

SPOTLIGHT



BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
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 Elks National Foundation
 Elks Children's Therapy Services
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JUNE 2026

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

KARAOKE NIGHT

FEATURING SONGS FROM THE
80's
90's
2000's

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY
 6:30 - 9:30PM
 MUSIC BY
DJ DARBY

Open to Elks Members and their Guests

ST PETERSBURG LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY
 PRESENTS

ONE LOVE

REGGAE NIGHT

SATURDAY JUNE 20
6:30-9:30PM

Tickets \$10
 Benefiting LOEA and FL Elks charities

Dance to the music of
I-Ruption
 reggae band

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

Open to Elks members and guests only

4th of JULY

POOL PARTY

★ St Pete Elks Lodge #1224 ★

July 4th
 Noon till 4:00pm

Live Music by
Silver Alert

Happy Patti's
 Grill opens at
 Noon

Ice Cream Parlor
 is open 1 - 4pm

Open to Elk Members and their Guests

West Central District VP Fundraiser

QUARTER AUCTION

Sunday ~ June 28 ~ 1-4 pm

Bring your quarters for
 an afternoon of fun!

Paddles Up!

How does a Quarter Auction work?

- \$5 entry fee gets you a paddle
- The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket.
- Auction items will be showcased one at a time.
- When each item is shown the 'quarter' value will be determined.
- If you want the item, you put your quarter/s in the bucket and raise your paddle.
- If your number is drawn and your paddle is raised, you win the item!

St Pete Elks Lodge #1224
 2675 66th St N ~ St Petersburg

Open to Elks Members and their Guests

2026-2027 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS		COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	
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		PER Association	Old Timer's Night
		Mark Bonneau	Orientation
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			Public Relations
			Facebook
			Social Media
			Queen of Hearts
			Ritual
			Safety
			Scholarships
			Sickness & Distress
			Soccer Shot
			Youth Activities
			VAVS Grand Lodge
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VP Visitation Dates
All VP Visits start at 11:00 am and have a lunch served after the meeting.

Saturday - June 6
 At Seminole Lodge #2519
 with Largo Lodge #2159

Saturday - July 11
 At Tampa Lodge #708
 with Dunedin/Clearwater Lodge #1525

Saturday - August 1
 At St. Petersburg Lodge #1224
 with Holiday Isles Lodge #1912

PRESENTED BY **Elks Lodge #1224**
 2675 66th Street N,
 St. Petersburg, FL 33710

\$5.00 to play
 benefiting
 Florida Elks
 Charities

SUNDAY JUNE 14th
2-4pm

MIXTAPE

Bingo

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

Open to Elks members and their guests



Fellow Elks,
As Memorial Day ends, I hope you had a meaningful day spent with family and friends. Memorial Day is more than a holiday---it is a time of remembrance. We honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to others. It is also a reminder of how fragile life is and of our shared responsibility to protect the vulnerable and speak up for those that have no voice. What

better way to do this than with the Elks. The Elks aren't only an establishment that serves drinks, food and has a gigantic pool; we are here to make our piece of the world a better place. We are here for our friends, our neighbors and our community during times of need. We are always looking for volunteers, whether you like decorating, helping at the pool, serving ice cream at the LOEA ice cream parlor or just getting to know more people, I'm sure we can find a perfect fit, just get with any lodge Officer.

The lodge has many fun activities coming up in the month of June. Make sure you get your raffle ticket for the propane and coal

combo barbeque grill that we will be raffling off on Father's Day 21 June. Also, don't forget that I-ruption Reggae Band will be performing on 20 June, they are a great local band that knows how to have fun. But that isn't all; please look at the Spotlight calendar for more activities. I look forward to seeing everyone at the lodge.

"Help me leave behind some reasons to be missed" – Linkin Park

Fraternally yours,
Adrienne Sproul
Exalted Ruler
BPOE Lodge 1224

Kerrie Green | LOEA President Message



These last few weeks have been a lot and before we get into June I would like to take a moment to stand and give a huge thank you to our ER Adrienne Sproul and her team for doing what it takes to get our lodge safe for all of us to enjoy. The countless hours spent cleaning and doing some much needed repairs are not unseen. We all appreciate everything you have gotten done in such a short period of time.

Thank you to everyone who came out and danced the night away at our LOEA "Silent Disco"!

And thank you to Virginia Warfield for hosting this popular event! We raised over \$1000. For our charities!

Virginia was also our May Lady of the month! Thank you for everything you do and for everything you have done for the LOEA! We are blessed to have you.

