

CVMA® FL 20 - NEWSLETTER



2026 CVMA® Florida State Rally News!

2026 FLORIDA STATE RALLY

SANCTIONED EVENT
NOVEMBER 13-15 2026

HOSTED BY CHAPTERS
20-6 & 20-12

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Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort
828 NE Primrose Rd.
Mayo, FL 32066
(386) 294-2510

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Announcement

from Chapters 20-6 and 20-12

For those who attended this year's State Rally, you may remember the exciting announcement about the next rally location. We are happy to officially share the details!

Dates: November 13-15, 2026

Location: Suwannee River Rendezvous, Mayo, Florida

The venue offers a variety of accommodations, including:

- RV sites
- Tent camping
- On-site lodging with cabins that accommodate multiple guests
- Single room lodging options

Host hotel information and additional nearby lodging options will be announced soon.

More details will be shared on the Florida State Rally Facebook page, so be sure to follow along for updates!

FL 20-1

New Members

November

Kimberly “Jibber” Smith, Aux
Jordan “Librarian” Dodd, Aux

Transfer

Stanley “Woodchuck” Wood FM-1901, transferred
from FL 20-18

Chapter BOD Changes

CEB News- Eddie “Freight Train” Negron has accepted the State Secretary position. Paul “Phrog Mech” Sladacek has accepted the position of interim Chapter Commander until elections can be held.

OCTOBER

Region One Rally brought out all the crazy’s - what started out as a drizzly weekend ended up being beautiful and sunny!



NOVEMBER

Our November included a ride to the 2nd Street Bistro and our State Rally, As well as the Annual Thanksgiving at the Veterans Transition Facility and Honor Flight.



Ride to 2nd Street Bistro



Thanksgiving at the Veterans Transition Facility



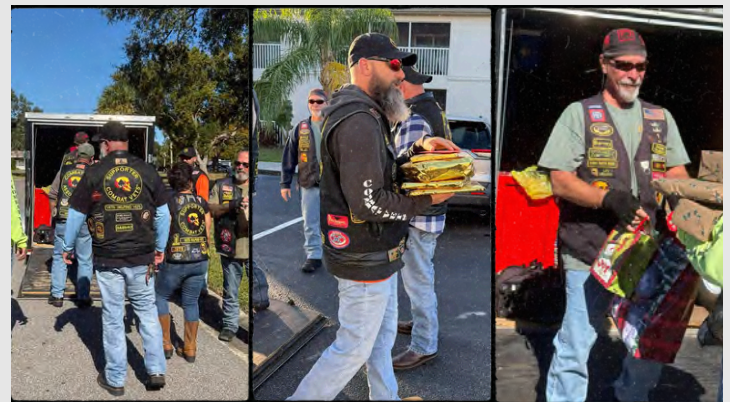
DECEMBER

Several members started out the month celebrating the 3rd Anniversary of Toxic Cycles, a local service and customization shop owned by Life Members Brad "V.A.P.E." Silvia and Tracy "Spitfire" Silvia. Raffle baskets, Cajun Food Truck, Toy Drive and lots of fun was shared.



SkullyFest January 17th from 11-4 at the VFW Post 2420: 200 West Central Avenue, Lake Wales, FL 33853 (Sanctioned Event)

Annual CFEC Toy Drive was held on December 6th. Toys were wrapped on December 13th and distributed on December 20th.



Wreaths Across America on December 20th and the CVMA® Christmas Party also on the 20th.



FL 20-2 FIRST COAST CHAPTER

Florida, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association®,

It is an honor to step into the role of Chapter Commander for First Coast Chapter 20-2, Skullywags. I am genuinely proud of what this chapter accomplished in 2025. You showed consistency, commitment, and heart. You supported veterans, families, and each other, and you did it without hesitation. That says everything about who we are as a chapter.

Our Growth

We had a strong year, and the energy moving into 2026 feels even better. The foundation is solid, and the expectations are clear. We will keep showing up, keep riding with purpose, and keep finding ways to serve veterans across our area. The work you put in last year set the tone for what comes next.

I intend to carry forward the traditions established by the commanders before me. Rocketman, Beave, and Hitman built this chapter through leadership, discipline, and pride in the patch. Their legacy matters. I respect it, and I will honor it while continuing to raise the bar for Chapter 20-2.

