchen Manager

Beverly & Larry

VFW Hours of Operation
11:00am - Close

RIDERS GROUP

Acting Director – Jack Julian
Asst Director – Jim Scaglione (Acting)
Secretary – Tami Barton
Treasurer – Ken Vaughan

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

Post Location

9734 Dick Street
Hudson, FL. 34669

Hours

Monday – Closed (Free Hot Dogs)
Tues – Friday 4-7pm Sat 3:30- 7pm
Sunday Breakfast 8-11am,
PHONE
727-697-1602

Commander's Corner

Dear Family:

First off, I want to congratulate our New Auxiliary President Laura Katilus and her fine team of officers for the 2026-2027 Calendar Year. There is probably no other beloved person in this post than Laura. Because of her contributions and that of her Late Husband Bill Katilus, our post bears a special flavor that can be seen in not only the aesthetic contributions, but an undying devotion to our post which is undeniable. We began the year with a joint installation ceremony and I look forward to soaring to new heights in the upcoming year.

I also want to congratulate Dick Moore on being chosen to receive the first annual G.I. Joe Award. This award was formulated in loving memory of our past State Adjutant Quartermaster Gene Perino. We presented Dick with his award a week ago in front of a packed building waiting to see if they had won the Queen of Hearts. The look on Dicks face was priceless as are the contributions of he and his wife Debbie. I could not ask for a more optimistic group of people to call family. Congratulations Dick. You are one of a kind.

Two weeks ago our beloved Judge Advocate Joe McGuire ran into a mini bike as he turned right off of Dick Street. Folks, we have had some near misses in the past but it bears repeating, please watch for these little kids. They speed up and down the road with careless abandon and at night rarely have lights on their mini cycles. Please warn all of your friends as they leave to be ever so careful. This is becoming a serious issue and we want our members to be on their toes. Be mindful!

I would like to address some things I have heard around our post. Just because someone lacks the same pedigree as ourselves does not mean they will perform badly at their job. Every person that has become a leader in the VFW started somewhere. Sometimes fresh leadership is necessary in a post. It is disingenuous to predict failure just because you don't agree with an election. Sadly, many left during my first year because they could not stand to see newer faces rising into leadership positions. Folks, we have turned a corner as a post in bringing a new generation of leadership both on the auxiliary side of the house and in general

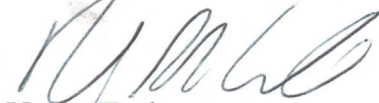
membership. Normally that would be a good thing, but I have heard some comments that have been really mean. Part of a growing organization requires that we move aside and let fresh faces have a turn. To deny that would lead to stagnation and I think the majority of us would agree that to be a bad course for an multi award winning post such as ours. We ARE the flagship of District 21. We become so by growing, breaking old molds and moving aside when necessary to ensure robust vitality among our ranks. Enough with the pessimism. You know who you are. I also know who you are! Please Be a team player! This is not about any one individual but the greater family we are all part of.

Sadly, I want to address a matter for which I feel uniquely qualified to opine on. The VFW has a zero tolerance on drugs. There are signs all over our post that indicate being caught with drugs on premises will lead to a complete ban on membership in this organization forever. This does not mean it is ok to get "high" outside the post and then come into our post to consume alcohol. That combination is deadly and I have put the bartenders of this canteen on notice that *we will not tolerate anybody who appears compromised in any manner from being served in our post.* Read that again! I am in charge of the safety of our members and believe me, I will follow the VFW National guidelines without exception. This includes medical cannabis. The National guidelines take precedence over state and municipal laws in this regard. While I am delivering unpleasant direction, let me touch on one other issue. Violence. The VFW has a zero tolerance for violence within our organization. I have had to break up one fight already this year. Let me make something perfectly clear: Any form of violence be it a member raising their fists at one another or any form of unwanted sexual advances will result in the most severe of penalties. If you touch another member for any reason, be prepared to have the full weight of the VFW coming down on you. We are an organization that respects the autonomy of each person. As commander, I will defend the rights of our members without exception. Every person deserves to feel safe within our family. Conversely, if a bartender gives you the option of leaving within 30 seconds or face 30 days suspension, it is strongly advised you listen to them. I just met with the bartenders and told them they have the full weight of the Commander of the post behind them. Do not test their resolve! Please!

