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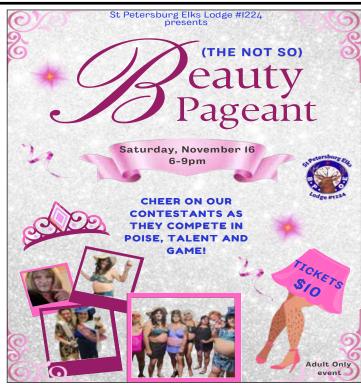
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Hello Members All,

The month of October was not kind to the West Central Coast of Florida and up into the Carolinas. We faced two major hurricanes, the first, Helene, giving us a water surge like we have not seen in the last 100 years. Many of our members lost everything in their homes and now need to start over. Our sister Lodge Holiday Isles was once again flooded

and is closed until further notice. If that was not enough the second storm, Milton, came through with major wind damage and flooding again that could be seen all through the county. Within 10 hours of the second storm passing, PSP John Vanek and Deputy GER Craig Hutch from the Mississippi State Elks Association arrived in our district with pallets of water and cleaning supplies. We want to thank them for all the help they provided, not to just our lodge members but to the community.

I have spoken with the other Exalted Rulers in our District and other than Holiday Isles, their lodges are up and running. Please let's make sure to visit them and show support in these trying times. Due to Holiday Isles being closed, the rest of the Wonderful West District Lodges will help with providing Lodge space for Meeting and Orientations. If you see someone that you may not have seen before in the lodge, please reach out and welcome them.

November has a packed schedule, starting with a Florida Elks event at OCC Roadhouse to benefit Autism and celebrate past Elk Larry Romig with a Bob Segar Tribute Band, tickets are available online at OCC Roadhouse. The Not So Beauty Contest will be on the 16th, tickets are available at the bar this one always sells out. Please review the Spotlight and social media for all the other fun and exciting events planned for the month.

We are entering the political time before an election and political advertising (clothing, slogans, hats), discussions and comments are NEVER allowed at the lodge, remember we are all ELKs, when we walk into the lodge all differences are put aside.

Remember to keep our members in need, in your thoughts and prayers.

"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided." – J.K. Rowling

Thank you for your support.

Brian Haverfield Exalted Ruler 2024-25

Janet Barrick | LOEA President Message



November is the time to be thankful, a time to remember and to embrace those who enrich our lives.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the things we're grateful for and to share that gratitude with the people who matter most.

What a great day our Arts and Craft Market was and the Ladies Bake Sale was a huge success, thank you to all of you who donated such delicious goodies.

Our meat bingo night was full of fun and laughter, congratulations to all the winners.

November is going to be such a fantastic month of fun events, you definitely don't want to miss out on the fun:

November 6th is Ladies who Lunch November 9th is Name that Tune November 20th is Bunco at 6:30 November 23rd Dueling Pianos Mark your calendars for our upcoming events in December: December 7th Arts and Craft Market and Ladies Bake Sale December 14th Ugly Sweater Party

Here's to enjoying the company of good friends and family. I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Remember:

"There's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." - Scott Adam's

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 of alcoholic beverages is limited to members in good standing. Non-members and guests may NOT purchase alcoholic drinks from any of the Lodge bars.

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





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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



Your lodge needs you! Do you have some spare time, love to have fun and make new friends? Call the lodge office today and find out what volunteer opportunities await you! Office: 344-6551

BPOE 1224

JOIN US! THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH - MUSIC: 3-6PM BY "COYOTE MOON"









Prayer Chain Requests

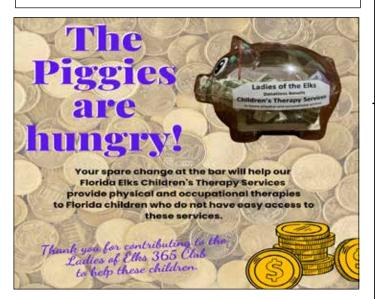


If you or someone you know is in need of prayers at a difficult time in their lives please call me and I will notify all the people on this prayer chain. Can you imagine how many prayers will be lifted up with just one call? Many of us are on or have prayer chains in our churches so the power of prayer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

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Donald Antonewitz	. 8/23/24
Luida Williams	9/6/24

Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.

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VETERAN'S CORNER

Myself and my deputies at the VA Bay Pines hospital work with different veterans everyday. Some upset with the system and others happy to receive the help we offer. Our elks office is located at Bldg 2 just before the sliding doors to enter the bldg. We are there from 9 till noon Monday through Thursday.

For those who don't realize what we do most of the veterans come to the different programs with nothing but the clothes on their back. Through the Elks donations we supply our veterans with what they need. Plus most of the elks lodges have the veterans on different evenings for dinners. Our lodge 1224 hosts our veterans on the 2nd Thursday for karaoke and pizza starting at 5pm. Our lodge has supported the homeless stand down and other events held at Bay Pines.

The elks Ladies Auxiliary also care for our veterans like donating money towards the Elks hospital fund which is taking care of the Seminole lanes bowling on the 4th Thursday at 4:30 pm. I just thought it was time to give you an idea of how the Elks care for our veterans.

