

# SPOTLIGHT



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

1911-2023 *112 Years of Service to the Community*  
Elks National Foundation  
Elks Children's Therapy Services  
Elks Youth Camp

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July 2023

**4th of July**  
**Pool Party**  
**LIVE MUSIC "Silver Alert"**  
**1-5PM**  
**Grill - Open 'til 6PM**  
**LOEY ICE CREAM PARLOR 1-4PM**  
**Tiki OPEN at Noon**

*LOEA presents*  
**Summer Nights**  
**GREASE**  
**PARTY**  
*You're the ones that we want - Ooh ooh ooh*  
*Be cool and wear your fun 50s attire!*  
**Saturday, July 15th**  
**6 to 9 pm**  
*Music by BitterSweet*  
**Tickets \$10**

**JOIN OUR LODGE IN HOSTING AND THANKING OUR VETERANS FROM BAY PINES HOSPITAL**  
**EVERY 2ND THURSDAY KARAOKE NIGHT FROM 5 TO 7PM**  
**OUR FIRST EVENT WILL BE THURSDAY, JULY 13TH.**  
**THE LODGE WILL BE PROVIDING PIZZA AND BEVERAGES FOR OUR BAY PINES VETERANS ON THOSE EVENINGS**

**LUAU**  
**29 JULY** | **6-9 PM** | **\$10 MUSIC & DANCING**  
**SPECIAL HAWAIIAN HULA DANCERS**

**2023-2024 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs**

| <b>OFFICERS</b>     |                  |                              |                              |                        |                            |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Heidi Green         | Exalted Ruler    | Johnny Miller                | Army of Hope                 | Brian Haverfield       | Orientation                |
| Brian Haverfield    | Leading Knight   | Toni Goodrich, PDD           | Auditing                     | Doc Cook, PER          | PER Association            |
| Buzz Hoffman        | Loyal Knight     | Sherrie McNeil               | Bar Chair                    | Margie Schulz          | Photographer               |
| Adrienne Sproul     | Lecturing Knight | Charlie Stroup               | Boy Scouts                   | Mark Mettetal, PER     | Pool Maintenance           |
| Mike Robinson       | Lodge Secretary  | Dan Masi, PER                | Building                     | Ann Marie Bongiorno    | Pool Monitor               |
| Brian Polk          | Treasurer        | Rudy Masi, Sr. PSP           | By-Laws                      | Alexandra Kaan         | Presiding Justice of Forum |
| Kirk Martin         | Chaplin          | Brian Haverfield             | Children's Christmas Party   | Virginia Warfield, PLP | Public Relations           |
| Carol Barkalow      | Esquire          | Gina Wilkins                 | Christmas Baskets            | Rosemarie Dion         | Queen of Hearts            |
| Ann Marie Bongiorno | Tiler            | Noreen Hodges                | Christmas Baskets - Co-Chair | Mark Mettetal, PER     | Ritual                     |
| Marlene Evans       | Inner Guard      | Buzz Hoffman                 | Christmas Baskets - Co-Chair | Buzz Hoffman           | Safety                     |
|                     |                  | Dawn Lieber Stidham, PER     | Community Activities         | Tara McClintick        | Scholarships               |
|                     |                  | Adrienne Sproul              | Drug Awareness               | Brian Haverfield       | Sickness & Distress        |
|                     |                  | Doc Cook, PER                | Elks Training                | Randy Bryant           | Soccer Shoot               |
|                     |                  | Buzz Hoffman                 | ENF Chair                    | Charlie Stroup         | Youth Activities           |
|                     |                  | Linda Musgrave               | Entertainment                | Johnny Miller          | VAVS Grand Lodge           |
|                     |                  | Buzz Hoffman                 | Flag Day/Flag Retirement     | John Gillis            | VAVS Deputy Rep            |
|                     |                  | Kirk Martin                  | Funeral Services             | Gene Berry             | VAVS Deputy Rep            |
|                     |                  | Dolly Masi, PER              | Government Relations         | Buzz Hoffman           | Visitation                 |
|                     |                  | Dawn Lieber Stidham, PER     | Grant Writer                 | Bonnie Barnes          | Vol. Activity Coord.       |
|                     |                  | Joe Packard / Patti McKinney | Grill                        | Virginia Warfield, PLP | Webmaster                  |
|                     |                  | Adrienne Sproul              | Harry Anna                   |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Ruth Green                   | Historian                    |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Tracy Roy                    | Hoop Shoot                   |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Buzz Hoffman                 | Inter-Lodge Visitation       |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Gretchen Keehn               | Investigation Committee      |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Patti McKinney / Joe Packard | Kitchen                      |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Mike Robinson                | Lapsation & Strays           |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Toni Goodrich, PDD           | Law & Order                  |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Rudy Masi, Sr. PSP           | Law & Order Co-Chair         |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Heidi Green                  | Liaison to the Ladies        |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Toni Goodrich, PDD           | Lodge Advisor                |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Rob Davis                    | Maintenance                  |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Bob Pitney, PDD              | Mediator                     |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Mike Robinson                | Membership                   |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Kirk Martin                  | Memorial Service             |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Adrienne Sproul              | Mother's Day                 |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | Brian Haverfield             | New Years Eve                |                        |                            |
|                     |                  | PER Association              | Old Timer's Night            |                        |                            |

