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## AUGUST 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

1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Trustee – Wayne Tuttle

2<sup>nd</sup> Yr Trustee – John Clemo

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – *Larrie* Laura Forano

Treasurer – Diane Pace

Secretary – Jean Vansteen

Chaplain – Chris Dorsey

Patriotic Instructor – John Mariano

Conductor – ~~Andrea Arcedes~~

1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Trustee – Donna Bush

2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee –

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Happy August! Can you believe that June and July evaporated in what seems like a couple of hours? Before we know it, Christmas will be here and we will be looking at 2027. As usual, there are some things I would like to discuss that need to be talked about. I pray that the contents of the newsletter make it to the ears of those who need to hear it.

Queen of Hearts: We brought this game to our post in hopes of building our post up and resurrecting Saturday nights from just a half dozen people enjoying the post to well over 100. It is always the hope that the winner will emerge from our ranks. However, we are seeing people from other posts and other locations drive miles to be at our drawings. Many of these people have been invited by our own members for reasons that escape me. Let me be perfectly clear: The Queen of Hearts is for those members and friends of post 4412! Not The Eagles, Not the American Legion and certainly not another VFW post who has the ability to manage their own gaming. Imagine how you might feel if the winner of our Queen of Hearts is not a member of our post or worse yet, someone who will never be an addition to our strong family. I'm talking about people who will never grace our doors for any other purpose than to win money that was built on the backs of our faithful membership. While that is within the rule and is totally permissible, it does not mean it is morally right. If you are calling your friends to come in and enjoy the possibility of winning large sums of money but you know in your heart that these people will never grace our doors for any other reason, I would ask you to question yourself on your own motives. Much of the confusion that I spend hours refuting each week come from people outside our post who now want to become involved in our post and the only reason they are here is to win the pot and never return. This is disingenuous. So here is my advice: If someone asks you what the grand total is for our Queen of Hearts, I would respond, "Why don't you come here on a day other than Saturday night and find out for yourself". We are not taking orders over the phone so that others in various locations can "call it in" so to speak. This program is designed for people who want to build up our post. I would ask you to consider that before this program gets completely out of hand. I am asking for everyone's cooperation! Your fellow members deserve to know that you are playing this game with the utmost of integrity, not coming up with ways to make

this more complicated. Believe me, it gets complicated when such high numbers are on the table. You would not believe the emotions I've dealt with as well as many of our officers because of the hundreds if not thousands of dollars that have been placed in the tub in the weeks leading up to our current prize. That being said, our drum was quite expensive and is now showing a lot of wear and tear by the amount of traffic we are putting inside it. Accordingly, the only person who will be allowed to place tickets inside the drum are the Commander or designated representative. Folks there are too many people in the post on Saturday nights to have every member trying to get a myriad of tickets into a small entry point. If you will notice, we have had to use tape to secure that opening due to excessive wear. Don't get me wrong, these are not all bad problems to have, but they do require us adjusting our behavior. While we are on that matter let me say that Saturday nights are not the time to be asking our staff questions on the legalities of our program. That can be handled on the other 6 days our post is in operation and can also be addressed by a simple reading of the rules posted where the Queen of Hearts player board is stored adjacent the bar entry. Additionally, whoever is spreading the word that we are changing the rules of the Queen of hearts needs to stop it. We have done everything to maintain a current way of doing business and that includes not changing any aspect of the rules of the game other than one person, one name on the ticket... i.e.,, no Mr or Mrs and no buying tickets for someone else. If someone wishes to play Queen of Hearts, it is incumbent on them to come in and purchase their own tickets. To all that are attempting to compromise this game, my strong admonishment is "STOP IT". Also be advised that all tickets purchased any given week are for that week only. Tickets that are out of sequence or a different color than the week being played will be considered compromised and invalid. All tickets purchased on a given week need to be in the drum/bin by 6:30 the night of the drawing. You arriving late or not purchasing tickets ahead of time is your issue, not the posts. Lastly, there is absolutely no reason for any person to be giving any of our staff any grief when purchasing tickets. Any person being rude to any of our staff will be told to leave the premises and if they win, will only collect half the prize. Folks those working our table are not being paid. They deserve to be treated with respect. Unfortunately, some have lost their minds and civility is lacking when the house is packed and time is getting

close for the Queen money to be counted. 6:30 has been the posted time for the duration of this game and are not flexible for any reason.

