

SPOTLIGHT



BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
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 Lodge Website: <http://www.bpoe1224.com>

1911-2022 *111 Years of Service to the Community*
 Elks National Foundation
 Elks Children's Therapy Services
 Elks Youth Camp

**** ALL AMERICAN LODGE • DIVISION VI • 2020-2021 1ST PLACE ****

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**SEPTEMBER 5TH
LABOR DAY - MONDAY**

**CALLING ALL
VETERANS AND
PATRIOTS!**

Please mark your calendar for the *"Heaven On Earth For Veterans"* fundraiser on Monday, September 5th, Labor Day. We need your support in our efforts to help our homeless veterans.

Join us at the St. Pete Elks Lodge 1224 for a day of fun and camaraderie. We will be featuring *"Batman's Mix Tape Bingo"* from 2-4PM. We'll also be raffling off a lottery, cash, and gift card prize worth \$500.

100% OF ALL PROCEEDS AND DONATIONS
WILL BENEFIT OUR HOMELESS VETERANS.

Thank you for your support in advance.

All donations are tax deductible.

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 10TH

**\$10
ADMISSION** **7-10PM**

**Outlandishly FUNNY!
ZANY contestants! Great Prizes!
an evening of FUN & Laughs!**

Wanna be a contestant? There will be a sign up sheet in the lounge on the bulletin board... or contact Jan at redhatiratz@yahoo.com or Brian at bp55418@gmail.com

**SATURDAY
SEP 24TH**

"This Magic Moment"

**END OF SUMMER
NIGHT TIME
POOL PARTY**

Adults Only 5:00 - 10:00PM

POOLSIDE DINNER BY CANDLELIGHT

featuring...
 Our very own
 "Jersey Italian Crooner"
AL RUGGEIRO
 6-10PM

Off the grill your choice will be....

Grilled Rib Eye 8oz w/Cream Horseradish \$18.95	Surf N Turf
Grilled Rib Eye & Grilled Shrimp Skewers • \$24.95	Grilled Salmon Bearnaise • \$13.95
Grilled Chicken Breast w/Citrus Sauce • \$12.95	

Prices Are Ala Carte...
 Baked Potato, Corn On The Cob, Dinner Roll,
 Cole Slaw Plus Ceasar Salad

DOOR PRIZES & 50/50
 * * * NO CHILDREN AFTER 4PM -THANK YOU * * *

Ladies of Elks Auxillary present

**Arts & Crafts
Market**

Saturday
 October 1st, 2022
 9am - 1pm

Arts, Crafts, Local Vendors and Gifts

**St Pete Elks Lodge #1224
 Parking Lot
 Open to Public**

2675 66th St N, St Petersburg

2022-2023 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS					
Sharon Literski	Exalted Ruler	Brian Metzgar	Building	Ann Marie Bongiorno	Pool Monitor
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		Open	Funeral Services		Army of Hope/Veterans Chairman
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		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Membership		
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		Brian Haverfield	Mother's Day		
		AL Literski	New Years Eve		
		PER's Association	Old Timer's Night		
		Al Literski	Orientation		
		Dan Masi. PER	PER Association		
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		Mark Mettetal, PER	Pool Maintenance		

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Cathy Shriver, PER	2 Year				
Rick Marks	1 Year				
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Sharon Literski, ER, Al Literski, Brian Polk					
Heidi Green, Brian Haverfield					

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Al Literski, Heidi Green, Brian Haverfield					
Jan Musgrave, Charlie Stroup					
Samantha Webb, Ruth Green					

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John Bauer, The Lodge Restaurant					

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Ann Marie Bongiorno	2 Year Trustee				
Jan Giallourakis	3 Year Trustee				

PRESENTED BY **Elks Lodge #1224** \$5 TO PLAY (ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY)

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18th 2-4pm

JUKEBOX

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

ALANIA

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

Ladies of Elks
BAKE SALE

BAKE SALE

at the **ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET**

**Saturday
October 1st
9am ~ 1pm**

Sharon Literski | Exalted Ruler Message



To place some rumors to rest. . . During weeks of negotiations with the Board of Directors, John Bauer decided to close the kitchen in November. We wish him the best.