| <b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b> |                       |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Rick Marks                | Chairman of the Board |  |  |  |  |
| Gina Van Groesbeck        | 5 year Trustee        |  |  |  |  |
| Rick Marks, BOD Chairman  | 4 year Trustee        |  |  |  |  |
| TBD                       | 3 year Trustee        |  |  |  |  |
| Mimi Reich, BOD Secretary | 2 year Trustee        |  |  |  |  |
| Cathy Shriver, PER        | 1 year Trustee        |  |  |  |  |

| <b>HOUSE COMMITTEE</b>                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Brian Polk, House Chair                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ruth Green, Secretary                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bonnie Barnes, PER, Joanne Matos, PDD   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toni Goodrich, PDD, Brian Haverfield    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buzz Hoffman, Adrienne Sproul           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Margie Schulz, Dan Cornelius            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Virginia Warfield, PLP, Heidi Green, ER |  |  |  |  |  |

| <b>KITCHEN</b>        |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Happy Patty's Kitchen |  |  |  |  |  |

| <b>COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS</b> |             |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Max Belawske, PDD             | Americanism |  |  |  |  |

| <b>SPOTLIGHT</b>     |                     |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Carol Bressler       | Editor              |  |  |  |  |
| cbressler59@live.com |                     |  |  |  |  |
| Cathy Shriver, PER   | Mailing Chairperson |  |  |  |  |
| Toni Goodrich, PDD   | Distribution        |  |  |  |  |

| <b>LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY</b> |                 |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Farrah Pileggi                  | President       |  |  |  |  |
| Janet Barrick                   | Vice President  |  |  |  |  |
| Sue Styx                        | Secretary       |  |  |  |  |
| Marlene Evans, PLP              | Treasurer       |  |  |  |  |
| Vivian Gustafson                | Chaplain        |  |  |  |  |
| Maureen Price                   | Membership      |  |  |  |  |
| Norma Jean McGregor             | Friendship      |  |  |  |  |
| Bonnie Barnes, PLP              | Parliamentarian |  |  |  |  |
| Bonnie Mettetal, PLP            | 1 Year Trustee  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan Giallourakis, PLP           | 2 Year Trustee  |  |  |  |  |
| Virginia Warfield, PLP          | 3 Year Trustee  |  |  |  |  |



**SUNDAY JULY 23RD**  
**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 JULY 23RD**  
**STARTING AT 6PM SHARP**



**GAME SHOW NIGHT**

A range of interactive games, including:  
One Punch, Speed Trivia, the Eliminator and Speed Survey

**SATURDAY JULY 1ST**  
**FUN STARTS AT 6PM**

**DINNER SPECIALS AVAILABLE**

PRESENTED BY 

**\$5 TO PLAY PER PERSON**  
(ALL PROCEEDS TO 50 CHARITY)

**HPK**  
Happy Patty's Kitchen



Hello Members All,

Can you smell the hot dogs cooking on the grill? How about seeing fireworks exploding in the sky? Do you hear patriotic music? Then it must be the Fourth of July! Independence Day marks the historic date in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. We celebrate the Declaration of

Independence for two reasons. It represents an official severing of ties between the original 13 colonies and the rule of Great Britain. It also represents our core beliefs, the makeup of our identity as American citizens.

Our Founding Fathers were very wise and throughout the struggles of birthing a country they remained steadfast and faithful to their principles, just as we as Elks must remember our OUR Fidelity to the principles of our Order.