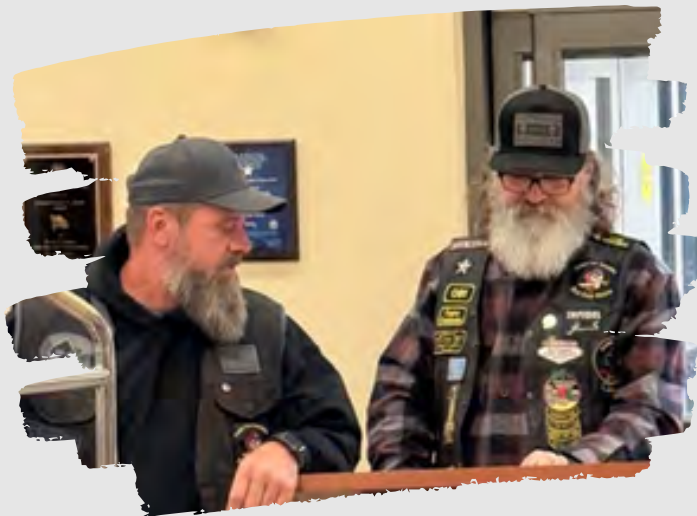
Our AUX deserves real recognition as you can see in the input below! Their fundraising efforts this year made a difference. Their support of the chapter never slowed, and their dedication showed at every event and every mission. The success of this chapter does not happen without them, and their contributions directly support the work we do for veterans.

Honoring Rocketman

We are already in the early planning stages for Rocketmanfest-Rocketman 11 taking place 9-12-2026. These events bring people together, raise funds, and remind the community why CVMA® exists. Planning is underway, and more details will follow. We look forward to doing our part to support our mission and making these events another strong reflection of who we are.

Everything we do comes back to one mission. Vets Helping Vets. That mission will guide us through 2026 and beyond. I am proud to serve as your Chapter Commander, and I look forward to riding and working alongside each of you in the year ahead.

Respectfully,
Scott "OB1" Mobley
Chapter Commander
CVMA FL 20-2





November:

Florida State Rally was a blast! From dancing with the band and blowing bubbles to spending time with CVMA® family, our chapter had a phenomenal time!



December: Auxiliary hosted the Chapter Christmas party. Although we did not have time for reindeer games, we did have delicious food, a Santa visit (Beave), an Ugly Christmas contest, and lots of laughs! We also had our December meeting that included changing of officers and giving thanks to a few special CVMA® members for all they do: Bobcat, SQRL, and TooTall. We appreciate you!



Congratulations to OB1 (Commander), Gator (XO), Big \$hot (Secretary), and Seoul Tater (Aux XO)! Looking forward to another productive, awarding, and fun year with CVMA family!



20-2 fun ride to Graffiti Bridge! Getting butts on bikes, getting away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas, and enjoying the world around us!

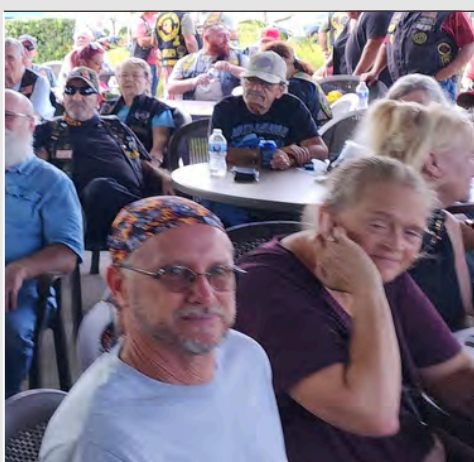


20-2 met 20-18's "FUCK IT, LET'S RIDE" challenge! Rode up to Norwood's Treehouse and had a great time as always with CVMA® family!



Auxiliary provided Christmas for the residents at the Clyde Lassen Veteran's Nursing Home. It was heartwarming seeing all the smiles while handing out presents! Thank you to our Auxiliary Secretary, Dragonfly, for organizing this. We are looking forward to more future visits!





REGION



ONE



RALLY



CRYSTAL

RIVER



FL 20-4 COMBAT RATS



NEWS UPDATE

We are proud to welcome two new members to our CEB: Doug “Standard” Eakright, stepping in as our Executive Officer Katrina “Kit Kat” Haynie, joining us as our Treasurer



They now stand alongside:

- Donnie “Speedracer” Williams, Commander
- Nik “Bronxx” Merolesi, Sergeant at Arms
- Trevor “Dragon” Andrews, Public Relations Officer

Over the last quarter, our chapter has shown up strong across the community—supporting Veterans Day parades, Turkey Trots, and numerous Christmas organizations and events throughout the area. Your dedication and presence continue to reflect the heart of who we are and the mission we serve.



New Member We are also excited to welcome Josh “Willy P” Williams as the newest member of the Combat Rats. We’re honored to have him join the ranks.