Later this month, 10 members of our post will be traveling to Reno Nevada for the annual VFW National Convention. 5 Members and 5 Auxiliary Members will be representing our post. These members deserve our full support as they travel cross country for a historic conference. For any who have never been to a National Convention, there are no words to describe over 10,000 members from both Auxiliary and General Membership from all over the world. Please keep our group in your prayers.

In an organization as large as ours, we will have disagreements from time to time. This is a perennial fact in any group. It is the manner in which we conduct ourselves that honors the sacrifices of those who have gone before us. Nobody, regardless of past positions holds any higher importance than that of a member in good standing. In the general membership meetings, it is not uncommon to have at least 5 or 6 previous commanders and quartermasters among us. At no time do we every place our experience or titles to make a point. When we gather, we are all members first. Secondly is to give our 100% support to those elected to preside over us. Leadership in this organization is both an honor and a privilege. I think I can say that in no manual does that make any of us better than the other. Hopefully it means we have learned a thing or two such as supporting those that come after us without exception. Hopefully, that experience lends wisdom along the way that makes our fabric stronger, not weaker. Consider this an appeal to get along and work well with others in our mutual sandbox. The memories of those that came before us demand such responsibility.

Be safe out there and lets have an awesome year.



Yours Truly,

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





PRESIDENT'S PEN (Face Book - VFW Auxiliary 4412)



I'm honored to start my role as VFW Auxiliary 4412 President as Our United States is celebrating its 250th anniversary (Semiquincentennial). We wish to thank the outgoing auxiliary President Kathy Vaughan for her leadership and dedication to our post and auxiliary. I'd like to congratulate the incoming auxiliary officers: Sr. Vice Kellie Papadopoli, Jr Vice Laurie Forand, Treasurer Diane Pace, Secretary Jean Vansteen, Assistant Secretary Annette Miller, Chaplain Chris Dorsey, Patriotic Instructor John Mariano, Guard Gene Cadden, conductor Andrea Arcides, 1st yr Trustee Donna Busch, 2nd yr Trustee Rhonda Campbell, 3rd yr Trustee Patty E. Smith , Historian Megan Dowell, Membership Judy Kennedy, Volunteer Coordinator Linda Coyle We have an awesome team who love our veterans and who will work hard toward achieving the prestigious Circle of Champions Award.

WHAT'S UP AND COMING?

JULY 1st - Auxiliary Meeting@ 7:00 PM

JULY 4th- Mark Anthony Band, Burgers and Hotdogs, SideDishes, 4:00 -8:00 PM
WristBand \$7

July 7th - House Committee Meeting (4412) Pavilion

July 17th - District 21 Social @Post 8681, 2-5PM

July 18th - We Ride for Isabelle , 11:00 Harley-Davidson, Lutz, FL.

July 24th-30th- VFW Nat'l Convention , Reno , Nevada

May God bless our veterans , protect those who still serve, and grant our nation His lasting peace.

Laura Katilus

VFW 4412 Auxiliary President

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5 Breakfast 8-11am	6 BOGO Monday W/4412 Shirt OR A VFW Challenge Coin Pool League 6pm	7 Karaoke 5pm House Committee Mtg 7pm Pavilion	8 Euchre 1pm Bar Poker 3pm Members Meeting 7pm Kitchen Open 4-7pm	9 Free Pool All Day Karaoke 6pm	10 BOGO 11-4pm Fish Fry Auxiliary Bake Sale 4-7pm 50/50 Drawing 6:45pm 7 O'Clock Toast Shotgun Bingo (M)	11 Free Pool All Day Bar Poker 3pm Weekly Draw 4pm Steak Nite 4-7pm Live Music- 5pm-9pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Commander's Call 8pm
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July Music

Schedule



July 4 Mark Anthony Band (Wristbands Required)

July 11 Paul Briton

July 18 Kristina Gavallas

July 25 Andrew Danderson

