

FL 20 - NEWSLETTER

2025 CVMA® Florida State Rally

CVMA® Florida State Rally is right around the corner – November 14th & 15th, 2025

**VENDORS - LIVE MUSIC - PRIVATE VENUE - RAFFLES -
FOOD TRUCKS - RIDE - DEMOS - SWAG BAGS**

RV Camping On Site
Discounted Lodging Available

Additional Information and Swag Available on Facebook at: CVMA® Florida 20 State Rally 2025

No registration necessary, except to order SWAG bags

Lee Civic Center, Fort Myers

11831 Bayshore Rd, Ft Myers FL 33917



Don't forget about the overalls challenge! Get those overalls ready. You can earn this awesome patch by wearing your overalls "commando". Women can wear a sports bra or bikini top underneath. We will have another 20 or so patches again this year. First come, first served. Can't wait to see everyone!

The Host Chapter has planned and organized a local escorted ride, LE – FD and military displays, tribute to our fallen, merchandise and food vendors as well as seamstresses. This is a private air-conditioned venue, with two days of entertainment, and beverages. Early registrations can secure a full or limited bag of goodies that could include a T-shirt, Rally Rocker, "beverage" cup, as well as other sponsor provided goodies. (while supplies last)

Please see the CVMA® FLORIDA STATE RALLY 2025 Facebook page for updates, discounted hotel rates as well as on-site RV reservations.



FL 20-1

The 3rd Quarter of 2025 started out with our Chapter on the go and growing!

New Members

July

Transfer

Charles "Banjoman" Droddy

Richard "Doc" Owen

August

Transfer

FM Mark "Kranky" Balestracci

FM Salvatore (Mike) "Il Capo" Dabbene

September

AUX Edie "Juice" Cortez

AUX Sandra Verrigni

FM Nester "Code 1" Paz

FM James "Jabber" Smith

Transfer

FM Malcolm (Mickey) "Satch" Leighton

JULY

July started out with our Annual 4th of July BBQ at the Veterans Transition Facility (VTF) in Melbourne. Kat5 works year round with the VTF to coordinate maintenance, resident needs and Holiday meals for the residents at the VTF.

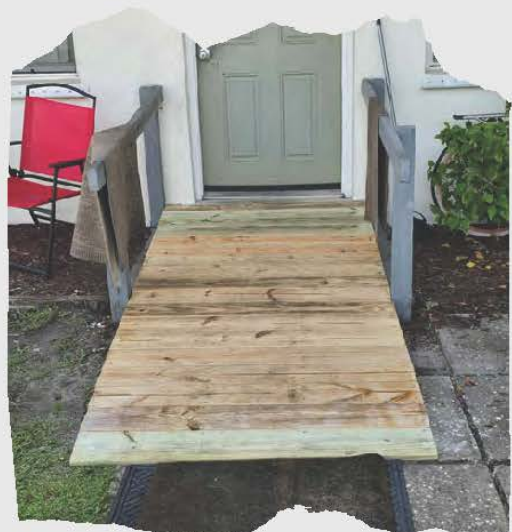
The Veterans Transitional Facility is a temporary shelter for homeless veterans with their immediate families. The purpose of the Facility is to provide for the immediate needs of homeless veterans while permitting them to search for work, and once employed, to save enough money to acquire living quarters and transportation



Thanks to Kat5 and our members, our Chapter is able to donate personal hygiene kits to each resident, cleaning supplies, and for those with school age children, school supplies.



When the VTF has maintenance needs - FL 20-1 is ready to help. Building handicap ramps, rescreening windows or basic repairs.

