

# SPOTLIGHT



**BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224**  
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1911-2022 *111 Years of Service to the Community*  
 Elks National Foundation  
 Elks Children's Therapy Services  
 Elks Youth Camp

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JUNE 2022



**June 12 | SUNDAY | NOON**

**FLAG DAY Service**

Program with the Boy Scout Troop starts promptly at 12:00PM

LOEA presents  
**Saturday June 11th**  
 7-10pm

**DANCE TO YOUR OWN TUNE!**

**SILENT DISCO**

Tickets \$10

You don't want to miss this!

Elks Lodge #1224  
 2675 66th St N, St Petersburg

**It's a Quarter Auction!**

**Date:** Sunday, June 5th, 2022  
**Time:** 1pm – 4pm  
**Location:** Elks Lodge # 1224  
 2675 66th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

**FUNDRAISER for Endorsed VP Sonja Lopez**

Grab your quarters and bring your friends for an afternoon of fun!



Chinese Auction

Food and Refreshments available for purchase!

**How does a Quarter Auction work?**

1. Entry fee of \$5 gets you a paddle and an event drawing ticket. Additional paddles available for purchase.
2. The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket.
3. Vendors will be present with goods for sale and donated auction items.
4. Additional donated auction items will be showcased.
5. When the auction begins, an item will be shown and a quarter value set.
6. If you want the item, you put in your quarters, per paddle, and raise your paddle high!
7. If we draw your number and you played it, then you win! It's that easy!

**4th of July**

**Pool Party**

**LIVE MUSIC "Silver Alert" 1-5PM**

Grill is Open 'til Evening  
 New Pool Menu Available

STAY COOL AT THE TIKI - OPEN AT NOON

**Tiki OPEN**

**2022-2023 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs**

OFFICERS					
Sharon Literski	Exalted Ruler	Brian Metzgar	Building	Ann Marie Bongiorno	Pool Monitor
Al Literski	Leading Knight	Rudy Masi, Sr., PDD	By-Laws	Alexandra Kaan	Presiding Justice of Forum
Heidi Green	Loyal Knight	AL Literski	Children's Christmas Party	Sharon Literski, ER	Public Relations
Brian Haverfield	Lecturing Knight	Gina Wilkins	Christmas Baskets	Mark Mettetal, PER	Ritual
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Secretary	Open	Christmas Baskets Co-Chair	Rick Marks	Safety
Dolly Masi PER	Treasurer	Dawn Lieber, PER	Community Activities	Tara McClintick	Scholarships
Carol Barkalow	Esquire	Brian Haverfield	Drug Awareness	Al Literski	Sickness & Distress
Kirk Martin	Chaplain	Open	Elks Training	Randy Bryant	Soccer Shoot
Eric Matos	Inner Guard	Heidi Green	ENF Chair	Johnny Miller	Grand Lodge VAVS
Anne Marie Bongiorno	Tiler	Linda Musgrave	Entertainment		Representative C.W. Bill Young
		Heidi Green	Flag Day   Flag Retirement		Healthcare Center Bay Pines
		Open	Funeral Services		Army of Hope/Veterans Chairman
		Open	Golf Tournament	John Gillis	VAVS Deputy Representative
		Dolly Masi, PER	Government Relations	Gene Berry	VAVS Deputy Representative
		Dawn Lieber, PER	Grant Writer	Heidi Green	Visitation
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		Heidi Green	Inter-Lodge Visitation		
		Anne Marie Bongiorno	Investigation		
			Kitchen		
		John Bauer	Lapsation & Strays		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Law & Order		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Law & Order Co-Chair		
		Rudy Masi, PSP	Liaison to the Ladies		
		Sharon Literski, ER	Lodge Advisor		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Maintenance Inside/Outside		
		Rob Davis	Mediator		
		Bob Pitney, PDD	Membership		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Memorial Service		
		Sharon Literski, ER	Mother's Day		
		Brian Haverfield	New Years Eve		
		AL Literski	Old Timer's Night		
		PER's Association	Orientation		
		Al Literski	Photographer		
		Dan Masi. PER	Pool Maintenance		
		Larry Romig			
		Mark Mettetal, PER			