We cannot just take our Oath and then cast it aside. We pledged to do our part, which means being faithful to practicing Brotherly Love in and out of the lodge, remembering Elkdom is one family and Elks do not hurt Elks.

We are obligated to stand up for even-handed Justice but Justice with a forgiving spirit knowing if the tables were turned you would wish for the same treatment.

Are you living life with a Charitable heart and doing your best to do good deeds without the thought of reward or accolades? Remember too that united we can multiply the blessings we as Elks can do.

SO in this climate of patriotism I ask that you rededicate yourself to your Oath, showing Fidelity to your obligations and duties. Show you have the True Heart of an Elk!

I would like to sincerely thank the Scouts of Troops 188 and 334 for helping us present a superb Flag Day Service. The Scouts had never performed a flag presentation such as ours before and they did a fantastic job. Thank you for filling in for us. I'd like to thank Darby as well for all the hard work putting the music together and providing the on-screen lyrics. Thanks Johnny for the pre-service patriotic music as well.

Father's Day poolside was a blast, thanks to those who participated in the Hot Legs contest.

We'll be loaded up and leaving for Minneapolis for the National Convention and I'll report back in next months' Spotlight. Thank you to all who took the time to vote on the resolutions.

Fraternally yours,

Heidi Green  
Exalted Ruler

**Farrah Pileggi | LOEA President Message**



"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."—Abraham Lincoln

As Independence Day approaches this month, we salute our flag, sing our songs and show appreciation for the men and women who gave their lives so that we could have freedom. We pray for those who continue to fight for us and honor our Veterans. We hug our families knowing we are

lucky to live in this great country while watching a display of fireworks and eating apple pie.

However, let's not forget that our own actions speak for us. Conduct your life in such a way that those souls who fought so hard smile down on you with pride. In the oath we all take as an Elk, we pledge to conduct ourselves so that by our example all are inspired. We promise to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

The LOEA has more summer fun planned this month starting with our Ladies Who Lunch on 7/5 at noon. Please join us for our Casual Meeting 7/10, food is served around 6 and the meeting starts at 6:30. We have something very special planned! On Saturday 7/15 dance your heart out to the music of the hit movie Grease at our Grease Party! Whether you're a Pink Lady or a Beauty School Dropout, you're sure to have Chills Multiplying! Costumes optional but always so much fun!

I look forward to seeing everyone having fun this summer! It warms my heart to see all of the smiles. Don't forget the Ice Cream Parlor is always looking for volunteers.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help with events, fundraising and the organization please reach out to me or any of your officers. You can always email us at 1224ladies@gmail.com with questions and suggestions. If you see us at the lodge, don't hesitate to ask in person. Like a flock of flamingos, we stand taller together. Don't be shy, flamingle with other members. Remember, you are flamingoing!



# PROPOSED CANDIDATES

| CANDIDATE           | SPONSOR            | OCCUPATION            |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| David Benscoter     | Max Belawske PDD   | Retired               |
| Richard Bernat      | Michael Robinson   | Retired               |
| Bobby Bonneau       | Angela Ketcham     | Bartender             |
| Tyler Bonneau       | Angela Ketcham     | Executive Aide        |
| Kenneth Gale        | Angeleen Mapes     | Dentist               |
| Avery Bauer         | Marquita Yates     | Homemaker             |
| Denise Cheek        | Mike Robinson      | Retailer              |
| Denise Galyon       | Carol Kelleher     | Hairdresser           |
| Bill Garvin         | Mike Robinson      | Retired               |
| Guarnonex Gil       | Taylor Henderson   | Retired               |
| Philip Greenwald    | Bob Matos          | Real Estate Mgr       |
| Stephanie Jones     | Tracy Roy          | Self Employed         |
| Andrew Knapp        | James Banning      | Electrical Contractor |
| Marilyn Kutzley     | Steven McCarthy    | Retired               |
| Denis McElderry     | Carl Mascroft      | Retired               |
| Rachael Nowling     | James Smoot        | Student               |
| Thomas Payne        | Donna Sykes        | Retired               |
| Mariann Six         | Mary Ann Colarusso | Ins Specialist        |
| Tanya Soloman       | Mike Robinson      | Wastewater Tech       |
| Jetti Strain        | Michele Lord       | Retired               |
| Cheryl Vaughn       | Dan Cornelius      | Project Coordinator   |
| Kim White           | Williams Daniels   | Vacation Specialist   |
| Donna Wilder        | Mike Robinson      | Office Mgr            |
| Courtney Ziesenhein | Brian Polk         | Early Interventionist |
| Claudette Zoll      | Mike Robinson      | Director              |