There are a group of members that feel it is important to criticize the officers, chair, board members, bartenders and other members. It appears some of our members have forgotten one of the four Cardinal Virtues, namely Brotherly Love. It is part of what our Fraternal Order was founded on. No discussion about politics or lodge business should be going on at the bar. Other members and guests come to the lodge to relax and enjoy the lodge. They do not want to listen to complaints and criticism.

We have a wonderful lodge with outstanding members. Don't destroy our lodge with hateful comments.

Respectfully yours,

Sharon Literski
Exalted Ruler

HEAVEN ON EARTH
for
Veterans
FUNDRAISER
LABOR DAY | SEPT 5

Mix Tape
Bingo
2-4PM
by Batman
Media
(time donated by Batman)

ENTER TO WIN!
**A \$500 Lottery, Cash,
and Gift Cards Board**

TICKET DONATIONS ARE:
\$5 FOR 7 TICKETS
\$10 FOR 15 TICKETS

Tickets
Available NOW!
All proceeds go to help our
homeless Veterans

Virginia Warfield | LOEA President Message



What an amazing summer we've had!

From our Casual Meetings to our fantastic events, we've been busy and active, and we've definitely been putting the FUN into FUNdraising!

Upcoming events include the return of the Gong Show on September 10th. If you have a talent to share, please sign up and entertain us. Good or bad, it's bound to be a night of hilarious acts and laughter!

Looking ahead to October, mark your calendars for our Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale on October 1st. That's always a great day filled with yummy treats and fantastic vendors. Be sure to tell your neighbors and friends.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping in our new and improved Ice Cream Parlor every weekend. Even though we had a late start, we've had terrific success, including a record-breaking night with a private party last month!

Special shout out to Rick Marks who was our July 'Lady' of the Month. Rick was a driving force behind our wonderful new Ice Cream Parlor window, and we are so grateful for his support and efforts. Thank you Rick!

We'll be returning to our regular meetings on September 12th at the original time of 7:00pm. We're looking forward to officially welcoming many new members for all the fall activities and friendship

Meeting
Reminder!

Ladies of Elks

LOEA #1224

MEETING NIGHT

2nd Monday
of the month
7:00pm

***** 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 AUGUST ISSUE

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|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Cathy Shriver, PER | Toni Goodrich, PDD | Jeanne Sninchak |
| H. Tom Shriver, PDD | Sandy Mayo | Joan Vignoul |
| Anne Marie | Lynn McNamee | |
| Bongiorno | Pat Mulligan | |
| Doug Breyette, LM | Sue Mulligan | |
| Phil Davies, PER | Karen Purser | |
| Janet Gens | Patti Razor | |
| Jan Giallourakis | Debby Schmid | |



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 35 new members in August.



PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	SPONSOR	OCCUPATION
Teresa Allen	Toni Goodrich	Palms Hospital
Frank Casale	Maeghan Casale #699	Retired
Lori Lester	Lynda Flood	The Hartford Claims Rep
Lotie McKnight	Kate Vaccaro	Retired
Cathy Russell	Hope Comuntzis	Retired
Connie Russell	Hope Comuntzis	Retired
Phillip Sachs	Bob Bartlett	Retired
Johnny Antz	Ron Ferqueron	Retired
Jeffrey Bennett	Wm Buzz Hoffman	Nursing Student
Katelyn Company	Denice Becker #2085	Seat Engine Ticketing
Alice Crowley	Kristy Eilar	Retired
Tiffany DeCarlis	Cory Calvin	Pharmacist
James Grubins	Dan Cornelius	Bay Pines VA-Claims
Patton Hall	Charlie Stroup	Fireman-Seminole
Elise Heal	Ellen Smith	HR -Madico Inc
Tara Herzig	Farrah Pileggi	Retired USAF
Nanci Huffer	Karla Werner	Retired
Brigitte Jones	Toni Goodrich	Retired
Katrina Kerber	Laura Wheeler	Raymond James
Gregory Labanca	Jan Musgrave	Charter Communications
Kathleen Larrison	Leah Bickley	Holland & Knight Mrkting
Albert Marcinowski	Barry Donaldson	Retired
Charlotte McCue	MaryAnn Colarusso	Jabil Circuit
Sean Merritt	Toni Goodrich	Hospitality
Nanette Nazario	Toni Goodrich	Retired
Rosemary Pfiefer	Toni Goodrich	RN - All Chirlren's
Cynthia Radcliff	Kimberly Bryant	Retired
Melanie Rattanachane	Elizabeth Strickland	Owner-Fresh Factory
Christina Reardon	Deborah Reardon	Retired
Jack Reynolds	Gary Robinson	Carmax Buyer
Joseph Roscoe	Dan Corneilus	Retired
Bryan Slade	Charles Kwiatkowski	Corp Travel Agent
Denise Stoltz	Toni Goodrich	PTEC Teacher
Sandra Thompson	Toni Goodrich	Massage Therapist
Bridget Voelker	Alyson Crawford	Retired Police Officer
William Wanless	Jamy Magro	Bennah Inc Insurance

TRANSFERS

- Diana Wehr
- Thomas Jennings
- Brian MacDonald

FROM

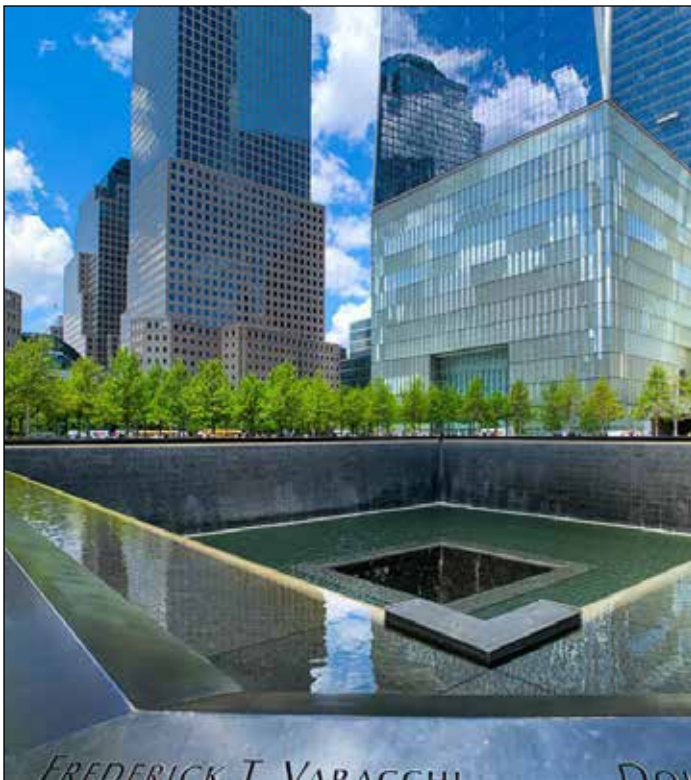
- Largo #2159
- New York #70
- Charleston SC #242

Reinstatement

- Richard Corsale
- Eddie Harris
- Richard Starkey

Member #

- #11313
- #11841
- #11736



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH IS PATRIOT DAY

Patriot Day is observed as the National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11th every year in memory of the 2,996 people killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York city, Arlington, Virginia and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

LABOR DAY

POOL PARTY

MONDAY • SEPT 5th • NOON-5PM

GRILL MENU Available
COME CHILL at the TIKI

Ice Cream Parlor OPEN 1-4

POOLSIDE MUSIC 1-5
 by "BUS STOP 3.0"

Music & Games

FRIENDLY FEUD

SURVEY SAYS...

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD

FUN STARTS AT 6:00 PM
 PLAY SOLO OR BRING A TEAM.

