

FL 20 - NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY, January 17th, 2025 - Meet & Greet
Lodging: Hampton Inn Melbourne, FL

SATURDAY, January 18th, 2025

On Saturday morning, there will be a "Ride to SkullyFest" leaving from the host hotel to Lake Wales at 0800. This will be a 100+ mile ride. Those who participate in the ride will receive a commemorative coin and be eligible for the Lucky Biker Raffle.

SATURDAY, January 18th, 2025

CVMA® FL 20

18th Annual SkullyFest, formerly known as the Mothership Meeting.

January 18th, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

VFW Post 2420

200 W Central Ave, Lake Wales, FL

Food Trucks, Raffles, 50/50 Drawings, Brother and Sisterhood.

Join us in celebrating CVMA® FL 20's Anniversary and Accomplishments.

FROM MOTHERSHIP TO SKULLYFEST

What started out 18 years ago with only 15 members spread out across the State of Florida has grown into one of the most active States in the Association with 18 amazing Chapters.

The first 15 picked a neutral center location to have their first meeting, VFW Post 2420 Lake Wales. It's been known in the past as the Mothership Event - where all 18 Chapters travel to meet.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

This year the Mothership has become SkullyFest - same purpose, same excitement just a new name and some new FUN



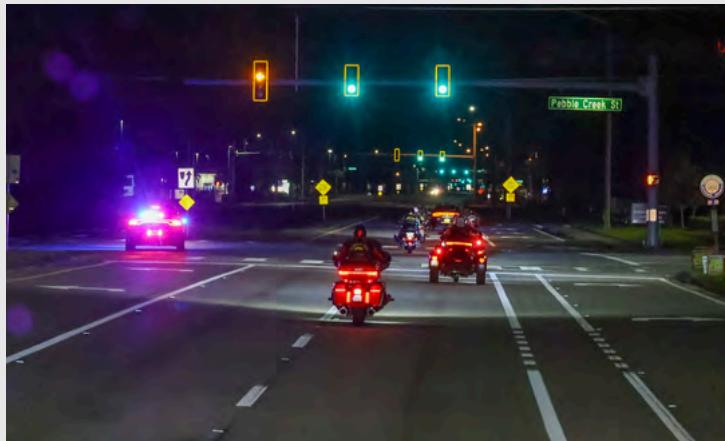
FL 20-1

CVMA® FL 20-1 ended the year strong.

OCTOBER

The fall season season sent some of the 20-1 members on a ride north where they attended the Region One Rally in Athens, GA

To end the month of October we proudly escorted the 80th Space Coast Honor Flight from Melbourne to the Orlando International Airport.



We held our Annual Toy Wrapping Party for the toys that were donated during the CFEC Toy Drive on December 14th. On December 21st we delivered those toys to Veteran families in need. We capped off the night with our annual Christmas party.



NOVEMBER

Members of CVMA FL 20-1 and FL 20-18 attended the Veterans Day Celebration at the Blue Star Memorial Park in Indialantic.

During our Bi-monthly meeting we held our annual chapter elections and appointed staff members.

- Freight Train - Chapter Commander (effective at SkullyFest)
- Demon - Secretary
- Spitfire - Public Relations Officer
- Butterfly - Quartermaster
- Flash - Webmaster

We want to thank outgoing chapter officers, PhrogMech (CO) and Kraken (Sec) for their leadership and support.

Veterans Lunch

Additionally, every Friday several of our members, along with a group of other Veterans meet for lunch at Beef O Bradys, in Melbourne Fl. What started out as a group of just Vietnam Veterans grew to a group embracing all Veterans and Veteran supporters.



Veterans Day

Veterans Day Celebration @ the Blue Star Memorial (Lily) Park in Indialantic. CVMA 20-1 and 20-18 represented.



LOOKING FORWARD

In 2025 we look forward to the new year, new adventures, and new memories.

Upcoming Events

*Mark
Your
Calendar*

CVMA® 20 Annual Skully Fest

Saturday, January 18, 2025

VFW Post 2420

200 W Central Ave, Lake Wales

FL20-1 Purple Heart Cane Ceremony

Saturday, January 25, 2025

3300 N Hwy A1A, Fort Pierce

Thomas "T2" Thompson will be presented with a hand-crafted Purple Heart Cane.

CVMA® FL 20-1 2024 Spring Fling *Sanctioned Event

Saturday, April 26, 2025 10:00am – 5:00pm

Location: Palm Bay/Melbourne



New Members

- FM Michael "Flash" Clark
- FM John "Busa" Barbagallo
- FM William "Death Wish" Ruffing
- FM Thomas "Quagmire" McNamara
- SUP Kurt "Shady" Schaedel





FL 20-1 ON THE LOOSE



FL 20-2

As we close out 2024, Chapter FL20-2 has much to celebrate, having navigated another year of impactful service and community engagement in St. Augustine.



Kicking off the year with a vibrant start, our collective efforts helped dozens of veterans through a ton of sweat equity and raised significant funds to support our Brothers and Sisters in need. The joint Celtic Fest with our sister chapter, 20-7, was a standout event, allowing us to expand our mission in support of Florida's veterans with added responsibility and reach.



Our participation in the Sawgrass TPC event, thanks to our extraordinary XO, Scott "OB1" Mobley, helped us surpass \$5,000 raised for our cause for the second consecutive year.



ROCKETMAN

October's sanctioned Rocket Man 9 was a monumental success, supporting the North Florida Veterans Village for homeless veterans; this achievement was made possible through the dedicated efforts of our Skullywags, led by BIG'N and Special Ed. We are immensely grateful for their hard work!



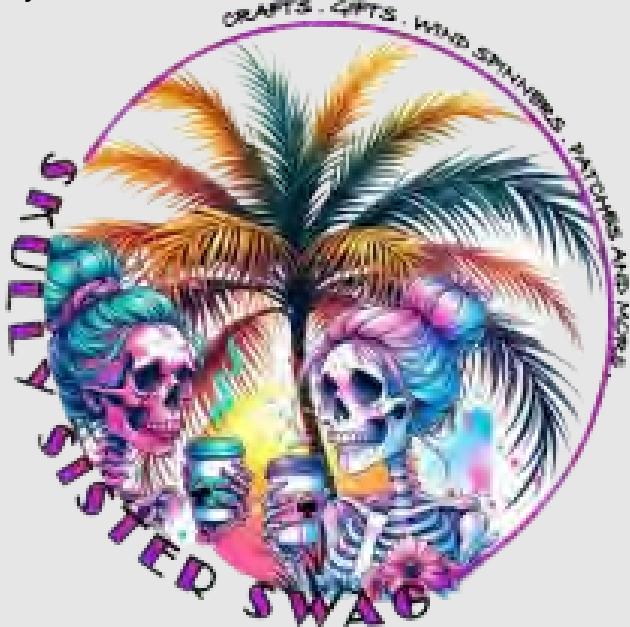
A REMARKABLE 2024

Finally, our collaboration with Team 20-2 and 20-7 for the Florida State Rally showcased the spirit of camaraderie and excellence within our ranks, earning accolades from attendees who remarked, "This is how a rally is supposed to be. This is by far the best I have ever seen."