### LIFE MEMBER

William H. Beal

### YEARS

37 Year Elk

### CERT. OF RELEASE

Donald Bonneau

Karen Perez

James Richards

### FROM

Hol Is #1912

Deep Creek#2763

MA #2070

### REINSTATEMENT

Rosalie Gallina

King Butler

Eileen Bartley

Tricia Wheeldon

### MEMBER #

13650

10775

13560

12630

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 36 new members in June



## MEMBERSHIP RE-STATEMENT

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

## Search for the **QUEEN OF HEARTS** Drawing **EVERY** Sunday this month @ **4:00pm**



Tickets Available at the Bar **EVERY DAY**

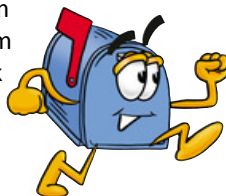
**Only 1 Ticket Drawn**  
**You must be an Elk, an Elk Spouse or Widow of an Elk to enter.**

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

## THANK YOU MAGNIFICENT MAILERS FOR THE MAY ISSUE

Cathy Shriver, Chairman  
 Tom Shriver, PDD  
 Anne Marie Bongiorno  
 Janet Gens  
 Jan Giallourakis  
 Karen Purser  
 Patti Razor

Chuck Rosenbalm  
 Marge Rosenbalm  
 Jeanne Sninchak  
 Brenda Vago  
 Jim Vago  
 Joan Vignoul  
 Adrienne Sproul



ADMIT ONE

LOEA presents

# CARNIVAL GAME NIGHT

Saturday August 19th  
6-9pm

Enjoy a festive atmosphere and a variety of carnival-style games for \$1.00 each!

SO MUCH FUN

PRIZES

PRESENTED BY

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

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

SUNDAY JULY 9th  
2 - 4 pm

MIXTAPE

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

# Bingo

CAUTION! Mixtape Bingo will expect you to sing, which may cause outbreaks of singing, happiness, energy and fun! Attend at your own risk!

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

# BACK to SCHOOL

## SUPPLY DRIVE

WHAT WE NEED:  
PENCILS, PENS, NOTEBOOKS, PAPER, HIGHLIGHTERS, MARKERS, CRAYONS, COLORED PENCILS, BACKPACKS, BINDERS, FOLDERS, CALCULATORS, TAPE, GLUE, SCISSORS, PENCIL BOX/POUCH, RULERS, ETC.

Donations collected in lobby until August 7th

# POOL RULES

SHOW MEMBERSHIP CARD TO POOL MONITOR OR BARTENDER

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER LODGES MUST PAY \$5.00

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN

NO OUTSIDE COOLERS, FOOD OR DRINKS

APPROPRIATE SWIM ATTIRE ONLY - NO CUTOFFS, SPEEDOS OR 'T-BACK' SWIMSUITS

NO GLASS IN THE POOL AREA

NO DRINKS IN THE POOL

NO DIVING IN THE MAIN POOL

NO SWIMMING IN DIVING AREA

NO RUNNING OR HORSEPLAY

WARNINGS MAY RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM POOL AND BUILDING

FOR FULL LIST OF POOL RULES PLEASE SEE MAIN BOARD BY POOL GATE

# 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.

## St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 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 |
| Sheila Carnes             | 02/27/23 |
| Yolanda Crespo            | 03/12/23 |
| Gail Camerson             | 03/28/23 |
| Margaret Magno            | 04/23/23 |
| Lawrence C. Lynch, LM     | 04/29/23 |

*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              | 5/24  |
| Wayne L. Everett               | 5/23  |
| In Memory of Al Goodrich       | 7/23  |
| In Memory of William A. Schulz | 11/23 |
| In Memory of Stephen Prins     | 3/24  |

## Gold Spotlight Boosters

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Robert Casero                  | 4/24  |
| Cathy & Carmine Casale         | 4/24  |
| Bill Tennis PDDGER PSP VA #366 | 7/23  |
| Alexandra Kaan                 | 12/26 |

## Silver Spotlight Boosters

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Betts Roberts | 12/26 |
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**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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**

**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**

## 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 Happy Patti's Kitchen



**ENJOY SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

**9AM TO NOON**

All your breakfast favorites the way you like it:

- French Toast • Hot cakes •
- Eggs & Omelettes •
- Biscuits & Gravy •



Are you ready to roll?