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Dan Masi PER	5-Year Trustee
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Mimi Reich	3 Year
Cathy Shriver, PER	2 Year
Rick Marks	1 Year
Sharon Literski, ER, Al Literski Heidi Green, Brian Haverfield	

HOUSE COMMITTEE	
Jan Gens, House Chair	
Joanne Matos, DD, Secretary	
Bonnie Barnes, PER	
Al Literski, Heidi Green, Brian Haverfield	
Jan Musgrave, Charlie Stroup, Doug Breyette	
Samantha Webb, Ruth Green	

KITCHEN	
John Bauer, The Lodge Restaurant	

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	
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Charlie Stroup	Boy Scouts

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Marlene Evans	Treasurer
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Bonnie Barnes	Parliamentarian
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Ann Marie Bongiorno	2 Year Trustee
Jan Giallourakis	3 Year Trustee

**Ladies of Elks Auxiliary #1224**

# Luau Party!

**Saturday July 16th  
6-9PM**

**\$25.00 per person includes  
dinner (choice of entree), salad & dessert**

Music by  
**The Caladesi  
Steel Drum  
Band!**

Come dressed in  
your favorite  
**Hawaiian or Tacky  
Tourist Attire!**

2675 66th St N. St Petersburg, FL 33710

PRESENTED BY

**Elks Lodge #1224** \$5 TO PLAY  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY

2675 66th Street N,  
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

## SUNDAY JUNE 12th 2-4pm

# JUKEBOX MANIA

SING ALONG TO  
THE SONGS

THE MUSIC  
YOU LOVE  
TO HEAR!

CAUTION! Jukebox Mania will expose you to music,  
which may cause sudden outbreaks of singing, joy, happiness, energy and fun!  
Attend at your own risk!



Hello Everyone,

Well, the Queen of Hearts has finally been found. She sure did a great job of keeping herself hidden for 54 weeks. A member of St. Petersburg Lodge won the huge pot. The lucky winner did not keep all the winnings to herself. She graciously donated some of the winnings to the lodge and to CASA on behalf of the St. Petersburg Lodge #1224. CASA

supports abused women in the area. Thank you, Nancy for your generosity. It was greatly appreciated.

I am happy to announce we received the Spotlight and Beacon Grants. Gratitude Grant and FSEA matching grants that have also been received. A thank you goes out to Dawn Lieber for all her hard work on the grants. We received \$1,500 for the Beacon Grant that we used to purchase items for the expectant moms at the V.A. Bay Pines Baby Shower. I purchased 14 baby crib/play pens for the expectant wives of our military. I also bought dozens of baby bottles, baby wipes and clothes. The remaining \$2,500 from the Beacon Grant and the \$2,000 from the Spotlight Grant went to Kind Mouse. This organization is run by Gina Wilkins and her team feed hungry children. This includes food given to needy families receiving help through the Elks Children's Therapy Service.

June will prove to be a busy month. On June 4, Bay Pines V.A. will hold the Stand Down for the Homeless Veterans. Leading Knight Al Literski, Loyal Knight Heidi Green and I will be helping out at the event handing out clothing and assorted items.

The Quarter Auction will be held at the St. Petersburg Lodge on June 5 from 1 pm to 4 pm. The monies raised will go to Endorsed Vice President Sonja Lopez.

The Flag Day ceremony will be held on June 12 at noon. Boy Scout Troop #334 will carry the flags during the ceremony.

It's that time of year again. The Vice President's Visitations are starting up. June 4th will be the VP Visit to the New Port Richey Lodge. On June 26 at the Tarpon Springs Lodge. It is a great opportunity to see some of the members from other lodges in the West Central District and have a good dinner to follow.

Lastly, the first kids movie night is on June 25 weather permitting. The movie starts at approximately 8 pm.

I would like to end with a message from one of our members, May Graci.

*"Be an example. Show kindness to unkind people. Forgive people who don't deserve it. Love unconditionally. Your actions always reflect who you are."*

Virginia Warfield | LOEA President Message



And just like that it's summer here at Elks Lodge #1224!

Our Ladies Auxiliary grows bigger and more active every month and we love all the support from our members and fellow Elks.

Though our official meetings have paused for the summer, we will continue to have informal meetings throughout June, July and August. These will be casual gatherings on the 2nd Mondays at the earlier time of 6:30pm. They'll be a great way to stay connected as we share news, snacks and social time. We welcome all our Ladies and new members join us and stay involved during the summer months.

