

SPOTLIGHT



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1911-2023 *112 Years of Service to the Community*
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Florida Elks Day with the RAYS

TB SUN, AUGUST 27 **NY**
 VS. NYY
 START TIME: 1:40 P.M.
 GATES OPEN: 12:10 P.M.

Lower Box Preferred Tickets are \$40 per ticket (\$100 Value)

Ticket includes New Rays/Elks co-branded Hat.

DEADLINE: Deadline to order is Sunday, August 13th, 2023

To purchase tickets, please go to www.floridaelks.org/Rays

\$5 from every ticket sold will benefit Elks Harry-Anna Trust Fund.

For Questions, please contact Steve Harmon at (813) 508-2315 or Email steve@floridaelks.org



BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY!

SATURDAY | AUGUST 12th | 1-3PM



Lots of fun games and Awesome school gear give-a-way!

Ice Cream Parlor OPEN 1-4
TIKI & GRILL OPEN NOON-6

Music & Games

WITHIN MEDIA'S FRIENDLY FEUD

SURVEY SAYS...

SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH

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

DINNER SPECIALS AVAILABLE

WITH **BATMAN**

St. Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

HPK Happy Patti's Kitchen

2675 66th St, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

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

2023-2024 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS					
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
Toni Goodrich, PDD	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	Jan Musgrave	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
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		Ruth Green	Historian		
		Tracy Roy	Hoop Shoot		
		Buzz Hoffman	Inter-Lodge Visitation		
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		Patti McKinney / Joe Packard	Kitchen		
		OPEN	Lapsation & Strays		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Law & Order		
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		Heidi Green	Liaison to the Ladies		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Lodge Advisor		
		Rob Davis	Maintenance		
		Bob Pitney, PDD	Mediator		
		OPEN	Membership		
		Kirk Martin	Memorial Service		
		Adrienne Sproul	Mother's Day		
		Brian Haverfield	New Years Eve		
		PER Association	Old Timer's Night		

BOARD OF DIRECTORS					
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Gina Van Groesbeck	5 year Trustee				
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Mimi Reich, BOD Secretary	2 year Trustee				
Cathy Shriver, PER	1 year Trustee				

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Toni Goodrich, PDD, Brian Haverfield					
Buzz Hoffman, Adrienne Sproul					
Margie Schulz, Dan Cornelius					
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Happy Patty's Kitchen					

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New Member Meet & Greet

Sunday, August 27th 2-3pm

New members and Seasoned Members are invited! Join your Exalted Ruler & LOEA President at the lodge to make new friends and learn about what the lodge does and has to offer!



It's what we DO!



LOEA Clothing Sale

FUNDRAISER



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 ~ 12:00PM

Donations of clean and good condition clothing gratefully accepted! Clear out your closet and support the LOEA!



As I stated in last month's Spotlight I was headed to the Elks 158th National Convention in Minneapolis Minnesota. It was wonderful to meet with Elks from across the country and hear about what their state's major projects were.

I will be presenting a report at the August Lodge meeting.

The opening ceremony was held Sunday afternoon. Grand Lodge Officers were introduced, each State President presented their state flag, Rep. Dave Baker, Minnesota Assistant Minority Leader gave us a warm welcome to his state. Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley also welcomed us to the convention "with enthusiasm". We learned of the past year's successes in the areas of Drug Awareness, ENF and our National Veterans Service Commission.

The most important component to Monday's general session were the nominations and elections of the 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Officers. Randy P. Shook of Lawrenceburg, TN Lodge No. 2006 was elected and accepted the position of Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2023-2024 year.

In his acceptance speech Randy Shook spoke of his vision for the Order which encompassed his theme "We are THE Elks". He urges us to continue to help move the Order forward. Another motto used was "Three in a row, lets grow" in reference to the overall gain in membership the Elks have had over the past two years.

On Tuesday the delegates passed 14 and rejected 4 resolutions to amend the statutes and Constitution of the Order during the Legislative Session. For further information on all the resolutions please use your member log-in to the nation site Elks.org follow the path: <https://www.elks.org/convention/files/Minneapolis2023/2023BallotResults.pdf>

Wednesday's general session consisted of the installation of Grand Lodge Officers as well as District Deputies. The Wonderful West Central District

was proud to have Sonja Lopez of Largo Lodge No. --- installed as our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

On the last day of the convention the final registration tally was 5,793. That was one big herd!

