

SPOTLIGHT



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SEPTEMBER 2026

QOV
 QUILTS OF VALOR

Honoring
**SERVICE MEMBERS
 & VETERANS**

with Healing and Comforting
QUILTS OF VALOR

**QUILTS OF VALOR
 Award Ceremony**

★ **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026** ★
 ★ **2:00 PM** ★
 PROGRAM APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES

HONORING OUR VETERANS

- ★ SN ROSS GORDON, USCG
- ★ SPC MICHAEL HARDIN, USA
- ★ CPL JOHNNY MILLER, USMC, USA

— Presented by — **ST. PETE ELKS LODGE #1224**
 ★ OPEN TO ELK MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ★

**LABOR
 DAY**

Pool Party!

★ Hosted by St Pete Elks Lodge ★

★ **MONDAY** ★
SEPTEMBER 7TH
 = 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM =

Music by **BUS STOP 3.0**

**VOLUNTEERS
 NEEDED**
 FOR THE GRILL!
 Help make it a great day!

**Ice Cream
 PARLOR**
 OPEN!

★ Good Friends, Great Music, Cool Pool, and Fun for Everyone! ★
 OPEN TO ELK MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

ST PETERSBURG LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY
 PRESENTS

**STUDIO
 1224**

*A 70s Disco
 Experience*

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19
6:30-9:30PM

dig out your flashy disco duds
 and groove
 to the music of bandstand

TICKETS
 \$10
 ASSIGNED
 SEATING

Benefiting LOEA
 and
 Fla Elks Charities

OPEN TO ELKS MEMBERS AND GUESTS

**Elks
 USA**

Elks Care
 Elks Share

AGENDA

WONDERFUL WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT
 Official Visit of
**Florida State President
 Lenny Di Lorenzo**
 &
First Lady Lauren
 September 11-12, 2026

★ **UNITED AND DRIVING FORWARD** ★

FRIDAY September 11	SATURDAY September 12
3:00 PM Hospitality Room Opens	10:45 AM Lunch & Tour Bay Pines Veterans Hospital
4:00 PM Welcome State President & Party	1:00 PM Return to Bilmar
5:30 PM Dinner Holiday Isles Elks Lodge #1912	4:00 PM VIP Cocktail Reception Invitation Only Bilmar Beach Resort WWCD Hospitality Room
	5:45 PM Dinner & Presentation St. Petersburg Elks #1224
	9:00 PM Return to Bilmar

★ **LOCATIONS** ★

BILMAR BEACH RESORT 39630 Gulf Blvd. Tremont Island, FL 33708	HOLIDAY ISLES ELKS LODGE #1912 14111 E. Pershing Drive Madison Beach, FL 33708	BAY PINES VETERANS HOSPITAL 10000 Bay Pines Blvd. Bay Pines, FL 33744	ST. PETERSBURG ELKS #1224 2675 66th Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33710
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2026-2027 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS		COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS			
Adrienne Sproul	Exalted Ruler	TBD	Americanism	Chairman of the Board	Pool Maintenance
Mark Bonneau	Leading Knight	Heidi Green, PER	Army of Hope	TBD	Pool Monitor
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Robert Maslo	Lecturing Knight	Yvette Dunar	Bar Chair	Theresa Sims	Public Relations
Carol Bressler	Secretary	Charlie Stroup	Boy Scouts	Theresa Sims	Facebook
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Calvin Tate	Inner Guard	Mark Bonneau	Community Activities	Toni Goodrich, PDD	Scholarships
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Richard Marks	1 year Trustee	Brian Bonneau	Inter-lodge Visitation	SPOTLIGHT	
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Brian Lewandowski	Loyal Knight	Rhonda Smith	Lodge Advisor	Bonnie Mettetal, PLP	Secretary
Robert Maslo	Lecturing Knight	Rob Davis	Maintenance	Deseray Masi	Treasurer
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Kim Laskey Jennifer Lumsden, Lesia Porter		Carol Bressler	Membership	Vivian Gustafson, PLP	Chaplain
KITCHEN		Adrianne Sproul, ER	Memorial Service	Bonnie Barnes, PLP	Parliamentarian
Happy Patti's Kitchen		Rob Maslo	Mothers Day	Marlene Evans, PLP	1 Year Trustee
		Mark Bonneau	New Year's Eve	Janet Barrick, PLP	2 Year Trustee
		PER Association	Old Timer's Night	Kim Laskey, PLP	3 Year Trustee
		Mark Bonneau	Orientation		
		Dan Masi, PER	PER Association		
		Margie Schulz	Photographer		

Dan Masi, PER | Message to Officers and Members of St. Petersburg Lodge #1224

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I submit the nomination of Brother Brian Metzgar for Honorary Life Membership in St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224. This recognition is reserved for members whose dedication, leadership, and service have made a lasting impact on our Lodge, and Brian's record of service exemplifies those qualities.