FL 20-2 AUXILIARY

It was a very busy Q4 for our Auxiliary. Their goal is to raise money for the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. They launched their new Face Book page, Skully Sister Swag, and made their debut at the Region 1 Rally. Success!



At our Rocketman Run you could find them selling homemade burritos and donuts. Success!



Then at our State meeting. You guessed it, another Success! Thank you! Catch them at the Mothership/SkullyFest

They also held elections for their new Auxiliary Commander, Swyper, and Secretary, Dragonfly, whose terms begin January 1, 2025.

Wind Spinners



Check them out at the Skully Sister Swag FaceBook page to view all their swag and to place your order! Wind Spinners, License Plates, AUX Arm Candy Patches, Air Fresheners, and Jerseys - all benefitting the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund! Jerseys are handled as a personalized order. Offering sizes in Women's, Men's, and Youth. Pricing: \$60+\$5 shipping (\$70 men 4XL - 7XL). Reach out to Lori "SQRL LM" Epps at SQRLaux@gmail.com.



FL 20-3 “THIRD HERD”

On behalf of 20-3 the “Third Herd” we hope everyone had a great holiday season. This last quarter has been filled with transition. Many positions on our board turned over. We would like to thank the following members for all their hard work over the last year: Josh “Jafo” Bauman, Cindy “Chica” Bauman, Manny “Oggy” Layaog, Albert “Slots” Cliver, Tim “Slow Motion” Wise, Jason “Spaz” Masson, Michelle “NUTRL” Richards-Herrera. Thank you for all your hard work you certainly left big shoes for the new CEB to fill.



GREAT SUCCESS

Despite the transition we we covered a lot of miles. We had 5 members receive a total of 10 LRP awards. We raised and donated approximately \$14,000 to the Aux Scholarship Fund and various local charities over the last year. Keep an eye out for our PTSD ride in April. If any of you are in our neck of the woods please don't hesitate to reach out. Stay safe and we'll see you soon



We would like to take the opportunity to introduce our newest CEB members:

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| Commander: | Jonathan “Tik Tok” Green |
| XO: | Jonathan “Rocket” Fulmer |
| Sergeant at Arms: | Brent “Oz” Ford |
| Treasurer: | John “Rosko” Roskom |
| PRO: | Jeremy “Handicap” Anderson |
| Quartermaster: | Brian “Saucy” Bolander |
| Chaplain: | Clint “Ghost” Waldrop |
| Aux Commander: | Amber “Puddin” Ford |
| Aux XO: | Shelbie “Tipsy Green |



*Wreaths
Across
America*



*Saturday,
December
14th, 2024*



FL 20-4 COMBAT RATS

TOY RUNS

The Combat Rats of 20-4 have closed out the Final quarter of 2024 with 70 members
(53) full patch members, (13) Aux members and
(4) support members.



We are proud to announce that we have gained another brother in the last quarter of the year, Joshua K. "no road name yet"

Many of us, as like most across the state were able to participate in multiple toy drives and toy drop offs to provide help in our community. The (2) that were main focus in our area were the Lake County Toy Run and Nam Knights. A few of our members participated in the Christmas Parade in Wildwood this year



CHANGING OF THE BOARD

The chapter had it's vote for SAA and CO this final quarter and we are pleased to announce that "SPEEDRACER" will continue to lead the charge for the Combat Rats as our Chapter Commander and "BRONXX" has been voted in as the new Sergeant of Arms. As 20-4 closes out the 4th quarter our CEB is:

Commander "SPEEDRACER"
XO "DOUBLE TAP"
SAA "BRONXX"
Sec "OSHA"
Treasurer "SEADOG"
Pro "DRAGON"

"Vets Helping Vets", The motto of our organization, and that's exactly what our chapter was able to accomplish this quarter as we rebuilt a deck and ramp with repairs to home for a veteran in our community that was homebound due to not having a safe deck and needed a ramp built.





The Combat Rats finished off 2024 with a good night of fellowship and our annual holiday party at the “treehouse”, who are gracious hosts “Bocephus” and “T” put on.



Submission by: Trevor “Dragon” Andrews 20-4 PRO

FL 20-5 SOUTHERNMOST

Elections were conducted in December meeting, positions for CEB below are the chapters current CEB:

- CO: Dario "bowtie" Marchena
- XO: Steve "Jaco" Bell
- SAA: Luis "Legs" Torres
- Secretary: Andrew "Gonna" Perreault
- Treasure: Tony "9 Lives" Acosta
- PRO: Zirel "Hazy" Kocher



NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed 4 new chapter member

- Vincent "Cuz" Prestigiacomo
- Gabriel "Stormin" Baker
- Uriahn "Redz" Westlund
- Robert "bobcat" Malone
- Welcome Home brothers!



FUNDRAISING

Chapter 20-5 will be having first Annual "The Southernmost Poker Run" March 8th 2025! More info to come out soon!

Come out and enjoy South Florida and support your local chapter!

The chapter road to Key west to donate \$2,000 to support Volunteers of America.



GOODBYE OUR FRIEND

Up coming fund raiser at Petersons HD South!

Jan 11th 12-4PM

<https://www.facebook.com/floridasouthernmostcvma/>

You can find us on the web: www.cvma20-5.com

Submitted by: Zirel "Hazy" Kocher, PRO

FL 20-6

Since the last newsletter, 20-6 has experienced a whirlwind of activity, both positive and challenging. On a brighter note, we've had the pleasure of welcoming and patching in several new members over the past few months.



In October, Brittany "Raven" and Elizabeth "Blondie" were officially patched in. November brought us Felix "Hammer," Victoria "Queen," and Sean "Jawbone." Most recently, in December, we welcomed "Red Beard," who is eagerly awaiting his patch-in.

We also had the privilege of welcoming back some familiar faces to our chapter. Larry "Cway," George "Maytag," and Scarlet "Spincycle" have all rejoined us through transfers, bringing their invaluable experience and camaraderie.

LEADERSHIP

In November, the chapter saw a leadership transition as our newly elected Chapter Executive Board (CEB) members assumed their roles:

- Top Shelf as Commanding Officer (CO)
- Chef as Executive Officer (XO)
- Knucklehead, continuing his duties as Secretary
- Plaque, continuing as Treasurer
- Heavy D as Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA)

To further strengthen the chapter, we also appointed members to key positions:

- Chaos as the new Public Relations Officer (PRO), assisted by Raven
- Raven as Webmaster
- Plaque as Quartermaster
- Heavy D as Road Captain



With this dynamic team in place, we are eager to see the continued growth and success of 20-6 in the months ahead.

