FL 20 - NEWSLETTER

2025 CVMA® NATIONALS

CVMA[®] Region I welcomes you to the beautiful state of Georgia. We're excited to host you for the 25th Annual National Convention and meeting of the Combat Veteran's Motorcycle Association[®].

23-29 June 2025 The Classic Center 300 N Thomas St, Athens, GA 30601 The Athens, GA Classic Center will host all meetings, vendors, and licensed CVMA° store

Swag has been contracted out to the national store. Items will appear as they are ready to be made. There will be no swag pickup like previous years. Whatever you order will ship directly to you.

TUESDAY 24 JUNE - SATURDAY 28 JUNE

0900 - 1800 hrs Welcome Desk/Information open daily Vendors - Arena Concourse National Store - Shark Creek Graphics - Arena Skully's Lounge -

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE Bike Blessing 1100 hrs AA Meeting - 1700 hrs Empire Room

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE Aux Meet & Greet - 0900-1100 hrs Grand Hall

SATURDAY, 28 JUNE National Meeting All Members 0900-1000

WWW.2025CVMANATIONALS.COM



HEY AUX...

This years 2025 Nationals Auxiliary Meet & Greet theme is PANTHEON- A GATHERING OF GODS & GODDESSES!!!

We cordially invite our Auxiliary members to join us on June 27, 2025 at 9am at the Classic Center. Come dressed as your favorite Greek myth and enjoy the Summer Solstice (snacks) with us. So giddy up your war horses and adjust your armor and we will see you there.



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COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION® FL 20

FL 20-1

CVMA[®] FL 20-1 started off strong with the passing of the guidon at our monthly meeting and patching in three new members!



JANUARY

CVMA[®] FL 20-1 started off strong hosting SkullyFest in Lake Wales with members from all over Florida joining in on the fun. The weekend started off with Meet and Greet for SkullyFest on Friday, and a ride to Lake Wales the next morning. The weather turned out perfect with beautiful skies.





Ride to SkullyFest Safety briefing & coin



Purple Heart Cane Ceremony

Two of our esteemed members received Purple Heart canes from the Purple Heart Cane Project. These special canes, adorned with each Veteran's name, rank, unit, and awards earned during service, honor their sacrifices and combat wounds. The presentation ceremony took place at the National SEAL Museum, recognizing our members' valor and service to our nation. Congratulations T2 and Stoney





Ceremony Challenge Cup Salute to Service

Our Chapter participated in the Opening Ceremonies of the Challenge Cup Salute to Service Softball Games.



FEBRUARY

February Fun Run

Enjoyed a great ride and lunch at Good Spirits Lounge in Okeechobee.



Celebration of Life

Our Chapter lost a wonderful sister, Sharon "Tagalong" Heater, on 2 January, Many members across the country came together to Celebrate her life on 27 February. Many memories were shared along with tears and laughter as we supported our brother Blueprint.



MARCH Bike Week Meet & Greet

We gathered together for a delicious breakfast before traveling along US1 and gathering with other Chapters and members for Bike Week Meet & Greet



Quilt of Honor

We received an email from a fellow CVMA Member JEX from VA 27-1 asking for support for two fellow Marines brothers who would be receiving Quilts of Honor for their service. Our Chapter showed up and made new friends in the process. What an honor it was to be there and enjoy such a beautiful ceremony.



March was a super busy month with our monthly meeting, Deployment Party for our brother Snake, new members, transfer members and presentation of the Alpha/Omega plaque for Tagalong to our brother Blueprint.

Our month wasn't over just yet - fellow sister from Ohio came to Cocoa's Gregory's Comedy Club for an amazing show. We sat three rows deep, laughing hard and loud as Katrina share her humor with us. This is a show not to be missed.





All the CVMA Ladies

The ladies of FL 20-1 had a night out - sharing food, drinks, laughs and fun. Some even had an uber driver (Blueprint) drop them off and then pick them up after a night out of fun.

Full Member, Support, Auxiliary, Girlfriend, Fiancé, Daughter or Friend - our bi-monthly Ladies Only Night Out (sorry no children) is for all the ladies.



Our next scheduled Ladies Night out is Saturday, 17 May





UPCOMING EVENTS

FL 20-1 5th Annual Spring Fling is right around the corner and we have so many great things planned. In collaboration with the Space Coast Stiletto's on Steel Chapter we will be celebrating **International Female Ride Day** with the Stiletto's on Steel's Female Only Ride. Registration begins at 10am with KSU at 10:30 am. Leaving Space Coast Harley Davidson and returning around noon.

The fun doesn't stop there!

Spring Fling starts at 11:00 am with Age Against the Machine playing through out the day.

BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE...

Have you heard about the Beard & Mustache Competition?

Ten great categories to chose from - this is a whole family fun event!

Or the Custom Bike Show Down? We have three categories main categories - Sport, Cruiser & 3 wheelers.

Stay the night - and escort the wall!

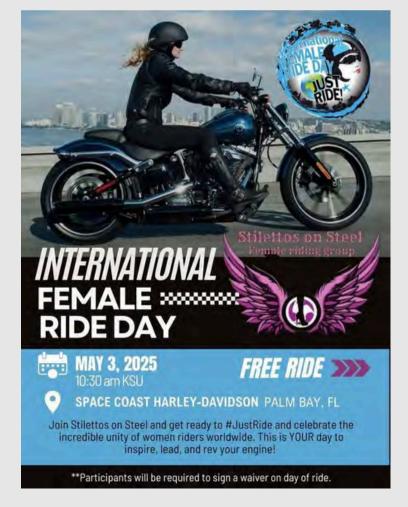
We have rooms blocked at the hotel next door - at a special rate! With Meet & Greet right there in the Sports Bar! So get your room reserved today and escort the Vietnam Traveling Wall Sunday morning, enjoy lunch with our Chapter and have safe travels home.

