

SPOTLIGHT



BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
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1911-2023 *112 Years of Service to the Community*
 Elks National Foundation
 Elks Children's Therapy Services
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March 2023

COMING!
SATURDAY MARCH 4TH

Ladies for Liberty

Dinner and an evening of pure patriotism and vibrant entertainment!

Ladies for Liberty have been known for their renditions of 1940s, WWII, 1950s Korean War Era, and 1960s Vietnam War Era music. We are still presenting this program of the Andrew Sisters style of music through our own rendition of vocals, costumes, hairstyles and the spirit of patriotism reminiscent of the 1940s and 1950s.

Dinner served at 6PM
Showtime 7PM

\$20
 Price includes dinner & show

Meatloaf Dinner
 Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Fresh Salad Roll w/Butter

St. Petersburg Elks #1224 Lodge 2675 66th St. North
 FIND OUR MORE ABOUT THE LADIES FOR LIBERTY SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT...
www.ladiesforliberty.com

You are cordially invited to the
2023-2024 Installation of Officers
Saturday, March 25th
LOEA Installation - 5PM
Lodge Officers' Installation to follow

Music and dinner will start after both Installation programs and presentations are complete

*** 75 SEATS AVAILABLE ***
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED***
SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE LOUNGE BULLETIN BOARD

MENU
Tossed salad, Beef Tips with vegetables over noodles, Dinner roll and Dessert

Music by: DJ DINO

Jello Shots & Green Beer

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
 by reservation*

Saint **PATRICK'S DAY** **FRIDAY**

Music 6:30-9:30

* DINNER RESERVATION SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE LOUNGE

17th

Music by: "Ralph Rogers"

Let the Shenanigans BEGIN!

SATURDAY • APRIL 15

St. Petersburg Elks Sponsored Event
 All proceeds will benefit Children with Autism

\$20/PP TICKET

The Power of Love

DINNER & DANCE FUNDRAISER for Autism

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner served at 6:00PM

50/50 Raffle
 SPLIT THE POTT

Basket of Cheer raffle! Valued at over \$200
 RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

MUSIC 7-10PM
 "Silver Alert"

Raffle DRAWING the evening of April 15th
 The WINNER need not be present

SEATING IS LIMITED FOR THIS EVENT. Tickets will be available until April 10th unless sold out before that date.

2022-2023 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS					
Dan Masi ,PER	Exalted Ruler	Charlie Stroup	Boy Scouts	Ann Marie Bongiorno	Pool Monitor
Heidi Green	Leading Knight	Brian Metzgar	Building	Alexandra Kaan	Presiding Justice of Forum
Brian Haverfield	Loyal Knight	Rudy Masi, Sr., PDD	By-Laws	Virginia Warfield, LP	Public Relations
Charlie Stroup	Lecturing Knight	Open	Children’s Christmas Party	Mark Mettetal, PER	Ritual
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Secretary	Gina Wilkins	Christmas Baskets	Rick Marks	Safety
Brian Polk	Treasurer	Heidi Green	Christmas Baskets Co-Chair	Tara McClintick	Scholarships
Carol Barkalow	Esquire	Dawn Lieber, PER	Community Activities	Heidi Green	Sickness & Distress
Kirk Martin	Chaplain	Brian Haverfield	Drug Awareness	Dawn Lieber	Soccer Shoot
Adrienne Sproul	Inner Guard	Open	Elks Training	Johnny Miller	Grand Lodge VAVS
Anne Marie Bongiorno	Tiler	Heidi Green	ENF Chair		Representative C.W. Bill Young
		Linda Musgrave	Entertainment		Healthcare Center Bay Pines
		Heidi Green	Flag Day Flag Retirement		Army of Hope/Veterans Chairman
		Open	Funeral Services	John Gillis	VAVS Deputy Representative
		Open	Golf Tournament	Gene Berry	VAVS Deputy Representative
		Dolly Masi, PER	Government Relations	Heidi Green	Visitation
		Dawn Lieber, PER	Grant Writer	Bonnie Barnes	Vol. Activity Coordinator
		Open	Grill	Virginia Warfield	Webmaster
		Brian Haverfield	Harry Anna	stpeteelks@bpoe1224.com	
		Open	Historian	Charlie Stroup	Youth Activities
		Tracy Roy	Hoop Shoot		
		Heidi Green	Inter-Lodge Visitation		
		Kim Gano	Investigation Committee		
		House Committee	Kitchen		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Lapsation & Strays		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Law & Order		
		Rudy Masi, PSP	Law & Order Co-Chair		
		Dan Masi, PER	Liaison to the Ladies		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Lodge Advisor		
		Rob Davis	Maintenance Inside/Outside		
		Bob Pitney, PDD	Mediator		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Membership		
		Dan Masi, PER	Memorial Service		
		Brian Haverfield	Mother’s Day		
		Heidi Green	New Years Eve		
		PER’s Association	Old Timer’s Night		
		Heidi Green	Orientation		
		Dan Masi, PER	PER Association		
		Larry Romig	Photographer		
		Mark Mettetal, PER	Pool Maintenance		