We would also like to offer a special thanks to Gunner for stepping in as our Commanding Officer

(CO) in recent months. Your leadership, dedication, and steady guidance during this time have been greatly appreciated. You've helped steer the chapter through important transitions, and we are grateful for your commitment

USMC BIRTHDAY

In November, 20-6 members Gunner, Heavy D, Top Shelf, and Chaos hosted a USMC Birthday cake-cutting ceremony at the State Rally, paying tribute to the Marine Corps and extending recognition to all branches of service for their dedication and sacrifices. The event was a meaningful highlight of the rally, bringing together members and guests in a spirit of gratitude and camaraderie.



Later that month, Chef and Blondie organized a Grill and Chill event at Gainesville Harley-Davidson, which raised over \$217 in donations. During the November meeting, we were honored to recognize our Vietnam veterans by presenting them with Vietnam pins and certificates as a gesture of appreciation for their service.



Chillin' 'n grillin'

In December, the chapter partnered with Toys for Tots for a toy drive to benefit children in need during the holiday season. Thanks to the generous participation of riders from near and far, we successfully collected over 316 toys and raised \$200. The toy run culminated at Gainesville Harley-Davidson, where we hosted another Grill and Chill event, raising an additional \$167.



RIDES

Throughout the year, our members attended numerous in-state and out-of-state rallies and meetings. These events provided valuable opportunities to strengthen bonds with our brothers and sisters from other chapters.

With the year ending, several members were recognized for their achievements with the LRRP awards. Top Shelf, Chef, and Heavy D earned the LRRP Grand Slam Awards, while Chaos and Blondie received their Inner-State and Tri-State LRRP Awards.



Looking forward, we are gearing up for the Combat Heroes Tour, with currently 5 members signed up to participate. Our chapter is looking forward to this meaningful and reflective experience as we honor the legacy of those who came before us. In the upcoming year, we have a lot of ideas on future events and fundraising activities, but nothing is set in stone yet. We are also in the process of finishing up our own website for our chapter that we are excited to share once it is completed.



FAREWELL OUR FRIEND

On November 23, we bid farewell to one of our brothers as he was transferred to the Alpha/Omega chapter. Though his journey has taken him from our ranks, his memory and legacy remain with us always.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Gnome, 20-7's Sergeant-at-Arms, for his invaluable guidance in arranging the escorted ride for our new Chapter Executive Board (CEB). A special thanks also goes to Heavy D, whose diligent coordination with four sheriff's offices made the escort possible. This collaborative effort reflects the unity and dedication within our chapters to honor and support each other during significant moments.

We also want to express our gratitude to everyone who came to honor our lost brother and support Battle's family and our chapter during this difficult time. Although Battle is no longer with us, he will never be forgotten.

Kevin "Battle" Kyle Gray

August 25, 1966 – November 23, 2024

Obituary for SFC Kevin Kyle Gray - Sergeant First Class Kevin Kyle Gray, 58 yrs old, fought his last battle on November 23, 2024, at 10:36 am surrounded by friends and family. Kevin was born in Moline, IL on August 25, 1966, to the late Jerry Gray and Denise Fenton. Kevin joined the Army in 1984 at 17 years old and was a decorated officer and a distinguished veteran. He served in Desert Storm, Bosnia, and Iraq. He was a Chief on a Blackhawk Medevac helicopter and was awarded the bronze star for unparalleled bravery. He was a master drill sergeant and was awarded drill sergeant of the year. His Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons awarded are too many to list. He served 21 years in the military. Kevin earned his spot at Arlington National Cemetery for his bravery and valor.

Kevin is survived by his daughter Kassie, and three grandchildren, Maddox, Maddie, and, Makenna, who knew him as Grandpa. Also survived by his Mom, Carole Gray and four brothers, Aaron Gray, Jeff Gray, Matt Anderson, and Shane Anderson. And several nieces and nephews.

Kevin enjoyed spending time with his brothers and sisters in the Combat Vets Motorcycle Organization and was known in the organization as "Battle". JC, Chef D, Gunner, Comms, Top Shelf, Heavy D, Chaos, and many others were a significant part of his life. He also found a home in Odell's Saloon and found many friends and enjoyed shooting pool and visiting with all. He often made the comment that he "found family" in the folks at Odell's.





FL 20-7

OCTOBER

Patched in Auxiliary Member – Lorrie “Short Fuse” Dedman



NOVEMBER

State Rally 20-2 and 20-7 Co-hosted
Overalls challenge



November meeting: Voted in new CC Karl
“Poledancer” Koch

Helped clean up member from out of state dad’s
yard.

DECEMBER

Gnome and No Name were presented “Certificate of Appreciation” from the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System in Gainsville, FL on 18 December 2024 for their involvement with the Final Mile Program “to ensure that no Veteran goes to their final resting place alone”

In addition, 20-7 received a burial flag mounted in a display case for the Chapters Support.



Chapter Christmas Party/Meeting Patched in
Richard “Ghost” Wilder,
David Shephard,
Nicholas Ward,
Theresa “Mama T” Coram

Final Mile - Larry Frank Easterling, E-3, USN DOB:
26 April 1943 DOD: 1 Dec 2024

Last ride of the year



Submission by: Raeanna “Bashful” Bonetti

FL 20-8

CVMA Chapter 20-8 had an active quarter as its members attended and supported the CVMA Florida State Rally, CVMA Chapter 20-10 Sanctioned event, the Chapter 20-2 Rocketman Ride, the Wreaths Across America event in Sarasota, Florida, the Dogs, Inc. Havana Nights fundraiser, and the SRQ Vets motorcycle fundraiser.



RAFFLE TICKETS

Additionally, the chapter has been provided a unique opportunity to raise \$40,000 towards Dogs Inc for its annual fundraiser.



RIDING ACROSS THE STATE

Several chapter members earned riding awards. The chapter also held its annual holiday party and gift exchange.



Great day supporting SRQ Vets and their mission for veterans.



GOODBYE OUR FRIEND

On a sad note, the chapter bid farewell to long standing members Grumpy and Corndog as they entered the Alpha Omega Chapter in Valhalla.

Submission by: Marc Soss

FL 20-9

New members this Quarter. Flash was approved into the Chapter on 1 Oct; Viking was approved on 2 Oct; Breanna was approved on 24 December, she hasn't been patched in or has a Road name yet.



James " Flash" Cole SUPP - 2453

Jamie Scott Leslie "Viking" FM - 33294

We had our Fall Poker run during the Thunder Beach Rally in October. The run was on Friday October 25th, all stops were local businesses. We had a total of 52 bikes and well over 1 hundred participants. We raised \$800 for Vets in need in the local area.