**It's Bounce Time!**

**3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH**

Game starts at 6:30 pm

LET'S PLAY

# Wine-o Bingo!

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
12:30PM

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\$1.00 per card  
Have fun and win prizes!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOEA CHARITIES

# KARAOKE NIGHT

every Thursday

STARTS AT 5:00PM



**New**

## FIND YOUR BALANCE with Gentle Yoga and Chair Yoga

4th Friday of the month  
11:15am- 12:00pm

taught by  
Registered Yoga Teacher  
Paula DeBlasio

Bring your own mat, blocks or blanket  
All ages and levels welcome!

\$5.00 suggested donation to benefit the Harry Anna Trust Fund



**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 have been staying busy helping veterans this month. As usual I don't want to forget to give the (800) 827-1000 number in case any veteran needs to ask any questions. It helps to have your DD-214 (honorable discharge paper) handy when you call.

I'm finally getting the veterans back to visit on the 2nd Thursday from 5-7PM for pizza and karaoke starting on Thursday, July 13th. Please see the details on the front page of this July Issue of the Spotlight.

Are there certain things hanging in your closet that don't fit anymore like belts and shirts etc.? If so, think of your vets at Bay Pines and drop them off at our lodge marked for the veterans and I will take it from there.

Have you lost your DD-214? If so, I have forms on the bulletin board at our lodge. Call me at (727) 642-8004 as I am here to help you in any way that I can.

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.



**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 hot-line...**

**(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.

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY

On July 4th, 1776 the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation by adopting the Declaration of Independence. Today, Independence Day is celebrated and honored in many forms such as fireworks, BBQs and parades. It is an opportunity for Americans to express patriotism and love of country including reflecting on the sacrifices from those in the military. Independence Day will be officially observed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, our nation's 246th birthday.

## NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN DAY

Roughly 200,000 military members retire or separate from the armed services every year, according to the Department of Labor. These veterans bring competitive skills to civilian jobs, along with core values military service cultivates: dedication, teamwork, good communication and pride in getting work done. But, finding and competing for civilian positions can be challenging for transitioning veterans.

National Hire A Veteran Day aims to inspire employers to recruit and hire veterans by recognizing the unique skills and values that former soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen bring to the workforce.

This day will be officially observed on Tuesday, July 25, 2023

## NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY

Observed each year on July 27th. It is a time to remember as many as 50,000 American troops who died in the conflict (official sources vary on the actual number), and over 100,000 wounded, and thousands of prisoners of war.

Each year, the President of the United States issues a proclamation announcing July 27th as a day of national observance in honor of Korean War veterans and their families. There are observances of this day on military bases, at military cemeteries such as Arlington National Cemetery, and more informal observances held in America, South Korea, and elsewhere.

The National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day will be observed on Wednesday, July 27th, 2022.

## NATIONAL BUFFALO SOLDIERS DAY

This is the holiday celebrating the contributions of some of the earliest African-American troops in the United States military. These troops served on the Western frontier after the Civil War. They served in a variety of ways including security, law enforcement, and other frontier-specific activities. In 1866, Congress passed legislation known as the Army Organization Act, which formalized the creation of six all-Black U.S. Cavalry and infantry units.

National Buffalo Soldiers Day will be celebrated on Friday, July 28, 2023.

## ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS ANNIVERSARY

The United States Army Chaplain Corps is a unique part of American military tradition. Said to be among the smallest (if not THE smallest) unit in the U.S. Army, the Chaplain Corps predates Independence Day and since this unit began, chaplains have served in every American conflict.

Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary Army Chaplain Corps anniversary will be on Friday, July 29, 2022.