This is a Sanctioned Event!

Hyatt Place Melbourne / Palm Bay / I-95

Group Code - G-CVMA to get the discount!

And don't forget to purchase your Gun Raffle tickets today!





FL 20-2 "FIRST COAST"

Wow, what an incredible start to the year for The Skullywag Nation! We are absolutely thrilled to share that our chapter is growing, adding to our ability to serve our brothers and sisters! This growth showcases the dedication and commitment of our members to support our mission of Vets Helping Vets!



We kicked off the year with a bang, participating in the Jacksonville Highland Games, where we successfully raised over \$1,500! The energy was infectious, and we couldn't have done it without a ton of hard work and enthusiasm! Following that, our presence at the Celtic Festival in St. Augustine was nothing short of amazing, bringing in over \$2,200- marking our best year yet!







Submission by: Donald "HITMAN" Clark aka Buche LeClerc, FL 20-2 Chapter Commander

Another hiahliaht was our work at TPC Sawarass in Ponte Vedra which consistently vields over \$5,000 each year to support veterans. It's such a rewarding experience to see our efforts translating into tangible support for those who've served! Great job, OB1, as always









A REMARKABLE 1ST QTR

Congrats to: KillSwitch and Hitman for completing the Combat Heros Tour Challenge. Mr. Clean for earning your Final Mile patch, and Guido for earning your 20-2 "Red Patch." Well done!

As this first quarter comes to a close, we're filled with excitement and anticipation for what's ahead. Let's keep that momentum going and continue making a difference in the lives of our fellow veterans. Together, we can achieve amazing things!





























FL 20-2 AUXILIARY

Let's not forget about our incredible Auxiliary Chapter! They are, as always, bringing down the house! Our Auxiliary started monthly social events to build camaraderie and promote active membership. January's social event was "Painting with a Twist."





























The 20-2 Auxiliary is leading the charge with a huge Shoe Drive Challenge to raise money for the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. An open invitation has been extended to all Florida Auxiliaries to join in on this wonderful effort! So far, we've secured multiple local businesses to host shoe donation boxes, including three Harley Davidson locations across Florida. We know that the amount raised will contribute significantly as a state, but Chapter 20-2 will undoubtedly do our part! CDR Swyper, and team, OUTSTANDING!

SHOES

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HELP US RAISE FUNDS BY DONATING GENTLY **USED OR NEW SHOES!**

Scholarships

Shoes must have soles and no holes. All types of shoes needed.



Collection dates: January through April Drop-off location: Contact FL 20-2 Aux OR drop-off at FL 20-2 Aux event Benefiting the table

Aux Scholarship Fund

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FUNDRAISER CONTACT: Swyper (Becky) FL 20-2 Aux Commander swyperaux@gmail.com or 904-252-0945 Seoul Tater (Tina) FL 20-2 Aux PRO seoultateraux@gmail.com

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FL 20-4 COMBAT RATS

The First Quarter of 2025 started off slow in the way of "Organized events" However, the Combat Rats have continued to serve in our community. We have continued to contribute to our "Adopt a Highway" program. We have made various donations to veterans and veteran organizations during the first quarter of 2025. Many of our members have been hitting the road going to visit with other Chapters and events throughout the region.



MEMBER NEWS

We have a few members participating in the "Combat Hero's Tour" Congratulations to "Dragonslayer and Cyclops" for completion as the rest continue to visit the sites throughout the state.



The Combat Rats hold their Monthly Chapter Meeting on the last Saturday of every month at 10:00 am at Gator Harley Davidson. And our Monthly Meet and Eat are on the second Wednesday of every month. Location varies and is posted on our chapter FB page and calendar. All are welcome to join us.

VETS HELPING VETS

Some of our members were able to attend The Villagers for Veterans, gifting one of our members Heather "HME" Eastridge with a service dog. Congratulations to Heather and Gracie. A special thanks to the Villagers for Veterans Organization.







The Central Florida Wounded Vet Run was held in February bringing in members from all over the area to support the cause.









The Combat Rats finished off the First Quarter of 2025 with 73 members, (56) Full Patch Members, (13) Auxiliary Members, (4) Support members. We have added one Full Patch Member transferring from NY. Welcome "OLLIE" to the Chapter.



Submission by: Trevor "Dragon" Andrews 20-4 PRO

FLORIDA EVENTS

Greetings sisters and brothers. Just a quick reminder that we have a Florida CVMA® Events Calendar.

The link is: <u>https://tinyurl.com/FLeventsview</u>

If you do not see your chapter's events here please contact your CEB. They have been provided the access to add events to this calendar. Be safe!

Jumpmaster, FL SSAA

Florida Events

<u>3rd Annual Veterans Awareness & Appreciation</u>

FL 20-10 12 April 2025 09:00 - 18:00 Peggy's Coral 4511 US Hwy 41 N, Palmetto FL 34221

PTSD Ride

FL 20-3 12 April 2025 09:00 - 18:00 Pensacola Harley Davidson 6385 Pensacola Florida Pensacola, FL 32505

CVMA° FL 20-1 5th Annual Spring Fling

FL20-1 11:00 - 15:00 Space Coast Harley Davidson 1440 Sportsman Ln NE Palm Bay Palm Bay, FL 32905

<u>Dice Run</u>

FL 20-6 American Legion Post 57 2602 SW main blvd Lake City, FL 32025

Region 1 Events

<u>Spring Bash</u>

GA 25-4 26 - 27 Apr 2025 Extreme Rider 60 Lil Sturgis St, Warm Springs, Warm Springs , GA 31830

09:00 - 18:00

<u>AL State Rally</u>

AL 28-6 26 Apr 2025 Wind Creek Casino and Resort 303 Poarch Rd Atmore, AL 36502

09:00 - 18:00

CVMA® SC 34-2 8th Annual Benefit Ride

Greenville, HD 30 Crome Dr Greenville, SC 29615

4th Annual Car Show

MS 44-2 Hattiesburg Moose Lodge 308 W Hills Dr Hattiesburg, MS 39402

<u>Mississippi State Rally</u>

MS 44-4 Percy Quinn State Pak 2036 Percy Quin Dr McComb, MS 39648

CVMA GA 25-7 Memorial Ride

GA 25-7 Statesboro Yamaha 22815 US Hwy 80 Statesboro, GA 30461

Check out the National Page for more events!