Breanna Leslie



Also during the Thunder Beach rally, we hosted a CVMA Round Up at a local venue called the Bike Rack, a great opportunity to catch up with old friends or make new ones. (Sorry only got one decent pic)



RALLY FUN

The Florida State Rally was a great time at the Suwannee Music and RV Park in Live Oak, FL 20-9 had a great showing with over 2 dozen members participating in the Rally held November 8-10.



AN ESCORTED RIDE

We had the privilege to participate in was escorting the "Wall that Heals" from American Legion Post 402 in Panama City Beach to the Callaway Sports complex in Callaway. There were many organizations present for the police escorted ride. Very humbling especially with people stopping, standing on the side of the roadway and school kids cheering/saluting as we passed by. Touching to say the least. An experience that will be tough to top.



We did a run later in the week to pay tribute to those who gave all in the Vietnam War



Some other rides that 20-9 participated in were the Thunder Ride in Pensacola hosted by FL 20-3 on Oct 5.



We rode with FL 20-11 on their "Ride out to the Hideout" run on Oct 12.



That's a wrap for the 2024 year, we had great time both as a Chapter and with all of our Brethren within the CVMA® Organization. The New Year is soon upon us and I'm positive the excitement will continue.

Happy New Year!!!!

Woody,
20-9 PRO/Road Captain





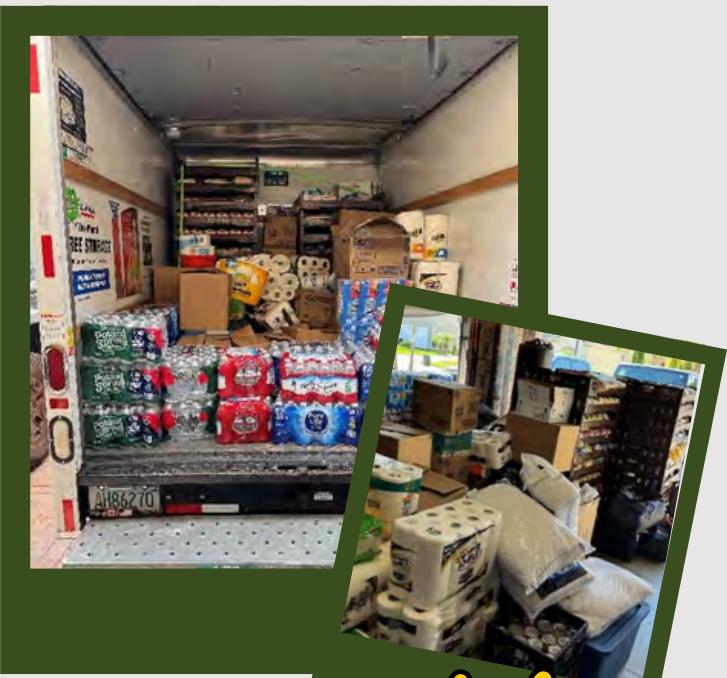
FL 20-10



Members of FL 20-10 jumped in to provide relief to veterans in response to Hurricane Helene and Milton. Their dedication to service saved this fellow veterans home.

LIVING THE MOTTO

From the members of FL 20-10 we want to give a thanks and shout out to our northern family at PA 22-7 and special thanks to Craig “Cardiac” Baker, for coordinating efforts for supplies. These supplies were critical in aiding in storm relief after Hurricane Helene and Milton. The Majority of supplies helped support the Liberty Manor in Tampa who house displace veterans.



**THANK
YOU!**

Submission by: Aaron “Mechanic” Wensel

FL 20-11 “SNAKE EYES”

FL 20-11 Snake Eyes Chapter has been busy living the motto “Vets Helping Vets”

Adopt-A-Vet.

Every year, 20-11 Snake Eyes work to “adopt” elderly veterans housed locally to brighten their spirits over the Christmas holiday. This year saw a dozen aged veterans living at Crestview Manor blessed with gifts and goodies as a family.



During our annual sanctioned event, (Sanctioned) 20-11 Rideout to the Hideout, we welcomed a new full member and a new auxiliary member to our midst.

Please welcome aboard Brother Dennis a.k.a “Beer Run”!

Also welcome aboard Sister Stephenie, wife of Michael!



CVMA FL 20-11 Annual (Sanctioned) event Ride Out to The Hideout

OPERATION COLDFRONT

Operation Coldfront started in 2017 after a local homeless vet “sprite mike” died of exposure. As a joint effort with FL 20-3 cold weather donations are collected and donated to local shelters.



Mr Jerry moved on from this world to reunite with his wife, son, and grandson in the morning hours of, 1 December with his CVMA family by his side.

He was put in our paths for reasons we are still working through to understand, but at the heart of it.... Everyone who stepped to the plate in any way picked up Mr Jerry as both a veteran and a member of our family. We collectively did everything within our power to restore his faith, hope, security, comfort, love, pride, dignity. We worked genuinely and selflessly make his final days the best they could possibly be in the time we had.

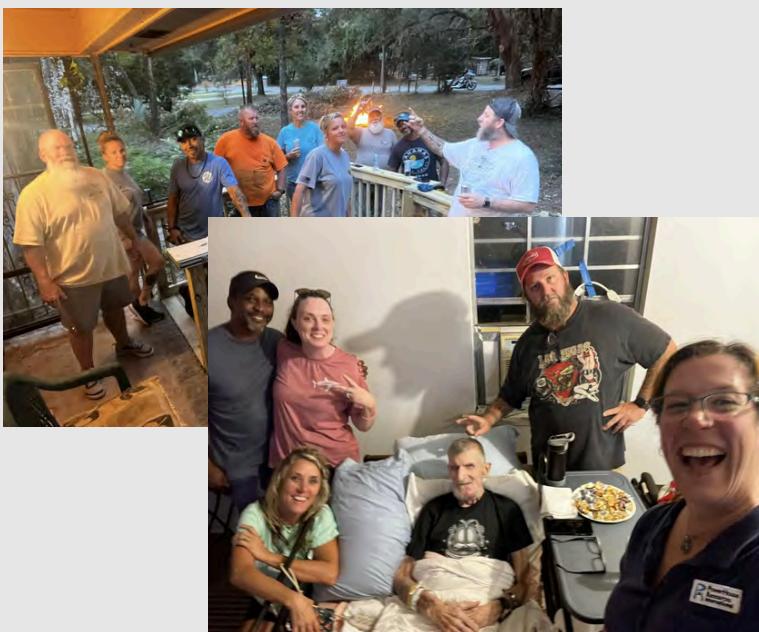
We were alerted by a friend and member of another local area 501C organization that an aged veteran was living in a severe state of squalor, no running water (for more than a year and a half) and he is not enrolled for or receiving much-needed VA benefits yet.