Our Combat Rats continue to support our brother and sister chapters throughout the CVMA® by showing up strong at other chapters' events. Some of our members have had the honor of participating in a couple of "Final Mile" escorts, demonstrating our commitment and brotherhood.



Many of our members are ready and looking forward to participating in the Combat Hero's tour (CHT) 2026.



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Meeting

Our Chapter meetings are held the last Saturday of every month at 10:00 am at Gator Harley-Davidson in Leesburg and our chapter holds a monthly Meet and Eat throughout our area on the second Wednesday, follow our chapter FB page for details.

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



FL 20-5 SOUTHERNMOST

MONTHLY NEWS

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Region 1 Rally & Florida State Rally- Great day with the Florida Chapters.



NEW MEMBERS:

CVMA® 20-5 has two (2) new Members
·Yassel “Gunner” Alvarez- Full Member
·Andres “Andy” Silva – Support Member



Welcome home





NOVEMBER

CVMA® 20-5 donated \$ 2,500.00 Barracks Legend Foundations

- <https://www.barrackslegendfoundation.com/>
- Our mission is to consistently host electrifying experiences that take veterans from isolation to celebration, improving

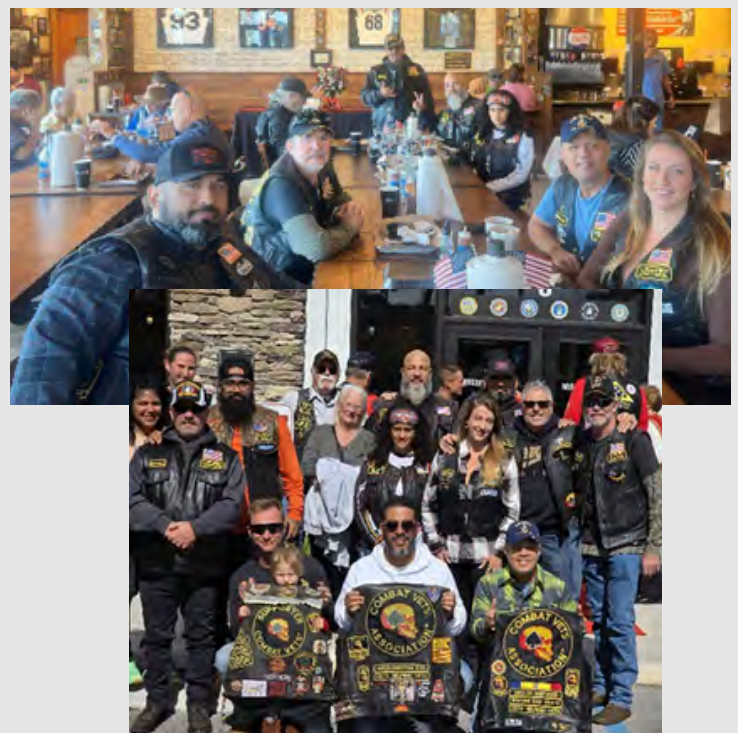


NOVEMBER 11, 2025, VETERANS DAY

West Palm Beach Veterans Day Parade

CVMA® 20-5 donated \$ 2,500.00 No Fallen Heroes

- <https://nofallenheroesfoundation.org/>
- Mission: No Fallen Heroes is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to saving the lives of veterans, first responders, and their families by ending the suicide epidemic through safe, effective, and compassionate entheogenic healing.



Presented Colors at Mission Barbeque Veterans Day



Dec 7th, 2025, bring a Toy Cheer a Kid Toy Run

Our Chapter Led the Motorcycle Parade to the Toy Run Partnered with the Fast Furious Riding Club, 168 Motorcycles Participated From South Florida.



DECEMBER

Dec 1st, 2025, Da Monkey Bike Rental Donated \$1000.00 to Our Chapter



December 6th 2025 Feeding Veterans! ‘Vets Helping Vets’

CVMA® FL 20-5 – Went Grocery Shopping and Delivered the food to the Veterans at a Home in Boynton Beach Florida “Vetsville” Barracks Legend Foundation along for the Ride! <https://vetsville.us/>



December 20th 2025 Monthly Meeting

State Reps in the House!

Southernmost Chapter 20-5 proudly present the Inaugural Dr. Leon “Rackz” Washington Award of Excellence. This award will be given annually to the members who stands out the most and exemplifies excellence, dedication, and commitment to our chapter, our mission, and the principles we stand for.



1st Annual Washington Award goes to.... Robert “Bob Cat” Malone



Submitted by: Bob Malone PRO

FL 20-6

Making a difference

This fall and winter, our chapter remained active and engaged through regional events, community outreach, and strong support for our fellow members. From rallies and resource fairs to honoring veterans and standing together in times of need, October, November and December reflected the camaraderie, service, and dedication that define who we are.