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Stops Includ 1) Harley Davidson 2) Warrior Brewery 3) 850 Sports Bar 4) VFW post 4833 5) Beardless Brewhaus Proceeds from the ride support local veteran organizations. OC: Jeremy "Handicap" Anderson 360-970-8853

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BAR - 50/50 - BIKE WASH - RAFFLES - LIVE MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS



BEARD & MUSTACHE COMPETITION Custom bike show down Rescue dog adoption

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CVMA® FL 20-6 SANCTIONED EVENT! MAY 3rd, 9am, Legion Post 57 Come join us on our quest for a Dice Run (D&D style) in support of Vets Helping Vets!

All proceeds benefit local veterans in need.



Location for meet and greet with free optional tent camping May 2nd and 3rd. Cornhole, Pool tables, bar food, and music with plenty of space for all! At 6 p.m. 9634 W US Highway 90, Lake City FL

Donations







Come for the fun, fellowship, raffles, and live music! Dress in your best Star Wars, SCI-FI, or Fantasy Costume (YES, We are *Nerding* it out!) ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! MAY THE 4TH (3RD) BE WITH YOU!

> **Registration 9-10** KSU 10:15 Lake City American Legion Post 57 2602 SW Main Blvd, Lake City, FL 32025

\$20 / rider \$10 /passenger \$10 / extra entry \$20 / Costume Contest **BEST and WORSE Score Prizes!** First and Second Costume Prize

> 50/50 Raffle **Basket Raffles**

Last bike in at 4:30. **Raffles and judging** begins at 5 p.m.



Addresses and map

1. On Cue Sports Bar & Grill 3696 US-441, Lake City, FL

2. Good Times at the County Line 9634 W US Highway 90, Lake City, FL

3. American Legion Post 107 142nd Street, McAlpin, FL

4. Jayveer Restaurant @ Bar 23527 NW County Rd 250, Dowling Park, Fl

5. Holton Still 79 US-27, Perry, FL

6. Forgotten Coast K9 137 SW Shelby ST, Madison, FL (Signed whiskey bottles from the Rangers that inspired Black Hawk Down will be available for purchase.)

7. The Edge of Town 8289 US 90, Lee, FL

At the Edge of Town, there will be an onsite restaurant, beer, wine, pool tables, outside entertainment and a live band performing. Raffles will be drawn at The Edge Of Town. First beer/soda is on us with your ticket from the ride!















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FL 20-5 SOUTHERNMOST

NEW CEB APPOINTMENTS:

Paul "Lucky" Swanner- Quartermaste Leon "Rackz" Washington- Treasurer



NEW MEMBERS:

We welcomed 4 new chapter member February

- FM-Anthony "Brooklyn "Carrube" March
- FM- Zachary "SIXPOINT" Marcus
- FM- Joshua "Bumper" Finly
- FM- Jean "Slick" Sencion
- FM- Pete "Cowboy" Barbour
- FM- Joshua "Doc" Harvey Transferred in from Texas
- AUX- Tetiana "Purrr-Fect" Acosta Welcome Home brothers!



Submitted by: Bob Malone Interim PRO

MONTHLY NEWS

JANUARY

SOUTHERNMOST CHAPTER BBQ FUND RAISER



SOUTHERNMOST CHAPTER RIDE TO THE WPB COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS AND PARADE CVMA RECRUITING RIDE









Zachery "Sixpoint" Marcus from CH 20-5 is the Founder of "Tailored Arms" in Key Largo. They Build Custom Firearms! If you can dream it they can build it! Tailored Arms is proud to be a part of the active SEAL/SWCC community. With their owners having combined experience of 35 years in NSW, Law Enforcement, and Federal Government, they pride themselves in building truly one-of- a-kind firearms. Hand built in Key Largo, Florida, Tailored Arms offers world class rifles, pistols, and knives using the most current and relevant technologies. Please give them some Press!

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Today we had the pleasure of helping another Veteran transition from the street to Government Housing. # 4 "Amazing Work Fellas"





Another mission accomplished! Southernmost chapter 20-5. Our 5th Veteran within 2 months going from homeless to housing and a fully Furnished Apartment

"VETS HELPING VETS"

TODAY WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HELPING THREE (3) VETERANS TRANSITION FROM THE STREET TO GOVERNMENT HOUSING. AND WE FURNISHED THEIR NEW HOMES WITH DONATED FURNITURE





CVMA FL 20-5 -1st Annual Poker Run, Bike Blessing and Gun Raffle in the HISTORY Books 2025!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Southernmost Chapter is exciting for Q2. We have Several Big Events happening.

April 8th we will be Riding from Broward County to Key West 190 Miles each way. Sponsored by Volunteers of America (VOAFL) The CVMA Chapter 20-5 will be presenting a check for \$2000.00 to the Veterans Village from the Money raised in Q1.

May 10thh- We will be riding as a group to complete the Heros Tour CHT Memorials. Details (TBD)

May 26th Memorial Day Ride. CH 20-5 will be Sponsoring the 3rd Annual "Bobcat Run" alongside the Fast Furious Group and the SOFLO Patriot Guard. Destination is the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth.