Some of us attended the FLOE RV Rally through the first weekend in May at "Champions Run RV Resort". Those of us who don't own campers were able to rent one for the weekend which made this an easy way to enjoy it! This was an amazing weekend filled with tons of fun, a lot of sunshine, and my belly still hurts from all of the laughter! We will be back next year for sure and hope to have many more of you join us!

Our State Convention was held in Orlando over Memorial day weekend. Our Carnival Themed Hospitality Suite was a lot of fun! Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped over the weekend, Thank you Batman for the great entertainment and a bigThank

you Joanne Matos PDD for your help with another successful year. I would like to Congratulate our very own Bonnie Barnes who became our WCD Vice President! Look to the bulletin board for VP visit dates, sign up and come support our #1224 family.

June 8th will be our first casual meeting for the summer. If you are interested in knowing more about the Ladies of Elk Auxiliary (LOEA) these meetings give you a perfect opportunity to check it out. These meetings include dinner, a short review of business matters, and usually a fun group activity.

The pool is open for the summer and the sounds of children playing with families makes my heart smile. Our Ice Cream Parlour is also open for the season! Stop by and get something to cool you off on those hot days poolside. Please speak with Cathy Sosa for volunteer opportunities.

With Summer quickly approaching and Hurricane season upon us, let's make sure we are prepared for whatever the season has to offer. Let's reach out to our neighbors and our friends to make sure we all have what we need to enjoy and stay safe.

Upcoming Events and Important dates ~

Ladies Who Lunch 06/03 12:00pm ~ We will be going to Beef O' Brady's
LOEA Casual Meeting ~ 06/08 6:30pm
One Love Reggae ~ 06/20 6:30 - 9:30 Tickets are \$10.
WCD VP Fundraiser Quarter Auction~ 06/30 1:00 - 4:00

With Love and Friendship,
Kerrie Green
LOEA President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 8 new members in MAY.



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

PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES	SPONSORS	OCCUPATION
Aдриене Ables	Timothy Gettig	Attorney
Melissa Ann Caylor	Sheryl Lucey	Bookkeeper
Damon Chepren	Gregory McMahon	Self-Employed
Kirk Chubbs	James A. Helmbold	Retired
Robin Cuahonte	Elizabeth Mahoney	Retired
Roy E. Delay III	Michael "Doc" Cook	Retired
Elizabeth Lynn Denne	Eric Denne	IT Project Mgr
Patricia Favala	Jose Luis Valiente	Retired USPS
Clive Gavin	Nichole Morales	Insurance Agent
Carla Marie McIntosh	Natalie Spinelli	Retired
Jennifer McGinnis	Theresa Sims	SAHM
Margaret Molchan	Sherry McNeil	Server
Alice M. Paul	Jose Luis Valiente	Retired USPS
Randy Reece	Dan Masi, ER	Reece Win. & Door
Lisa Scanlon	Kellie Tatro	Credit Specialist
Jamie Scarpino	Kenneth Bryan	Veterinarian
Larry Vuksanic	Karen Sleifer	Retired

REINSTATEMENT:

Diane Durham #13258 Kristen M. Zelinsky #13731

TRANSFER:

John Calvert Holiday Isles #1912

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, spouses 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.**

SPOUSE ID CARDS

*** * * NEW LODGE BYLAW * * ***

A VALID MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE is required in order for the office to release a spouse card beginning with the Elks calendar year 2026/2027.

You may either show a photo of it or bring a copy of the *certificate to the office so we can verify it.

****We will not copy or store your certificate.***

GOSSIP

Be it in the form of a rumor that's sweeping the nation or a gripe session between friends reflects the insecurity of those who initiate it. When we make negative statements about others behind their backs, we often do so because we want to feel powerful and that's usually because we in some way feel powerless, unworthy, not courageous enough to be forthright. Hurtful words also send the message that both she or he would be willing to disparage another. Gossip means we haven't emboldened ourselves to talk directly to the people we take issue with, so we belittle them. Playwright Jules Feiffer calls it "committing little murders." In short, gossip is an assassination attempt by a coward.

-Oprah Winfrey From the December 2002 issue of "O", *The Oprah Magazine*

It's 5 o'Clock Somewhere!
 Open to Elks Members and their Guests
Saturday, July 25
 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Music by **Redhawk**

\$10 pp Assigned Seating

Benefiting Florida Elks Charities

DJ WIGGLES
Saturday, June 27th
 6:30pm - 9:30pm
FREE EVENT!
 Open to Elks Members and their Guests

ST PETERSBURG LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY PRESENTS
SOUTHERN ROCK BBQ BASH
SATURDAY, JULY 11
 6-30-9-30

GET DOWN TO THE SOUTHERN COUNTRY AND CLASSIC ROCK SOUNDS OF THE SOUTHERN EXPRESS BAND

TICKETS \$10 ASSIGNED SEATING

Benefiting LEOA and FL Elks charities

SPECIAL BBQ MENU

OPEN TO ELKS MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

FLORIDA ELKS CHARITIES
ELKLYMPICS
Saturday, July 18th • 1 PM
 Games • Drinks • Prizes • Laughs
 Open to Elks Members & Their Guests!