This month we're excited to host a new event - a Silent Disco, where you can literally dance to your own tune! Tickets are just \$10 and available behind the bar. You don't want to miss it!

Coming up in July we'll have an indoor Luau event, which is sure to be a hula good time, so stay tuned for details.

I know everyone has been waiting for news about the Ice Cream Parlor. We had a safety issue with the window and that needs to be resolved before we can open. Rumor has it that will be done in early June, so we are tentatively aiming to be ready and selling ice cream for Father's Day. Keep your fingers crossed!

Special shout out to Norma Jean McGregor, who was our April Lady of the Month. Thank you Norma Jean, for everything you do! We look forward to seeing everyone at our casual meeting on June 13th.



**\*\*\* LODGE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY \*\*\***

The Lodge is seeking to fill the Officer position of SECRETARY for July 1, 2022. The current Secretary, Toni, is stepping down after 13 years and the Lodge is seeking her replacement.

The candidate for Secretary has to be an Elk, have a strong understanding of accounting, be organized, motivated and have good people skills.

Nominations for Secretary are being taken again, starting May 1, 2022, until the position is filled.

It is very helpful if the Secretary knows **Excel** and **WORD** to prepare spreadsheets and reports and assist with budgets.

The Secretary attends Monthly Lodge Meeting with minutes being kept and also attends the monthly Initiation Sessions to issue cards and packets.

The Lodge pays for your attendance at State Officer Training sessions, the Mid-Year and State Conventions.

The Secretary salary is set by the Lodge By-laws, which is \$15 per hr; annual max salary of \$15,000.

The Secretary works closely with the Treasurer, ER and Board members and is a key player in the operation of the Lodge. This position is a very important, challenging and a rewarding one.

Training can start immediately after the Election of Secretary.

If interested, please contact Toni Goodrich in the Lodge Office (727) 344-6551 between 10-2 pm Monday thru Friday.

**MEMBERSHIP RE-INSTATEMENT**

If you are or know a former member who has dropped his/her membership (NO TIME LIMIT) tell the former member that you would like to sponsor them to rejoin (reinstate) at St. Petersburg Lodge #1224.

The process is simple and it involves submitting a reinstatement application to be read at our Lodge meeting and voted on.

There is a \$25 fee with the application and the payment only of the current dues for the year. Depending on the date the reinstatement is made, the dues are pro-rated according to the number of months left in the current Lodge year.

Although a reinstatement is gaining back a former member, our Lodge is also gaining a new member!

We look forward to re-introducing you into ELKDOM

Fraternally,  
Sharon Literski, ER

**THANK YOU MAGNIFICENT MAILERS FOR THE MAY ISSUE**



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|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Sandy Mayo      | Phil Davies, PER   | Jeanne Sninchak |
| Anne Marie      | Janet Gens         | Adrienne Sproul |
| Bongiorno       | Jan Giallourakis   | Brenda Vago     |
| Doug Breyette   | Toni Goodrich, PDD | Jim Vago        |
| Marilyn Cutting | Diane Schreiber    |                 |

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 19 new members in May.



**PROPOSED CANDIDATES**

<b>CANDIDATE</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>
Dr. Kunal Amin	Dan Masi, PER	Physician
Rose Borgias	Richard Leist	Retired
Nicole Carter	Jennifer Dorosh	Paralegal
Lisa Harmak	Sharon Sandifer	LPN/Medical Coder
Marialis Kirk	Simona Fratila	Pharmacist-Lincare
Shane Kluskowski	Vince Varley	SQL Developer
Sean Mills	Farah Pileggi	Real Estate Investor
Robbie Adams	Robert Boylan	Resort Condo Mgr
Carley Arthur	Stanley Arthur	Colors by Carley
Rebecca Bahret	Toni Goodrich, PDD	PCSO Reserve
Terra Boldt	Jeremy Farris	Director-Calyx
Tricia Conrad	Virginia Warfield	Admin Assistant
Kathleen Dean	Heidi Green	Retired USAA
Elaine Fisher	Darlene Avila	Private Chef & Caterer
Mary Gillam	Toni Goodrich, PDD	Realtor
Kary Ann Hayes	Sherry McNeil	Homemaker
Ronald Johnson	Jeremy Farris	Retired
William Kile	Joyce Leister	Retired
Tracy Randall	Charlie Stroup	Retired Coast Guard
James Sander	Jill Schall	Retired
Tina Marie Seitzer	Dawn Corbett	Retired
Janice Thomure	Robert Sudick	Retired
Michelle Zuzich	Farrah Pileggi	USHA Exec Assist
Ethel Buns	Jane Schultz	Real Estate