For the past twenty years, Brian has been a member in good standing, consistently demonstrating his commitment to the principles and mission of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His willingness to serve wherever needed has strengthened our Lodge and enriched the experience of its members.

Brian has faithfully served as a Trustee for twelve consecutive years, including six years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Throughout his tenure, he has provided steady leadership, sound judgment, and an unwavering commitment to preserving and improving our Lodge's facilities and operations.

Among his many accomplishments, Brian has planned, coordinated, and overseen numerous capital improvement projects that have significantly enhanced our Lodge. His leadership was instrumental in the replacement and upgrade of the commercial kitchen refrigerator, the installation of a new beer cooler, improvements to the pool lighting and decking, and the installation of the new curtain separating the bar and lounge from the main hall. In each project, Brian managed every phase—from planning and budgeting to execution and completion—ensuring quality results while always acting in the best interests of the Lodge.

In addition to his many contributions as a Trustee, Brian's dedication has been recognized by his peers through his selection as Officer of the Year on two occasions, for the 2016–2017 and 2019–2020 Lodge years. These honors reflect the respect and appreciation he has earned through his exceptional service and leadership.

Brian Metzgar's contributions extend far beyond the completion of projects. His reliability, integrity, and willingness to dedicate countless hours for the betterment of the Lodge have left a lasting legacy. His leadership has helped ensure that St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224 remains a welcoming, functional, and vibrant home for our members.

For his twenty years of faithful membership, twelve years of distinguished service as Trustee, six years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, his outstanding leadership on Lodge improvement projects, and his recognition as a two-time Officer of the Year, we wholeheartedly recommend Brian Metzgar for Honorary Life Membership.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of this nomination in recognition of Brian's extraordinary dedication and lasting contributions to St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Masi PER



Hello September! Hello Fall! This is my favorite time of the year. Football has consumed every T.V in the house and the smell of the fall candles that have waited to be lit again smell amazing!

Labor day is a day to relax and spend time with friends, BBQ and enjoy the long weekend.

The kids are back to school so let's be extra careful out there and slow down near schools.

August was a fun month. We started by welcoming home our WCD VP Bonnie Barnes. We also had a fantastic time playing games with both kids and adults alike at our Carnival night! My favorite is still the giant human slot machine! So much fun!

We had a wonderful tea party for our last casual meeting of the year, Margie and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.

Helen Haney was our "Lady of the month"! Thank you for your support and for always having a smile and a willingness to help. If you're not part of our Ladies Auxiliary and are interested in getting more information or you would like to join there are applications on the bulletin board. It's only \$25. For your first year and \$15 for renewals. Remember, and Elk, Spouse of an Elk, or widow of an Elk can join the Ladies Auxiliary.

We also helped to clean the lodge up and get it ready for our State President Lenny Di Lorenzo and First Lady Lauren's Visit on September 12th. If you would like to be at the dinner you can get your tickets at the office. Let's fill the lodge with ladies and show our support.

This month we will get our groove on at our "Studio #1224" Disco party on the 19th with music from "Bandstand". Let's see those disco outfits! Tickets are still available for \$10 and are available at the bar, get them while they last! The FLOE Conference is coming up the 24th-26th, This is going to be a great weekend in Daytona Beach! I'm sure we will come home with great information and maybe a story or two about all the fun we had.

We have the Fall Market coming on October 3rd. This is always a great way to start the holiday shopping season and a great way to support local vendors. Don't forget there will be tons of goodies at the LOEA bake sale. And we love your donated baked goods. Contact Susan Dill for information on how to donate.

Let's have a great month supporting each other, spending time with friends and family, and showing our lodge pride.