Going for the Gold... or at Least the Bar.

Details and Signup sheet on Bulletin Board

LODGE HALL BOOKINGS

Weddings, Anniversaries,
 Parties, Meetings,
 Luncheons
 Whatever you can think up,
 we'll work with you!!!

Splash!

OR BOOK YOUR NEXT POOL PARTY HERE!
 CONTACT: Ruth Green
 (727) 480-7500

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

Benefiting Florida Elks Charities

Your donation of \$25 gets you a seat and chips

There are only 20 seats available!
 Sign up is at the Bar

4th Sunday of the Month
at 5:00PM

No game is scheduled in December

Open to Elks Members and their Guests

C. VALENTINE BATES MEMORIAL HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIPS RANGE FROM \$3,000 to \$20,000 per recipient

OUR MISSION
The mission of the Florida State Elks Association C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship is to provide financial support for the educational needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals.

ELIGIBILITY

- High School Seniors
- Resident of Florida
- United States Citizen

SCHOLARSHIP TARGETS STUDENTS WITH 2.30 - 3.59 UNWEIGHTED G.P.A.

SCAN HERE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, PLEASE VISIT FLORIDAELKS.ORG/HOPE-SCHOLARSHIP

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2025-2026

Joseph Smolic	05/15/25
Robert Campbell, III	05/31/25
Wendell L Creager, LM	06/23/25
John A. Bourque LM	06/28/25
Elizabeth Balcombe	07/25/25
Rachel Schumacher	07/25/25
Fern Scanzelli	08/25/25
Doug Breyette, LM	11/05/25
Bobbie Wycoff	11/17/25
Douglas Lalino	12/24/25
Cathy Shriver, PER	01/19/26
Joseph O'Brien, PER, LM	04/03/26

*Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.
Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heed-
lessly 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."*

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 | masidolly@gmail.com
H. Tom Shriver, PDD | tomcat1224bpoe@aol.com

**LOOKING FOR MORE PRAYER VOLUNTEERS!!
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN ELK.**

Platinum Spotlight Boosters

<i>In Memory of Al Goodrich</i>	7/26
<i>In Memory of William A Schulz</i>	12/26
<i>In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis</i>	5/27
<i>In Memory of George Povelitis PER</i>	5/27

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Alexandra Kaan	12/26
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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
2675 66th Street North | St. Petersburg, FL 33710

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

suicidepreventionlifeline.org



Do you LOVE TO HANG OUT by THE POOL?

HAVE WE GOT A JOB FOR YOU!

LISTEN UP...WE ARE LOOKING FOR SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS FOR JUST A FEW HOURS A MONTH TO BE ONE OF OUR TRUSTED POOL MONITORS THIS SUMMER.

To find out how you can be a volunteer *and* enjoy the Florida Sunshine
Contact: Anne Marie Bongiorno
(727) 922-5499

JOB OPENING

OFFICE CLERK - Candidate must be a quick learner, possess excellent numbers skills and also be a member of our lodge. Responsibilities are to complete and balance sales activities from the prior day. This is an early AM position with a maximum 3 days per week with alternating Sunday afternoon assistance with the Queen of Hearts Drawing. Those interested may contact the lodge office at (727) 344-6551 or forward your resume to: cbressler59@live.com. Please place "Office Clerk" in subject line.

SPOTLIGHT

MONTHLY PRESS SCHEDULE

ALL *INSERTIONS DUE 20TH OF THE MONTH

UPLOADED TO PRESS 25TH - NOON

*All advertising, editorial and calendar items.

For more information or deadline extension, contact the Editor.

cbressler59@live.com

"Timing is everything. What good is finding the RIGHT thing if it's the WRONG time?" — Mandy Hale

KARAOKE NIGHT
2ND AND 5TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
STARTS AT 5:00PM
Open to Elks Members and their Guests

June 14 | SUNDAY | NOON
FLAG DAY Service
Program with Boy Scout Troop 209 starts promptly at 12:00PM

VOLUNTEERS UNITE!
MAKE A DIFFERENCE • MAKE SOME FRIENDS • HAVE FUN!
Your lodge needs you • please be a volunteer today!