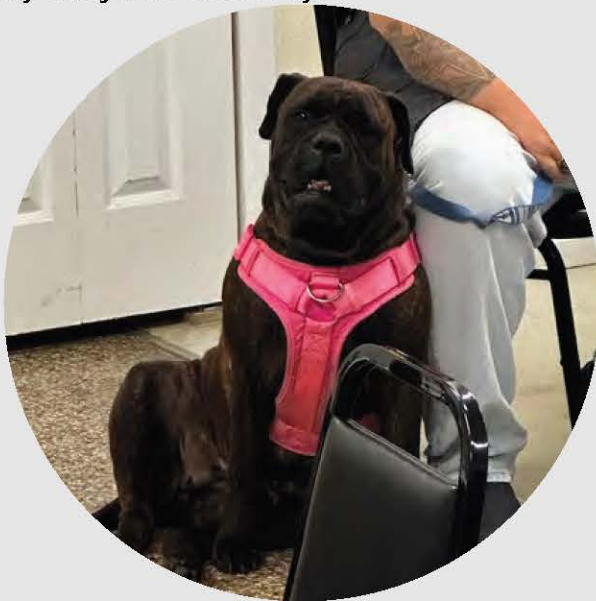


AUGUST

We attended the 9th Annual Purple Heart Recognition Day Brick Presentation for two of our Chapter members Jeff “Gunner” Patterson and Thomas “T2” Thompson at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center.



Occasionally we have special guests at our meetings to keep the peace and make sure everything runs smoothly.



We never turn down a chance to break bread together and enjoy a good meal. In August we caught up with Don “Dad” DiFrisco at his Brewery in downtown Melbourne, Hell ‘N Blazes.



The beautiful ladies of our Chapter got together for their bi-monthly night out at The Mansion in Downtown Melbourne.

We heard it got a little loud, and a lot of laughs were shared and maybe a few secrets!





SEPTEMBER

The heat didn't keep FL 20-1 from getting out there and riding.

We sent off and welcomed home the first Space Coast Honor Flight out of the Melbourne International Airport. Our own John "Lil G" Barbagallo went as a Guardian, coming home a bit "wet" from the downpours in Washington, DC.



Pilgrim and Mother attended the "Folds of Honor" Ride – proudly representing our Chapter



Our Chapter grew by one little sweet bundle when Mike "Cracked" Roman and Megan "Magnet" Roman's daughter Maddie "Rugrat" welcomed a little princess of her own.



We ended the quarter by bringing home the Gas Cap! Our next meeting is Saturday, 18 October at 1000 hrs at the American Legion Post 81!



FL 20-2 FIRST COAST CHAPTER

Brothers, Sisters, and Family of the First Coast Chapter,

As I sit down to write my final newsletter as Chapter Commander, I am filled with pride, gratitude, and a deep sense of honor. These past three years leading FL Chapter 20-2 have been some of the most rewarding of my life. Together, we have grown – not only in numbers but in unity, spirit, and purpose.

Our Growth

We have grown in membership on all fronts – Full Members, Supporters, and Auxiliary. Our ranks are stronger than ever, a testament to the strength of our mission and the unwavering bond we share as combat veterans, families, and patriots. Each new member brings a new story, a new strength, and a renewed commitment to our cause. This growth is not just numerical – it's spiritual, it's cultural, and it's personal. We are a family, forged in service and fueled by loyalty to one another.

Honoring Rocketman

Our Sanctioned Event each year is more than just a ride – it is a **celebration of the legacy** of our very first Chapter Commander, **CPL James Wesley “Rocketman” Roberts**. A proud United States Marine, CPL Roberts served from September 1967 to July 1971. His dedication and courage were recognized with the **National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Service Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Rifle Marksman Badge**, and the **RVN Cross of Gallantry**.

CPL Roberts led with the same honor and discipline that defined his service. Each year, it is my absolute privilege to **escort his daughter, Kim “Rocketgirl” Roberts**, on our commemorative ride. In doing so, we carry his name, his spirit, and his legacy forward – not just in memory, but in action. As Rocketman served this country, we will continue to serve in his name.



The Power of Our Auxiliary

I would be remiss not to recognize the **outstanding accomplishments of our Auxiliary Chapter**. Without you, we would not be the great chapter that we are. You stand beside us – not behind us – as equals in this mission. Your work behind the scenes, on the front lines of support, and in every aspect of our success has elevated this chapter to new heights. I am immensely proud of everything you have accomplished. Your strength and dedication embody the heart of this chapter.