He'd basically given up.

This veteran also had some serious medical issues that had complicated his life and ability to live or function comfortably and safely until.

Working jointly to restore his home to a habitable and safe condition with all necessary working utilities, We were able to get him enrolled for VA benefits

Rest in Peace, Mr. Jerry, we'll take it from here!



FL 20-12

The last quarter of the year is always a very busy one for all of us. We take part in chili cookoffs and annual poker runs supporting great causes. Veterans Day weekend 20-12 assists Vet Events Tally with the Veterans Day parade and salute to veterans. Then we headed to the Florida State Rally which was a fantastic time getting together with brothers and sisters. We were able to join Chapters 20-2, 20-6 and 20-7 spending time with vets at the Lake City VA Hospital. That was a rewarding time for the patients and for us. The R1R rally in Athens was attended by several chapter members who came back with lots of stories to share. No names were mentioned LOL



LOCAL RUNS

December has various Toys for Tots runs that we try to support along with Wreaths Across America and local parades. Our own Dirty D did a great job riding in his grinch costume. We were also honored to welcome Larry St. John as our newest FM which makes our Marine numbers continue to climb up on us. We were sorry to have "Sloth" Jeremy and "Streak" Danielle leave our family and transfer north. Sloth left our XO position and Mongo stepped in. Our Christmas party was hosted by Wild Bill and June as they treated us to a fantastic taco bar in their lovely home. During that party Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Frank and Donna as non-members who greatly support our chapter helping in events, rides and anywhere else needed. Christina "Butterfly" and James "Slim Jim" were thanked for their contribution of secret chili recipes at the cookoff. Butch "FOG" and Tom "Switch" were awarded with plaques thanking them for many years of dedication in the positions of XO and Treasurer respectively.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Our FM Russ "Hack" was proud to have seen his grandson "Trey" receive greatly appreciated scholarship funds awarded by our state Auxiliary. Trey continues to diligently work on his education. His group now has the honor of being 2024 Future Farmers of America Parliamentary Procedure NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. He and this group obviously have a fantastic future ahead of them.





We end 2024 looking forward to attending First Ride on January 4, 2025. What a great way to start out the year, of course, after our annual Polar Bear Ride. We look forward to a new year filled with VETS HELPING VETS, riding, and great chapter participation in the Combat Heroes Tour 2025. Several of us are counting the days. We wish all of you a safe and blessed 2025. Remember.....S&Bb4O.

Melinda "War Dept" Topicz
LM-S945



FL 20-13

This is what Super Heroes look like, the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association® FL 20-13 swiftly and selfless responded to remove the fallen trees after the impact of Hurricane Helene.



Brenner Derr is now on his way to AIT, and thanks everyone for all the well wishes.



VETS FOR VETS

Each year, our chapter selects two not-for-profits in Volusia County who serve veterans to be our Charities for that year. Congratulations to Fix It Forward and Veterans Support Fund for being our 2024 Charities. Thank you for all you do for our veterans!

Fix It Forward
Veterans Support Fund



Congratulations to our newest CVMA® 20-13 FM members who were patched-in at our Biketobefest Meet and Greet!
Please welcome Jeremy Corcoran "Sure Shot" and Dave Brockman "Wrecker" to our CVMA® family.



20-13 had our chapter mtng along with elections, results following: Dean "Gunny" Tipper remains CDR, Jim "Stryker" Bragg remains Secretary, and David "TIG" Derr remains PRO. 20-2 came and stole the gas cap back.



VETS FOR VETS



Members attended a ceremony for Wreaths Across America at 2 different cemeteries in Deland. We had our chapter meeting and 1 patch in, Teddy "Viper 4" Harris. We presented our 2 selected charities, Fix It Forward owned and operated by Ed Rosa and Veterans Support Fund, with checks. Lastly we had our Christmas Party and it was a great time.



VETERANS DAY HONORS



What a great turnout to gift our Veteran Christmas Family today at Brilliance assisted living Edgewater. Many thanks to all of CVMA 20-13 for making today's giving possible



We also honored one of our own, Michael "Happy Feet" Ackerman with a Life Saving Award for going above and beyond the call of duty at an event by jumping off a dock and saving a little boys life from drowning.



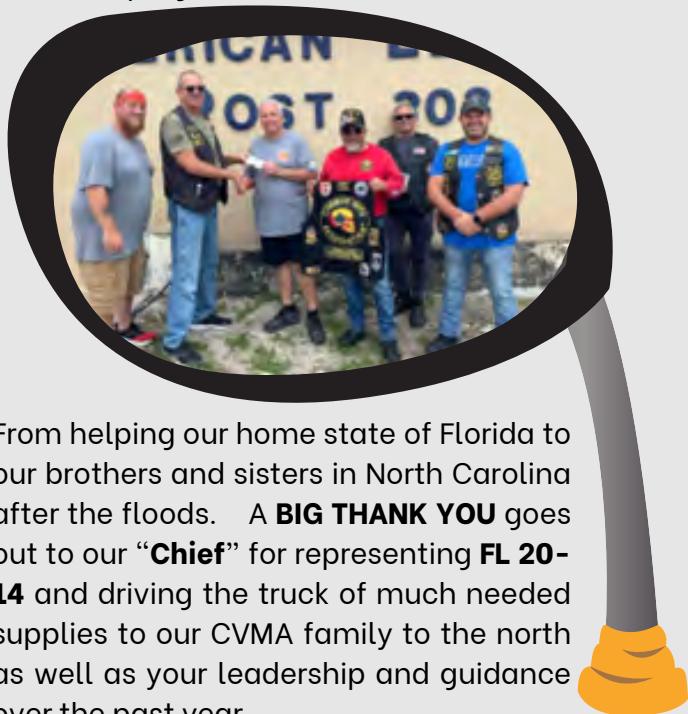
CVMA® 20-13 honored the 17 veterans living in a local assisted living facility today, with pins and certificates honoring their service. To say this was a great success is an understatement. These veterans were so proud of their service doing this ceremony with all the other residents and staff was beyond amazing



FL 20-14

A YEAR IN THE REAR VIEW...

This past year has gone by in a blink of an eye for some of us here in Paradise Coast, as well as some of our roof tops and furniture from the three hurricanes throughout SW Florida coupled with eleven tornadoes. It's been a rough one for sure but we didn't let that deter us from our mission of "Vets helping Vets".



From helping our home state of Florida to our brothers and sisters in North Carolina after the floods. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to our "**Chief**" for representing **FL 20-14** and driving the truck of much needed supplies to our CVMA family to the north as well as your leadership and guidance over the past year.