June 1st- Ch 20-5 Fund Raiser and Gun Raffle Drawing. Located at the Founders in Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale, FL | Gun Club | Founders Shooting Club



FL 20-6

Braving the Cold: Kicking Off the Riding Season

While the start of the year was relatively quiet, a few dedicated members braved the cold to visit some of the CHT locations. Heavy D and I (Chaos) were among the first to complete the requirements for patches and poker chips, making stops in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, St. Johns, Bushnell, and Crystal River. Chef D and Blondie also met the requirements and earned their patches and chips. Meanwhile, Top Shelf has made it to Bushnell and Crystal River.

It was a privilege to ride alongside our fellow chapter members and those from 20-7 and 20-12, reinforcing the strong bonds within our brotherhood and sisterhood.





First Grill and Chill of 2025

Our first Grill and Chill of the year, held at Gainesville Harley-Davidson on February 1st, was a success! With a strong turnout, we raised \$253 in donations, our most successful Grill and Chill as of yet!

During the event, our members made the meaningful decision to support a local veteran in need. We assisted Thomas, a veteran awaiting temporary housing at the state domiciliary, by covering hotel costs for him, his spouse, and their two children, who were displaced by last year's hurricanes. This act of generosity underscores our mission of Veterans Helping Veterans and reminds us why we do what we do.

NEW, Potential, and Transferred members!

Red Beard joins our family as our newest support member, and currently, two new applications are in progress. Lastly, we are all excited to welcome Reaper to our chapter, who has transferred from North Carolina!

Special Guests

Over the past few months, we have had the honor of welcoming several long-distance quests, including Hutch, T, and Uce from 12-1. It has been a pleasure having you visit our chapter and attend our meetings.

Additionally, Drac and his fiancée, Otter, from 4-11 have been frequent visitors, and we are thrilled to officially welcome them to our chapter!

BIKE NIGHTS AND MEET AND GREETS

Starting on March 6th, we kicked off our first Bike Night and Meet & Greet at Good Times at the County Line in Lake City. The plan is to hold this event on the first Thursday of each month with a free pool and on the third Friday, featuring karaoke and a bonfire. Dates and locations are always subject to change.









March 22nd Meeting and VFW Village Picnic at Fort McCov

At this meeting, details were shared about our upcoming sanctioned event. As well as details about the upcoming full member vote that will take place at the meeting on April 5th. During this meeting, Blondie was voted in as our new chapter secretary. Afterwards, A few of our members stayed at the VFW Village to enjoy a picnic and live music with the residents.



Coming Up: May the Fourth Be With You Dice Run!

Mark your calendars for May 3rd as we host our sanctioned Dice Run event themed "May the Fourth Be With You"! This Star Wars-inspired event is open to all riders and will feature a costume contest to embrace the theme.

We have already received generous donations from several businesses, and we're continuing to build valuable connections. Let's spread the word and make this event a huge success!

Additionally, Good Times at the County Line is offering dry camping for those who need accommodations:

- 40 tent spots
- 4 RV spots

Special thanks to Heavy D, Drac, Otter, and Chaos for their hard work and dedication in making this event epic!

Upcoming Grill and Chill

Our next Grill and Chill is set for June 6th in Gainesville! Come out, support our chapter, and connect with fellow riders.



FL 20-8 "CRAZY EIGHT"

CVMA Chapter 20-8 had an active quarter as its members held its 5th Annual Poker Run. Our annual Poker Run raised in excess of \$25,000 for local veteran charities. Members also supported the Thunder by the Bay event, in support of special needs children and adults, and Magen David Adom fundraiser ride.



Roadside maintence on the way to Skullyfest 2025 in Lake Wales



Doc sporting the 500cc walk n' scoot CVMA edition.



Submission by: Marc Soss

GOODBYE MY FRIEND/BROTHER

On the morning of 2 January, our brother and friend Gordon "Dogowar" Harrington passed away in the early morning hours. "He fought more battles then we will ever know. Never took the cowards way out and was never apologetic about his true self. Loved his wife and hopefully they have been reunited. No more pain."

It is with heavy hearts that we share the loss of our brother, Dennis "LT" Carey, on 10 March, who has ridden his last ride and now stands watch from above. As a dedicated member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, he embodied our mission of "Vets Helping Vets," always showing up for his brothers and sisters with unwavering loyalty, strength, and camaraderie.

We honor their memories, and continue to ride for them, upholding the values they stood for, and support one another as they would have wanted















FL 20-9

NEW MEMBERS

David "Snake" Work FM-10467, transferred from Virginia 27-11



Breanna "Valkyrie" Leslie, Aux – 33294, was patched in on 01/03-/25



MONTHLY NEWS

January

The Chapter supported the First Ride of the Year (FROTY) sponsored by AL 28-3 and FL20-11



February

The Chapter supported the 10th annual Dylan Corbin Ride. It helps support local High School ROTC programs. 8K was given out last year and the same amount is expected this year.



March

Was a rather quiet month but a couple of Chapter members were able to make it up to Jesup GA and support Shamrockfest 2025 sponsored by 25-2







MORE RIDES

Another March run the Chapter supported was hosted by Harley Davidson of PCB. It was for the Heart of Gold Ministries which is a Women's and Children transitional home/shelter service.



And as always here are a few pics from weekly socials we've had in the past quarter.





GOLFING OUT PTSD

Another Special Event the Chapter Supported was a cause for one of our Own, James "Tip Tipton had his annual golf tournament to support his golf therapy program, Florida Panhandle Golf Therapy Alliance, Inc. The program has weekly golf clinics for Veterans with PTSD, the program also supports First Responders, and Special Olympians. This was the third annual event and 20–9 has donated \$600 each year to sponsor a team. This year his tournament made 45K for his foundation. Way to go Tip!!!







