

APRIL 2025

Tropical Topics

28 and counting...
for our Heroes in Hawaiian Shirts



Hawaiian Shirts for Deployed Soldiers is on a mission to send 100,000+ Hawaiian shirts along with notes of encouragement to our deployed soldiers overseas to help boost morale, and **we helped!**

[Hawaiian Shirts - Hawaiian Shirts For Deployed Soldiers](#)

I asked and you answered. Your response to this request was a whopping 28 shirts collected at the meeting with a few more promised this week.

Nice Job!

I will include personalized notes of thanks and encouragement from the club when I mail the shirts, that will go along with the snacks & fun extras like games and luau decorations that the organization adds before shipping them overseas.



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Making a difference in our community!

The date of our first bed build for 2025 is Saturday, May 17th from 9-12, in the parking lot of **Ting Stadium, 101 Sportsmanship Way, Holly Springs.**

(I had announced at the meeting that it was in Apex, but it has been changed to Holly Springs!)

We will be joining staff from *Sterling Fox Financial* that day.

During this event, we will convert raw lumber in to beds for kids who otherwise sleep on the couch or even the floor every night. A child who doesn't get a good night's sleep cannot learn. It's fun and a chance to bond with other Parrot Heads (in the past, several have gone to lunch together at a local eatery afterward—there are many in that area.) So, put it on your calendar, and join us for a fun day of cutting, sanding, drilling, and assembling beds. You can choose a station and even rotate between them as well.

Please use this link below to sign-up; you will be asked to sign a waiver as well.

[5/17/2025 - Build Day with Sterling Fox Financial](#)



MargaRALEIGHville 2025

Every year PHs man the raffle table, which means setting up tables under a canopy, selling tickets, drawing names and posting winners. We also would also like to provide a Team to walk the short walk. Please register today; Online Registration closes Thursday, April 18th at 5:00 pm. Parking is available at the venue.

[2025 Triangle Walk to Defeat Dementia | Details](#)

Our team name is: Parrot Heads of NC

Volunteer Hours

PHIP has changed what qualifies as acceptable Volunteer Hours for 2024 going forward. Hours volunteered through organizations other than Parrot Head events no longer count.

However, hours spent on behalf of the club, such as committee hours, organization and solicitation hours in the planning and success of our activities and events DO!

Exceptions: Attending the event in and of itself does not, but the time you spend selling raffle, 50/50 tickets or rings, playing jai-alai, or any other assigned "job," does.

On more clarification, if you actively participate in and work another club's function, as long as they do not counting your hours on their reports, you can add them to our count.

Both the **SiHP Bed-Building** and the **Walk to Defeat Dementia** event hours count!

The planning has already begun...and I promise we already have done a lot behind the scenes. The logo will be finalized shortly, sponsorship letters are ready and waiting final approval and sponsorship forms just need tweeking.

- **Start thinking about who you might approach for an event sponsorships or raffle donation for our 2025 MargaRALEIGHville event on September 13.** Many corporations have a matching fund program; this means that if you donate any amount, your company will also donate that amount to your cause.
- **Start talking it up!** It is once again at Rally Point Sport Bar, where we hold our meetings, and the entertainment has been booked! Opening the event will be **JT ParrotHead**, WRAL's 2024 Peoples' Choice Award Winner for the Triangle. Returning as Headliners will be **Hungry Hard Luck Heroes** (Dave and Gary), with guest saxophonist, **Brad Brewer!**

Yes, it's five (5) months away, but **IT'S ONLY FIVE MONTHS AWAY.** Once we get our last ducks in a row, it's going to be downhill on ice!

If you take photo at any PH event, especially our own, please send them to me for inclusion on our website, phofnc.com, and also be sure to include them on our FB pages:

- * *PHofNC Phlocking and*
- * *Parrot Heads of North Carolina*



Continue to collect your pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Please turn them to Laura-Leigh Rowlette at our meetings.

If you're a new member and yet to received your PHofNC badge, please submit a headshot to PHofNCComm@gmail.com so you can get "leid" at the next meeting you attend.