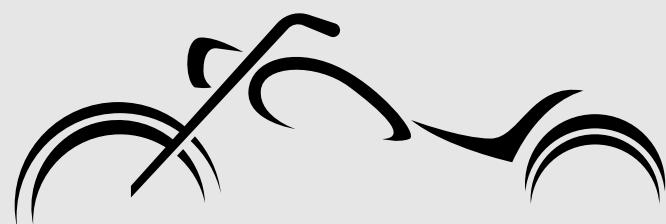


We've even flipped some burgers & roasted weenies for **Rockstar Harley Davidson** to get "**Skully**" some time in the public eye in order to raise those funds & to bring awareness to what we do "**Vets helping Vets**".

Bert's Black Widow of Port Charlotte in turn, recognized us and **FL 20-08** with a banner raising ceremony and bar-b-q event which we all were honored and had a blast. Thank you to those brothers and sisters that came from across the state to show your support.



Some of us even had time to help save a few **ta-ta's** along the way in support of a chapter sister.





We like to start strong and finish strong, so all of us in FL20-14 would like to wish you all Happy New Year & may 2025 be our best year yet! Keep that shiny side up Florida and we will see you soon from the Paradise Coast.

We started the year strong in support of the FL 20-17th Annual Mothership event.

In total, we had ten brothers and sisters, who rode the 220+ miles in the rain and cooler temps to be in attendance at the first big state event of the year.

But like the saying goes or does now, No rest for the road rashed & weary here in the southwest. Once we found out we were going to be your hosts for the State Rally 2025, our year really got interesting. We went into the state rally this year with a watch and learn attitude and of course, hussle those raffle tickets. From approvals of venues, food trucks to comb through and musical entertainment to be hashed out our year end finished busier than it started for sure and looks to continue throughout the new year

Congratulations to all our new LRRP members as well as our new lifetime members, like yours truly! This has been "Hollywood" reporting for FL20-14....

Florida State Rally 2025

When: 11/14- 11/16.

Where: Lee County Civic Center, North Fort Myers.

Follow the Facebook State Rally page for rally updates as well as our monthly raffle winners. Good luck to all who helped support us in our goal to throw you, the best state rally possible.



We're currently looking for sponsors and/or vendors. If you know of a company or want to donate yourself please contact one of our members or me directly at treasurer@cvmafl20-14.org



Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association®
Chapter 20-14
Gun Raffle

A winning ticket will be randomly drawn at the Chapter's Monthly Meeting (within Lee County) at 1130 on the following dates:

- January 4, 2025
- February 1, 2025
- March 1, 2025
- April 5, 2025
- May 3, 2025
- June 7, 2025
- July 5, 2025
- August 2, 2025
- September 6, 2025
- October 4, 2025
- November 1, 2025
- December 6, 2025

Winners need not be present to win, will be posted on social media and contacted by email and/or phone. There will be twelve drawings, one each month on the above dates. Twelve chances to win, same ticket can win multiple times.

Winners are responsible for background check fees, shipping costs, and/or transfer fees. Ticket winner must pass background check, if unable to pass prize will be forfeited.

Prizes must be claimed within 30 days or will be forfeited and another name selected.

Prizes purchased from - Rook Arms 239.471.4159

All prizes will be purchased utilizing FL 20-14 Chapter funds

No purchase or contribution is necessary.

Proceeds to benefit the 2025 Florida State Rally



CVMA® 20-14

GUN RAFFLE
12 MONTHLY DRAWINGS

\$40
PER TICKET

CAN WIN MULTIPLE TIMES!

WINNER WILL BE DRAWN AT EACH MONTHLY MEETING & POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA. 12 DRAWINGS, 1 EACH MONTH – 12 CHANCES TO WIN, CAN WIN MULTIPLE TIMES.

CONTACT ANY CVMA CHAPTER 20-14 MEMBER FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.
LIMITED SALES OFFERED. DRAWINGS START JANUARY 2025.

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Please Note: Transfer fees have changed
Regular Firearms - \$40

FL 20-15

Ramp Build for Disabled Veteran and his wife. This ended up being one happy woman as she hadn't been able to easily leave her house in a while due to not being able to get up and down the concrete steps that were there previously.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Paul "CurbCheck" Caccia on his retirement. Thanks for inviting some of the FL20-15 members to join you at your retirement ceremony.



REGION 1 RALLY 2025

Traxx (20-15 CO) and Crashbar (20-15 XO) announcing 20-15 will be hosting the Region 1 Rally for 2025 with it being held in Crystal River, FL 03-05 OCT, 2025



Details will be sent out as we get more details locked in.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Lastly, a very Merry Christmas at the 20-15 Christmas party!!



Carl "Sand Trap" Blocker
FL20-15 PRO

FL 20-16

We've had a very busy quarter and are very excited to share with you all some of our highlights:

We hosted our 3rd Annual Salute to Service Cornhole Tournament. Even after having to reschedule due to hurricane Milton, It was a great success and fundraising event. We were able to present donations to KISS and Veterans Memorial Reunion for \$1000.00 each and our proceeds from the event were sent as a donation to the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. We were able to raise **\$7043.00** for the Aux Fund!!



NEW MEMBERS AND CEB

We also welcomed our newest New Full Member- Stumps



We also welcomed new CEB Members
Chapter XO (previously Chapter Secretary)-
Runner Up
Secretary- Little Doc
Treasurer- Wiseguy

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day visit to Alwin C. Cashe Veterans Nursing Home





Played some reindeer games at Alwin C. Cashe Veterans Nursing Home



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

We paid our respects and participated in Wreaths Across America



and lastly our Chapter Holiday Party. We are very excited to see what 2025 holds for our chapter and look forward to continuing to do our mission of VETS HELPING VETS!!



FL 20-17 CIGAR CITY

The Cigar City Chapter closed out the year stronger and better than we started!

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

We patched in two new members at our Christmas Potluck.

Welcome Home Judson "Wolf" Conley and Denny "Rockout" Hiscock! We also welcomed two member transfers from TX 23-12, Paul "Poppi T" Thorpe & his wife Bonnie from TX 23-12.



During our November meeting, "Maverick" Punte received his Distinguished Rider Program patch, and Pete "Leroy" Jones and Jason "Twisted" Weicht received their 5000 mile tabs. Congrats!



CHAPTER EVENTS

Hurricane Relief Efforts

Hurricanes Helene and Milton took their toll on all of us, but as a CVMA® family we pulled through and were able to spend some quality time together while providing some much-needed assistance in the process. After some intense debris clearing at a fellow chapter member's home in Riverview, we joined forces with Chapter 20-10 to offload toiletry and grocery donations to Liberty Manor Veterans Home in Tampa.