Upcoming Events: We are hosting a Poker Run during the Spring Thunder Beach event on May 2nd.













Submission by: Gary "Woody" Greenwood 20-9 PRO/ Road Captain









FL 20-10

NEW MEMBERS

January

2 full patch members Richard 'Hawkballs' Hawkins Robert 'Chief' Brooks

February

1 Aux member Louise "Cookie" Brooks wife of Chief Brooks

March

1 Full patch member Joshua Sykes





Chapter BOD

Shar Nunley Nunya - PRO Webmaster - Jan 2025

MONTHLY NEWS

January

Jan 8th – Rode with Patriot Guard at the request of the XO from 44-1 Kodi Valore

A Navy veteran and family friend of XO at 44–1. Kodi recently returned home from service when he rode out to see his girlfriend and was hit by a drunk driver. 7 FM showed up to support the family

February

Feb 1st - 20-10 & 20-18 both rolled in deep with 15 bikes each. 20-10 took the Gas Cap home across the Skyway Bridge by one Aux member more. That was a squeaker.



Feb 8th Chapter Meeting 20-10 raised and donated \$5,000 to the Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch (WWAR) from our Gun Raffle in Dec 2024. WWAR was started by Mike Delancey.

"Mike Delancey, a Pinellas Park resident who himself was critically injured in a sniper attack during military combat in Iraq and has confronted his own life changing injuries.

The Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch (WWAR) has been built to inspire veterans of all conflicts to get OUT and ACTIVE. We offer activities for all Military Veterans in need of a supportive and healing environment, to give a new sense of hope, resilience and strength as they move forward in their journey."





February Cont.

Feb 11th – new public 20-10 Facebook page went live **CVMA reg TM, 20-10 Public**

A Navy veteran and family friend of XO at 44-1. Kodi recently returned home from service when he rode out to see his girlfriend and was hit by a drunk driver. 7 FM showed up to support the family

Feb 22nd - The Gas Cap stopped by CHT 6 Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Vero Beach, Fl



Feb 23rd - Gas Cap visits with a member from 11-6 at OCC for good times with good friends



March

Mar 1st – Gas Cap just out visiting the 20–15 Back to Basics Old School Rally.



Mar 1st - The Gas Cap is putting in some miles!!! Made another stop at CHT4 Veterans Memorial Obelisk/Bicentennial Park Crystal River.

Mar 2nd – Treating the Gas Cap to Daytona Bike Week cuz 20–10 know how to show ya a good time!







Mar 6th - 6 FM joined the Patriot Guard Escort for a double escort of Thomas O'Brian/ Allen Mason, Veterans of the Marine Corps and Navy to the Sarasota National Cemetery



Mar 16 – 20-15 Stole the gas Cap from 20-10 at our monthly chapter meeting



UPCOMING EVENTS



Submission by: Shar 'Nunya' Nunley PRO CVMA 20-10

FL 20-11 SNAKE EYES

NEW MEMBERS

CVMA[®] FL 20-11 patched in two new members in the 1st quarter. Full member Mason "Doc" Felts and Auxiliary member Missy Hill-Bussman.



VETS HELPING VETS

For those that have followed the journey, we as a chapter adopted and did our best to take care of a local area aged and vulnerable veteran in need.

His needs went well beyond the norm. He became a family to us just as much as we were a family to him. He suffered a number of impossible losses and challenges. He was ready to give up, and somehow life delivered him the angels he sought when all hope seemed lost. Mr. Jerry realized very quickly what it meant when we said we were about it. We did not allow him to give up.

We picked him up, cared for him, stayed with him, made his house a home again, supported him through some of the toughest of curveballs, and tried to make his health and comfort better for the time he had left. For as much as we all wish we could've gotten there sooner, we all agree that we were all in the right places at the right times for a reason.

Submission: Stephen "Mailman" Bowden Chapter Commander It also reinforced our bonds between chapter Brothers and Sisters. It tested our metal. It showed our hearts in truest form. It brought us all together in the one common thing we all put to practice without judgement- vets helping vets.

This wasn't a "Look what I can do" moment. This was a time for action speaking louder than words. We traced down surviving family members, we sourced care, sourced material for home rehab, we worked our asses off to see him in a better place than when we found him. Mr. Jerry was a friend, a veteran, a family member, and a lesson. He is, and was, one of our own.

Today we remembered him, and celebrated him. Thank you to all who helped us in any way to make his time better.



R.I.P. Mr Jerry, and know that we have it from here.

MEMBER BUSINESS

FM Kevin Bussman owns a custom motorcycle shop in Fort Walton Beach, FL. His website is <u>www.alteregonorth.com</u>



FL 20-13

January:

4th-Members conducted an after mtng ride to The Turn, in Port Orange, for a fundraiser where 20-13 was the beneficiary for a check of \$1,005.



4th-CHT ride to Cape Canaveral.



16th-Members got together for a Meet and Greet at Riverwalk Pizzeria & Brew Pub.



18th-Members attended SkullyFest.



February

8th-CHT Ride.



13th-Monthly Meet and Greet at The Turn in Port Orange



22nd-Members attended 20-18 Poker Run





March

1st-Bikeweek Meet and Greet at Port Orange VFW 3282. We had 195 members from 15 states in attendance. We also had 2 FM patch-ins: James "Boo" Hart and Gordo "Tower" Hurri-Canes. Region 2 Rep "Badger" also made an appearance.







8th-Members attended COC Meet and Greet on Main St in Daytona





14th-16th-Members attended FTO Iguana/Python/Fishing Hunt hosted by Florida Adventures Outfitters.