**TRANSFERS**

- Brandon Bell
- Robert Murphy
- William Wolfe

**FROM**

- Denver #17
- Lancaster #134
- Hol Isles #1912

**REINSTATEMENT**

- Donald Julien
- Eugene Hansen
- Bobbie Hill-Ferdinando

**MEMBER #**

- Mem #8077
- Mem#11219
- Mem #11622

**CERT. OF RELEASE**

- Karen Winiecki
- Cheryl Covell

**MEMBER #**

- Dun/Clw #1525
- Dun/Clw #1525

# HAPPY Father's DAY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022**

*Happy Father's Day to all the Dads and remembering our Dads who are in heaven.*

**WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS  
ANNOUNCES OUR 6-DAY  
VP FUNDRAISER CRUISE  
SAILING FROM THE PORT OF TAMPA  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023  
ABOARD CARNIVAL'S AWESOME "PRIDE"**



**COME JOIN US FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!**

Ports of Call: Costa Maya, Mexico; Belize City, Belize, Cozumel, Mexico

**INTERIOR STATEROOMS:** 4B - \$615.86 4C - \$617.86 4D - \$622.86

**OCEANVIEW STATEROOMS:** 6A - \$682.86

**BALCONY STATEROOMS:** Range from \$802.86 (8A) through \$820.86 (8F)  
(price differs according to deck level)

\*Pricing is per person\* Shipboard gratuities are \$87.00

Insurance: \$65.00 Interior; Oceanview \$79.00 & Balcony \$95.00

**PRICES INCLUDE ALL PORT CHARGES, GOVERNMENT FEES AND TAXES PLUS  
YOUR DONATION TO THE ELKS**

### PAYMENT PLAN

Book early for the best choice of cabins \*\*\*These will sell fast!\*\*\*

DEPOSIT (1<sup>st</sup> Payment): \$250.00 per person will secure your stateroom

SECOND PAYMENT: \$150.00 per person will be due 08/15/22

FINAL PAYMENT: Balance in full will be due by 11/15/22

\*Motor coach transport will be arranged for your convenience  
at a reasonable cost - details to follow\*

Call Joan at Seapointe Cruises 727-321-8750

to book your stateroom!

[seapointecruises@briighthouse.com](mailto:seapointecruises@briighthouse.com)

Florida Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST39972

\*Important\* Seapointe Cruises will make every effort to provide timely and accurate travel information. However, Seapointe Cruises will not be responsible for any direct or indirect loss, damages, and/or complications arising from a failure to follow guidelines or requirements. For your safety and full enjoyment of your vacation, please double-check and verify all information prior to boarding.

## GET A 25% DISCOUNT ON YOUR NEXT JIFFY LUBE OIL CHANGE

Florida State Elks Association has partnered with Jiffy Lube to bring you a 25% discount on your next oil change and they will donate \$3.00 the Harry-Anna Trust Fund each time you use their services. To take advantage of this service you must present a discount card each time.

**To get your discount card go to  
[www.floridaelks.org/member-services](http://www.floridaelks.org/member-services)  
and download your discount card**

Keep the card and use it as often as needed and you will generate more donations for the Florida Elks!

Visit [www.ACEJiffyLube.com](http://www.ACEJiffyLube.com) to find participating locations.