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Rick Marks	5-Year Trustee
Brian Metzgar	4-Year Trustee
Mimi Reich	3-Year Trustee
Cathy Shriver, PER	2-Year Trustee
Gina Van Groesbeck	1-Year Trustee
Toni Goodrich, PDD, Dan Masi, PER	
Charlie Stroup, Brian Polk	
Heidi Green, Brian Haverfield	

HOUSE COMMITTEE	
Bonnie Barnes, PER, House Chair	
Joanne Matos PDD, Secretary	
Toni Goodrich, PDD, Gina Van Groesbeck	
Heidi Green, Brian Haverfield, Jan Musgrave,	
Charlie Stroup, Samantha Webb	
Ruth Green, Adrienne Sproul	

KITCHEN	
Happy Patty’s Kitchen	

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	
Adrienne Sproul	Americanism
Johnny Miller	Army of Hope
Jan Giallourakis	Auditing
Sherrie McNeil	Bar Chair

THANK YOU!

ER Volunteer Appreciation Party

It is my honor to cordially invite you to our **complimentary** Volunteer Appreciation Party

6-11pm - Saturday, March 18th

MUSIC BY: "FENCEWALK"

Thank you for your devoted time and effort in planning the Lodge’s many activities. Your contribution allowed the Lodge to offer an exceptional experience for all members to enjoy.

Please make your reservation for this function there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the lounge or call the office at 344-6551.

Dan Masi, Exalted Ruler

THANK YOU!

Ladies of Elks Auxillary present

Arts & Crafts Market

and

LOEA Bake Sale

Saturday

March 4th, 2023

9am - 1pm

Arts, Crafts, Local Vendors and Gifts

Parking Lot and Indoors

Open to Public

St Pete Elks Lodge #1224

2675 66th St N, St Petersburg



As we approach the end of another year in Elkdom, let us reflect on our accomplishments. We were able to serve our community through our various programs including those assisting our children, Veterans and those who are less fortunate. None of this would be possible without the involvement and dedication of each of our members!

It has been my privilege to serve as Exalted Ruler and I would like to display my gratitude by extending an invitation to The Exalted Rulers Appreciation Party on Saturday, March 19th. Please plan to attend, a signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Our lodge kicks off this month with a patriotic tribute to our Veterans with a special performance by The Ladies for Liberty on March 4th.

On Friday March 17th, we will celebrate St Paddy's Day with some great "green" specials and a delicious, corned beef and cabbage dinner served by Happy Patty's Kitchen and team.

We end the month with The Installation of Officers for the 2023-2024 year. Congratulations to Heidi Green, Exalted Ruler Elect and to all the incoming officers.

I am confident that they will continue to lead our Lodge on a most prosperous and productive course!

Many thanks to LOEA President Virginia Warfield and The LOEA who provided so much assistance, great fundraisers and events throughout the year.

Once again, I commend each and everyone of you for promoting our State President Danny Tabor's vision - "Unity and Dedication Create Success" and following our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hildley's message - "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm".

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Dan Masi, Exalted Ruler

Virginia Warfield | LOEA President Message



Wow, what a year it has been!

From stellar events and phenomenal FUND-raising to increased membership and participation, the Ladies of Elks Auxiliary has really knocked it out of the park this past year! I feel honored to be part of such an amazing group of women and men, and I'm so proud of everything we have accomplished during

my time as LOEA President.

As we look ahead to the new year and calendar, I'm excited to be handing the reins to incoming president Farrah Pileggi and VP Janet Barrick at the end of this month. They have some great ideas and enthusiasm for the coming year, and of course I will still be involved as much as they need (or want) me!