Any who know me are aware that it pains me to be anything but cheerful. I love this post and hate to be stern, but trust me, the people elected me commander of this post to ensure that integrity is established especially when hard earned money is on the table. For those who have been acting honorably, I apologize for the stern language, but I think you all understand where I'm coming from. My duty is to protect this post and its members, first and foremost. I intend to keep that charge.

On to other news. 8 members of our post just returned from The VFW National Convention which hosted over 10 thousand members from all over the world. The excitement of our fellow sisters and brothers when in closed session was an experience I wish all could encounter. Next years convention is in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Regardless of my position in the VFW, I will never miss a National Convention. It is the epitome of optimism and collective enthusiasm for our combined mission. For that reason, the VFW is unique in its mission because we have more wounded among us from the ravages of war than any other veterans organization. For that reason, our numbers are what makes Washington DC take note of us when in solidarity we fight for Veterans benefits. For those who engage in relativism that we are no different than any other Veterans organization, I would ask you to take a look at who marches to capitol hill every year by the thousands to demand that the contract be honored between Veterans and the country they went into harms way to protect. Please ask any of those who have attended and they will attest to how wonderful it is to be a member of a cause so much greater than ourselves. Which leads me to my last bit of "hot air"

The VFW is not an organization that exists to coddle egos. Its success is built on selfless dedication. When we make this about one person, our entire post suffers. Any who have been with us for the last couple of years knows that we have suffered a few casualties. In every instance I can assure you that ego was the prime culprit. This is not a place for hurt feelings or individualism but is a collective body of patriots who love their country and fellow man. For that reason, our general membership stands united, regardless of who is at the helm of protecting our posts against people who feel like they are much more important than our cause: Veterans. Ill do my best to suture wounds. It is a part of my job. I

will not tolerate people running over one another, disrespecting one another or diminishing another's worth. Too much blood has been spilt to have it otherwise. Our walls are adorned with the names of such selfless persons that demand the highest amount of integrity.

I know that sometimes reading about official business is cumbersome. I do not enjoy having to roll around in the dirt from time to time. Sometimes the dirt just presents itself and needs to be addressed. In fact, I have been accused of putting out "trash" in the newsletters. My defense is this "When else can the business of our post be talked about?" And, don't the faithful members of this post deserve to know what affects them?

A year ago, I joined the Eagles just north of here. I did it because sometimes I cannot relax in my own post sometimes because I'm accessible and people want to take advantage of this. For this reason, I have left my business cards behind the canteen. There are 7 days in a given week to discuss post business. I say this on behalf of all of the elected officers: After an officer has had a beverage in the canteen, they are off limits for official business with exception of life altering emergencies. Even the officers of this post deserve to be able to come in with their families and enjoy the post activities without being dragged down with issues that can be taken care of during the week. Last year I asked a couple of my officers why they don't spend more time at the post. Their response was "How can I?" They would tell stories of being caught up in post business to ad nauseum. This is specifically why the canteen rules specifically bar post business from being conducted in the canteen or when official events are in progress. The reason I mentioned the eagles is because of an oath I had to take to become a member. The oath specifically said "At no time should an eagle ever be caught talking ill about another eagle". I thought to myself, "What a concept". I know from experience that this is not a concept shared by all. I don't read lips but I am a trained professional at knowing when bad things are being said. If this stings you to read this, perhaps you are the one I am talking about. That being said, my admonition is the same as my mother tried to instill in me: "If you can't find something good to say about another person, DON'T SAY IT". Sisters and brothers, we don't have time for broken bones among our ranks. If you are unhappy with your surroundings, perhaps this is not the venue for you.

Let me conclude by saying what an honor it is to once again be a part of VFW leadership. I vowed over 23 years ago never to be a post officer again. What makes this post different to make me eat those words? YOU! You are the reason in continue to do this job. YOU are the reason my ire gets stirred when people of mischief spoil the temperature of our collective pool. You are the reason that we have the highest incoming transfers from other posts. Your hard work and tireless efforts are the reason any sane person would want to raise their hand and say "How Can I help?" I thank you for this opportunity to serve and reaffirm my love for each and every one of you, even those who do not feel reciprocal to those sentiments.

Yours Truly,

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



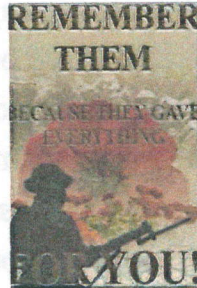
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**



Auxiliary President's Pen (FaceBook VFW Auxiliary 4412)

August 2026 (Poppy Flower Month)



As we say goodbye to July we welcome August with open hearts.