2675 66th St N, St Petersburg

# TRIVIA

FREE TO PLAY  
Win Prizes

# TUESDAY

6:30pm

**Every Tuesday except  
Lodge meeting night**

The Lodge Kitchen  
will have  
**Taco Night until 8pm!**

## Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

1-800-273-8255  
PRESS 1

## St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

Donald C. Peach	08/06/21
Milton Sirotta	08/13/21
Francis Rzeszut	08/16/21
Tracy Lee Lehrke	08/21/21
Alvera Minutello	11/07/21
Josephine Konczal	11/27/21
Raymond A. Holzwart, LM.	12/04/21
Joseph J. Moffie	01/15/22
Marvin Reavis	01/28/22
Marsha Garrett	02/11/22
Emilien J. DeFresne	02/11/22
James W. Clemons, LM	02/26/22
Roland Riley	02/28/22
Albert L Sigman, PDD	03/24/22
Lyman Wheeler, PDD	04/18/22

*...so drink from the fountain of fellowship to the Elk who clasped your hand and wrote your worth in the rock of earth and your faults upon the sand....*

*“To our Absent Members”*

### Platinum Spotlight Boosters

In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis	7/22
Blaine M. Russell	4/23
Doug Breyette	3/23
Wayne L. Everett	5/23
Susie McNabb	9/22
Benjamin Karnegie	3/23
In Memory of Al Goodrich	7/22
In Memory of William A. Schulz	11/22
In Memory of Stephen Prins	3/23

### Gold Spotlight Boosters

Cathy & Carmine Casale	4/23
Jerry Wollman	9/22

### Silver Spotlight Boosters

Valerie & James Wells	4/23
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## BE A SPOTLIGHT BOOSTER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

SILVER \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ GOLD \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ PLATINUM \$50 \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224  
Mail to:

BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224  
2675 66th Street North | St. Petersburg, FL 33710

## Prayer Chain Requests



If you or someone you know is in need of prayers at a difficult time in their lives please call me and I will notify all the people on this prayer chain. Can you imagine how many prayers will be lifted up with just one call? Many of us are on or have prayer chains in our churches so the power of prayer will be magnified many times over.

If you have a calling to be a part this rewarding experience call me and sign up for the prayer chain. We are few but we are powerful. Please call me soon and sign up.

Bobbie Wycoff | Cell (727) 735-7073

**LOOKING FOR MORE PRAYER  
VOLUNTEERS!!! YOU DO NOT HAVE  
TO BE AN ELK.**



## Can you spare some change?

We're asking you to help "fill the piggies" at the bar. Your spare change will help our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services provide physical and occupational therapies to Florida children who do not have easy access to these services.

These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

Thank you for your help in making it possible for the Ladies of Elks auxiliary to help these children.

**ADD US TO YOUR CONTACTS  
RECEIVE UP TO DATE  
COMMUNICATIONS FROM US!**  
Subscribe at: [StPeteElks@bpoe1224.com](mailto:StPeteElks@bpoe1224.com)

### WE WANT TO KNOW...

For questions or comments, go to [www.bpoe1224.com](http://www.bpoe1224.com) just hit reply on the Officers Update. Return responses will be handled in the order received.

### DON'T MISS A THING!

Visit our website for all the information you need!

[www.bpoe1224.com](http://www.bpoe1224.com)

### FIND US ON FACEBOOK

See more of Elks Lodge #1224 and log on to Facebook. Message us, learn about upcoming events and more.

If you don't have a Facebook account, you can easily create one!

# Search for the QUEEN OF HEARTS



**Drawings  
Every  
\*Sunday at  
4:00pm**  
Tickets  
Available  
at the Bar  
EVERY DAY

**Only 1 Ticket Drawn**

You must be an Elk, an Elk Spouse  
or Widow of an Elk to enter.

## Memorial Cards Now Available

Honor a deceased loved one or friend.  
With your donation, all proceeds go to your  
choice, Veterans or Harry Anna.  
Samples available in the lodge office.



The **NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE** is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**1-800-273-8255**



**IS IT TIME TO  
DISPOSE OF YOUR  
WORN AMERICAN  
FLAG?**

Reminder: The Lodge Provides Proper Flag Retirement. We have been providing a way to properly and respectfully retire one of the greatest symbols of our nation, our American Flag for many years. You'll find a special receptacle where worn flags may be placed inside a mailbox type container right outside of our Lodge front doors. St. Petersburg Lodge will retire these flags in a dignified way.

## FLORIDA ELKS YOUTH CAMP IN UMATILLA, FLORIDA.... NOT JUST FOR KIDS!



A project of the Florida State Elks Association, this beautiful and modern 405 acre complex provides a unique camping experience for 7 weeks during the summer to all children of Florida ages 9 through 13. Camp sessions last from Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning and provide campers with housing, food, and of course, tons of fun!