Looking Ahead

As we approach the Fourth Quarter of 2025, I'm excited for what lies ahead. We have momentum, purpose, and vision. I know that 2026 will bring even more opportunity for impact, camaraderie, and legacy building. This Chapter is in good hands, and its best days are ahead.

A Final Salute

As I step down, in December from the role of Chapter Commander, I will do so with a full heart. Thank you for trusting me, for riding beside me, and for letting me serve this incredible chapter. We've laughed, mourned, celebrated, and stood strong together – as brothers and sisters, as veterans, as Skullywags.

I will forever be proud to have served the **First Coast Chapter**. This is more than an organization. **This is family.**

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Once a Skullywag, Always a Skullywag!
With Respect and Brotherhood,

*Donald "HITMAN" Clark
aka Buche LeClerc,
FL 20-2 Chapter Commander*



FL 20-2 AUX NEWS

July:

20-2 Aux hosted a Luau for the chapter. We had great food and fun. The Auxiliary ladies, of course, won the Hula contest!



We patched in three new Auxiliary members! Welcome home to Whisper, Top-Dawg, and Chelle Belle!



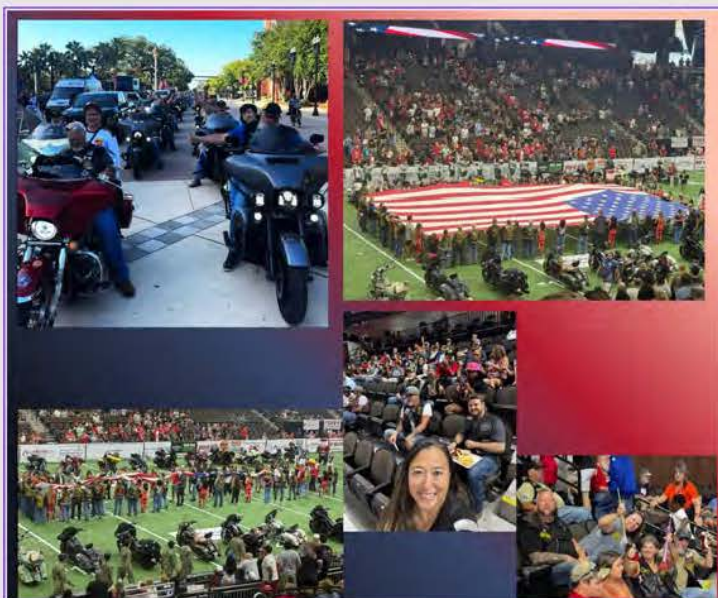
Thank you for supporting our mission!

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Had a blast co-escorting the Jacksonville Shark Attack Dance Team onto the stadium for Military Appreciation Night. This is our 5th Annual Ride, and each year gets better!!



We commemorated G-dog's retirement and the renewal of vows with his spouse, K-9.



Ride to Renegade's on the Indian River!

July 4th weekend ride to Daytona. Great music, food, and lots of laughter!

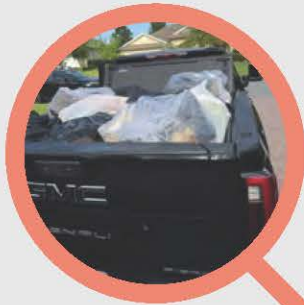


20-2 took part in final ceremonies for one of our own, Aviation Electrician Chief Petty Officer, Charles Tournoux, a WWII Navy Veteran, father of Short Bus and father-in-law of Special Ed. He passed away shortly after his 99th birthday and served more than 20 years. **"Shipmate, the watch stands relieved. Relieved by those you have trained, guided, and led. Shipmate, you stand relieved. We have the watch."**

FL 20-2 AUXILIARY

August:

Thank you to all who participated in our Auxiliary Shoe Drive for the Scholarship fund! The drive really brought all the Auxiliary together!