In the meantime, March 4th is our next Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale. Please bring along your friends and family for the great shopping and yummy baked goods. The LOEA Appreciation Luncheon for our members is Sunday, March 19th 12-2pm. Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin board.

Congratulations to Adrienne Sproul, our January Lady of the Month. Thank you for everything you do for the Ladies and the Lodge!

Once again, I'd like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you for your continued support, participation and friendship this past year. The first LOEA meeting of the new Elks year will be April 10th, so please join us and welcome our Board of Officers for 2023-2024.

LOEA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE

*Ladies of Elks
Appreciation
Luncheon*

Sunday, March 19th ~ 12-2pm

HOSTED BY
2022-2023 LOEA PRESIDENT VIRGINIA WARFIELD

Menu features Burger Sliders, Mac and Cheese, Coleslaw,
a cheese platter and dessert.

Please RSVP on sign-up sheet by March 15th



It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as your Lodge Secretary for the past 15 years.

I am turning over this challenging position to your newly elected Secretary, Mike Robinson, effective April 1.

For those of you who have already paid your 2023-2024 dues, and have not received your cards yet, they are in the office, in hopes that you will have an opportunity to pick them up rather than mailing them.

With the cost of postage, we could feed a lot of hungry tummies for the cost of mailing out 1,600 member dues cards. Let us know if you can not pick up your cards, and we will gladly mail them out to you.

As soon as you get your 2023-2024 cards, please replace it last year's cards. The color of the New cards are TAN.

Thank you for all the support you have given me these past 15 years, as we worked together, making Lodge 1224 a FUN and WONDERFUL place to be.

I ask that you have a little patience as we make the transition and training so Mike will be the best Secretary yet!

Your retiring Secretary
Toni Goodrich

St. Petersburg #1224
We Give Back to Our Community
\$18 Million Dollars Raised
Become A Member!

Search for the QUEEN OF HEARTS
Drawing Sunday @ 4:00pm
Only 1 Ticket Drawn
You must be an Elk, an Elk Spouse or Widow of an Elk to enter.
Tickets Available at the Bar EVERY DAY

2023-2024 ANNUAL DUES REMINDER
Dues must be paid by April 1, 2023

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 21 new members on February 20th



PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	SPONSOR	OCCUPATION
John Daly	Toni Goodrich	Retired
Linda DiRosa	Brian Polk	Fay's Boat Yard
Richard Greenough	Charles Stroup	Retired
Tiffany Johnson	Cathy Shriver PER	Bayfront Hosp Nurse
Nelson La Llave	Toni Goodrich	Retired
Loretta Lynch	Nancy Baraky	Retired
Julia Marsh	Toni Goodrich	Homemaker
Daniel Martinez	Debby Schmid	Honeywell Engineer
Michael Poole	Alyson Crawford	Don Cesar Bartender
Patricia Rieger	Diane Mercer	Hospice Nurse-Retired
Justin Sherman	Brian Polk	Chef
Thomas Vale	Toni Goodrich	Retired-TV Cable
Debra Vance	Ralph Gillotte	Trinity Family Financial
Linda Walker	Constance Lowry	VA Sr Claims Examiner

TRANSFER/DEMIT	FROM
Katie Conway	Dun/Clw #1525
William Conway	Dun/Clw #1525

REINSTATEMENT	MEMBER #
Rhonda Frush	#12929

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 (reinstatement) 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

THANK YOU MAGNIFICENT MAILERS FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE

Patti Razor	Toni Goodrich	Diane Schreiber
Marty Atwell	Sandy Mayo	Brenda Vago
Anne Marie Bongiorno	Lynn McNamee	Jim Vago
Doug Breyette	Karen Purser	
Phil Davies PER	Chuck Rosenbalm	
Eileen Gamble	Marge Rosenbalm	
Janet Gens	Debby Schmid	





**SUNDAY MARCH 26TH
STARTING AT 6PM SHARP**



Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

YOUR \$20 DONATION GETS YOU A SEAT AND CHIPS
THERE ARE ONLY 20 SEATS AVAILABLE!
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BEHIND THE BAR.



**SUNDAY MARCH 26TH
STARTING AT 6PM SHARP**



**2023 Florida Elks
State Convention**
May 24-27 - ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL, ORLANDO, FL

St. Pete has its own expansive 3-Bay Hospitality Room!