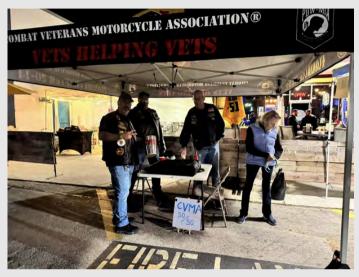
20th-Monthly Meet and Greet at Murphs Patio Bar and Grill



FL 20-14

FL20-14 FIRST QUARTER 2025

So what has FL 20-14 been up to over the last quarter you ask? Just about everything...



From riding out in support of our neighboring brothers and sisters within the CVMA community to raising awareness and much needed funds for the state rally this year. Which we hope will be like none other but before we get into all that, I'd like to take a second to recognize 20-14's newest members on the CEB and rightfully so.

CHAPTER BOARD CHANGES

These two stepped in when the pressures on and

the lights are bright with all eyes on us come November 14-16. Our new chapter secretary, Travis "Packmule" Hale. Packmule's prior stops were VT26-2 and also VT26-1 where he was the chapter Secretary. Thank you, Travis.





Our new Chapter XO, Wendell "Grumpy" Rhineheart. FL20-14 is his first chapter to date. Thank you, Grumpy!

I would like to also recognize our fairly new treasurer as I didn't last quarter. Edwin "Tat2d Ghost" Colon. We've raised more money than our previous years because of his tireless effort and dedication. HillBilly Barbques, gun shows or just sitting pier side in Naples, Ghost has definitely been hard at work getting us out in the community. Thank you, Ghost.





Now with 6 months and counting til the Florida State Rally I'll give you some of the details. It's shaping up to be like no other and it all starts with location, location, location. What's better than beautiful sunny SW Florida in the fall? Not much...

Register early to get your swag bag which is limited to the first 350. Some of the items include the 2025 rally Tshirt, rally rocker, beverage cups as well as some other sponsor provided goodies, again this is while supplies last.

We have a planned and escorted ride for Saturday that'll pay tribute to those that paid the ultimate sacrifice. Local PD & FD static displays as well as all the branches of service. A seamstress will be on hand to sew up those rockers as well. A full 2 days and nights of entertainment featuring 4 local bands and a DJ to keep the beats coming between the sets. A 3 Pew Pew pew raffle will be drawn at the rally so stand by for all that goodness.

So you want to know what's to eat? How about a full compliment of Food Trucks for just about everyone's taste and yes dietary restrictions were considered. Being a celiac, myself its always a problem at the events and I know I'm not the only one out there. So please, if you haven't yet check out the FB state rally page for reservation information and local activity updates for the surrounding areas. We hope to see you all come November 14-16 in North Fort Myers at the Lee county civic center. If anyone needs some help with local necessities, please don't hesitate reach out to me or anyone else on the CEB..

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





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FL 20-16

We're thrilled for the new year, our journey has just begun!

This year, the opportunities are limitless.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

January

We kicked things off with an unforgettable ride on January 1st ending at Pier 220

in Titusville, setting the tone for an exciting and adventurous year ahead!





Next in January, we rode over to SKULLYFEST and as always, the event was amazing!



February

In February, we supported 20-4 at the 8th Annual Central Florida Wounded Veteran Run.



March

Daytona bike week Meet & Greet with 20-13. Had breakfast first, then off to explore.



March cont.

2nd weekend of Bike week headed back out, more breakfast, then ended up at Cackleberry and Cabbage Patch some went on to HD and main drag. Ran into 20-10 and joined in a bit of music. Much fun was had!!!











March was for making memories with Framily beyond bike week. Whether it was going out for lunch, dinner & drinks or supporting our members (Juicy and Runner Up) who are in the band Age Against the Machine that's what it is all about.









In March we also supported our Alwyn C. Cashe Veteran's Nursing home Medal of Honor event.



And we helped an Eagle Scout with their beautification project at American Legion Post 242



Submission by: Erica 'Mouse' Mata CVMA 20-16 PRO Future event: Age Against the Machine will be playing at the Garage in St. Cloud on April 26th.



FL 20-17 CIGAR CITY

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

New Members

Cigar City Chapter continues to grow. At our January Chapter Meeting, we welcomed Full Members Josh "Jailbait" Goughneour & Wil "Doc" Martinez. We also welcomed Aux Member Haley "Sugar" Trattner. At our February Chapter Meeting, we welcomed Greg "Blade" Gaunthier, and were able to present him with his patch already sewn on his vest, now let's ride!



Chapter BOD Pete "Leroy Jones – Commander Jerel "Virgin" Scott – XO Trent "Carp" Carpenter – Secretary Steve "Coon" Flack – Treasurer Jamaal "Grinch" Flowers – Sergeant at Arms Char "Pixie" Carpenter – PRO



CHAPTER NEWS January

We converged on Geneva, Alabama with several other chapters from Region 1 and across the country for the Annual First Ride of the Year (FROTY) on January 3rd. Stay Frosty!



January cont.

Our XO Jerel "Virgin" Scott, Eric "Quills" Wilmoth, and Road Captain Reggie "Rhino" Metten attended a funeral service for Navy veteran and motorcycle rider Kodi Valore at the Bay Pines VA Hospital in St. Petersburg. The request came from Mississippi 44-1 CSEC Shawn "Booger" Fellows, and we were honored to support.



After our January 12th Chapter meeting, several members rode out to Gibsonton BikeFest for some vendor browsing, bike demos, and fest food. Nomnom.



January 18th was a busy day for the Cigar City Chapter! We joined the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue, Patriot Guard Riders, and Post 298's American Legion Riders to SGT Quincy Lopez's Homes for Our Troops (HFOT) Groundbreaking Ceremony in Wesley Chapel. HFOT builds adapted smart homes for combat injured veterans. Following the escort, we rode out to Lake Wales for the newly imagined "SkullyFest!" Where it all began here in the Sunshine State.