Our post hosted a wonderful 4th of July ( America's 250th Anniversary), with food, music and fun. I want to thank the volunteers who made this a memorable event.

August will be busy, Aug 1st the Rowe Family will be hosting a memorial homecoming for Mike Rowe - members only event from 12-4. 6 Members who served alongside Mike Rowe will be attending.

August 8th Purple Heart Day

August 9th Celebration of Life for one of our beloved Auxiliary life members Duane Snider 1-4PM , finger food sign up sheet at post.

August 16th Wreaths Across America Bingo 1-4

August 29, Celebration of Life for past post commander Dan Kowoloski , finger food signup sheet at post.

I'll report on the National Convention on next month's newsletter, the national convention is being held in Reno, Nevada ~~August~~ <sup>July</sup> 24-29. 8 members from our post/auxiliary are attending.

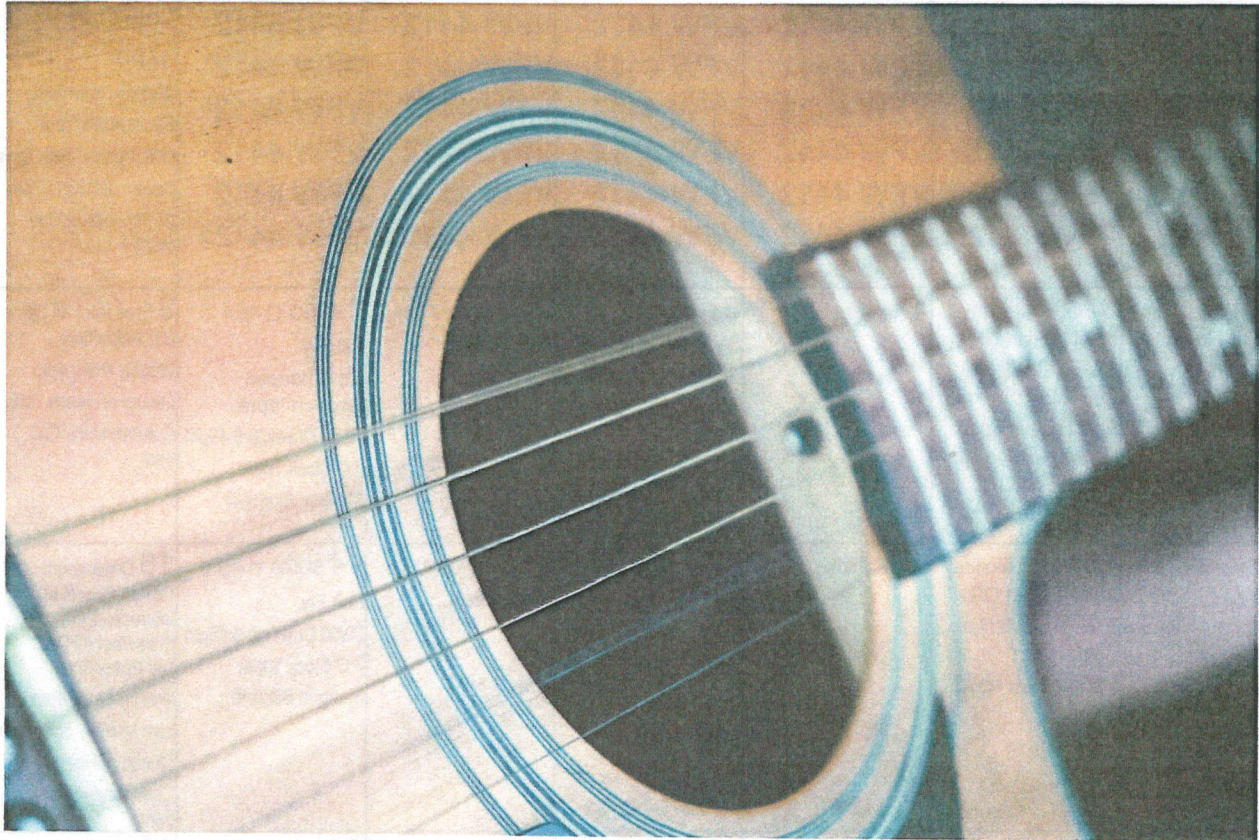
Our auxiliary Friday bake sale will be taking a well deserved break the month of August, back to baking in September.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. John F. Kennedy