Covered Dishes & *Wine And Beer DONATIONS NEEDED

Sign Up Sheets are on the Bulletin Board in lounge
*Get A Raffle Ticket For Each Liquor Item Donated!

Room Rates: \$139.00 + tax per night
More info & Reservations can be made on felks.org or call 866-996-6338

Come meet Elks from around the State at the Hospitality Rooms!



"Casino Night" is EVERY Night!

Join Us For Casino
Themed Games, Prizes,
Share-The-Waalth Nightly,
Great Food, Fun
and Entertainment!

Entertainment by "Batman"

We are all in to win!!! Competition for best
hospitality room this year to receive a big
3-bay suite next year (there are only 3
available) volunteers needed.....

Join the Hospitality Committee
Planning Team...
Contact Joanne Matos
(727) 403-4720 | jobo11256@hotmail.com

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

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

SUNDAY MARCH 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 outbursts of singing, joy, happiness, energy and fun!
Attend at your own risk!

DRAWING APRIL 4TH

\$500 VALUE

\$500 VALUE

RAFFLE GIVEAWAY

WIN 2 EVENT TICKETS
Valued at \$500
to the "Unmasking Autism Gala"
which is being held at the
beautiful Hilton St. Petersburg
Bayfront on April 22nd

RULES TO ENTER THE DRAWING

Sustaining donors and any new donors who sign up @ \$19.00
per month + will be included in this special drawing to win.

FOR DETAILS...Contact Joanne Matos (727) 403-4720 | jobo11256@hotmail.com

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 email me soon and sign up.

Dolly Masi, PER | masidoly@gmail.com

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 piggy-banks" 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.

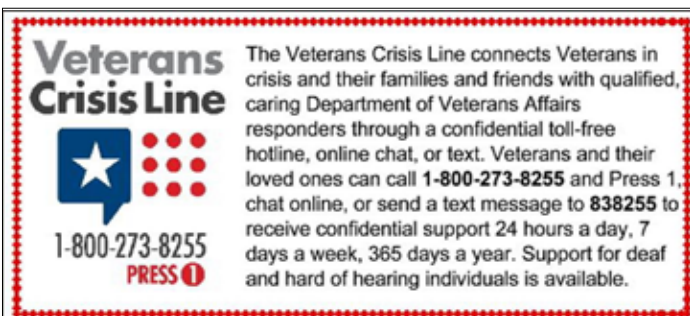
These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

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



St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

Judith Smith	04/01/22
Lyman Wheeler, PDD	04/18/22
Ernest Acebal	04/29/22
Allen Ambrose	05/29/22
Terry Wayne Steen	06/17/22
Theodore J. Zuppa	07/07/22
William Erskine	07/21/22
Sandra Ives	07/29/22
James G. Farkas LM	08/09/22
Robert Costa	08/10/22
Bert H. Collom, LM	09/21/22
Louis Schorr	10/01/22
Sheila Mutascio	11/11/22
Roger D. Remy	11/12/22
Peter Privitera	11/18/22
John M. Tondreault	01/09/23
Charles Bunker	01/12/23
Lorna (Bunny) Ennis	01/24/23
Philip E. Taranto, PER LM	01/24/23
John A. Morris	02/01/23

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
Benjamin Karnegie	3/23
In Memory of Al Goodrich	7/23
In Memory of William A. Schulz	11/23
In Memory of Stephen Prins	3/23

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Cathy & Carmine Casale	4/23
Bill Tennis PDDGER PSP VA #366	7/23
Alexandra Kaan	12/26

Silver Spotlight Boosters

Valerie & James Wells	4/23
Betts Roberts	12/26

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:

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Join on us on the first
Wednesday of the month
for

Ladies who Lunch!

12 pm at the Lodge Restaurant



Are you ready to roll?



3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH

Game starts at 6:30 pm

GOT IT!

MONDAYS at the Lodge

2:30pm



Florida Elks Charities
presents



UNMASKING AUTISM GALA

The Power of Love


SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023
6-11 p.m.

HILTON ST. PETERSBURG BAYFRONT
333 1ST STREET • ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701

We cordially invite you to join us for an evening of glamour and philanthropy as we unmask autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

This year's gala will be held at the beautiful Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront and will feature cocktails and a silent auction, a full-course dinner, entertainment, and an exciting program.