Submission by: Pixie

Wesley Chapel HD RPB Graphics Car Show

The Wesley Chapel Harley Davidson hosted a spooky fun Car Show on October 19th, complete with vendors and a Trunk-or-Treat sponsored by RPB Auto Concepts and Graphics. We also had the opportunity to meet and spend time with other Florida CVMA® members working at WC HD.



American Legion Riders Chapter 8 - Wreaths Across America Poker Run

Several Chapter Members supported American Legion Riders Winter Haven Chapter 8's 4th Annual Wreaths Across America Poker Run on October 26th. Our very own Emily "Whisper" Metten received a Letter of Appreciation for her direct support and participation in the fundraising event that netted over \$10K for the Wreaths Across America program and solidified American Legion Riders Chapter 8's commitment to support future CVMA® events.



FLORIDA STATE RALLY

Fifteen Chapter Members attended the Florida State Rally at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak, FL from 8-10 November. FL Chapters 20-2 & 20-7 were phenomenal hosts, and we enjoyed the outdoorsy laid-back atmosphere of fun and fellowship. See you at State 2025!



Veterans' Day Mission BBQ

Cigar City Chapter Members joined Mission BBQ in Brandon, together with local Veterans organizations and Guardian Fleet Services, by raising the flag during a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11.

.James Claydon Funeral Escort

Eric “Quills” Wilmoth represented FL 20-17 during the funeral escort for Chapter 20-8 Brother James Claydon. God bless the Claydon and CVMA® families. Til Valhalla.



SFMC Dice Run

We joined up with some fellow FL CVMA® Members at the Special Forces Brotherhood Dice Run at Kelly’s Simple Life Outfitters following our November 16th Chapter Meeting.



Tampa Bay Toys for Tots Run

The Cigar City Chapter participated in the John “Pops” Hattan Memorial 15th Anniversary Tampa Bay Toys for Tots Run. Hundreds of bikes converged on River’s Edge in Gibsonton for this incredible cause to bring a little more light to a child’s Christmas morning. Ho ho ho!



Harley Grady Escort

A Veteran friend of Darrell “Rocket” May requested an unofficial escort for his father’s remains. He is a Patriot Guard Rider but they were unable to support as the father’s DD-214 could not be located. On December 17th, we were proud to step in by conducting a flag-folding ceremony and presenting the flag to his wife. Vets Honoring Vets!





Christmas Party

This year we combined our annual Christmas Party with the spirit of giving. On December 21st our chapter, led by Nakita "Cherry Popper" Scott, presented two gift (laundry) baskets full of needed clothing and toiletry items for residents of the Colonel Freddie C. Austin Veterans Home in Lakeland. This ride was followed up with karaoke, Christmas cookie decorating, white elephant gift exchange, and a visit from Santa (played by Chapter Commander Pete "Leroy" Jones) at our Christmas Party and Potluck at the AmVets Post 26 in Dover. We even had visitors from 41-2 in Nevada, Viking & Falcon. All the best to our Florida CVMA® brothers and sisters in 2025!



Small Business Spotlight:

You've probably seen her tent set up around the Tampa Bay and Central Florida areas. Emily "Whisper" Metten sells Scentsy products and is a huge supporter of local veteran and motorcycle communities. Her sales have supported her through her college career at St. Leo University, from which she will become an Alumna in May 2025!

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/emilys.scentsy.fun>

Website: <https://emilymetten02.scentsy.us/>



FL 20-18

We started off October with a bang on our way to FL 20-14 event at Black Widow Harley in Port Charlotte. While on our way we had to make a little pit stop because of Grumpy, lol. So, we had a start to the party in the parking lot the best way we know how. With beers and a whole lot of laughs.

Dash 18 traveled north to support the Rocket Man Ride in St. Augustine for FL 20-2 Event



NOV 12 FL STATE RALLY



OCT 6 20-14 EVENT AT BLACK WIDOW HARLEY



NOV 17 RIDE WITH 20-5 TO KEY WEST

NOVEMBER FESTIVITIES

Dash 18 was well represented at the Florida State Rally where we had a blast together as always. We had the pleasure of patching in our newest full member, Ruckus. We made a lot of memories as well as lots of laughs all around. On the way way back we had to rescue the Gas cap as it was stranded on the side of the road being accompanied by a 20-5 old timer. We are glad we were able to also recover his son's bike.

We had the pleasure of joining the SoFlo boys from CVMA® 20-5 Florida's Southernmost“ “ on a ride to Key West, Florida to support the @Eloy A. Rodriguez, Jr. Veterans Village. W had a great time visiting with the residents.

We had a great turnout for our monthly meeting where we were able to elect a for a new Chapter Commander, a new PRO and retained the Secretary for another term. Congrats to Grumpy (CC), Bootz (CSEC) and Ass Quack (the PRO). After the meeting we enjoyed some much-needed camaraderie while enjoying some libations at the Square Grouper in Fort Pierce.

We had the unfortunate opportunity to assist a Brother and Sister who suffer a house fire. Our Chapter held a virtual pass and was able to collect \$6,757 to aid this family. We want to thank all who donated, this was a great example of S&Bb4O.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

We supported the 18th Annual Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office Police Athletic League Biker Toy Run 2024.'Dec 14, 2024 – Visited the Isle of Vero senior home to spent some time with some pretty cool Veterans before the Christmas.



Had the honor remember the Fallen while volunteering with Wreaths Across America to lay wreaths on fallen veterans' graves at Crestlawn Cemetery before the Christmas Holidays to place.

We decided to move our December Chapter meeting from the Treasure Coast with a ride to Norwood's Restaurant and Tree House Bar in New Smyrna beach. We had a great time with a great turnout for our 2nd annual Ugly Sweater Ride.



We had one more Meet and Greet before the end of the year at Sailfish Brewery in Fort Pierce.

Our last breakfast Ride of the year turned into cage fest in Ms. Frizzle's Magic School Bus as we headed to Crackers Cafe in Indiantown.

Congratulations to our members who completed the Long-Range Riding Platoon, Inner State: Skreech, TikTok, Grumpy, Bootz, and Juggernaut.



CVMA® 20-13 honored the 17 veterans living in a local assisted living facility today, with pins and certificates honoring their service. To say this was a great success is an understatement. These veterans were so proud of their service doing this ceremony with all the other residents and staff was beyond amazing



SAVE THE DATE



Save the date!!! Come join the CVMA® 20-18, The Treasure Coast Chapter as we celebrate our second anniversary with our 2nd Mandatory Fun Poker Run (Sanctioned Event). Everyone and every kind of bike is welcome to join the fun. If your bike is out of commission, consider caging down and joining the fun. Date is February 22, 2025.

