

Palmetto Pride

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Can you believe December is here already? I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

I need to start here by saying, if I insulted any of my fellow Members, or our valued guests, it was never my intention.

I also never wanted to belittle Jack. I was trying to say thank you to him for all of his hard work at putting the Queen of Hearts together. I see how much time it takes him to keep it all straight.

We all need to remember, including myself, that we are all volunteers working for the same common goals. That would be our Veterans and the Children.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, ER



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, December 5th, we will be doing our mandatory Memorial Service. This service is to honor our Members who have passed during the year. All Members and guests are welcome to attend. The service will start at 12:30.

I would like to remind everyone that our Mondays with Karaoke are fun and we have changed our hour to 5-8. We also have our Queen of Hearts drawing. We have just past the \$2000.00 mark.

Wednesday, are spaghetti and meatballs with music.

Welcome back Tony Squirrel.

Friday, is our Fish Fry also with Music.

On December 18, we are having our Lodge Christmas Party. It will be held from 2:00-?. Lorraine has done a great job of getting 8 craft tables. If you are looking for a last minute unique gift or last minute gift. We will have it for you. Come on down.

We are asking for a snack to share and a \$10.00 unisex gift. We will be doing a gift exchange. I hope you plan to join us. We will have Christmas carols to sing along to.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, ER

DECEMBER REPORT



As we end 2021 we are pleased to say many of our members have brought their dues current.

We are pleased to see applications coming across my desk from those wishing to join our Lodge.

Wishing all a Happy & Healthy Merry Christmas and Hanukkah Season.

Sharon Benedict,
Lodge Secretary

**GIVE US YOUR TIRED YOUR
TORN. WE WILL SEE THAT
THEY ARE DISPOSED OF
PROPERLY**



AMERICANISM

What is more American than our Bill of Rights. These amendments protect our most fundamental rights—freedom of speech, protest, and conscience, and guarantees our equal protection under the law.

I discovered that the Bill of Rights Day is observed on December 15 which commemorates the ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Let's take a look back at the origins and history of that day. On December 15, 1791, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, later known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified.

During the 150th anniversary commemorations in 1941, Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the President, "to issue a proclamation designating December 15, 1941, as Bill of Rights Day, calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day, and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and prayer." In November, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation dedicating December 15, 1941, as Bill of Rights Day. In his message he referred to the document as "the great American charter of personal liberty and human dignity."

President Truman observed this day in 1946 and again in 1952. Since 1962, the President has acknowledged Bill of Rights day every year.

Craig Conklin, PER
Americanism Chair

PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2021-2022

To help us in defraying the cost of our bulletin, your Lodge is asking you to become a Bulletin Booster. For a donation of \$10.00 per person, your name will be listed in every Bulletin for a period of one year. Please make your check payable to the lodge and give to the Secretary. Thank you for your support.

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YES, I, (we) pledge a donation of \$10 per person per year to support the publication of our bulletin. Enclosed is my (our) donation in the amount of \$ _____.
Name (s) _____

VETERANS AFFAIRS

On Veterans Day last month Palmetto Lodge member Tom Gafner was flown to Washington DC on an Honor Flight. As part of this honor Tom was awarded a ball cap and shirt to celebrate the day (photo attached). The Honor Flight Network is a national network of independent Hubs working together to honor our nation's veterans with an all-expenses paid trip to the memorials in Washington, D.C., a trip many of our veterans may not otherwise be able to take. Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the chance to share this momentous trip with other veterans, to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with each other.

Tom was given several cards and letters written by children specifically for the flight. Their thoughts and thank you notes are very touching. When you see Tom at the Lodge ask him about his experience in DC. He will be more than happy to share his thoughts with you!

A few important military dates are upon us in December: Dec 7th commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Dec 13th is the National Guard birthday which was founded in 1636, and Dec 20th is the Space Force birthday founded in 2019.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

Jim Hoey
Veterans Chairman





**QUEEN OF HEARTS
TICKETS ON SALE
NOW!**

8 FOR \$5.00

DRAWING EVERY MONDAY



*December 18th
Christmas Party
Craft fair from
3-5pm*

*Everyone bring snacks
to share and a \$10 gift
to share if you want to
participate in the
Christmas exchange.*



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Lodge Secretary—Monday-9:00-12:00
Treasurer Hours-Tuesday 9:00 to 12:00
Also available by appointment
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LODGE OPENS AT 2 DAILY

MONDAY	
Hamburger/fries	\$9.00
Cheeseburger/fries	\$10.00
Hot Dog Onion, Kraut, Chilli, fries .50 ea	\$6.00
First & Third Monday- Philly Cheesesteak with fries	\$12.00