Florida Elks Charities



For more information scan the QR Code
or go to <https://unmaskingautism.com>

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

**TRIVIA
TUESDAY**

6:30pm

Every Tuesday except
Lodge meeting night

Plus it's
Toco Tuesday!

HPK
SIGNATURE MEALS



Veterans Chairman Message



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

Email
 johnnyleem@tampabay.rr.com

Phone
 727-642-8004



VETERAN'S CORNER

I'll start this article by mentioning the VFW service office located in the main VA regional office at Bay Pines. Jason smith is the contact person. He will go out of his way if there is any way to help a fellow veteran.

There is a difference in qualifying for the VA and qualifying for a service connected disability. You have separate forms. Also that is why the 800-827-1000 number is important. As always my number is (727) 642-8004.

April 1st is the homeless veterans stand down at Bay Pines fro 9am till 1pm. They are expecting around 500 or more to show up. By the way I would like to thank Dave Beckett for his contribution to the hats for our veterans at Bay Pines.

In Comradeship,
 Johnny Miller
 VAVS Representative



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.




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
 Or visit the Bay Pines VAHCS online at www.baypines.va.gov
 In the event of a medical emergency, always dial 911!

VA benefits hot-line...

(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

*With pride, we honor those
that fought so that
we could live free.*



In early 2017, Congress passed, and President Trump signed into law, the **Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act**, which establishes March 29 of each year as the **National Vietnam War Veterans Day**. The holiday is also known as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.”

The day is set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by veterans and their families during the Vietnam War. It is also designed to honor those men and women who served in that conflict but who did not receive a proper welcome home when they returned to the United States due to the unpopularity of the war.

The date is significant because the last U.S. troops left South Vietnam on March 29th 1973.



The Three Soldiers (also known as The Three Servicemen) is a bronze statue by Frederick Hart. Unveiled on Veterans Day, November 11, 1984, on the National Mall, it is part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial commemorating the Vietnam War. It was the first representation of an African American on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

PLEASE DONATE

SHOES FOR HOMELESS VETS DRIVE

...SOCKS AND GENTLY USED CLOTHING

We are seeking your donations of **good and durable shoes**, gently used clothing and socks for ...

★ **OPERATION STAND DOWN** ★

Hosted by Bay Pines VA Hospital
Saturday, April 1st

A donation box is located in the front lobby of
St. Petersburg Elks Lodge
2675 66th St N, Saint Petersburg

**Please drop your donations no later than
Friday Evening March 30th**

We don't know them all but we owe them all

WHAT IS A STAND DOWN?

In times of war, exhausted combat units requiring time to rest and recover were removed from the battlefields to a place of security and safety. Today, Operation Stand Down refers to a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 38,000 homeless veterans “combat” life on the streets.

Operation Stand Down is a time for the community to connect with our homeless veterans and to begin to break down the barriers that are keeping these heroes on the streets. The “hand up, not a handout” philosophy of Operation Stand Down requires the work of countless volunteers, businesses, and local, state and national organizations. Organizations will be available to provide direct services (including medical, dental, spiritual); ensure Veterans are getting benefits they are entitled to; and provide referrals for those struggling with mental health, job, housing and addiction issues.

Does It Make a Difference? Yes.

Operation Stand Down has been successful in matching the right services to those Veterans who are struggling to get their life back together.

Even for those veterans who return to life on the streets, Operation Stand Down is an opportunity for them to take safe harbor from “combat on the streets” for one weekend a year. Certainly, our Veterans deserve at least that.

“Stand Down” began in San Diego in 1988. Twenty-five years later, that organization has celebrated many successes, and was featured in 2010 on “60 Minutes.” There are now more than 200 Stand Downs throughout the country. While many Stand Downs are a one-day event, Operation Stand Down is a three day event, for all homeless veterans located in the Tampa Bay Area.



The support of caring people like you helps us to provide some of these following services....

ENF - Elk's National Foundation - When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the Community Investments Program and providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than maintaining the Elks Veterans Memorial. You're doing all that, and you're supporting Elkdom in your state.

Restoration of Pool/Tiki Patio Areas, Mural, & Furniture

Yes, I wish to help my Lodge achieve their goals to help our Community, Elks Charities and Lodge. Please find enclosed my donation for the:

Please find a check in the amount of _____ as my donation.