1 hour or a few hours. There are so many opportunities and areas where you can help your lodge. MANY hands make light work and it's what helps keep your lodge going.

Contact the Lodge office today to find out more 344-6551.



JOHNNY L. MILLER
 Grand Lodge Representative
 Bay Pines VA Healthcare
 System VAVS REP.



Email
 johnnyleem@tampabay.rr.com
Phone : 727-642-8004

VETERAN'S CORNER

Well the fishing trip has been delayed because of rough seas. So the veterans will enjoy pizza at Patty's Kitchen and then be bowling at Seminole Lanes on May 27th.

I know I repeat myself but I do it on purpose. The fact that every veteran should check on there eligibility for the VA. 1-800-8271000 is the VA hotline and they will help you to find out if you qualify. I had one veteran come to me that received hearing aids. Think of what happens as we get older.

The VA is there for you if you only make so much money also. That is why the phone call is so important.

In Comradeship
 Johnny Miller
 (727) 642-8004



Fishing trip was canceled. Brought the veterans to our lodge for lunch and then off to Seminole Lanes for bowling. Next fishing trip is set for July 8th.

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 Stree North
 St. Petersburg, Fl 33710



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

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

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

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



Tickets Available through our automatic ticket dispensing machine

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

2ND & 4TH SUNDAY of the Month

9AM TO NOON

ENJOY SUNDAY BREAKFAST

All your breakfast favorites the way you like it:

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



St Pete Elks Lodge #1224

Open to Elk Members and their Guests

GOT IT



- 06/01 Monday 2:30 PM
- 06/04 Thursday 6:30 PM
- 06/08 Monday 2:30 PM
- 06/13 Saturday 6:30 PM
- 06/15 Monday 2:30 PM
- 06/22 Monday 2:30 PM
- 06/29 Monday 2:30 PM



Benefiting Florida Elks Charities

The Piggies are hungry!



Your spare change at the bar 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.

Thank you for contributing to the Ladies of Elks 365 Club to help these children.



St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224



\$5.00 to play benefiting Florida Elks Charities

Bingo

An evening of FUN at the Lodge

TUESDAY JUNE 23RD 6:30PM

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR



Presented by

SING ALONG TO SONGS YOU KNOW

Open to Elks members and their guests

TACO TUESDAY

1st Tuesday of the Month!

Pitcher of Margaritas \$20.00

2 Tacos with Side of Chips Beef or Chicken \$7.00

Kids Meal Cheese Quesadilla with Side of Chips Free 12oz Fountain Soda (one free refill) \$6.00

Family Night at the Lodge



St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

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

TRIVIA NIGHT

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:30pm

Eat, Drink, THINK!

FREE TO PLAY Win Prizes!

Presented by  

Open to Elks members and guests

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

2nd **SUNDAY** every month
2-4pm

Bingo

4th **SUNDAY** every month
2-4pm

Bingo

4th **TUESDAY** every month
6:30pm

Presented by  

\$5.00 per person to play benefiting Florida Elks Charities

Open to Elks members and their guests

ST PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224

#1224

Good Times Thursdays

Benefiting Florida Elks Charities

1st Thursday: Got It @ 6:30pm 

2nd Thursday: Karaoke @ 5:00pm 

3rd Thursday: BINGO @ 6:30pm 


4th Thursday: BUNCO @ 6:30pm 

5th Thursday: Karaoke @ 5:00pm 

Open to Elks Members and their Guests

Presented by Ladies of Elks Auxiliary

Are you ready to roll?



Starts at 6:30pm

NEW Day of week
4th Thursday of every month

Open to Elks Members and their Guests



GOT IT!

AT NIGHT!

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30PM





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.

JUNE OBSERVANCES

D-Day June 6th Observance

On June 6, 1944, Allied soldiers bravely stormed the beaches of Normandy, France. The Normandy beaches were chosen because of the range of air cover, and it was the shortest distance from Great Britain. Five landing beaches were selected for the assault: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. As dawn broke, the largest armada assembled began its assault on the beaches of Normandy. By the end of the day, the Atlantic Wall, (which took the Germans years to build), had fallen and the invasion was a success. The events of D-Day forged partnerships and reinforced trans-Atlantic bonds that remain strong today. D-Day will be commemorated on Saturday, June 6, 2026, also known as the Allied Invasion of Normandy.