### BUT We're Here All Year!

Although June, July, and August are booked for summer camp, the property is open to individual user groups for rental during the rest of the year! The camp has accommodated individual groups from as small as 10 to some over 1,000.

Each of the camp's 52 modern cabins has heat, A/C, a full bathroom and sleeps up to 9.

During their stay, campers can participate in a range of activities including: archery, swimming, canoeing, arts & crafts, capture the flag, soccer, and of course, climbing at our challenge ropes course!



Contact Jen Scott for questions and booking your youth-based group at 352-431-8701. For adult groups, call Shannon Wilburn at 407-920-0689.



[www.floridaelks.org/camp/](http://www.floridaelks.org/camp/)  
Florida State Elks Association, Inc.  
24175 S.E. Hwy 450  
PO Box 49  
Umatilla, FL 32784



**JOHNNY L. MILLER**  
Veterans Services  
WC District Chair / Representative To VAMC  
C.W Bill Young VAMC & Lee County VA  
Outpatient Clinic

**Email**  
johnnyleem@tampabay.  
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**Phone**  
727-642-8004



## VETERAN'S CORNER

By the time you read this article our Elks State Convention will be over. The 2YK run went well and now it is time for the homeless veterans stand down on June 4th in the courtyard behind building 2. I will be setting up a PA system and our lodge will have a table with the things donated plus other items.

June is also our flag day event. Check you calendar for the date and try to attend. I have received some phone calls from Vietnam veterans and will do all I can to help them. With my crazy life they need to text me at (727) 642-8004 when they have more questions on what to do next. All other veterans from different conflicts should at least call the 1-800-827-1000 number. Also if you make \$40,000 or less you may qualify to go to bay pines. Some veterans have received hearing aids already from the VA.

In Comradeship,  
Johnny Miller  
VAVS Representative

## STAND DOWN FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center**



Services provided to homeless veterans or those at risk include: Medical Care, Employment Assistance, Hair Cuts, Housing Information, Breakfast and Lunch, Bike Raffles, And more...

This event features a Stand Down Court. Veterans interested in quickly addressing minor legal concerns with the 6th Judicial Circuit Court will have the opportunity to speak with experts to possibly reduce or dismiss fines or legal fees!

This event also features the DMV Flow Bus. Please bring your Birth Certificate to receive a new ID card or driver's license.

In addition, PSTA will also provide free bus transportation to all Veterans attending the Stand Down.

**Show your VA ID and ride for FREE!**

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

**VA HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**


Medial Center and Northern clinics Phone Contacts:  
C.W. Bill Young VA Medial Center (24hrs.) 727.398.6661  
Bradenton 941.721.0649 Sarasota 941.371.3349  
Palm Harbor 727.734.5276 St. Petersburg 727.502.1700

**SOUTHERN CLINICS PHONE CONTACTS**

Lee County HCC - 239.652.1800 Naples - 239.659.9188  
Port Charlotte -941.235.2710 Sebring -863.471.6227

**VA HEALTHCARE ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**  
1.877.222.VETS(8387) Visit [www.1010EZmed.va.gov](http://www.1010EZmed.va.gov)  
Or visit the Bay Pines VAHCS online at [www.baypines.va.gov](http://www.baypines.va.gov)  
In the event of a medical emergency, always dial 911!

**VA benefits hotline...**  
**(800) 827-1000**  
Monday through Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET  
go to: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)



Call VA's Caregiver Support Line toll-free today.  
**1-855-260-3274**



**YOUR DUES POWER PROGRAMS THAT HELP VETERANS EXIT HOMELESSNESS**

Please contact your Lodge Secretary *today*

"So long as there are Veterans the Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS will never forget them"

ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK

**Attention Veterans!**

A copycat CHOICE program phone line has been set up to steal your credit card information



The OFFICIAL National CHOICE program line is:  
**1-866-606-8198**



# WATER AEROBICS IS BACK!

According to the CDC water-based exercise can benefit everyone. Exercising in water offers many physical and mental health benefits and is a good choice for anyone who wants to be more active.