Toni Goodrich, PDD has been named Acting Secretary and has generously rearranged her summer plans to help us during our search for a new Lodge Secretary.

We will be taking nominations at the August 8th Lodge Meeting.

If you are interested in this position it is advised that you first log into the floridaelks.org website and download the By-Laws of St. Pete. Lodge 1224 and read the section on duties of the Secretary. As a fraternal organization there are many obligations outside of the usual duties in the private sector that you will be required to participate in. Please forward your resume to: StPeteElks@bpoe1224.com before the August meeting.

At the meeting be prepared to have someone nominate you and state why they think you are qualified for the position.

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and made wonderful memories with family and friends.

Our August calendar is full of events and activities that we hope you will attend. Remember when you participate you donate. It's not only about funding our charities, it's about donating your time.

"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much" - Helen Keller

"We are THE Elks"

Fraternally yours,
Heidi Green
Exalted Ruler

Farrah Pileggi | LOEA President Message



For most US States, August can be bittersweet with the end of summer near and vacations coming to an end. Luckily, here in St Pete, FL we have summer for a few more months so we can keep the party going and have we got some fun planned!

The Carnival Game Night will be the Summer Event with surprise games, prizes and lots of laughs! Please join us!

A few things to look forward to this month:

- Clothing Bin in Elks Lobby on 8/1 (Bring your donations!)
- Ladies Lunch 8/2 @ Noon
- Wine-O Bingo 8/10 @ 12:30
- LOEA Casual Meeting 8/14 @ 6:30 PM (Dinner @ 6)
- Bunco 8/16 @ 6:30 PM
- Carnival Game Night 8/19 @ 6 PM (Don't miss this!!)
- LOEA Clothing Sale Fundraiser 8/20 @ 11 AM (Sale of the year!)
- Meet & Greet 8/27 @ 2 PM

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 flamazing!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 48 new members in July.



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

**As a reminder, the
St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224
is a members-only organization.**

**In accordance with Florida liquor laws
and Elks statutes, the sale and distribution
of alcoholic beverages is limited to
members in good standing.**

**Non-members and guests may NOT purchase or
be served alcoholic drinks from
any of the Lodge bars.**

You may be asked to show your current, signed membership card at any time.

PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	SPONSOR	OCCUPATION
Bryan Hammons	Joyce Leister	Plumber
James Henderson	Toni Goodrich	CPA
Joy Albury	Robert Albury	Firefighter/Paramedic
Linda Anderson	Toni Goodrich	Retired Accountant
Felicia Barrs	Wm Buzz Hoffman	Ofc Mgr-East Bay Rehab
Elizabeth Balcombe	Juan Pizano	Clw HS Teacher
Carly Gerdes	Sasrah Gertdes	Case Mgmt-RN
William Hefner	Van H Barnes	Retired
Kelly Jordan	Wm Buzz Hoffman	Food Service-Bartender
Paul Lowe	Brian Haverfield	Retired
Douglas Lowery	Gwen Pribble	Retired
Gerry McNamee	Jan Gens	Retired
Bradford Mills	Dan Cornelius	Active USMC
Michelle Moriarty	Toni Goodrich	Unknown
Zoe Odell	Ron Raley	Semi-Retired
Edward O'Neil	Jan Giallourakis	Alarm Tech
Nicole Patti	Dan Cornelius	Food Service-Dead Bob's
Stephen Philbin	Patty Rieger	Retired RN
Donna Reynolds	Eric Jones	Retired Hlthcare Exec
Jill Syfrett	Mike Robinson	Owner-Line Item Mgr
Tonya Torna	Katrina Kerber	Accounting
Joshua Willett	Jack Reynolds	Self Employed

TRANSFER/DEMIT

George Kraft

YEARS

Hol Is #1912

REINSTATEMENT

Gary Travers

MEMBER

#12135

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

PRESENTED BY  **Elks Lodge #1224** 

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

SUNDAY AUGUST 20th
2-4pm



SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

Bingo

CAUTION: Michigan Bingo will expose you to events, which may cause withdrawal of stamina, inattention, energy and fuel. Attend at your own risk!