09/12 - Presidents visit

09/19 - Studio #1224 Disco Party \$10. (Tickets at the bar) Assigned seating

09/24 - 09/26 FLOE Conference in Daytona Beach

10/03 - Fall Market and Bake Sale 10am - 2pm

"As long as Autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas, and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see." ~ Vincent van Gogh

Sincerely,

Kerrie Green
LOEA President
#1224



Fellow Elks,

It's hard to believe September is already here. Summer is over, school is back in session, and before we know it, our friends from up north will return. I hope everyone had an enjoyable, stress-free summer. Here at 1224, we've been busy planning and working on projects around the lodge. You'll continue to see updates and improvements throughout the year. September will be a busy month at the lodge, beginning with our Labor Day Party on 7 Sep. The grill will be open, and we're

always looking for volunteers. If you have grill skills, we'd love to have your help. The following weekend, Florida State Elks President Lenny Dilenzo and First Lady Lauren Dowd-Sherlock will visit our district. They will attend dinner at Holiday Isles Elks on 11 Sep and join us for dinner at our lodge on Saturday, September 12th. Please consider attending either dinner to meet and get to know our Elks leadership. We also extend a special thank-you to the Bilmar Resort in Treasure Island for hosting our State President. On Sunday, 20 Sep, our own Johnny Miller will receive his quilt from the Quilt of Valor Foundation, a nonprofit organization that makes and presents quilts to veterans touched by war. I look forward to seeing everyone at one of these events or at another event hosted by us or the LOEA this month. Stay safe and remember to be a good human.

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

Fraternally yours,
Adrienne Sproul
Exalted Ruler - BPOE 1224



A huge THANK YOU to Kim Laskey and Kim Ganoie for delivering the donated backpacks to Lealman Elementary and Gulfport Elementary schools!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who packed and donated backpacks with supplies. Your generosity made this community effort possible, and together we're making a real difference for children and families in our area.

Thank you for showing what it means to be an Elk and for supporting our community!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 33 new members in AUGUST



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
Peggy Albrecht	Robert Anderson	Retired
Thomas Briguglio	Dawn Gubonic	Bus. Owner
John Croce	Stephen J. Kura	Retired
Sarah Doyle	Joseph M Doran	Adm Asst-police dept
Michael Hummell	Mel Smith	Bus. Owner
Elisa Gilbert	Christine Kohut	Retired
Gary Griffith	Samantha Webb	Retired
Brendan Hurley	Denise Hurley	Restaurant Mgr
Nicholas Kozlowdki	Kenneth Kozlowski	Adaptive Art Teacher
Deborah Leniz	Alina Maynard	Retired
Dana Lawrence	Theresa White	X-Ray Tech
Andrew McKay	Joanne Storen (#2159)	Software Engineer
Melissa Olsen	John Weest	Communications
Bill Traxler	Richard Perry	Ret Dep Marshall
Stacy VanFleet	Patricia Razor	Bartender
Mary Weest	Robert Maslo	Exec Assistant

TRANSFER	FROM
Mark Roche	Rhode Island #0678

REINSTATE	
Alissa Geis	Mem #12185
Edward Serrano	Mem #12159
Michael Teresky	Mem # 12530

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER
Brian Metzgar

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

*** * * 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.***

SPOTLIGHT NEWSLETTER MONTHLY PRESS SCHEDULE ALL *INSERTIONS DUE ON THE 20TH OF THE MONTH ON 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

West Central District VP Fundraiser

(THE NOT SO) Beauty Pageant

Saturday, November 7
6-9pm

Cheer on our contestants as they compete in Poise, Talent and Game!

Adult Only event

TICKETS \$10

Benefiting WCD VP Fund

Open to Elks Members and Guests

WE ARE WAIVING THE \$100 INITIATION FEE FOR THOSE HOLDING A CURRENT 2026-2027 ST. PETE LODGE SPOUSE ID CARD

Between September 28 through October 26th the lodge has agreed to waive the \$100.00 initiation fee. You would only be responsible for pro-rated dues of \$68.25 November through the end of March 2027.

Regular annual dues thereafter beginning with the new lodge year April 1, 2027

Membership applications may be picked up in the lobby or the lodge office during office hours.

St Petersburg Elks POOL Monitor VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help keep our pool safe, fun and enjoyable for everyone!

SATURDAY & SUNDAYS

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sign Up Today!

Sign up sheet on bulletin board

YOUR TIME MAKES A BIG SPLASH!

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224 KARAOKE NIGHT!

GRAB THE MIC SING YOUR HEART OUT!

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

Good Times. Great Music. All Night Long!

JOIN US ON THE 1ST, 3RD & 5TH TUESDAYS!

UPCOMING DATES:

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

6:30PM - 9:30PM

MUSIC BY DJ DARBY

OPEN TO ELKS MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

BENEFITING FLORIDA ELKS CHARITIES

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 Pete Elks Lodge MOVIE Night!

MONDAY SEPT 28TH

6:00PM

THE MOVIE IS BEETLEJUICE

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!