WEDNESDAY	
Full order spaghetti / 2 large meatballs	\$12.00
Half order spaghetti/ 1 large meatball	\$ 8.00
Large Meatballs	\$5.00 ea

FRIDAY
3 Fish Fillets, hush puppies, slaw & fries - \$12.00
Seafood Platter-Fried fish, shrimp, fried clams, slaw, fries, hush puppies-\$15.00
Clam dinner-fries, slaw, hush puppies-\$14.00
Grouper, blacken or grilled, fries, veggy, hush puppies, salad-\$20.00
Half baked chicken, potato, veggy, salad- \$14.00
Shrimp dinner-Fried, blacken, grilled, Fries, slaw, hush puppies-\$14.00
Order of fries-\$5.00

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Spaghetti & Meatballs Tony Squirrel	2	3 Fish Fry Jeff Leonard	4
5 Memorial Service 12:30	6 Burger Nite Karaoke 5-8 Queen of Hearts	7	8 Spaghetti & Meatballs Jeff	9	10 Fish Fry Ken Almedia	11
12	13 Burger Nite Karaoke 5-8 Queen of Hearts	9 Meeting 4:30 Trustees, 5:00 Directors- 6:00-Business	15 Spaghetti & Meatballs Paul Alonso	16	17 Fish Fry Tony Squirrel	18 Christmas Craft Fair 3-5
19	20 Burger Nite Karaoke 5-8 Queen of Hearts	21	22 Spaghetti & Meatballs Al Kitchen	23	24 Lodge Closed	25 Lodge Closed 
26	27 Burger Nite Karaoke 5-8 Queen of Hearts	28	29 Spaghetti & Meatballs Melanie	30	31 Lodge Closed	

2021—2022 Officers



Exalted Ruler
Sandy Mooney



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LODGE ADVISOR— JOE COOPER

A TIME TO GIVE AND SHARE.....

Palmetto Elks 2449 will be collecting donations of underwear, undershirts, T-shirts, socks, bras for the patients at Bay Pines Veterans Hospital.

Please bring your items in and we will have a spot in the Harry Anna room for you to leave them. We will then deliver them before Christmas.



Homer	Beall, Jr	1st Lt	US Army Reserve
John	Bargas	CW5	US Army-35 yrs
William	Corlew	Cpl 1st CAV	US Army
			X Corp
John "Tom"	Donnelly	M/Sgt	US Army
Richard	Ernst	Sgt	US Army
Robert	Ernest	SP4	US Army
Oscar	Fleury	PFC (E-3)	US Army
James	Hill		US Army
Donald	Kichline		US Army/US Navy
Frank	Locicero	PFC	US Army
Steve	McColm	SP4	US Army
Len	Meade	SP5	US Army
Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army
Gordon "Gordie"	Raymond	SSgt E-6	US Army National Guard
Marvin	Rice	Sgt E-6	US Army
Larry	Riegle	Sp4	US Army
Herman	Roth	PFC	US Army
Paul	Samuels	Cpl	US Army
Walter	Schneider	E5	US Army
John	Searles Jr.	SP4 E4	US Army National Guard
Charles "Gil"	Shaw	Sgt	US Army Air Force
Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserves
Carl	Webber		Army Air Corp
Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army

Jack	Bach	ML2	US Navy
Joseph	Best	Boatswain Mate	US Navy
Frank	Campbell	YN2	US Navy
Craig	Conklin	MM1(SS)	US Navy
Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy
Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy
Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy
Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy
Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy
John	Julian	LS	Royal Canadian Navy
Robert	Lanoue	3rd Class BT	US Navy
Richard	Moody	GM2	US Navy
Gerald	Ray	CPO E-7	US Navy (Retired)
Clifford	VanDervort	FC3	US Navy

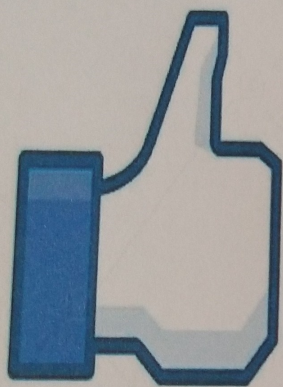


Chuck	Billings	E5	US Coast Guard
Paulla	Billings	E3	US Coast Guard
Jim	Decker	B.M. 3	US Coast Guard
Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard



Charles	Booth	Sgt	USMC
Carl	Maddox	Sgt	USMC
Gary	Mink	Sgt	USMC
Armand	Barrieault		US Army/USMC
James	Scheidler		USMC

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Thomas	Gafner	A3C	US Air Force
Ricky	Koepke	E4	US Air Force
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Michael	McBride	Sgt	US Air Force
Frank	Roy		US Air Force
Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force (Retired)
James	Kurlinski		US Air Force



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