ENF - Elk's National Foundation \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ Other _____

Restoration of Pool/Tiki and other areas \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ Other _____

Please remit your check to or bring to:
BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge #1224
 2675 66th Street North
 St. Petersburg, FL 33710

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE • MAKE SOME FRIENDS • HAVE FUN!

Your lodge needs you • please be a volunteer today!

DO YOU HAVE A STRATEGY?
 ARE YOU PAYING TOO MANY FEES?
 ARE YOUR ASSETS WORKING FOR YOU?

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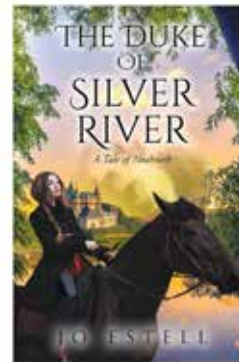
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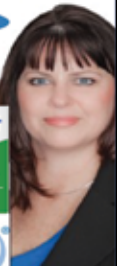
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March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>LODGE HOURS Sun 10AM-10PM • Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM</p> <p>POOL OPEN DAILY 7AM – 10PM TIKI OPEN: SUN @ NOON, WED & FRI @ 5PM, SAT @ 3PM</p>	<p>LODGE HOURS OPEN: Mon-Sat: 10AM–2PM PHONE: 344-6551 LOUNGE: 344-6553</p>	<p>LODGE HOURS OPEN: Mon-Sat: 10AM–2PM PHONE: 344-6551 LOUNGE: 344-6553</p>	<p>1 Tiki Open – 5PM "Ladies Who Lunch" Noon Dart League 7PM</p>	<p>2 KARAOKE with Johnny Miller 5PM</p>	<p>3 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Kris Pierce"</p>	<p>4 Tiki Open – 3PM Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale 9AM-1PM Ladies for Liberty Dinner Show Tix \$20 (until sold out) Dinner: 6PM Show: 7PM</p>
<p>5 Tiki Open – Noon Breakfast 10AM-1PM Queen of Hearts 4PM</p>	<p>6 Got It! 2:30PM</p>	<p>7 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman</p>	<p>8 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM</p>	<p>9 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE with Darby 5PM</p>	<p>10 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Boomers"</p>	<p>11 Tiki Open – 3PM ER Volunteer Appreciation Party 6-11pm *Reservations Required*</p>
<p>12 Tiki Open – Noon Breakfast 10AM-1PM Jukebox Mania 2-4pm Queen of Hearts 4PM</p>	<p>13 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM</p>	<p>14 Lodge Meeting 7PM</p>	<p>15 It's Bunco Time! 6:30PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM</p>	<p>16 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM</p>	<p>17 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Ralph Rogers" *Corned Beef Dinner Reservations Required*</p>	<p>18 Tiki Open – 3PM ER Volunteer Appreciation Party 6-11pm *Reservations Required* MUSIC BY: "Fencewalk"</p>
<p>19 Tiki Open – Noon Breakfast 10AM-1PM LOEA Appreciation Luncheon 12-2pm Queen of Hearts 4PM</p>	<p>20 Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM</p>	<p>21 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman</p>	<p>22 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM</p>	<p>23 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM</p>	<p>24 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Carolyn Street"</p>	<p>25 Tiki Open – 3PM 2023–2024 Installation LOEA Installation is at 5pm Officer Installation thereafter Dinner & Music to follow *Reservations Required* MUSIC by: DJ Dino</p>
<p>26 Tiki Open – Noon Breakfast 10AM-1PM Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em Tournament 6:00pm</p>	<p>27 Got It! 2:30PM</p>	<p>28 PER Meeting 6PM Lodge Meeting 7PM</p>	<p>29 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM</p>	<p>30 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM</p>	<p>31 Tiki Open – 5PM Kind Mouse Food Drive Prep - 9AM-3PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Steve Mullis"</p>	<p>"HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN" Mon, Wed & Thur: 11AM to 8PM Tue: 11AM - 7PM Fri: 11AM - 9PM Sat: 11AM - 8PM Sun: Open 10AM (*unless there's an event)</p>

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Thank You to the 115 Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Paramedics, Prosecutors, Council Members and Mayors who serve us all year and attended and this historic event! Deceased State Attorney Bernie McCabe shared with us at previous Law & Order Event nights this was his favorite event as of all the events he attends, St. Pete Elks is the only one that recognizes his prosecutors. We are proud of our First Responders and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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