20-2 meetup with 20-18...on a CRUISE SHIP! We are ready for another cruise!



Congratulations to OB1 and Seoul Tater on their son Kai's enlistment in the Navy Nuclear Program. A former 3rd class Petty Officer in Sea Cadets, Kai is now in his 7th week of training at Great Lakes and is a Recruit Forward Hold Petty Officer.



September:

Under the leadership of support member, Pinky, 20-2 successfully completed the 10th Annual Rocketman Run, raising \$4,476.24. Including matching funds, the total contribution to Hope4Veterans—which aids military women—amounted to \$8,952.48!! Auxiliary assisted with stops, made and sold burritos, and donated proceeds. This accomplishment highlights the exceptional teamwork demonstrated by all involved.



Good times supporting 20-13 Poker run, then
lunch at one of our favorite river spots:
Renegade's!



Aux Secretary, Dragonfly, organized chapter
BINGO at Clyde E. Lassen's Veteran Nursing
Home, where we enjoyed meeting residents.
Afterward, we rode to Gator Joe's in
Ocklawaha thanks to the great weather.



Auxiliary has been actively raising funds
through the Skully Sister Swag Store and
connecting with other Aux through Charm
Swapping! Check out our online store and
grab your **Skool for Skullies Challenge Coin**
before it's too late!!!!



FL 20-4 COMBAT RATS

🔥 Chapter 20-4, 3rd Quarter Highlights 🔥

Strap in and rev up – this quarter was a full-throttle ride of grit, gratitude, and gear-shifting glory. From centennial celebrations to gas cap chases, your CVMA FL 20-4 family showed up, stood tall, and rode hard.

👏 Strength in Numbers

With 78 members strong – 60 Full Patch, 14 Auxiliary, and 4 Supporters – Chapter 20-4 is a force of unity and impact in the veteran community.

Vets helping Vets: We rolled deep to deliver a \$10,000 check to Marie from Villagers for Veterans in honor of Ashley's House. That's not just charity = that's legacy.



Respect on Wheels When Mrs. Barb turned 101, her granddaughter from VA 27-5 asked for a CVMA visit. We answered with chrome, cheers, and a convoy of honor. Because when a centenarian calls, we roll out with throttle and thunder.



Highway Cleanup Crew We don't just ride – we restore. Our Adopt a Highway cleanup proves that 20-4 leaves every road better than we found it.



Ryback Ride: Tradition & Tribute We honored horsepower and heritage, keeping “Rybacks” memory alive with every mile.



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Family Grows: We welcome 2 transfers, Tod “Gator” Granger (VT 26-2), Raymond “Mule Skinner” Dore (NH 5-1), and we patched in Randall “Randy” Thibodeau. Life Memberships were awarded to OSHA, Big Ben, and Luckie – stitched into the soul of 20-4.



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Skully Pick-Up Ride & Gas Cap Saga We crushed the Skully Ride, forging bonds across chapters. The Gas Cap Saga? Legendary. Recovered from 20-16, lost to 20-13, recovered again, and passed to 20-1. The gas cap lives on. The comradery between the chapters within the state grow.



Service Beyond the Saddle We backed a Korean War veteran with Villagers for Veterans. We helped Oscar from Free Canes for Veterans with shop work. We unpacked a pod and built furniture for a transferring member. Because 20-4 doesn't just ride – we rise.



Quarter of Heart, Horsepower & Hustle Whether honoring elders, supporting veterans, serving our community, doing funeral escorts, patching in new members, or chasing down gas caps, we did it with pride, unity, and purpose. This is 20-4. This is what family looks like.