OPEN TO ELK MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

Benefiting Florida Elks Charities

ST PETE ELKS LODGE #1224 • 1425 66TH STREET W • ST. PETERSBURG, FL

C. VALENTINE BATES MEMORIAL HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

Presented by Florida State Elks Association

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
FLORIDAEELKS.ORG/HOPE-SCHOLARSHIP

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.**

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

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2025-2026

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
Nan Galloway	05/31/26
Daniel Bowker	06/04/26
Deborah Williams	06/04/26

*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."*

Platinum Spotlight Boosters

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

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Alexandra Kaan	12/26
Robert Anderson	8/26

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
2675 66th Street North | St. Petersburg, FL 33710

VOLUNTEERS UNITE!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE • MAKE SOME FRIENDS • HAVE FUN!

Your lodge needs you • please be a volunteer today!

Contact the Lodge office for opportunities 344-6551

HELD AT
ST. PETE ELKS LODGE #1224

PRE 90'S Car Show

CLASSIC. ICONIC. TIMELESS.
★ Bringing the Classics Together! ★

VEHICLES 1990 & OLDER

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TRUNK OR TREAT
FUN FOR THE KIDS!

\$20.00 ENTRY FEE

SATURDAY 10/31/26
9AM - 1PM

RAFFLES • LIVE DJ • LIVE DJ

COME FOR THE CARS, STAY FOR THE FUN!

★ BENEFITING FLORIDA ELKS CHARITIES ★
ALL MAKES • ALL MODELS • ALL WELCOME!

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

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Bingo

An evening of FUN at the Lodge

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 22ND
6:30PM**

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR

Presented by

SING ALONG TO SONGS YOU KNOW

Open to Elks members and their guests

\$5.00 to play benefiting Florida Elks Charities

ST. PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE

COMMEMORATIVE DECANTER RAFFLE

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial Building
1926-2026

ONE OF ONLY 100 PRODUCED
Features etched imagery of the Memorial Building and the official Elks B.P.O.E. seal

6 TICKETS FOR \$5

RAFFLE DRAWING
Sunday, Sept. 27th at 3:00 PM

+ Purchase your raffle tickets at the Bar.
+ You do not need to be present to win.

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

SURVEY SAYS...

LET'S PLAY

BATMAN MEDIA'S FRIENDLY FEUD

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
1:00PM**

EVERYONE GETS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUN TWIST ON THE POPULAR GAME!

Presented by

Open to Elks members and their guests

\$5.00 to play benefiting Florida Elks Charities

St Petersburg Ladies of Elks Auxiliary

Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale

**Saturday
October 3rd, 2026
10am - 2pm**

Arts, Crafts, Local Vendors and Gifts

**Parking Lot and Indoors
Open to Public
St Pete Elks Lodge #1224
2675 66th St N, St Petersburg**

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

**2nd SUNDAY every month
1-3pm**

**4th SUNDAY every month
1-3pm**

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

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BATMAN MEDIA'S FRIENDLY FEUD

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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

Staying busy at Bay Pines. We never know when a veteran will drop into our Elks office at Bay Pines but when they do myself and my deputies do our best to help them. I never know what kind of request I may have but this one was different.

I was asked how to go about getting a veterans ashes interred to the Bay Pines cemetery. I checked into it and if you have a DD-214 that says honorable discharge you are entitled to have the ashes in honor put at Bay Pines. Call (800) 525-1117 to get a schedule number. Then call 398-6661 press 0. Ask for the Bay Pines National Cemetery and give them the schedule #. I am available if you have any problems. Semper Fi.

In Comradeship
Johnny Miller
(727) 642-8004



Volunteer Services came and asked if our lodge could help. Ten air mattresses were needed for the homeless.

Left to Right: Michael Martin, Assistant Chief to Volunteer Services, Ashley Edpada, Coordinator, and Leslie Weltz Acting Chief



VAVS Elks Representative, Johnny Miller, was presented with a check for \$3,103 which was raised at the 5 O'Clock Somewhere Event held at our lodge for the Bay Pines VA hospital fund.

Pictured with Johnny Miller is Marlene Evans PLP, event chair.

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

VA
Caregiver
Support

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

1-800-273-8255
PRESS 1

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.



VAVS Elks Representative Johnny Miller and Deputy Calvin Tate presented the Elks Ladies Auxiliary with a Certificate of Appreciation. The hard work these ladies do all year long needs some kind of recognition! The veterans at Bay Pines appreciate what you do.

Left to Right: Deputy Calvin Tate, LP Kerrie Green, VAVS Elks Representative Johnny Miller and LOEA VP Margie Schulz.