Region 1 Rally-

Several of us rode down to Crystal River to attend the Region 1 Rally and connect with fellow members from across the region. We sold a good portion of raffle tickets benefiting the 2026 Florida State Rally, while the ladies enjoyed hunting for the different charms. Overall, it was a fun and successful outing.



Unfortunately, we received word that one of our South Carolina brothers was involved in an accident while traveling through our chapter area on the way to the rally. Thank you to "Lola," "Hammer," "Ranger Ratboy," and "Heavy D" for stepping up to assist "Slim Jim" and his girlfriend, Paula—ensuring they had the help they needed and were not alone during a difficult time.



October 15 – Veteran's Resource Fair-

On October 15, we proudly represented our chapter at the Veteran's Resource Fair held at the American Legion in Lake City. A huge thank-you to "Spincycle," "Maytag," "Barbwire," "Darkman," and "Heavy D" for staffing the table, supporting our local veterans, and strengthening our community connections.



Halloween Fun-

To get into the Halloween spirit, several of us joined the costume ride to show support for American Legion Post 107. The following weekend, we kept the fun going at the Halloween Party at Edge of Town, where “No Hole” took first place and “Lola” took second place in the costume contest.



We ended October by welcoming back our original CC, “River Brat”! Welcome home—we all look forward to your guidance and expertise!

November



Salute to Veterans Dice Run & Parade-

November 8th was a busy day, but we made our presence felt across three events. Special thanks to “No Hole,” “Ranger Ratboy,” and “Reaper” for riding to Tallahassee to support Chapter 20-12’s Salute to Veterans Dice Run, where “Ranger Ratboy” assisted with the Blessing of the Bikes alongside their chapter chaplain.

Meanwhile, many of our members participated in the Lake City Veterans Day Parade to honor local veterans and show our continued presence in the community.



After the parade, we gathered at AMVETS Post 42 to recognize and honor “Pettyman,” one of our Alpha Omega members. It was truly a full day of support, respect, and camaraderie.



State Rally-

Several of us, either Rode, drove, or towed our campers for a fun filled weekend to the Fort Myers Civic center for the State Rally. "Reaper's" hats sold out within a few hours and raised a good amount for the chapter. With the success and popularity of the hats, it is something that we will continue to do.



A/O celebration of life Ride-

To remember and to honor our Alpha Omega members, "Ranger Ratboy" has started a quarterly ride to ride out to their place of rest. The first ride was out to the Jacksonville National Cemetery to visit with Kevin "Battle". While there, the chapter came across a grieving widow that was there visiting her husband. They spent a few minutes visiting with her and showing their respect for her and her late husband.



November's Annual Meeting-

At our annual meeting, we were joined by several guests from 20-4 and our new Florida State Representative, "Bocephus." While we aimed to keep the meeting short so everyone could enjoy the festivities afterward, we proudly welcomed our new CEB members: "Skreech" (XO), "River Brat" (Secretary), and "Plague" (SAA). Our continuing CEB members are "Heavy D" (CC) and "Hammer" (Treasurer).

Our continuing staff positions: "Chaos" (PRO), "TikTok" (Quartermaster), "Ranger Ratboy" (Chaplain), and "No Hole" (Road Captain). Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help lead our chapter and guide us toward a bright future.

During the meeting, we also welcomed home two Sisters to the family: SM "Sam I Am" and Aux "Iron Maiden." Welcome home, Sisters!

After the meeting, we enjoyed a very successful Friendsgiving feast! Many members brought delicious dishes, and we were joined by Stilettoes on Steel, who helped make the celebration even better. Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed food, and helped us celebrate Thanksgiving. And a special thank-you to Am Vets Post 42 for hosting us.



Member Transfer to the Alpha Omega Chapter-



With heavy hearts, we announce that Clifford "Scooter" Blanchard was transferred to the Alpha Omega Chapter on November 29. Scooter honorably served in the United States Army and fought in the Vietnam War.



December Activities

December 13th was another busy and meaningful day for our chapter. Several members gathered in Lake City to take part in Wreaths Across America, helping to honor those who served before us and those who continue to serve. While Lake City represents just a small part of this nationwide effort, more than 13 million wreaths are placed across the country each year on memorials and graves to honor our veterans, those currently serving, as well as our MIA and POWs.



At the same time, a few of our members joined Toys for Tots efforts, collecting toys to help bring joy to children in need during the holiday season.

