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October 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

AUXILIARY

President – Laura Katilus
Sr. Vice – Kellie Papadopoli
Jr. Vice – Laurie Forand
Treasurer – Diane Pace
Secretary – Annette Lewis
Chaplain – Chris Dorsey
Patriotic Instructor – John Mariano
Conductor – Lucy Pietrocarlo
1st Yr. Trustee – Donna Bush
2nd Yr. Trustee – Mary Letson
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 – Vacant
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 let's start with the elephant in the room, the large pink elephant. The queen of hearts is breaking post records. As I write this, we are 95 thousand dollars. I hope someone wins quickly so that we may begin a new game with some tighter safeguards. I'm sad to announce that in the past week, 4 people have been disqualified through both behavior issues towards staff to openly challenging post rules and engaging others in such dialogue. As promised, we will be totally transparent with this game, especially at a time when tensions are at a premium. I can assure you that the general membership has taken all precautions and have tightened up the rules so that the next game will be much more enjoyable without a lot of the outside elements that have given up problems to date.

Secondly, each chair or seating device has been allocated to each table. I have no problem with borrowing an adjacent chair to accommodate an extra person at a table, but moving chairs across the post is not permissible. Each table set was donated with matching chairs to accommodate the number of people for that particular table. Additionally, seating at post 4412 is on a first-come basis. There is no provision for saving seats. This has become an issue, particularly on nights such as the Queen of Hearts when we are at a premium in capacity. There is nothing worse than coming to a table with absolutely no chairs/stools to accommodate a party of people.

I mentioned this in the last newsletter, but it bears repeating. I need more members to attend post functions, especially the ones just beginning. Each Monday, the general membership is serving food from the kitchen from 4-7pm. We are also trying out Bingo every Monday from 5-8pm. The auxiliary has pulled out all of the stops to ensure we have a fun time. Please help get this off the ground. Invite your friends! Additionally, we are back to Auxiliary and General Membership doing the Queen of Hearts. Both sides of the house are doing everything possible to cause excitement during this game. Because it is one of our more premium games, we are spending a little more time and monies ensuring everyone has a positive experience for their investment. I would encourage more members to engage this program as well to maintain consistency. Friday nights have traditionally been our

best nights at the post from the auxiliary bake sale to the excellent fish fry and then shotgun bingo, what more could you ask for an exciting day? Again, I am asking members to include one or more activities per week with the post. I know there are competing entities begging for an audience, but I'm going to be selfish and ask you to prioritize your post before any other.

Lastly, I would like to mention meetings. Last month we broke a record for the amount of members that came out. This was most likely because of the drink price changes and the need for more comprehensive Queen of Hearts rules for the next game. It was refreshing to see the hall at capacity. I would encourage all who are members to take in a meeting every once in a while. You cannot complain about the way things are be conducted if you are not attending your post meetings. It is where the rubber meets the road and speaking for the Auxiliary President and Myself, we need your participation, not just at election time! Yes YOU!

The auxiliary is taking on the task of gardening as you can see at the back of our lot. It is the passion of the state Auxilliary President that posts consider doing this and our auxiliary has risen to the challenge. I want to commend the leadership of the auxiliary. It is refreshing to see the excitement being generated by the new cadre of officers. This is how the VFW grows, but cultivating new leadership, not recycling old officers. You will notice that we have between 4-5 previous commanders who routinely take their place at all levels of leadership. Leadership is not just about rising to commander or president, it is about staying to help future leadership. It troubles me that people leave post activity once they have served. It is antithetical to good order to have people who are just here for the time they serve. If that is all the VFW is to you, rising to a title, then you have missed what this organization is all about.

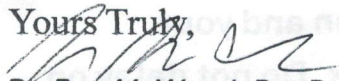
On a sad note, we lost our dear friend Debbie Moore last week. Her presence in this post will be missed dearly. She was a quiet soul who only wanted to fill in where she was needed. She was a true soldier in this movement. I ask for your prayers for Dick. Additionally, we have another member, Brian Corrigan, who is battling cancer. There is a benefit in November to help he and Kimmie through this tough time. If you can donate anything for baskets to raffle off, it would be greatly appreciated. He needs your prayers too. Sadly, there are many in this post who are battling a lot of medical issues. For that reason and many others, I ask

people to breathe deeply and be compassionate to one another. You never know who is struggling with what.

That is all for this month. The next newsletter will have Christmas items as this year passes quickly. I thank everyone who has rolled up their sleeves to rise to the occasion. This is what being a family really looks like. I'm proud of our post and ask all that come here to seek that collective vision. I don't think there is a post around that possesses the warmth that we experience here. It is why we have the highest transfer rate in the district. Keep it up!