Remember the elks saying! (So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them).

In Comradeship,

Johnny Miller VAVS Representative





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VETERANS DAY

As a federal holiday, Veterans Day is typically observed on Nov. 11 every year. However, if it occurs on a Sunday then the federal government designates the following Monday as the Federal holiday. If Nov. 11 falls on a Saturday, then the government may designate either Saturday or Friday. The 2024 federal observation date is Monday, Nov. 11, 2024.

When the observed Federal holiday and Nov. 11 dates are different, Veterans Day activities may take place on both days. Many activities are often scheduled the weekend leading up to Veterans Day even during years when both dates match.

Veterans have many milestones to back on. 2020 marked the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, and the 30th anniversary of both the end of the Panama Invasion and the beginning of Desert Shield.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

The Marine Corps birthday is a day for all Marines – once a Marine, always a Marine – to celebrate their shared service, history, and legacy. Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024 will be the United States Marine Corps' 247th birthday. While not a Federal holiday, Marines around the world have celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday for over a century.

History of the Marine Corps Birthday

On Nov. 10th, 1775 the Continental Congress passed a resolution creating two battalions of Marines. According to the resolution, the Continental Marine Corps sought men who were "good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea."

Hundreds of men answered the call and mustered under the first Commandant, Samuel Nicholas. His first enlisted men found their way to Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, and the Marine Corps was born.

The Second Birth of The Marine Corps

Congress disbanded the Marine Corps after the War for Independence. According to the U.S. Marine Corps official website: "Throughout the American Revolution, the Marines served with distinction aboard the Continental vessels, but with the ending of that conflict, the entire Naval Service was so neglected through lack of appropriations and necessary legislation that by 1785 it actually ceased to exist."

A naval Quasi-War with France prompted an act of congress on July 11, 1798 that reestablished the Marine Corps. The military branch formed from this act continues to exist today, continuing to distinguish itself as one of the finest fighting forces in human history.

Marine Corps Birthday Traditions

In 1921, Maj. Gen. John Lejune, then Commandant of the Marine Corps, released a memo establishing Nov. 10, 1775 as the official birthday of the service. Lejune wrote on Nov. 1, 1921: "On Nov. 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name 'Marine.' In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history."

Lejune's message cemented Nov. 10 as the Marine Corps birthday and served as the first message from the Commandant to the Corps on its





birthday. The traditional message has continued in the century since and now has a place in every Marine Corps ball ceremony.

Unit Runs

Since 2005, the Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps have led a motivational run for Marines in the area around Washington D.C. before the Marine Corps birthday.

"Having one day to celebrate the birthday is not good enough," said Commandant Gen. David Berger in 2019. "We have to have a whole week."

Units throughout the Marine Corps follow the Commandant's example and celebrate with some cadence and a three-mile run wherever they are stationed.

Veteran.com has been providing helpful information to the military community for over a decade.







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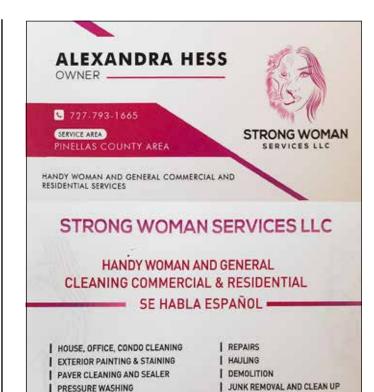


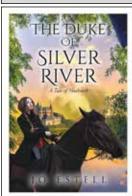
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26 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	19 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	12 PER Meeting at 6PM Lodge Meeting 7PM	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN Monday-Saturday 11AM-8PM Sunday 11AM-6PM Breakfast 9-Noon every 2nd & 4th Sunday	Tuesday
Bunco 1:00PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	71ki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	13 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	6 Ladies Who Lunch-Noon Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	COMING IN DECEMBER: 7th – Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale 14th – Ugly Sweater Christmas Party 15th – PER Christmas Party 20th – Christmas Food Baskets 9am 21st – Kids Christmas Toy Drive 11am-1pm 24th – Christmas Eve – Covered dish & ER Egg Nog Party 26th – Re-Gift Party 31st – New Year's Eve Party	Wednesday
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Many members of St. Pete Lodge #1224 suffered extensive damage resulting from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. It has been a sad and tragic time for these members. This month You Should Be Proud wants to shine a light on the good that you OUR members did and continue to do to support those who lost much and are trying to recover.

Elks too numerous to mention shared their time and labor sweating and working hard volunteering days on end to help clean out and clean up damaged homes. We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Elks too numerous to mention provided financial support to those who needed it. We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Elks too numerous to mention shared much love and encouraging words, cards, phone calls, and texts to those who needed it. We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Patty's Kitchen stayed open providing a limited menu feeding evacuees and those without power after the hurricanes. Thank you, Patty, Joe, and your crew! We are proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

St. Pete ER Brian Haverfield partnered with House Chair PER Bonnie Barnes and the House Committee to change our Friday and Saturday event schedules after Hurricane Milton opening the Lodge up to Evacuees and those without power to enjoy entertaining music and fun games in an airconditioned environment. It was an oasis and provided much needed relief. We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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