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| <b>OFFICE: 344-6551 • LOUNGE: 344-6553</b><br><b>Sun 10AM-10PM • Mon 11AM-10PM</b><br><b>Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM</b><br><b>POOL OPEN DAILY 7AM – 10PM</b><br><b>TIKI OPEN: SAT/SUN @ NOON • WED &amp; FRI @ 5PM</b> |   |  | <b>HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN</b><br><b>Mon-Sat 11AM-8PM</b><br><b>Sunday 9AM-6PM</b><br><b>TIKI GRILL SAT/SUN</b><br><b>NOON-6PM</b> |  | <b>COMING IN</b><br><b>AUGUST...</b><br>12th – Back to School Party<br>19th – Carnival Game Night<br>20th – LOEA Clothing Sale<br>26th – Friendly Feud<br>w/Batman Media | 1<br>Tiki Open – Noon<br>Grill Open - Noon-6PM<br>Game Show Night 6-9PM<br>w/Batman Media  |
| 2 Breakfast 9AM-Noon<br>Tiki Open – Noon<br>Grill Open - Noon-6PM<br>Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM<br>Poolside Music 1-5PM<br>by "Mike Albright"<br>Queen of Hearts 4PM   | 3 "Got It!" Will return next week, July 10th.       | 4 4TH OF JULY<br>POOL PARTY<br>Poolside Music: 1-5PM<br>by "Silver Alert"<br>Grill open until 6PM  | 5 Tiki Open – 5PM<br>"Ladies Who Lunch" Noon<br>Dart League 7PM  | 6 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM<br>KARAOKE with Darby 5PM   | 7 Tiki Open – 5PM<br>MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM<br>by "Carolyn Street"  | 8 Tiki Open – Noon<br>Grill Open - Noon-6PM  |
| 9 Breakfast 9AM-Noon<br>Tiki Open – Noon<br>Grill Open - Noon-6PM<br>Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM<br>Poolside Music 1-5PM<br>by "Tim Piano"<br>Mixtape Bingo 2-4PM<br>Queen of Hearts 4PM                            | 10 Got It! 2:30PM<br>LOEA Summer Meeting 6:30PM     | 11 Lodge Meeting 7PM   | 12 Dart League 7PM   | 13 Wine-o Bingo 12:30PM<br>KARAOKE with Darby 5PM<br>Lodge is Hosting a Welcome Bay Pines Veterans 5-7PM | 14 PER MEETINGS<br>WILL RESUME<br>SEPTEMBER 12th @ 6PM<br>Tiki Open – 5PM<br>MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM<br>by "Al Ruggiero"   | 15 Tiki Open – Noon<br>Grill Open - Noon-6PM<br>LOEA Grease Party<br>\$10 6-9PM<br>Music by Bittersweet  |
| 16 Breakfast 9AM-Noon<br>Tiki Open – Noon<br>Grill Open - Noon-6PM<br>Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM<br>Poolside Music 1-5PM<br>by "Bittersweet"<br>Queen of Hearts 4PM  | 17 Got It! 2:30PM<br>Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM | 18 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM<br>TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman   | 19 It's Bunco Time! 6:30PM<br>Tiki Open – 5PM<br>Dart League 7PM   | 20 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM  | 21 Tiki Open – 5PM<br>MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM<br>by "Boomers"  | 22 Tiki Open – Noon<br>Grill Open - Noon-6PM   |
| 23 Breakfast 9AM-Noon<br>Tiki Open – Noon<br>Grill Open - Noon-6PM<br>Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM<br>Poolside Music 1-5PM<br>by "DJ Darby"<br>Queen of Hearts 4PM<br>Texas Hold'em Poker 6:00PM                     | 24 Got It! 2:30PM                                   | 25 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman   | 26 Tiki Open – 5PM<br>Dart League 7PM  | 27 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM  | 28 Tiki Open – 5PM<br>Gentle Yoga 11:15AM - Noon<br>MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM<br>by "Red Hawk"   | 29 Tiki Open – Noon<br>Grill Open - Noon-6PM<br>Luau 6-9PM<br>\$10 Music & Dancing   |
| 30 Breakfast 9AM-Noon<br>Tiki Open – Noon<br>Grill Open - Noon-6PM<br>Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM<br>Poolside Music 1-5PM<br>by "Bus Stop 3.0"<br>Queen of Hearts 4PM<br>Meet New Membr. 2-3PM                      | 31 Got It! 2:30PM                                   | <b>Looking to volunteer?</b><br><b>The Ice Cream Parlor needs help every weekend - it's easy and fun!</b><br><b>Scan this QR code and scroll to find available shifts.</b> |  | <b>Arts &amp; Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale will be back October 7th!</b>                             |  | <b>Meet at the 1224 TIKI</b><br><b>Great weather!</b><br><b>Friendly folks!</b><br><b>Good times!</b><br><b>Sat/Sun @ Noon</b><br><b>Wed &amp; Fri @ 5PM</b> |

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