Our own Darrell "Rocket" May was one of about 500 Florida National Guard troops joined Joint Task Force – DC performing security details and other support activities during the 60th Presidential Inauguration on January 21st.



We joined Chapter 20-8 on January 22nd to honor Gordon "Dawgowar" Harrington during his memorial service at Sarasota National Cemetery.





Join in us congratulating Sergeant at Arms Jamaal "Grinch" Flowers his on 31st January graduation from Motorcycle Mechanics Institute through the Universal Technical Institute in Orlando, FL.

You can even stop by and see him in person at Lakeland Harley-Davidson!

February

Fred "Maverick" Punte hosted the Cigar City Chapter (and friends) on February 22nd for a rousing Bourbon & Cigar Night.



Reggie "Rhino" Metten's folks treated us to some great barbecue while we built their new fence. S&BB4O & Vets Helping Vets!





March

XO Jerel "Virgin" Scott hosted a Saddle Creek Range Day in Lakeland to enjoy fellowship while firing some rounds off on February 28th.



As usual, Daytona Bike Week did not disappoint! From Chapter 20-18's March 1st Bike Week Meet & Greet to our March 8th Destination Harley, we enjoyed the local and loco sights and sounds of the season.



At our March 9th Chapter Meeting, we passed on the CVMA[®] flag to Darrell "Rocket" May for him to fly during his upcoming mobilization & deployment with the 116th Field Artillery Regiment. Keep your head down and we'll see you soon, Rocket!





March Cont.

Chapter Members Thomas "Bandaid" and Rebecca "Graceful" Barden share a passion for the Forgotten Angels mission. Based in Valrico, this organization takes in young adults who have aged out of the foster care system and teaches them basic "adulting" skills they haven't received like building credit, managing a tiny home, and more! The Cigar City Chapter showed its support for the cause by participating in the Forgotten Angels Poker Run on March 14th.



We had an absolute blast at Chapter 20-8's Annual Poker Run on March 15th in North Port, enjoyed some more range time, and welcomed newly patched members! Thanks for a great time - the extra windy ride was free of charge! Assistant Road Captain Jason "Twisted" Weicht is a long-time mentor with Idols Aside Ministries, spending multiple weekends each year on Hunting/Outdoor Retreats includina the weekend of March 21st - March 22nd - with devoted IAM volunteers and Fatherless youth in Central Florida. These Retreats are just one avenue through which IAM engage fatherless and at-risk youth by pointing them to The One True God and Heavenly Father Jesus Christ by first building strong relationships, then learning life skills, and experiencing The Creator in His Creation. Keep up the great work with our local youth, Twisted!



We took a ride to Frostproof on March 29th to enjoy the delectable 50s Diner feel of Frostbite Ice Cream and More. The burgers, shakes, and sundaes are highly recommended!



FL 20-18 " TREASURE COAST"

New Members

Stephen Verrigni / Bandit 5 Bonnie Lemieux / Bee

Chapter BOD

Grumpy / Commander Woodchuck / Chapter Executive Officer Papa / Treasurer Bootz / Secretary GG / Seargent at Arms AssQuack / Public Relations Officer Baba / Chaplain Whisper / Quartermaster Juggernut / Road Captain

MONTHLY NEWS:

January

Road Trip and Gas Cap Recovery from 20-5 We took a road trip to catch up with our Brothers and Sisters from 20-5, and hopefully reclaim the Gas Cap, but we may have fallen slightly short, however, we made some fantastic memories, put some miles on those tires, and took a few unexpected turns along the way.







Bike Night at Treasure Coast Harley Davidson was ridiculously fun with tons of excitement and laughter at Treasure Coast Harley with a huge crowd and we even got support from our brothers and sisters from our neighboring chapters.



Meet and Greet - We had an epic impromptu hangout with the legendary LRRP from North Carolina. Laughs and memories were definitely made!



1st Chapter Meeting of the Year

The first Chapter meeting of the year was a huge Success! We've got some fantastic things lined up and the incredible turnout was the icing on the cake...



February

Attempt at the Gas Cap Recovery from 20-14 - We made a killer attempt showing up in numbers to grab the Gas Cap from 20-14, but those awesome 20-10 folks pulled a fast one and swiped it from us. Still, the Gas Cap did its magic and gave our scooters some major miles, created some memories we'll never forget, and brought us all together for some quality hang time with our own and other chapters. We even managed to secure challenge coins at lunch.



Bike Night at Treasure Coast Harley was totally lit!!!!





Submission by: Hali Underwood

Meet and Greet - A crazy bash with Brother's and Sisters before our 2nd Annual Mandatory Fun Event



2nd Annual Fun Day Poker Run

We wrapped up the most incredible weekend, and received outpouring of love and support from our CVMA family, both near and far. This event was pure magic, and we're already brainstorming ways to top it next year, but you can bet we've got some surprises in store. This event was the perfect reminder of what CVMA is all about - brothers and sisters coming together, vets supporting vets, and just enjoying each other's company.



March Meeting

At our monthly meeting we welcomed two new members to the family and made a donation for the All Vets Reunion.



FL AUXILIARY REP



Hey Florida family!!

This year is already flying by!! Bike week was a blast and we loved seeing our Brothers and Sisters at the Port Orange meet and greet. 20-13 always knows how to throw a party!

A big shout out to all of my Florida family that applied for the Aux scholarship!! The deadline for submission was March 31st! I cannot wait to see the applications this month! Keep an eye out for updates on our final winners and totals. This will also be posted at our Nationals event in Athen Georgia June 2025!! That's right around the corner!! Speaking of nationals make sure to bring your costume for our aux meet and greet on June 27th at 9am. The theme is Pantheon – A gathering of Gods and Goddesses! The gathering will be held in the classic center. I look forward to seeing you guys there!!