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

FL 20-5 SOUTHERNMOST

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Lifetime Member appointee CVMA Scott
"Dorothy" Kolp



Freedom Flight Escort by CVMA 20-5 West Palm Beach



MONTHLY NEWS

July

Harley Davidson South Miami Fundraiser and Meeting



SEPTEMBER

Furniture Pick Up and Storage Facility Rental



20-5 has had an enormous response from the community in South Florida with their furniture donations for Veterans in need. The donation required our Chapter to rent a Storage facility. We feel we have enough Furniture to Furnish several apartments in Q4.



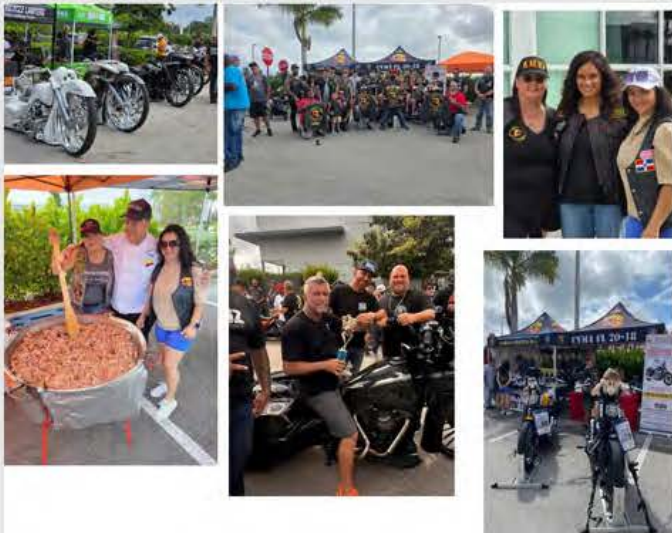
CVMA FL 20-5 -Day to enjoy and allow our families to meet each other and bond as a Chapter.



Submitted by: Bob Malone PRO

September 20th was our Big Fundraiser for the year. What a turnout we had, 300 + people show up. 20-5 invited our sister Chapter 20-18 "Grumpy" Commander and crew brought their Harley Street Bob which they are raffling in Dec. we also had the following: Raised \$4000.00

- Live Music, Food
- Slow Race with a 250.00 Cash Prize- Donated By Law Tigers
- A Motorcycle Audio Competition -Trophies
- A Motorcycle Bike Show -Trophies
- A Silent Auction- Miami Heat Gear, Body Armor, Cigars Smoke Inn
- AR15 Give Away- Donated by Our Own CVMA member Zach "SIX Point" Marcus Tailored Arms



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.

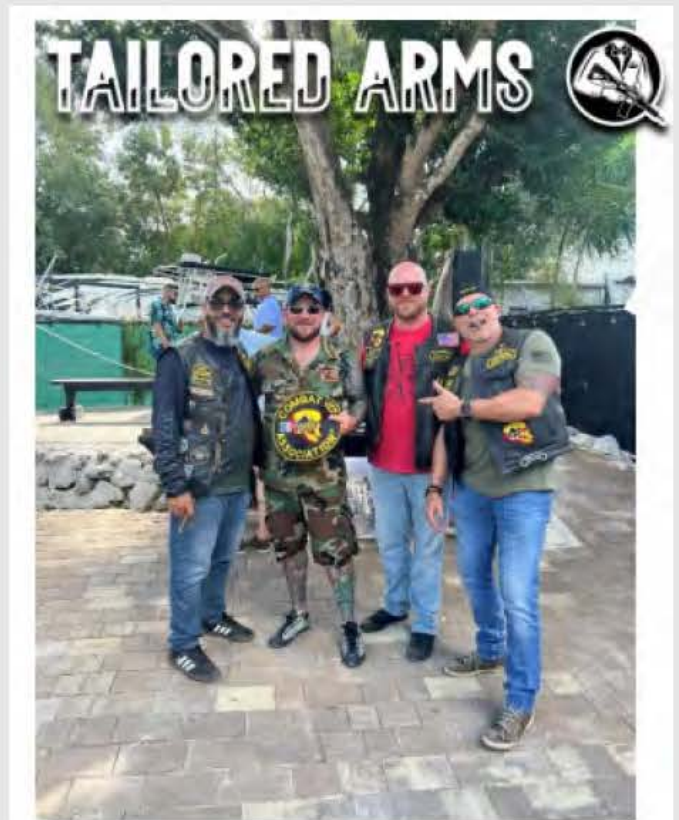
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Miami, Southernmost doing it right! "Two" More Veterans with Furniture for their apartments. Thank you Bothers for volunteering during a weekday Dr. Leon" RACKZ" Washington Chaplin extraordinaire and Angel "Fortune" Velez another brother who keeps stepping up when needed! Bumper, Slick, Bowtie and Benji God Bless