After both events, we came together with fellow veterans at American Legion Post 57 to watch the Army-Navy game and celebrate the birthday of one of our own—ending the day with camaraderie, fellowship, and shared pride in service.

Submission by: Brandy “Chaos” Herban



December 21st – Christmas Party & Aux Patch-

In place of our December meeting, we had a great turnout for our chapter's Christmas party. Members enjoyed playing Dirty Santa and sharing plenty of laughter and camaraderie throughout the evening. (pictures 24,25)

As a special highlight of the celebration, we proudly patched in and welcomed our newest Sister AUX member, “Shots.” Welcome home!



FL 20-7 “THE LUCKY 7”

Here at 20-7, we have had a great quarter for participation and events:

BOARD CHANGES:

Ray “No-Name” Benya – Chapter Commander
Richard “Ghost” Wilder – Chapter Sergeant at Arms
Marc “Canuck” Goulet – Chapter Public Relations Officer
Gaylon “TK” Barcom – Chapter Secretary
Lorrie “Shortsfuse” Deman & Jennifer “Snarky” Barcom – Chapter Quartermaster

MEMBERS:

New Members

FM Mark “Beer Shark” Worthen
FM Matthew “Stumpy” Monroe
AUX Anitra “Sweet Pea” Rodriguez

Transferred to 20-7

FM Gery “Cowboy” Bruce
FM Virgil “Bypass” Anderson
AUX Margo “Knockout” Anderson

Transferred to Alpha Omega

Steven “Bald E” Moore

New Life Members

Casey “Bedlum” Lima
Henry “Red” Jentz II
Marc “Canuck” Goulet



MONTHLY NEWS:

October

Region I Rally



November

Jacksonville Sharks Attack Dance Team Scavenger Hunt – 20-7 & 20-2 joined the returning members of the Jacksonville Sharks Attack Dance Team for a scavenger hunt. It was an exciting event which included themed costumes and required participants to leave their comfort zone in order to perform tasks such as asking strangers to dance, show tattoos, and propose marriage.



Florida State Rally



December Christmas Party



Wreaths Across America Day



Upcoming Events

8 FEB 25 Run for the Fallen – No Flier

UPCOMING

EVENTS

Submitted by: Marc "Canuck" Goulet
CVMA 20-7 Chapter Public Relations Officer



FL 20-9

NEW MEMBERS

We had the honor of patching/swearing-in husband and wife:

Waleska 'Wrangler' & Jose 'Sapper' Pizarro

Welcome to the family!!



OCTOBER

Trina Viramontes, (Navy E-5, Guam) received our chapter donation the week following our last meeting. She wanted to express her sincere gratitude for the donation. We are staying in contact with her to follow her journey.

2025 Fall Thunder Beach Motorcycle Rally

October 26th was the Beach Thunder Run, had a very successful poker run



NOVEMBER

A brief Thunder Beach financial summary was read into the record, matching the AAR and financial sheet (Income total: \$3,786). Ride committee chair (Gildo) briefed membership on ride results



DECEMBER

Celebration of life for Horny



Beautiful end of the year ride 27 Dec



Submission by:
David "Snake" Work, 20-9 Pro

FL 20-10

NEW MEMBERS



October

FM Jason 'Swodor' Chalmers FM John "Step Stool" Colombo

November

FM Cody 'Hipz' Richard

December

FM Roger Weindner
AUX Meshell 'Peewee' Linstorm

Welcome Home

MONTHLY NEWS

October

Final Mile for Kenneth D. Prevette - US Army from Bay Pines VA to Sarasota National Cemetery 10 bikes participated

Regionals



Final Mile for Final Mile John Aga US Navy from James A. Haley VA to Florida National Cemetery Bushnell, FL

Chapter Meeting was full day of riding and family. Starting at VFW Post 2488 in Palmetto for our chapter meeting. Then it was off to American Legion North Manatee Post 309 with a final stop at 3 Keys for dinner and a final stop at Peggy's Corral. Good times with great people.



Honor Flight - was a jointly attended by 3 chapters 20-8, 20-10 & 20-17



Alpha Omega Escort for FM Brother Randal 'Raptor' Bertrand



St Pete Bike Fest at the OCC Road House We raised over \$9,000 with our Gun Raffle



November

Retirement for our very own Peter Demos. He retired after 41 yrs of service to this great nation



State Rally



December

Final Mile for 2 veterans Thomas Shryock - US Army & Jimmie Palmer - US Army from James A Haley VA to Florida National Cemetery Bushnell, FL



Chapter Meeting was at American Legion Alafia Post 18 in Riverview. Then it was off to OCC Roadhouse in St Pete for the Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony



Annual Chapter Christmas Party at American Legion in Madera Beach



Final Mile William Michael Cook US Army from Bay Pines VA to Sarasota National Cemetery



Mosaic donated \$5,000 donation to our chapter. This is a result from Dave 'Super Dave' Allen doing a presentation on the Final Mile with veterans at Mosaic. Way to go Super Dave!