GOT IT!

POP-UP EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH
6:00PM

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

SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH
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 AUGUST 27TH
STARTING AT 6PM SHARP

ENJOY SUNDAY BREAKFAST

9AM TO NOON

All your breakfast favorites the way you like it:

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



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.

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" 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.

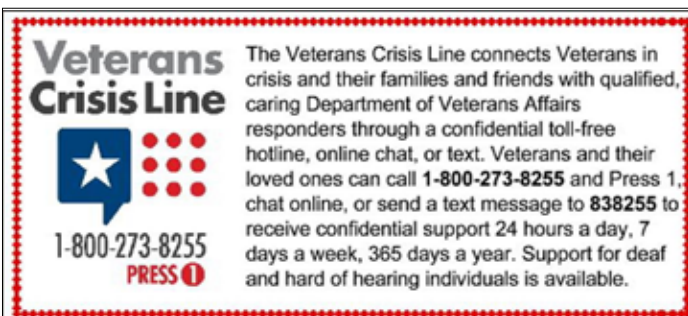
These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

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



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.

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

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
Robert B. Cowles	05/11/23
Brian Bonner, LM	05/16/23
Walter McNamee, LM	05/20/23
Carmine Casale	07/13/23

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	5/24
In Memory of Al Goodrich	7/24
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
Alexandra Kaan	12/26

Silver Spotlight Boosters

Betts Roberts	12/26
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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
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Are you ready to roll?



3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH

Game starts at 6:30 pm

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

KARAOKE NIGHT
every Thursday

STARTS AT
5:00PM

LET'S PLAY

Wine-o
Bingo!

SECOND THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH
12:30PM

W	I	N	E	O

\$1.00 per card
Have fun and win prizes!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOEA CHARITIES

Join on us on the first
Wednesday of the month
for

**Ladies who
Lunch!**

12 pm at Happy Patti's Kitchen

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

TRIVIA
TUESDAY

6:30pm

Every Tuesday except
Lodge meeting night

Plus it's
Taco 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

The veterans really enjoyed themselves at Karaoke! There were five karaoke singers in the group. We will have our veterans every 2nd Thursday of the month and the lodge will be providing dinner for them.

I am just returning from a short vacation but wanted to bring everyone up to date about Bay Pines. We can now call to set up different events like bingo and Karaoke. I was able to purchase 10 new fishing poles that were needed. Volunteer services take the veterans to the Veterans Park fishing and also off of the pier in back of Bay Pines. If anyone would like to visit the veterans while they are fishing let me know and I will try to set something up.

My number is (727) 642-8004 and any questions about anything to do with veterans I will do my best to find out.

In Comradeship,
 Johnny Miller
 VAVS Representative



**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

VA



**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

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

**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.

MILITARY OBSERVANCES

ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH

August is Antiterrorism Month, which is designed to raise awareness not only of the threat of terrorism, but also to encourage regular vigilance and communication to report potential threats. Throughout the month there is a series of articles highlighting key points for increased awareness of goals, objectives and measures.

Training seminars and videos are also part of this family-oriented outreach. Some videos are available from individual Army commands via YouTube.

COAST GUARD DAY

Coast Guard Day is held each year on Aug. 4th to recognize and honor the efforts of The United States Coast Guard. This celebration is considered an "internal" event for active and reserve Coast Guard members, plus their civilian employees and retirees and members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Coast Guard Day will be celebrated on Friday, Aug. 4, 2023.

NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY

Purple Heart Day is observed on Aug. 7 each year and is a time for Americans to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Purple Heart Day is also known as National Purple Heart Day, Purple Heart Recognition Day, and Purple Heart Appreciation Day. Purple Heart Day will be observed on Monday, Aug. 7, 2023.

AGENT ORANGE AWARENESS DAY

Agent Orange Awareness Day is an annual observation designed to raise awareness of the effects of the herbicide known as Agent Orange, used in Vietnam by American forces to defoliate future and current battlegrounds with the purpose of depriving the enemy ground cover to hide in.