Upcoming Events: Q4 Southernmost Chapter is exciting for Q4. We have Several Big Events happening.

- Regional I Rally October 1 st
- Florida States Rally November 15, 2025, Fort Myers
- Fund Raiser Dec 15th Toy Run Fast Furious



FL 20-6

Making a difference

While this wasn't our busiest quarter, it proved to be one of our most meaningful. We had multiple opportunities to strengthen bonds within our chapter and deepen our sense of unity with brothers and sisters in our chapter and across the state.



In August, we traded our usual meeting room for open roads and shared adventures. Several members rode out to Saint Augustine to link up with Chapter 20-2 for breakfast at VFW Post 2391. From there, we explored the city's history and flavors—touring the Saint Augustine Distillery, the City Gates Distillery, and finally walking the grounds of the old fort. These weren't just tourist stops; they were chances to forge stronger connections, swap stories, and enjoy the camaraderie that defines our chapter.



That same spirit carried into our Mayo camping trip the early in September, organized with the help of Chapter 20-12. More than just a weekend getaway, this was a preview of a potential site for next year's State Rally—a chance to imagine what's ahead. Around campfires and picnic tables, friendships deepened. The ladies carved out their own fun while the men gathered outside in a mix of laughter, stories, and plans for the future rally.



We were proud to host brothers and sisters from Chapters 20-11, 20-1, 20-4, 25-5, and 25-5-1—a powerful reminder that our network runs deeper than any one zip code. One of the weekend's most meaningful moments came when "Cardiac", along with our new interim CO "Heavy D" and interim SAA "Reaper", patched in Dylan "Trash Panda," officially welcoming him into our family. These milestones—big or small—are what keep our chapter strong and growing. Other leadership changes included "Hammer" stepping up as interim Chapter Treasurer.



Meanwhile, “No Hole” and “Ranger Ratboy” traveled to DeLand for 20-13’s annual poker run. While there, they met new brothers and sisters and came back impressed with 20-13’s set up for their event.



Also at the campground, several of us ladies had the opportunity to take part of the charm exchange for our first charms. We are all excited to hit the open road to meet our sisters and exchange these powerful little keepsakes that will help with making new friends and memories.



With continuing to work on the 2026 State Rally, we once again crashed 20-12’s meeting in Perry to continue to work on details for the Rally. We’re also kicking things up a notch with our first major fundraiser for the rally – a raffle for a rare .45 Colt Commander 1911 (Limited Edition, 1 of 100). This beauty features 24k gold engraving on the slide with Lt. Col. North’s name and is valued at \$3,500.



Tickets are moving fast – see “Heavy D” to snag yours before they’re gone!



While at the meeting, we were fortunate to be able to welcome two Brothers to 20-12's chapter.



A small group of us rode out to Middleburg for 20-2's Rocketman Ride, joined by "Darkman," "Barbwire," "Maytag," and "Spincycle" at the location. It was a great turnout, plenty of miles, and even more smiles – everyone who went had an awesome time.



Once a month, we continue with our bike nights in various locations to get together for some much-needed time to unwind and have some fun.



While our camping trip kicked off our very first chance to meet others in the charm exchange – and we’ve been loving every moment since! It’s been such a blast connecting with all the amazing ladies involved, and we’re excited to get out there and meet even more of you.



Article Submitted: Brandy “Chaos”