The call came out for a toy delivery to a very special young man and his family. They were displaced and lost all their belongs. Peggy's Corral, American Legion Post 309 and 20-10 made sure they had presents. CVMA rode out and played Santa for the night. The young man loved seeing all the motorcycles and we loved making sure he and his family had a great Christmas!



Member Highlight

Life Membership

October 2025

SUP Michael 'Crash' Mello FM Matt '60' Duncan
FM Cary 'Brewmaster' Kolek

November 2025

FM Michael 'Moose' Romalin

December 2025

AUX Carrie 'HuNNy' Allen

Long Range Riding Platoon – Inner State 2025

XO Eric "EFFIN SIGH" Tsai earned the 2025 LRRP Inner-State Award! He rode a total of 2,365 miles to CVMA® qualifying events in Florida hosted by chapters other than his own

Bill "Scorpion" Brockman (who is also the American Legion Post 273 XO) received an award from American Legion Department of Florida for all his hard work with Pinellas County High School Junior ROTC Color Guards at the National Convention this past August.



Seaman CJ Stewart, the son of CO Bulldawg and Avo is currently serving in the Coast Guard and crossed the equator on the Coast Guard Cutter James to become a Shellback



Submission by:
Shar "Nunya" Nunley

FLORIDA EVENTS

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

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

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

CVMA® FL 20, 19th Annual SkullyFest

FL 20-1

17 Jan 2026 09:00 - 18:00

Lake Wales VFW Post 2420

200 W. Central Ave

Lake Wales, FL 33853

3rd Annual Mandatory Fun Day

FL 20-18

21 Feb 2026 09:00 - 18:00

Treasure Coast Harley-Davison

Stuart, FL

Back to Basics Rally

FL 20-15

14 Mar 2026 09:00 - 18:00

The Crossroads lodge at Lebanon Station

11350 fl-121

Inglis, FL 34449

6th Annual Poker Run

FL 20-8

21 Mar 2026 09:00 - 18:00

North Port VFW

4860 Trott Cir

North Port, FL 34287

Region 1 Events

2026 ICE ticle Ride

SC 34-3

21 Feb 2026 09:00 - 18:00

Gator Zone

3453 US-17 BUS

Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Shamrockfest

GA 25-2

21 Mar 2026 09:00 - 22 Mar 2026 23:00

Southern Retreat RV Park

7445 Blythe Island Hwy

Brunswick, GA 31523

Iron City Poker Run

AL 28-5

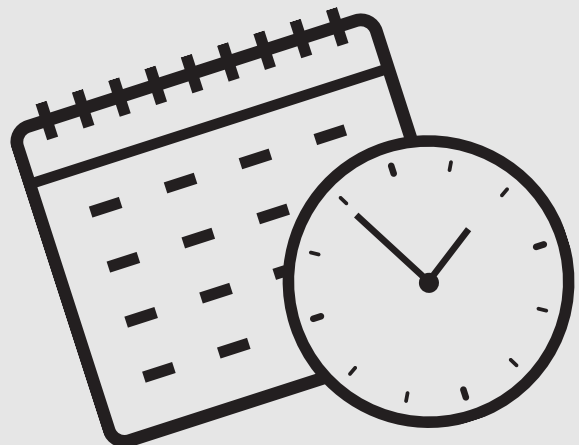
28 Mar 2026 09:00 - 18:00

Siluria Brewing Company

145 1st Ave West

Alabaster, AL 35007

Check out the National Page for more events!





CVMA® FL 20 PRESENTS



THE RETURN TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN IN THE
SUNSHINE STATE

SKULLY

FEST

• SANCTIONED
EVENT



INFORMATION

🚩 VFW POST 2420, 200 W. CENTRAL AVE

🚩 JANUARY 17, 2026

🚩 11:00 AM - 4:00PM

🚩 Memorable & fun group activities

More Information www.facebook.com/CVMAFL20dash1

Lake Wales



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CVMA® GA 25-2
PRESENTS**



**SHAMROCK FEST
2026**

**\$25
REGISTRATION**

**\$55 PER NIGHT
SITE PADS**

MARCH 20-22

NEW LOCATION

**SOUTHERN RETREAT RV PARK
7445 BLYTHE ISLAND HWY
BRUNSWICK, GA 31523
PHONE: 912-261-1025**

**BAND FRIDAY NIGHT
RESTAURANT ON SITE
RAFFLE PRIZES
AND
MOTORCYCLE GAMES**



COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION
FL 20-8 "Vets Helping Vets" PRESENTS