Agent Orange is responsible for a wide range of adverse effects in human beings and the Department of Veterans Affairs lists Agent Orange exposure or potential exposure as a presumptive condition, meaning that those who report exposure and have certain medical conditions are presumed to have those medical issues A) as a result of military service and B) most likely have those conditions due to the exposure. The Next Agent Orange Awareness Day will be observed on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023.

NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY

National Airborne Day, observed on Aug. 16th each year, celebrates the accomplishments of Army parachute tradition. The Army's Airborne Rangers and the Army Golden Knights parachute team are among the best-known American paratrooper organizations, and the accomplishments of Army paratroopers are noted across more than seven decades of service including the Iraq war in 2003. National Airborne Day will be observed on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE BIRTHDAY

The Marine Forces Reserve (also known as the United States Marine Corps Reserve or the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve) was created in 1916, in conjunction with the creation of the Navy Reserve. Since then, the evolution of this force would expand from just thirty-five to today's roughly 40,000 Marine Corps Reservists. The Marine Corps Reserve Birthday is observed every year on the 29th of August. Marine Corps Reserve birthday will be celebrated on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023. these



Scan the QR code or go to veteran.com for more information the Military Calendar, Holidays, Events, and more these Observances.

**JOIN OUR LODGE IN
HOSTING AND THANKING
OUR VETERANS
FROM BAY PINES HOSPITAL**

**EVERY 2ND THURSDAY
KARAOKE NIGHT FROM 5 TO 7PM**

**THE LODGE WILL BE PROVIDING PIZZA AND BEVERAGES
FOR OUR BAY PINES VETERANS ON THOSE EVENINGS**

GOT IT!

MONDAYS at the Lodge

2:30pm

LODGE HALL BOOKINGS

Weddings, Anniversaries,
Parties, Meetings,
Luncheons

Whatever you can think up,
we'll work with you!!!

BOOK YOUR NEXT POOL PARTY HERE!

Ruth Green (727) 480-7500
Elks1224events@yahoo.com



Pest Control & Termites

Ask your friends about Joe call or text 727.647.4793
joe@gotbugsgogreen.com

Serving Pinellas since 1992
We proudly provide Pest Control
Service for BPOE #1224

Your state certified licensed & Insured Termite & Pest Control Company

- Residential Pest Control
- Commercial Pest Control
- Tent Fumigations
- Drywood Termite Spot Applications
- Rodent Control
- Bed Bug Service

FREE EVALUATION and 15% Discount for ALL BPOE #1224 Lodge Members
Veteran Owned, Family Owned

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

Gregory Graham

Realtor®

Cell: 727.698.9017 Pinellas
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Serving Pinellas & Marion County
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Poolside Music 1-5PM by: "Mike Albright" Queen of Hearts 4PM	7 Got It! 2:30PM	8 Lodge Meeting 7PM	9 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	10 Wine-o Bingo 12:30pm KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	11 PER MEETINGS WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 12th @ 6PM Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by: "Dazzler"	12 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Back to School Pool Party 1-3PM
13 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Poolside Music 1-5PM b: "Life of The Party" Queen of Hearts 4PM	14 LOEA Summer Meeting 6:30PM	15 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	16 It's Bunco Time! 6:30PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	17 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	18 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by: Al Ruggerio	19 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM LOEA Carnival Game Night 6-9PM
20 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Poolside Music 1-5PM by: "Bittersweet" Queen of Hearts 4PM LOEA Clothing Sale 11:00AM Mixtape Bingo 2-4PM	21 Got It! 2:30PM	22 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	23 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	24 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	25 Gentle Yoga 11:15AM Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by: "Ralph Rogers"	26 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Friendly Feud 6-9PM
27 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Poolside 1-5PM by "Kris Pierce" Queen of Hearts 4PM Elks Day at the Rays New Mem. Meet & Greet 2:30PM Texas Hold'em 6:00PM	28 Got It! 2:30PM	29 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	30 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	31 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN Mon-Sat 11AM-8PM Sunday 9AM-6PM TIKI GRILL SAT/SUN NOON-6PM LOOK FOR IN SEPTEMBER: 9TH-VP Visit @ Holiday Isles 15TH-State Pres Visit @1224 23RD-Quarter Auction 21ST-23RD-FLOE Convention	

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