God Bless!

Yours Truly,


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





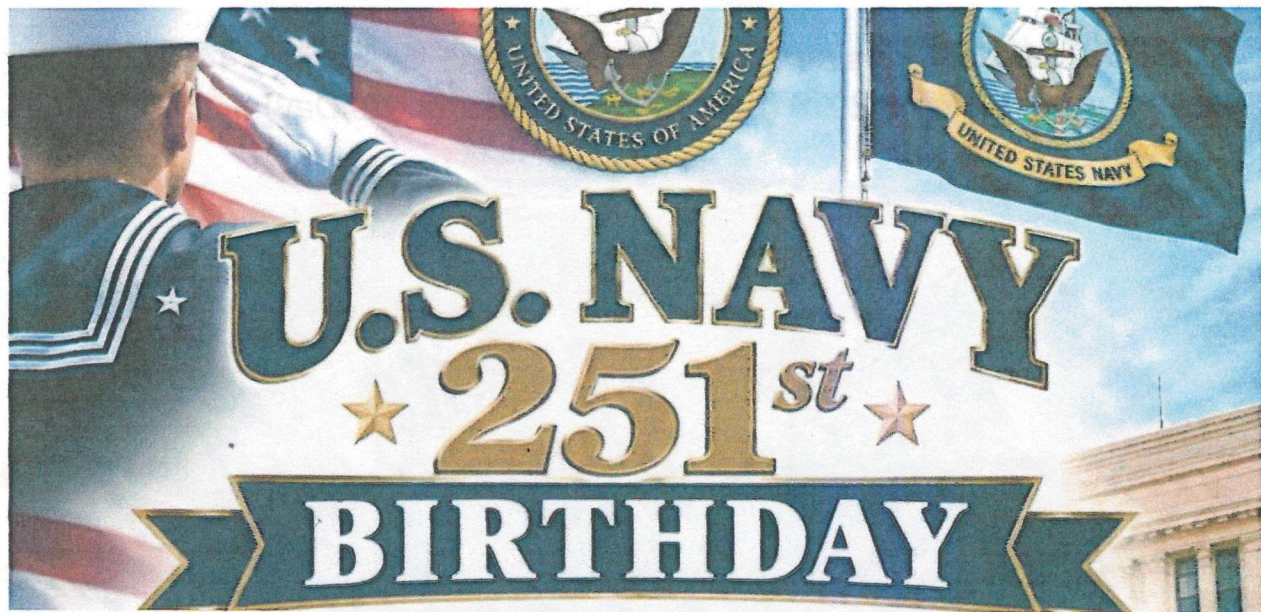
Auxiliary President's Pen (FaceBook VFW Auxiliary 4412)
October 2026 (Breast Cancer Awareness Day)



Greetings Post and Auxiliary Family.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month "Get Screened". October brings a pleasant transition from summer heat to milder autumn weather conditions for us here in Florida. Our auxiliary will be busy hosting a celebration of life for one of our life members on the 11th.

The United States Navy celebrates 251 years on the 13th.



Our annual Halloween Party , with The Mark Anthony Band featuring Kristina Lynn will be celebrated on Saturday October 24th, come have some fun, we will have best costume prizes, food and raffles.