6TH ANNUAL POKER RUN

CVMA® SANCTIONED EVENT

SATURDAY, 21
MARCH

CASH ONLY REGISTRATION
1 PM - 3 PM

PARTICIPANTS: \$20

ALL BIKES & VEHICLES WELCOME
KICK STANDS UP AT 2 PM

STARTING AT:
NORTH PORT V.F.W.
4860 TROTT CIRCLE, NORTH PORT 34287

ENDING AT:
AMERICAN LEGION POST 266
5201 RICHARDSON RD., SARASOTA 34232

AFTER PARTY @ 4:30PM - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Net proceeds benefiting DOGS INC. & MY WARRIOR'S PLACE



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CVMA®
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LIVE MUSIC - RAFFLE PRIZES

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FL 20-12

BREAKING NEWS

Members of Chapter 20-12 and winding down from a very busy 4th quarter of 2025. Seems like there's always something to work on, participate in, host or show our support.

We are also growing leaps and bounds. We welcomed transfers Ax, Mango, Mufasa and Cookie to our family. There was also the honor of patching in FM Tank, Supporter One More and Aux member Disney. They are all great additions. Cookie joined the CVMA® as an Auxiliary member as at the time she didn't ride her own. Since then she has not only received her endorsement but also now owns and operates a couple bikes of her own. As an Army veteran she recently chose to switch from Auxiliary and patched in as a Supporter Member at the Florida State Rally. Congratulations to all new members.

Chapter members Smokey, Mini and Switch recently qualified and received their Life Member patches. We congratulate all three of them in earning this status.



We joined in the American Legion Riders to visit the Tallahassee Adult Development Center. It was an exciting time for the residents to get to look at all the motorcycles and hear us arrive and depart their facility.



Our chapter's sanctioned event this year was taking over hosting the Annual Salute to Veterans Dice Run on November 8th. Although it was our first time it was a great success with a very nice donation to Team Guardian as our chosen charity. If you get a chance, please look them up.



Just a few days later we participated in the annual Tallahassee Veterans Day parade. I'm very proud and humbled to have been selected as this year's Grand Marshall as a non-combat veteran. Vet Events Tally does an outstanding job on putting on an event by veterans, for veterans.



Tallahassee Veteran's Day Parade
Grand Marshall Supporter Member "War Dept"

Then there's the State Rally in November. More members traveling but came back reporting they had an outstanding time. Congratulations to Bo our new State Rep and Cracked as State PRO.



Veteran's Day
ceremony at
the Capital



Taking on the Annual Salute to Veterans Dice Run was not our only successful challenge this year but we are also "in charge" of Wreaths Across America at Oakland Cemetery. Our very own FOG and Smokey have done an outstanding job organizing this event. Our ceremony started at Oakland Cemetery with a ceremony with ROTC presenting colors. We then went on to Southside Cemetery to place wreaths ending at the Tallahassee National Cemetery. It's an extremely busy day for us but very rewarding.



Members have been out supporting various local events, poker runs and also did the AMVETS annual Turkey Shoot.



Great chapter representation at the
Annual Turkey Shoot

We voted in a new XO to finish out the current term. Our new XO, Coma, unfortunately was recently in a motorcycle accident requiring multiple extensive surgeries with a long road ahead. He is doing remarkably well itching to get back on the road. With his upcoming rehab we ask that continued prayers be sent for him and his wife as they maneuver recovery.



As we transition into the new years, we're ready to continue riding. Right after our chapter Polar Bear Ride on January 1st, we're heading to Alabama for 2026 First Ride of the Year. It's always a great event getting together with Brothers and Sisters. To continue our riding, several members are signed up to participate in Combat Hero Tour again. We're all very much looking forward to a great year of riding.



In closing, be sure to mark your calendars to the 2026 Florida State Rally. It is being hosted jointly by 20-6 and 20-12. We're gearing up for a great time. The location is in Mayo, FL at Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort. Go ahead and get those reservations made now to secure your campsite/cabin. Host hotel information will be coming out soon.



