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2024 Holiday Party

The NCFAAC chapter holiday party was held December 14th.



Photo by Ron Dahlgren

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, Dec 14 th , 1200 hrs	VFW Post 8083
Chapter Christmas Party!	12666 US-441
	Belleview, FL 34420

From The Editor

Hello troops! It's another *Super Slim Holiday Edition* as The Canopy gives a reprieve to its staff for the holidays.



Remarks complete.

Airborne! All The Way!

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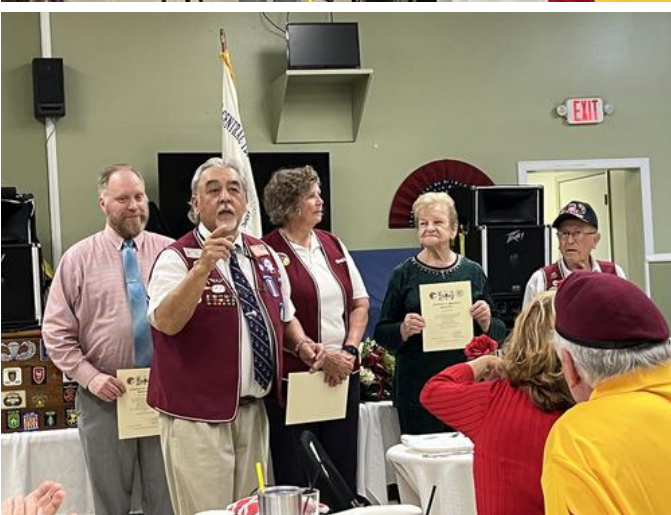
December 14th, VFW Post 8083 - The chapter held its annual holiday party at the usual location. As a change this year, we had the meal catered by the VFW staff. In previous years, we would bring in food from outside. I can say the VFW catering was great. My entree was large enough to yield four servings! Many chapter members and their spouses brought sides or desserts to add to the spread. We held a fundraiser auction as well as a 50/50 raffle. Recognitions were given to Rich Troop, Heath Davenport, Joyce Damon, Gary Blasczienski, and Linda Hall.

For more details, see Tony's detailed Chairman's Message on page 3. For now, enjoy the pictures!

Photos below provided by Tony Alger. Clockwise from top-right: The assembled group; Chairman Tony Alger presents Rich Troop with the 2024 Trooper of the Year award; Chairman Tony Alger presents the VFW Commander with a donation from the NCFAC; Chairman Alger presents a certificate of appreciation to the West Port JROTC; Members enjoy the food; The West Port JROTC Color Guard posts the colors.



Photos below from Ron Dahlgren. Clockwise from top-right: Chairman Alger preparing Rich Troop to receive his reward; the assembled crowd; Chairman Alger speaks to the character of the people being recognized; Chairman Alger attempts to get the awardees dressed in a line; Chairman Alger presents the VFW Commander with a donation from the NCFAAC.





Photos by Ron Dahlgren. Clockwise from top-right: Tickets are drawn for the auction by Cass Dahlgren; Hope guides Cass to the next drawing; The POW-MIA table and assembled crowd; Another view of the same.

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