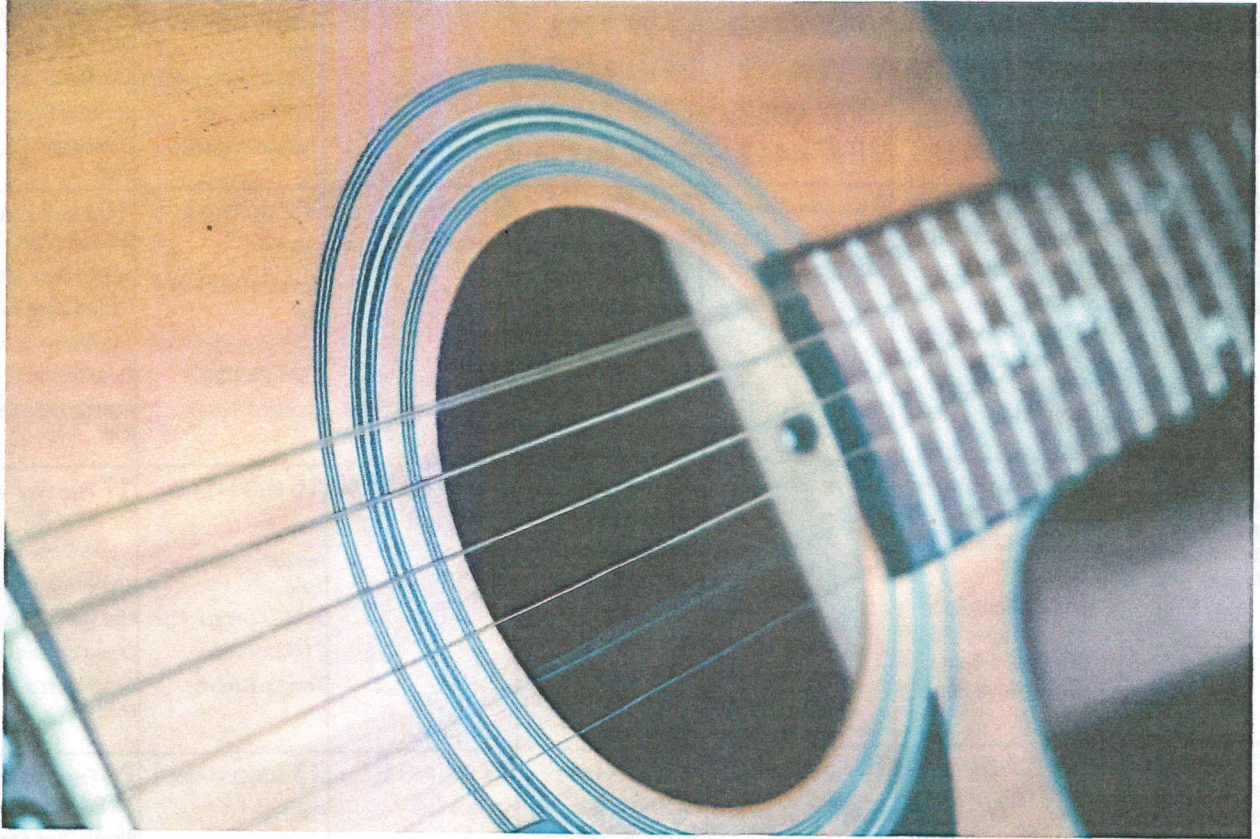


National Civics Day is October 27th. Voting is a right and responsibility please read the attached Department of Florida Legislative Update.

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

Laura Katilus, VFW 4412 Auxiliary President

October Music



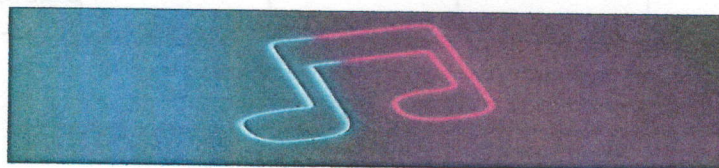
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Concurrent Receipt Reform to End Earned Benefits Offset

The VFW's Concern:

For more than two decades, Congress has failed to fully address the long-standing injustice of withholding military retirement pay from disabled veterans. Military retirement pay and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation are separate benefits budgeted by separate federal agencies and earned for different reasons, yet current law continues to treat their concurrent receipt as “double-dipping.”

In 2004, Congress authorized concurrent receipt for retirees with at least 20 years of service and a 50 percent or higher service-connected disability. This partial fix left behind disabled retirees rated below 50 percent and veterans medically retired under Chapter 61. More than 59,000 combat-injured Chapter 61 retirees continue to have their military retirement pay offset by VA disability compensation despite having earned both benefits. They are among more than 255,000 Chapter 61 retirees affected by concurrent receipt restrictions.

The VFW strongly believes Congress must end these offsets and fully address concurrent receipt. Military retirement obligations should be considered by the Committees on Armed Services and should not be financed at the expense of national defense or other veterans' benefits. Congress has existing tools, including the Military Retirement Fund, to responsibly fulfill these obligations.

The *Major Richard Star Act* is one of the most widely supported bipartisan bills in Congress and would provide concurrent receipt to combat-injured Chapter 61 retirees. However, the version included in the *Take Care of America's Veterans Act* is not the clean and complete H.R.2102 / S.1032. It would cap concurrent receipt at the amount a retiree would have earned through a 20-year longevity retirement, creating another offset for some combat-injured retirees.

The VFW Urges Congress to:

Pass the clean and complete H.R.2102 / S.1032, *Major Richard Star Act*, either as a standalone bill or via the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027, without caps or limitations that would create a new offset for combat-injured Chapter 61 retirees, and without financing this military retirement obligation through reductions to veterans' disability compensation or other earned benefits.