Also, request to join our members only FB page: PHofNC Phlocking.

Treasury Update (4/12/25)

Balance on Hand: \$ 4,910.09

Chloe has a breakdown of all income and expenses at every meeting. Specific balances for funds collected (membership, events, etc.), as well as expenses are available anytime.

Reminder

This year we are donating non-perishable food, cleaning items and personal hygiene items to the **Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC**. Please bring your donations to our monthly meeting.



New Merchandise!

Hooded and zippered sweatshirts will soon be available. It will require pre-payment with your order. Several colors will be available, with an option for our large logo on the back and/or a small sized log on the left front. Watch you email for the order form.

Membership Committee Report:

Our membership numbers took a dip, as they always do, at the beginning of the new year. Having ended 2024 with 115 members, we began March with 91, but you and our website and FB pages are reaching the masses; April's number is at 95.

Parrot Head Reef

a collaboration between Parrot Heads in Paradise& Eternal Reefs

The Parrot Head Reef will be dedicated Monday, September 1, 2025, two years after the passing of music's beloved Jimmy Buffett, a passionate ocean conservation advocate. The reef will be located off Key West, one of Jimmy's most famously favorite and storied cities.

The marine area will become a dedicated space for underwater memorials featuring individual reef balls containing plaques paying homage to the original beach lover and ocean advocate. The reef will be comprised of two sizes of reef balls, ranging in size from about 600 to 1,600 pounds, and each will feature an 8-inch circular bronze plaque, custom designed by each entity which purchases the memorial.

The project is a collaboration between Parrot Heads in Paradise (PHiP), a network of more than 200 social and charitable clubs around the United States, Canada, Europe, Caribbean and Australia, along with Eternal Reefs, the Sarasota-based creative environmental memorial non-profit, dedicated to placing living legacies that help preserve the marine environment for future generations.

The Parrot Head Reef will be located in a site permitted by Florida's Monroe County that is .25 acres square. The location, 21 miles off Key West in 46 feet of water, is outside the sanctuary boundary and will feature a dedicated space to honor Jimmy Buffett and a cause he held so dear – ocean preservation.

While anyone may purchase a memorial, pricing preference will be given to PHiP members and clubs. In the week leading up to September 1, the completed memorials will be displayed in Key West for viewing by individuals and clubs. Pending weather, the first memorials in the Parrot Head Reef will be deployed, targeting a September 1 date. Dates are weather contingent.

(This article was taken verbatim from the PHiP website on the subject.)

For additional information and forms go to:

<https://www.eternalreefs.com/home/parrot-head-reef/>



Our FaceBook Page, **PHofNC Phlocking** (for members only) provides a way to communicate with each other about Items of interest to the PHs, especially about upcoming events and activities.

The **FEATURED** tab at the top contains current and important items so you don't have to scroll on and on to find an important post.

The **EVENTS** tab contains posts for all upcoming events listed on our calendar pages 5-6 of this publication. **Please reply that you plan on attending** and, especially if you've never attended this event before, feel free to ask questions to help you plan—airline flights others have booked, the event format, attire, etc. That's what it's there for.



A house concert is an intimate **musical performance** presented in someone's home or a small private space such as a barn, apartment rec room, lawn, or backyard. Cash is collected at the show and goes directly to the performers, with no "profit motive" on the host's part. Due to both liability and financial considerations, PHofNC supports members who provide the venue for a house concert, but we do not directly host, sponsor or sanction them.

Check out the calendar on pages 5-6 for upcoming House Concerts sponsored by our members.