SPECIAL DINNER MENU AVAILABLE

WITH **BATMAN**

DANCING AND MORE

ELKS LODGE #1224
 2675 66th St, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Everyone Loves A Tag Sale!

Proceeds Will Assist Us In Our Feeding Programs!

Tag Sale

Sunday, September 4, 2022
 9am - 2pm

The ELKS Lodge #1224
 2675 66th St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Our Mission is to assist families in transition and their chronically hungry children while developing the next generation of volunteers to carry on the mission of The Kind Mouse. No hardworking individual and their family should ever go hungry.

Cash or Credit Card Only

www.TheKindMouse.org

FOOD SORTING

AT THE LODGE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
 10:30AM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BACK TO SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

St Petersburg Elks Lodge 2675 66th St N

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

Josephine Konczal	11/27/21
Raymond A. Holzgart, 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
Gordon Isco, LM.	03/24/22
Judith Smith	04/01/22
Lyman Wheeler, PDD.	04/18/22
Ernest Acebal	04/29/22
Allen Ambrose	05/29/22
Theodore J. Zuppa	07/07/22
James G. Farkas, LM	08/09/22
Robert Costa	08/10/22

*Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,
"To our absent members."*

Platinum Spotlight Boosters

In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis	7/23
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	7/23
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
Bill Tennis PDDGER PSP VA #366	7/23

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.

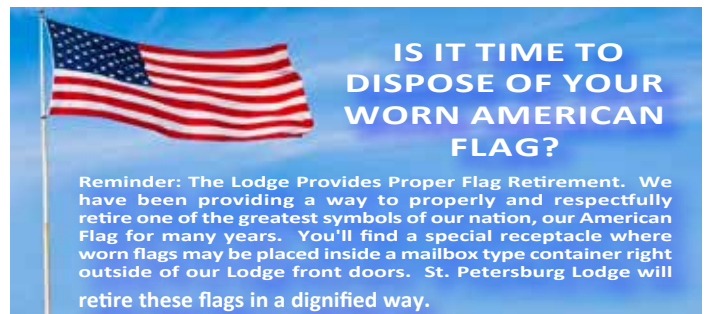
These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

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



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.

Join on us on the first
Wednesday of the month
for

Ladies who Lunch!

12 pm at the Lodge Restaurant




**WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS
ARMY OF HOPE
FUNDRAISER**

LARGO ELKS LODGE, 810 16TH AVE SE, LARGO
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022
NOON – 4 P.M.**

Donations go to the Florida State Elks Charities' Program Army of Hope
Which assists the families of our deployed military.

\$5 Admission Children under age 6
& active military get in FREE!!!

Arts & crafts vendors Music Basket Raffles
Fun Games Membership Drive Book Sale

Brats fixin's margaritas and beer for purchase
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS



GOT IT!

MONDAYS at the Lodge
2:30pm



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


TRIVIA

TUESDAY

6:30pm

**Every Tuesday except
Lodge meeting night**

The Lodge Kitchen
will have
Taco Night until 8pm!



Are you ready to roll?



2ND WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH
Game starts at 6:30 pm

What Happens at
Karaoke... stays at
Karaoke!

Karaoke BE THE STAR Night

with Johnny Miller
**EVERY
THURSDAY
KARAOKE FUN
STARTS AT 5:00!**

Dinner Specials
Available at
**THE LODGE
Restaurant**





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

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 johnnyleem@tampabay.
 rr.com

Phone
 727-642-8004



VETERAN'S CORNER

I will start this article about the toxic waters marines were exposed to from 1953 to 1988. It's been all over the television. I myself was located at Camp Lejune in 1966 and my daughter was born in 1971 with just one overie. It wouldn't hurt to get a lawyer. We are all getting older and who knows what our bodies will do if not already in the future. Also toxic waste from the different burn pits that veterans were exposed too. This has all been on the news.

We are still unable to have veterans to any functions from Bay Pines! Hopefully it won't be too long. Any questions please contact me at (727) 642-8004.