Flag Day

Flag Day is celebrated by Americans on June 14 each year and commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States. Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in front of homes and businesses. Some communities, schools and veterans' organizations hold Flag Day parades, essay contests, ceremonies and picnics. Presidents have also issued proclamations for National Flag Week. Flag Day will be celebrated this year on Sunday, June 14, 2026. Flag Week is celebrated the week of June 14th, every year.

US Army Birthday

The official birthday of the United States Army is June 14, 1775. It's easy to assume that this date implies the creation of a fully realized standing army, but the truth is that when the first shots were fired in the American Revolution, the troops involved in fighting the British could be compared to a guerrilla force; colonists from a variety of militias in the area banded together to fight the "Redcoats."

The U.S. Army operates with close to half a million active-duty soldiers. The service has come a long way since it was created approximately a year prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

The U.S. Armed Forces are made up of Active Duty components supplemented by Reserve forces such as the Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, etc., but a non-military and unpaid civilian auxiliary exists for two branches: the Air Force and Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard is considered military service but is not part of the Defense Department, which is an important distinction from its' Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps counterparts.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is, as mentioned above, an unpaid force of volunteers who perform duties similar to or in support of the regular Coast Guard. Legislation passed in the mid-1990s authorized the Auxiliary to support any Coast Guard missions not involving law enforcement or real-world military operations. Further legislation realigned the Coast Guard, Reserve, and Auxiliary under the Department of Homeland Security. Prior to that, it was considered part of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary mission involves many activities that promote and support maritime safety, recreational boating safety, fighting pollution, even rescues. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday will be Tuesday, June 23, 2026.



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN Monday - Saturday 11AM to 10PM Sun 11AM to 8PM Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sunday 9AM to Noon	1 Got It! 2:30PM	2 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30PM Karaoke with Darby 80's Until Now 6:30PM Margarita & Taco Night	3 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	4 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM Got It 6:30	5 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Ralph Rogers" 6:30-9:30PM	6 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Noon-4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM VP Visit @ Tampa Lodge 11:00am – 3:00pm MUSIC by DJ Darby 4:30-7:30PM
7	Tiki Open – Noon MUSIC by "Duel Exhaust" 1-5PM Grill Noon-4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	8 LOEA Casual Meeting 6:30PM Got It! 2:30PM	9 Lodge Meeting 7PM	10 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	11 Karaoke 5:30	12 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Boomers" 6:30-9:30PM	13 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Noon-4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Got it! 6:30
14	Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open @ Noon MUSIC by "Mark Mann" 1-5PM Grill Noon-4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music Bingo 2PM Queen of Hearts 4PM FLAG DAY	15 Orientation/Initiation 6:30PM Got It! 2:30PM	16 Karaoke with Darby "80's Until Now" 6:30PM	17 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	18 Bingo 6:30	19 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Al Ruggiero" 6:30-9:30PM	20 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Noon-4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM One Love Island Vibe 6:30PM MUSIC BY: I-Ruption Reggae Band Tickets \$10
21	Tiki Open – Noon MUSIC by "Cruise Control" 1-5PM Grill Noon-4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM FATHER'S DAY	22 Got It! 2:30PM	23 Music Bingo 6:30PM	24 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	25 Game Night & Bunco 6:30	26 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Dazzler" 6:30-9:30PM	27 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Noon-4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Mr Wiggles DJ FREE Event 6:30-9:30PM
28	Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open @ Noon MUSIC by "Bittersweet" 1-5PM Grill Noon-4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM VP Quarter Auction 1PM Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em 5PM	29 Got It! 2:30PM	30	COMING IN JULY 4th of July Pool Party 11th Christmas in July Poolside 11th Southern Rock N Roll 25th It's 5 o'Clock Somewhere		Office: 344-6551 • Lounge: 344-6553 LOUNGE HOURS Mon-Thur 11AM-10PM • Fri-Sat 11AM-11PM • Sunday 11AM-9PM OFFICE HOURS Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri *10AM-2PM • Thur 3-7PM ***NO KEY CARD ACCESS UNTIL 11AM*** POOL: Open Mon-Sat 7AM-10PM • Sunday 7AM-9PM TIKI: Sat & Sun-Noon, Wed & Fri @ 5PM	

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St. Pete Lodge #1224 was very well represented during our FL State Elks Convention over Memorial Day weekend. 29 Officers and members attended participating in business meetings and convention social activities. Our Hospitality Room under PDD Joanne Matos and Team was #1 in attendees, food, and fun. Our very own were sworn into 2026-2027 State Officers: PER Bonnie Barnes – WWCD District Vice President, PER Heidi Green – State Veteran Services Chair (2nd time), PER Brian Haverfield – Ladies Organization Chair, and PDD Joanne Matos – FL Elks Youth Camp Director. We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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