Hold hearings in the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services to examine broader concurrent receipt reform and the appropriate use of the Military Retirement Fund to fulfill earned military retirement obligations.



Department of Florida Legislative Update

September 23, 2026

Comrades,

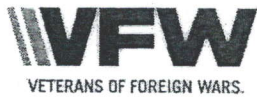
Our legislative team had a highly productive trip to Washington, D.C. We met with numerous congressional offices to strengthen relationships and advocate for veterans and their families. Our discussions focused on TCAVA, the Major Richard Star Act, Transition Assistance, and Informed Consent. In July, Rep. Luna of Florida provided the 217th signature on the discharge petition for the Major Richard Star Act, and Rep. Mace of South Carolina recently added the 218th. This is a major advocacy victory, but questions remain about what comes next. Here is a factual explanation of what happens after a discharge petition closes.

Now that the discharge petition for the Major Richard Star Act has reached 218 signatures, the petition is closed and the discharge motion is placed on the House Calendar. After it has remained there for seven legislative days, a Member who signed the petition may call up the motion on an eligible discharge day, unless House leadership schedules action sooner. If the House approves the discharge motion and then adopts the accompanying resolution, the bill can proceed to debate and a vote on the House floor. House passage would send the measure to the Senate, where it would still need approval before being presented to the President. Reaching 218 signatures is therefore a decisive procedural breakthrough, but continued advocacy remains essential until the Major Richard Star Act is passed by both chambers and signed into law.

As the House enters its election recess, we have a valuable opportunity to sustain our advocacy. Many lawmakers will be more accessible while campaigning and working in their districts. Please use the toolkit previously sent to you by Eric King, VFW Action Alerts, and maintain a consistent message on each bill. I have attached the talking points from our recent Washington, D.C., visit for your reference and use. As always, contact me with questions about these or other legislative matters. Thank you for all you do for veterans and their families. Drive on, comrades—your advocacy and support make a difference!

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August 21, 2026

Comrades,

As discussed during the recent SOI, your legislative team's role is not to tell you how to vote, but to provide accurate, factual information about proposed legislation.

Florida voters will decide **3 statewide constitutional amendments** in 2026 on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot. Summaries below stick to the certified ballot language — no editorializing.

Amendment 1: Budget Stabilization Fund

Constitutional amendment (legislative referral, HJR 5019)

Increase the amount of funds that may be retained in the budget stabilization fund from 10% to 25% of general revenue collections, require the Legislature to transfer the lesser of \$750 million or the amount required to reach 25% each year unless certain conditions are met, and allow the Legislature to withdraw funds for critical state needs.

A YES VOTE

Supports raising the cap on Florida's budget stabilization (rainy-day) fund from 10% to 25% of general revenue collections and requiring annual transfers into the fund until that cap is met, with withdrawals allowed for critical state needs.

A NO VOTE

Keeps the current constitutional cap of 10% of general revenue collections on the budget stabilization fund, with no new required annual transfers.

Amendment 2: Exemption of Tangible Personal Property on Agricultural Land from Taxation

Constitutional amendment (legislative referral, CS/HJR 1215)

Exempt tangible personal property habitually located on land classified as agricultural, used in the production of agricultural products or for agritourism activities, and owned by the landowner or leaseholder, from ad valorem taxation. Would first apply for tax years beginning January 1, 2027.

A YES VOTE

Supports exempting farm equipment and other tangible personal property kept on agricultural land — used for producing agricultural products or for agritourism — from property taxes, beginning with the 2027 tax year.

A NO VOTE

Keeps such agricultural equipment and property subject to ad valorem (property) taxation as under current law

Amendment 3: Save Our Homes from Excessive Property Taxes

Constitutional amendment (legislative referral, HJR 1F)

Exempt the first \$250,000 of a homestead's value from taxation for all levies other than school district levies and require a schedule for full elimination; require local governments to use remaining property taxes solely for core public needs; limit future property tax assessments on businesses; and require new residents to maintain Florida residency for five years before receiving the increased homestead exemption. Would take effect January 1, 2027.

A YES VOTE

Supports exempting the first \$250,000 of a homestead's value from all property taxes except school district levies, on a schedule toward full elimination, while limiting future assessments on businesses and requiring five years of Florida residency for new residents to receive the larger exemption.

A NO VOTE

Keeps Florida's current homestead exemption structure and property tax assessment rules unchanged.

Please contact me if you need additional information about this matter or any legislative issue affecting our veteran community. It is an honor to serve as your State Legislative Chair, and your legislative team remains committed to improving the lives of veterans, their families, and the communities we serve.

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