REMINDER!

Political clothing, slogans, hats, discussions and comments are **NEVER** allowed at the Lodge

St Pete Elks Lodge #1224

Open to Elk Members and their Guests

GOT IT

♥♣♦♠♥♣♦♠

Monday

2:30pm

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**2ND & 4TH SUNDAY
of the Month**

**9AM
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NOON**

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

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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:

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

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

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GOOD TIMES THURSDAYS

LINEUP

1ST THURSDAY *Got It* **AT 6:30 PM**

2ND THURSDAY *KARAOKE* **@ 5:00 PM**

3RD THURSDAY **BINGO** **AT 6:30 PM**

4TH THURSDAY **BUNCO & LODGE POKER** **AT 6:30 PM**

5TH THURSDAY *KARAOKE* **AT 5:30 PM**

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COME OUT AND SUPPORT FLORIDA ELKS FOR AUTISM

GOT IT!

AT NIGHT!

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30PM

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FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH!

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and **CHIPS**

KIDS MEAL
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with chips
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FRIDAY NIGHT *Unwind*
MUSIC 6:30 - 9:30PM
SEPTEMBER

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11TH • Ralph Rogers
18TH • Al Ruggeiro
25TH • Carla Hines

KITCHEN OPEN Happy Patti's Kitchen
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TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

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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
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POOLSIDE
SEPT Entertainment

SUNDAY 1-5PM

6th Kris Pierce
13th Anthony Barcelo
20th JenaRations
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SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN Monday – Thursday 11AM to 9PM Friday and Sat 11AM to 10PM Sunday 11AM to 8PM Sunday Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 9AM to Noon		1 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30PM Karaoke with Darby 80's Until Now 6:30PM Margarita & Taco Night	2 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	3 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM Got It! 6:30PM	4 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Dazzler" 6:30-9:30PM	5 Tiki & Grill Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM
6 Tiki & Grill - Noon MUSIC by "Kris Pierce" 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	7 LABOR DAY Pool Party Noon-5PM Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Bus Stop" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Got It! 2:30PM	8 Lodge Meeting 7PM	9 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	10 KARAOKE 5PM	11 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Ralph Rogers" 6:30-9:30PM	12 Tiki & Grill Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Florida State President Visit Dinner 5:45PM
13 Breakfast 9-Noon Bus Investion - for Breakfast Tiki & Grill - Noon MUSIC by "Anthony Barcelo" 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Mixtape Bingo 1-3PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	14 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	15 PER Meeting at 6PM Karaoke with Darby 80's Until Now 6:30PM	16 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	17 Bingo 6:30PM	18 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Al Ruggerio" 6:30-9:30PM	19 Tiki & Grill Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM LOEA's STUDIO1224 70s Disco Experience \$10 Assigned Seating MUSIC by "Bandstand"
20 Tiki & Grill - Noon MUSIC by "Jenarations" 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Quilts of Valor Award Ceremony 2PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	21 Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30PM	22 Mix Tape Bingo 6:30PM	23 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	24 Bunco & Bar Poker 6:30	25 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Carla Hines" 6:30-9:30PM	26 Tiki & Grill Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Spookie Painting 6:30PM \$10/pp
27 Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki & Grill - Noon MUSIC by "Boomers" 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Friendly Feud 1-3PM Commemorative Decanter Raffle 3PM Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'm Poker 5PM	28 St. Pete Elks Movie Night Presentation: "Beetlejuice" 6PM Got It! 2:30PM	29 Karaoke with Darby 80's Until Now 6:30PM	30 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	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 *11AM–2PM • Thur 3–7PM ***NO FRONT DOOR KEY CARD ACCESS UNTIL 11AM *** POOL & TIKI POOL: Open Mon-Sat 7AM–10PM • Sunday 7AM-9PM		

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Students are going back to school. To help them get started St. Pete Elks donated 118 backpacks filled with all kinds of school supplies. We received an extra request from Tyrone Elementary School asking for money to help students who had no shoes to wear to school. We provided an additional \$1,000 for the school to purchase shoes for the students. Our charity work should make every one of us proud to be an Elk. We are proud of our Lodge Good Works and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Congratulations to St. Pete Elks #1224 for winning the 2026 Wonderful West Central District (WWCD) Traveling Trophy Award! The award is given out to the Lodge that achieves

highest attendance during the 4 District Visitations. The calculation for winning includes a combination of percent of members and actual members who attend the fun and informative Visitations. We are proud of each member who attended a District Visitation this summer and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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