Article Submission by: Melinda "War Dept" Topicz

FL 20-13

New Members:

October:

FM James “Red Crayola” Preston

FM Anthony Hertzog - Road name to be determined

Auxiliary Diana “Mingler” Staples



Chapter BOD

New CEB:

XO - Joseph “Scooter” Peterson

Treasurer - Donato “Smoke” Vallone

SAA - Jeff “Rebel” Pfeffer, was reelected

MONTHLY NEWS

Living Celebration was held for FM George “Landshark” Bubenheim starting with an escorted ride to VFW Post 3282 where he was presented with a pin and certificate for his service and an honorarium for dedication to our chapter



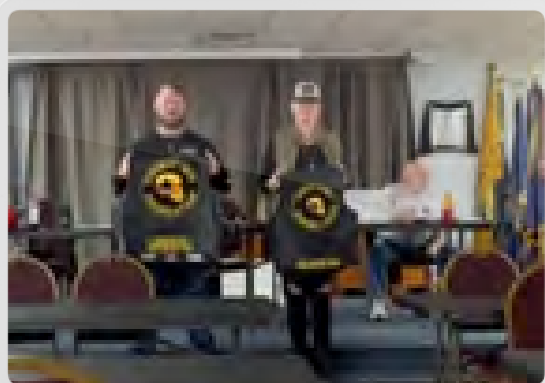
October:

18th - Biketoberfest Meet and Greet with 50/50 and a gun raffle. Over 70 members swiped in from 7 chapters and 3 states. A good time was had by all.

November:

FM Darly “Flyboy” Ward

Auxiliary Jenifer “Crayon” Preston





November:

Elections were held during the November meeting Veterans Day Celebration at The Turn. Our very own member Steve "Long Hair Don't Care" Keeton sang his nationally released song, "I Salute You."



We presented our two 2025 charities, Fix it Forward and Veterans Support Fund with their checks.



We also presented Donna, our longtime friend and supporter, with a check to help with finances while she is going through cancer treatment.

Several members attended State Rally



December:

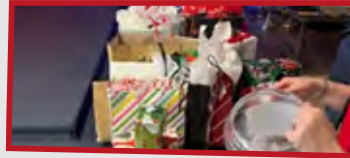
Wreaths Across America: Our chapter served as honor guard and participated in laying wreaths at two cemeteries: DeLand Memorial Gardens and Oakdale. Ralph "Chappy" Locke conducted the opening prayer. We sponsored over 100 wreaths using proceeds from various 50/50 raffles and donations.



20-13 is a Wreaths Across America registered sponsorship group and as a chapter we took advantage of the Wreath Match offer through Wreaths Across America and already have 326 wreaths sponsored for 2026!! Remember Honor Teach



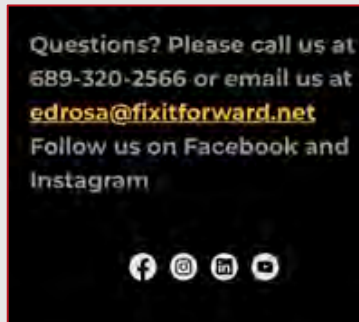
Meeting and Christmas Party were held on Dec 20th. Jon "Top Shelf" Skerrett and John "Mustang" Woodard, who both stepped down from CEB, were presented with certificates for their dedication to CVMA® and 20-13. Luis "Bam Bam" Mendez stepped up and was named PRO to finish out the unexpired term until the next elections. A pot luck supper was served and enjoyed by all followed by a Yankee Swap and dancing.



Members with Small Business:

Edgardo "Big Ed" Rosa – Fix it Forward

Joseph "Scooter" Peterson – FTO: Feed the Obsession Outdoors Foundation



Life Memberships

FM Ralph "Chappy" Locke
FM Mike "Rachet" Wright
FM William "Rat Bastard" Gallant
FM Jeff "Rebel" Pfeffer
FM Donato "Smoke" Vallone
FM Victor "Mister" Baker
FM Henry "Gunner" Doliber
FM Glenn "Prop Blast" Wallace
Sup Steve "Flower Fella" Meyers
Sup Steve Long Hair Don't Care" Keeton
Aux Linda "Wright Way" Wright
Aux Diane "Big D" Gallant
Aux Diane "Next" Meyers
Aux Lisa "Lady" Baker
Aux Brydie "Irish" Wallace

CONGRATS
on your
milestone

**WINTER SPRINGS VFW
POST 5405**

**POKER
RUN**



January 3rd, 2026

Breakfast 830am to 945am
Registration: 9am
Kick Stands Up at 10 am
\$15 a Rider / \$5 Passenger

Start & End: Winter Springs VFW, 420 N Edgemon Ave
Stop 1 : The Bunker, 3400 N. Tanner Rd
Stop 2 : Chuluota VFW, 427 S. County Road 419
Stop 3 : Sanford DAV, 3512 Orlando Drive