When in the water, remember to protect yourself from injury by practicing healthy and safe swimming behaviors.

All members are welcome. It's free and it's fun!  
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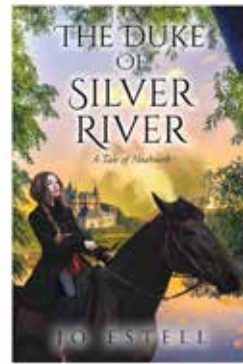
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# JUNE 2022

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5 Tiki Open – Noon <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS – 4PM</b> <b>MUSIC 1-5PM POOLSIDE by "Red Hawk"</b> Grill Open –New Menu	6 Got It! 2:30PM Kitchen Closed	<b>Coming in JULY ...</b> 4th Of July Pool Party 10 & 21st - Jukebox Bingo 16th - LOEA Luau Party Keep your eyes on our website and Facebook page for upcoming details	1 Tiki Open – 5PM <b>"Ladies Who Lunch" Noon</b> <b>At the Lodge Restaurant</b> Dart League 7PM	2 <b>KARAOKE by Johnny Miller 5PM</b>	3 Tiki Open – 5PM <b>MUSIC by "Boomers" 6:30-9:30 PM</b>	4 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open – New Menu
7 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM <b>TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman</b> <b>TACO TUESDAY 5pm Till Close</b>	7 <b>Got It! 2:30PM</b> <b>LOEA Casual Meeting 6:30PM</b> Kitchen Closed	14 Lodge Meeting 7PM <b>TACO TUESDAY 5-7PM</b> FLAG DAY	8 Tiki Open – 5PM <b>It's Bunco Time! 6:30PM</b> <b>Dart League 7PM</b>	9 <b>House Committee Meeting 6:30PM</b> <b>KARAOKE by Johnny Miller 5PM</b>	10 Tiki Open – 5PM <b>No PER Meeting</b> <b>MUSIC by "Ralph Rogers" 6:30-9:30 PM</b>	11 Tiki Open – Noon <b>SILENT DISCO 7-10PM</b> Grill Open – New Menu
12 Tiki Open – Noon <b>FLAG DAY CEREMONY @ NOON</b> <b>JUKEBOX MANIA 2-4PM</b> <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS – 4PM</b> <b>MUSIC 1-5PM POOLSIDE by "Mike Calzone"</b> Grill Open –New Menu	13 <b>Got It! 2:30PM</b> <b>LOEA Casual Meeting 6:30PM</b> Kitchen Closed	15 Tiki Open – 5PM <b>Dart League 7PM</b>	16 <b>KARAOKE by Johnny Miller 5PM</b>	17 Tiki Open – 5PM <b>MUSIC by "Bandstand" 6:30-9:30 PM</b>	18 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open – New Menu	25 Tiki Open – Noon <b>DIVE-IN MOVIE POOLSIDE 8PM "SHREK"</b> Grill Open – New Menu
19 Tiki Open – Noon <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS – 4PM</b> <b>MUSIC 1-5PM POOLSIDE by "Bittersweet"</b> Grill Open –New Menu <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	20 <b>Got It! 2:30PM</b> <b>Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM</b> Kitchen Closed	21 <b>TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman</b> <b>TACO TUESDAY 5pm Till Close</b>	22 Tiki Open – 5PM <b>Dart League 7PM</b>	24 Tiki Open – 5PM <b>MUSIC by "Ralph &amp; Jordana" 6:30-9:30 PM</b>	<b>THE LODGE RESTAURANT</b> <b>MONDAY - Closed</b> <b>*TUES–SUN Open at Noon</b> <b>(*closed at 7 on lodge meeting night)</b> <b>GRILL OPEN SATURDAY &amp; SUNDAY</b> <b>with NEW MENU</b> <b>With service poolside and inside the lodge</b>	
26 Tiki Open – Noon <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS – 4PM</b> <b>MUSIC 1-5PM POOLSIDE by "Silver Alert"</b> Grill Open –New Menu	27 <b>Got It! 2:30PM</b> Kitchen Closed	28 <b>TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman</b> <b>TACO TUESDAY 5pm Till Close</b>	29 Tiki Open – 5PM <b>Dart League 7PM</b>	30 <b>KARAOKE by Johnny Miller 5PM</b>		

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