We are also having a 3 Gun Raffle during our sanctioned event. Tickets are \$20 each for an opportunity to win a Jarhead's Custom Built Recon AR-15 (Coyote), a Springfield Armory Hellcat Pro 9mm or a Weatherby 12ga Pump Shotgun. If you want to buy tickets, please reach out to one of our Chapter members.

CVMA® FL 20-18 AND JARHEAD'S GUN & AMMO PRESENT

THREE GUN RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS HELPING LOCAL VETERANS

ENTER TO WIN

WINNERS TO BE DRAWN AT THE 2ND ANNUAL MANDATORY FUN DAY POKER RUN ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025!

\$20 PER TICKET **ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD**

JARHEAD'S CUSTOM BUILT RECON AR-15 (COYOTE)

WEATHERBY 12GA PUMP SHOTGUN

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY HELLCAT PRO 9MM

FIRST NAME DRAWN RECEIVES THE JARHEAD'S CUSTOM BUILT RECON AR-15 (COYOTE), 2ND NAME SPRINGFIELD ARMORY HELLCAT PRO 9MM, 3RD NAME WEATHERBY 12GA PUMP SHOTGUN.

MUST BE 21 TO ENTER, AND LEGALLY ABLE TO RECEIVE FIREARM. TRANSFER WILL TAKE PLACE AT JARHEAD'S GUN & AMMO 161 SEBASTIAN BLVD, SUITE 306, SEBASTIAN, FL 32958 (772) 205-4122

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Grumpy - (706) 604-2692

Boots - (706) 604 2694

GG - (772) 260-6910

Ass Quack - (337) 296-4829

Hollywood (813) 454- 2315

ENTER To Win

FL AUXILIARY REP



2024 is in the books Florida and once again you guys have knocked it out of the park!! Florida took the lead on the state with the most donations raised for the 2nd year in a row!! You guys are killing it! Florida raised \$32,865.86!!! That's right ladies and gentlemen!! Almost \$33K! IN LESS THAN A YEAR!! That is absolutely remarkable! We raised almost 3k more than any other state! I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you that helped to make this possible!! A big shout out to the Combat Heros Tour!!! Your participation in the CHT helped donate \$3,600.00 towards the Auxiliary Scholarship for 2024!! If it wasn't for your participation we would have come in second to Ohio!! They were hot on our heels with \$29,950.00!! I am excited to see the posts and pictures of our members participation in the Combat Heros Tour and I am thankful for everyone's support!

AUXILIARY NEWS

Now here comes the fun part of the Auxiliary Scholarship!! Getting in those applications! Last year Florida raised \$33k for the Aux scholarship and the state was awarded with \$30k worth of scholarships!! That's right! The money WE raised helped your Florida Brothers, your Sisters, their kids.. all right here in our backyard. I would love to see lots of applications again from our state!! Keep an eye out for emails regarding when the application process will start.



2025 is here and Florida is gonna make some waves! Let's make 2025 a year to remember!!

Love Yours Truly,

Lisa "Rogue" Martin
Florida Auxiliary State Rep
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FloridaASR@Gmail.com
470-388-2549

FL STATE SECRETARY

Holiday Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters!

First and foremost, I would like to thank you all for allowing me the honor of being your, first ever, Florida State Secretary.



I have been working diligently with Cardiac, learning the different processes to make this great Association run. For example, in just the two months since assuming the role of SSEC, I have processed ~30 applications, a Dozen or so Logo Use requests, scores of emails, and more phone calls and texts than I can conveniently count.

It certainly keeps me busy! But it is a labor of love! I truly enjoy serving my CVMA family! Please know that I am here for you and if you ever need anything that I can help with, please, do not hesitate to give me a shout.

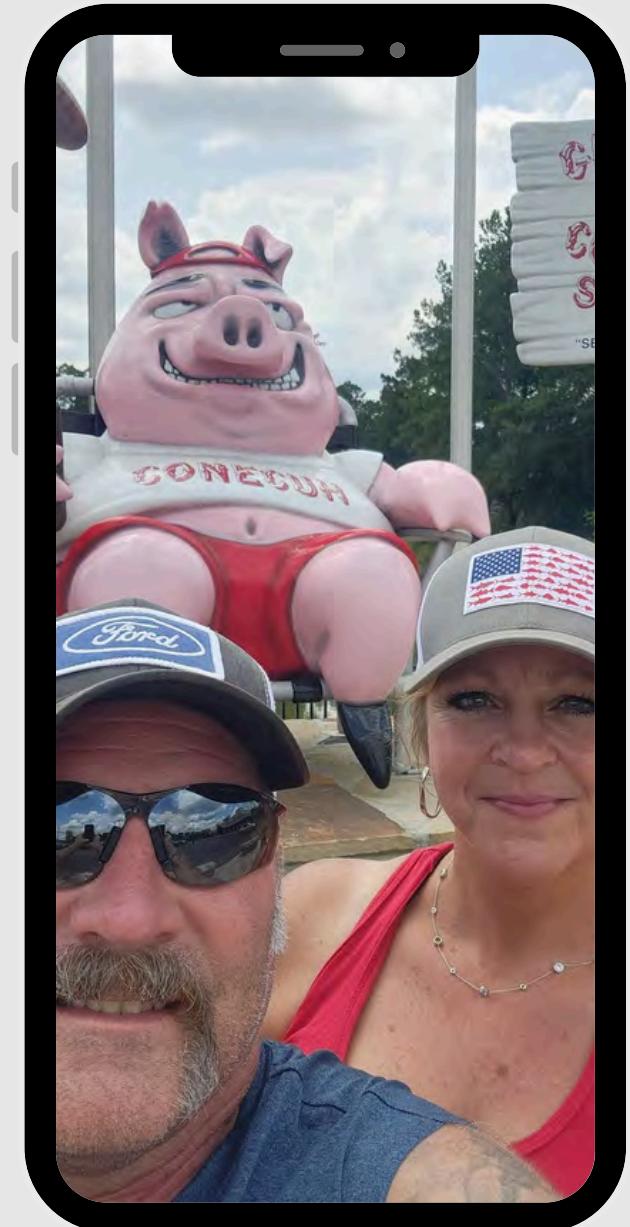


Bocephus
Florida State Secretary
352.530.7361

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REP

Brothers & Sisters,

Well, another year has come & gone. The time seems to just fly by. It has been a year full of memories as they all have been since joining the association.



One main thing I'd like to mention is saying "Thank you" to the 113 members that have signed up for the Combat Heroes Tour so far. Because of your support we were able to make a sizeable \$3600 donation to the AUX Scholarship Fund. That donation put Florida back on top for the second year in a row!



As always, we are looking forward to the year ahead and all the great things that we will do for each other, our veterans and their families.

Take Care and Robynn & I hope to see you down the road soon.

Take Care & Stay Safe

Craig "Cardiac" & Robynn "Stinger"
Florida State Rep