AUXILIARY NEWS

As we head into this next quarter let's keep our hearts and minds open and keep an eye out for our Brothers and Sisters. If you don't hear from someone in a while, reach out and let them know you were thinking about them. If they don't show up to a meeting, let them know they are missed. We have a lot of our people right here in our own backyards that could use a helping hand or someone to talk to. You never know what someone may be going through and that extra smile or hello can help bring light to their darkness.



With love,

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



FL STATE SECRETARY

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

Well, the first Quarter of the new year is in the books. When most of our Brothers and Sisters have their scoots packed away for the long winter nap, we have been tearing up the highways! I already have FOUR Sanctioned events in my 201 file for 2025! We have four more in our State in the upcoming Quarter. I am hoping to make a couple of those, plus the Bama State Rally and of course, Nationals! I was able to ride with several of our Brothers and Sisters in other events as well. The escort of "The Wall that Heals" was a particularly moving experience.



From the SSEC desk, We have processed a ton of applications and have been able to welcome 34 new members and 5 new Life Members. We have another 26 sitting in the NSEC queue. That's a lot of new faces to greet and friendships to build in the coming months. I love it!

I mentioned Nationals once already. If you are not planning on going to the National Convention in Athens, GA June 25-29, you are missing out! Not only is the National Meeting (Sat 28 Jun) the most important meeting of the year.... it is a helluva lot of FUN! Ok.... The meeting itself is not really all that fun... but it is the one meeting where you are able to help shape the future of YOUR Association... But all work and no play sucks, so the rest of the week is a BLAST! If you have never been to a National, you owe it to yourself to do it when it is just a few hours up the road. If you have any thoughts about being a Life Member, one of the criteria is the National Meeting. It will be 2034 before Region One will host another National. Our two closest neighbors, Regions Five and Two will be 2029 and 2031... So it really makes sense to make it to Georgia if you can swing it.



I hope to see you at an event soon! I keep running into Brothers that are carrying the gas cap... that thing sure gets around.

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.

Keep the Shiny side UP!



Bocephus Florida State Secretary 352.530.7361

A WORD WITH THE SAA

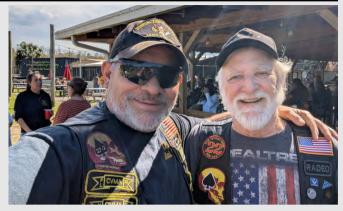
Greetings CVMA® Florida Sisters and Brothers,

As we kick off the first quarter of 2025, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued dedication and commitment to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association's[®] mission. It continues to be an honor to serve as your State Sergeant at Arms (SSAA), and I appreciate everyone's efforts to uphold our values of integrity, professionalism, and brotherhood.

Safety remains our top priority, both on the road and within our gatherings. As we roll into this new year, I want to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining proper riding discipline, adhering to group riding and MC protocols, and ensuring our brothers and sisters are looked after on every ride. Preparation and awareness save lives, so let's keep our training sharp, our minds focused, and our bikes well maintained. If you have any questions regarding MCs, particularly 1%, reach out to your chapter Sergeant at Arms. They are your first stop for information within CVMA^{*}.



Additionally, I encourage all chapters to continue fostering camaraderie and growth within their ranks. Attend meetings, participate in events, and support one another both on and off the road. Your dedication and unity are what make CVMA[®] Florida strong.



Looking forward, there are several chapter events and rides planned throughout the year. Check our Florida Calendar @ https://tinyurl.com/FLeventsview. Let's make sure we stay informed, engaged, and ready to support our sisters and brothers wherever needed. I am available to you 24/7/365. Remember to use your chain of command first. Always remember the mission: Vets Helping Vets.

Stay vigilant, ride safe, and keep the faith.

In Brotherhood,

Archie "Jumpmaster" Melendez State Sgt. at Arms Florida CVMA®

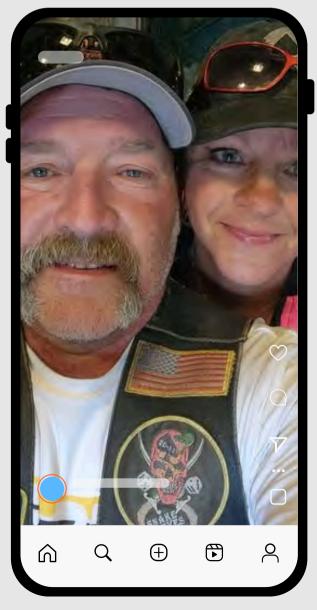


MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REP

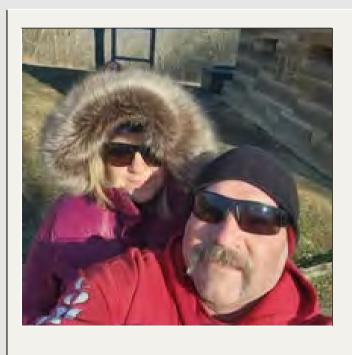
Brothers & Sisters,

The time seems to just fly by. It is hard to believe we are at the end of the first quarter of 2025 already.

It's been great seeing the events that chapters have already been putting on and the show of support that members have been providing each other. Riding motorcycles, brother & sister hood all for a good cause it a satisfying & worthwhile combination. I have always like to use the term "Good times with great people". No doubt the events and support will continue throughout the year.



Nationals in Athens, GA in June is coming up fast. Also, coming up fast is the end of the "dues year" (30 Jun). If you have not already, I encourage you to pay your annual dues. Remember, the system will "automatically" discharge you on 1 Jul if dues have not been paid. If you need help in any way to do that, please contact a chapter officer and they will assist you.



Keep up the great work and keep looking out for one another.

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

Take Care & Stay Safe

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