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

Laura Katilus, VFW 4412 Auxiliary President

# August Music



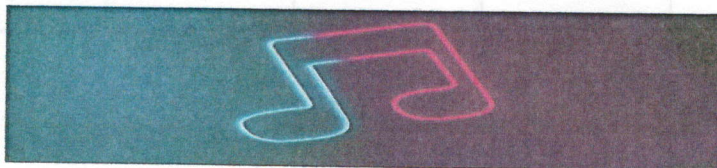
August 1 Dave Daniels

August 8 No Music

August 15 Christine Gevalias

August 22 No Music

August 29 Mark Shane



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| <b>2</b> Breakfast 8-11am<br>Party at Rowe<br>House – Pig<br>Roast | <b>3</b> BOGO Monday<br>W/4412 Shirt OR<br>A VFW Challenge<br>Coin<br>Pool League 6pm<br>House Meeting 7pm<br>(IN THE HALL) | <b>4</b> Karaoke 5pm                     | <b>5</b> Euchre 1pm<br>Bar Poker 3pm<br>Auxillary Meeting 7pm<br>Kitchen Open 4-7pm | <b>6</b> Free Pool All Day<br>Karaoke 6pm  | <b>7</b> BOGO 11-4pm<br>Fish Fry<br>Commander<br>Speech 6pm<br>50/50 Drawin'g 6:45pm<br>7 O'Clock Toast<br>Shotgun Bingo(A) | <b>8</b> Free Pool All Day<br>Bar Poker 3pm<br>Weekly Draw 4pm<br>Queen of Hearts 7pm<br>Commander's Call<br>8pm                                                                              |
| <b>9</b> No Breakfast                                              | <b>10</b> BOGO Monday<br>W/4412 Shirt OR<br>A VFW Challenge<br>Coin<br>Pool League 6pm                                      | <b>11</b> Karaoke 5pm                    | <b>12</b> Euchre 1pm<br>Bar Poker 3pm<br>Members Meeting 7pm<br>Kitchen Open 4-7pm  | <b>13</b> Free Pool All Day<br>Karaoke 6pm | <b>14</b> BOGO 11-4pm<br>Fish Fry<br>50/50 Drawin'g 6:45pm<br>7 O'Clock Toast<br>Shotgun Bingo @                            | <b>15</b> Department of<br>Florida School of<br>Instruction<br>Free Pool All Day<br>Bar Poker 3pm<br>Weekly Draw 4pm<br>Live Music- 5pm-9pm<br>Queen of Hearts 7pm<br>Commander's Call<br>8pm |
| <b>16</b> Breakfast 8-11am                                         | <b>17</b> BOGO Monday<br>W/4412 Shirt OR<br>A VFW Challenge<br>Coin<br>Pool League 6pm                                      | <b>18</b> Primary Election<br>No Karaoke | <b>19</b> Euchre 1pm<br>Bar Poker 3pm<br>Riders Meeting 7pm<br>Kitchen Open 4-7pm   | <b>20</b> Free Pool All Day<br>Karaoke 6pm | <b>21</b> BOGO 11-4pm<br>Fish Fry<br>50/50 Drawin'g 6:45pm<br>7 O'Clock Toast<br>Shotgun Bingo (M)                          | <b>22</b> Free Pool All Day<br>Bar Poker 3pm<br>Weekly Draw 4pm<br>Queen of Hearts 7pm<br>Commander's Call<br>8pm<br>Districty Social<br>Post 10209                                           |
| <b>23</b> Breakfast 8-11am                                         | <b>24</b> BOGO Monday<br>W/4412 Shirt OR<br>A VFW Challenge<br>Coin<br>Pool League 6pm                                      | <b>25</b> Karaoke 5pm                    | <b>26</b> Euchre 1pm<br>Bar Poker 3pm<br>Kitchen Open 4-7pm                         | <b>27</b> Free Pool All Day<br>Karaoke 6pm | <b>28</b> BOGO 11-4pm<br>Fish Fry<br>50/50 Drawin'g 6:45pm<br>7 O'Clock Toast<br>Shotgun Bingo(A)                           | <b>2</b> Celebration<br>Of Life Dan<br>Kowalski<br>1-4pm<br>Bar Poker 3pm<br>Weekly Draw 4pm<br>Live Music- 5pm-9pm<br>Queen of Hearts 7pm<br>Commander's Call<br>8pm                         |
| <b>30</b> Breakfast 8-11am                                         | <b>31</b> BOGO Monday<br>W/4412 Shirt OR<br>A VFW Challenge<br>Coin<br>Pool League 6pm                                      |                                          |                                                                                     |                                            |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                               |