MONTHLY PHofNC Meetings: 2nd Saturday of every month, 3:00 at Rally Point in Cary, unless otherwise noted

PHofNC Calendar of Events – updated April 2025

*** denotes a PHofNC sponsored event*

APRIL

- 19th **Bullock Beach Music Blast**, Bullock NC
Jim Quick & Coastline and The Konnections
- 24th-26th **Parrot Head Rendezvous**, Panama City, FL
panamacityphc.org/rendezvous
- 26th **Feeding Frenzy** - Emerald Isle PH Club
<https://emeraldisleparrotheads.com/>
- 27th ****Walk to De-Feet Dementia**, Fenton, Cary 1:00-4:00
work raffle tables; walk with our team

MAY

- 10th ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, RallyPoint Sport Bar
- 17th ****Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Building Event**, 9am—Noon;
Ting Stadium, 101 Sportsmanship Way, Holly Springs
- 18th **Lone Palm House Concert - Peter and Brendan Mayer**
(LL & Steve's in Wake Forest)
- 28th - June 2nd **Isla Mujeres Island Showcase, Mexico**
www.songwritersisland.com/islandshowcase

JUNE

- 11th-15th A1A Beach Bash - Amelia Beach, FL
<https://aiaparrotheads.org/beach-bash-2/>
- 14th * ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Bar
- 28th **Lone Palm House Concert - Carrie Welling**
(LL & Steve's in Wake Forrest)

JULY

- 12th ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill
- 20th **Lone Palm House Concert - Bryton Stoll**
(LL & Steve's in Sake Forrest)

AUGUST

8th Donny Howard at the Salty Turtle (Raleigh/Wakefield)
9th ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

SEPTEMBER

13th ****MargaRaleighVille, PHofNC Annual Party**, Rally Point Sport Grill
with JT ParrotHead and
Hungry Hard Luck Heros (Dave McKenny and Gary Green) plus Brad Brewer on Sax!
19th - 21st **Throwback Shell Beach Party**, Myrtle Beach - Coast of Carolina Club
https://cofcphc.com/tbsbp_tickets/
20th **Pondapalooza - Kitty Steadman**, Truck Driver's Daughter Tour (Jackie's)
27th **Pondapalooza - Mike Nash** (Jackie's venue in Apex)

OCTOBER

11th ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill
11th **Pondapalooza - Jesse Rice** (later afternoon and evening)
22nd - 26th **Meeting of the Minds**, Gulf Shores AL
<https://motm.rocks/>
28th - 2nd **Trop Rockin' Duval Street**, Key West FL
<https://www.beachfrontentertainment.com/>

NOVEMBER

8th ****PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

DECEMBER

4 - 8th **Donnie Brewer's Mexico Meltdown 6**
Margaritaville All-Inclusive Riviera Maya Cancun, <https://Trop Rock Travel>
13th ****PHofNC Christmas Party, Harryoke at the American Legion #116, Fuquay-Varina**

REFERENCE SHEET

Each month Art will ask a different member to do the honor of leading the toast.
This month Harry Zebroski and Kristene Hyden led the Team Toast.
The 50/50 pot held \$250 with half going to Jim McCarthy!

♦ **PHofNC Team Toast:**

*There are cruise ships,
And pirate ships.
And ships that sail the sea,
But the BEST ships are FRIENDships,
And may they ALWAYS be!
ARRRRHH!*

♦ **Parrot Heads of North Carolina social media:**

- ♦ [PHofNC Phlocking FB](#) - private for members only
[Parrot Heads of North Carolina FB](#) - public for information and awareness about who we are and what we do.
[PHofNC.com](#) - our website

♦ **Parrot Heads in Paradise:**

- ♦ Web site: <http://phip.com>
Instagram: [#parrotheadsinparadise](#)
Twitter: [@parrotheadsIP](#)
PHlockers Magazine: [PhlockersMagazine.com](#)

♦ **PHofNC Officer Emails are:**

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♦ **PHofNC Mailing Address:**

Parrot Heads of North Carolina
c/o (a particular board member's name can be inserted here)
P.O. Box 553
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

♦ **Meeting and Social Location**

(2nd Saturday of each month, unless otherwise posted):
Rally Point Sports Grill
837 Bass Pro Lane (Harrison Avenue)
Cary, NC 27513

- ♦ **Parrot Head members can receive a 15% discount on most merchandise at:**
WWW.MARGARITAVILLE.COM/SHOP

- ♦ Check out www.workingadvantage.com for additional benefits of membership