In Comradeship,
 Johnny Miller
 VAVS Representative

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.

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Data has revealed that on average, approximately 22 veterans a day commit suicide. It's a national crisis, and one that we need to do more to fight.

Some research has shown that the military and veteran suicide rate is 50 percent higher than that of civilians, which is as sad as it is alarming. But there is something I can do, and there is something you can do to help save the lives of these veterans.

There are many reasons that veterans in particular feel like there's no way out of a difficult time – whether it's PTSD, survivor's guilt, financial strain, family problems, or a combination of these – so many factors come into play. But it's up to all of us to help them realize that help is available!



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
 Or visit the Bay Pines VAHCS online at 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



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE SEPTEMBER 18TH

The official Air Force Birthday is recognized as Sept. 18, 1947, which is the date of the passage of the National Security Act of 1947. That legislation created what would later become to known as the United States Department of Defense. This established the United States Air Force as a separate branch of military service.

Before the creation of the Air Force, the military's flying operations were handled by the U.S. Army on land and the Navy by sea. The history of this branch of service is an important part of the history of air power in the United States. Naturally, the Air Force birthday owes a great deal to Orville and Wilbur Wright who pioneered mechanized flight with their successful mission in 1903.

Read more about the history of the US Airforce:
<https://veteran.com/air-force-birthday/>

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.



SAVE THE DATE

Midyear Convention | St. Petersburg, Florida
November 10-12, 2022

**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 (1st 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@brighthouse.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.

St. Petersburg #1224
*We Give Back
to Our
Community*
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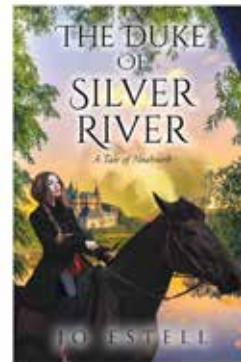
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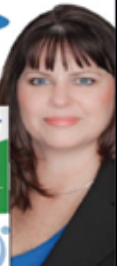
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4 Tiki Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM EVERYONE LOVES A TAG SALE KIND MOUSE 9AM-2PM MUSIC 1-5PM POOLSIDE by Farley QUEEN OF HEARTS – 4PM	5 LABOR DAY POOL PARTY Noon-5PM Tiki Open Noon Poolside Music: 12-5PM BUS STOP 3:0 HEAVEN ON EARTH FOR VETERANS FUNDRAISER & MIXED TAPE BINGO 2-4PM	6 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	7 Tiki Open – 5PM "Ladies Who Lunch" Noon At the Lodge Restaurant Dart League 7PM	8 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5-9PM	9 Tiki Open – 5PM PER Meeting 7PM MUSIC by "Silver Alert" 6:30-9:30 PM	10 Tiki Open – Noon THE GONG SHOW 7-10PM \$10 Admission
11 Tiki Open – Noon MUSIC 1-5PM POOLSIDE by Bittersweet QUEEN OF HEARTS – 4PM	12 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	13 Lodge Meeting 7PM	14 Tiki Open – 5PM It's Bunco Time! 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	15 Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5-9PM	16 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Ralph Rogers" 6:30-9:30 PM	17 Tiki Open – Noon
18 Tiki Open – Noon MUSIC 1-5PM POOLSIDE by Tim Piano JUKEBOX MANIA 2-4PM QUEEN OF HEARTS – 4PM	19 Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	20 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	21 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	22 Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5-9PM	23 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Bandstand" 6:30-9:30 PM	24 Tiki Open – Noon "This Magic Moment" Adult Night Pool Party 5-10PM Music: Al Ruggiero 7-10PM Dinner by Candlelight Menu
25 Tiki Open – Noon MUSIC 1-5PM POOLSIDE by Redhawk QUEEN OF HEARTS – 4PM	26 Got It! 2:30PM	27 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	28 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	29 Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5-9PM	30 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Sounds of Yesterday" 6:30-9:30 PM	Tiki Open – Noon

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