



General Membership Meeting Feb 25 2026



Call To Order

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



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2026 VCS Board

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Membership

Diann Dawston-Hudson

Committee Lead

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Current Membership as of 23 Feb 2026 – 244 Members

82 Life Members

120 Army Members

17 USMC Members

31 Navy Members

30 USAF Members

2 USCG Members

Welcome



**Annual Membership Drive
October thru January**



Flags Over Solivita

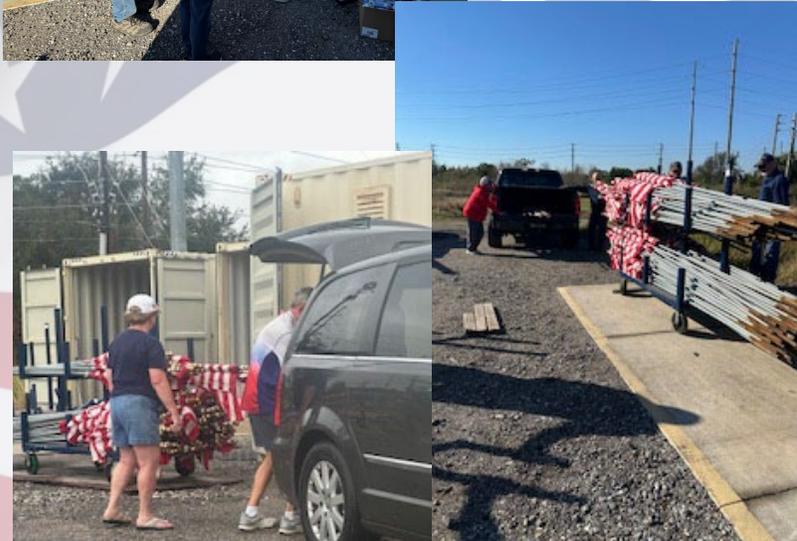


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Giving Committee

Giving Committee Approved Recommendations for 2025

Organization	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Allocation	Total Vet Funds	Total Non Vet
Scholarship	10,000.00	5,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00	
Soldier Angle	5,000.00	2,500.00		7,500.00	7,500.00	
St Ann	2,500.00	2,500.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
St Rose	2,500.00	2,500.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
Ashley House	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00	
Meals on Wheels Oscola	2,000.00	1,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00
Meals on Wheels Polk	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
Habitat	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00	
The Way	2,500.00			2,500.00		2,500.00
Russell House	2,000.00			2,000.00		2,000.00
K9 Support Dogs	2,500.00	2,000.00		4,500.00	4,500.00	
Quilt Club	1,000.00	1,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Outreach/Vet Connect	1,500.00	5,000.00		6,500.00	6,500.00	
Dream Village	500.00			500.00		500
Fisher House	3,000.00			3,000.00	3000	
Outreach/Lake Nona	6,000			6,000	6000	
				70,000	48,000	22,000
				Goal	70%	30%
				Actual	68%	32%



John Robinson
Committee Lead
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Vet Connet



Senior to Military Program

- 5 Local HS involved working through the JROTC Programs
- Students graduating with Signed Contracts to join the Armed Services
- Each student receives a Check for \$100,
- Letter of Congradulations & Certificate of Achievement



Vet Connet

Lake Nona VA Program

- Working with the VA center in Lake Nona
- Provide hand made quilts made right here in Solivita
- Bingo every Third Monday of each month
 - BINGO goes from 2-3
 - Winners receive Buddy Bucks



Joanne Bodziony, CDR USN (Ret), Committee Lead

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Scholarship

Sharon Ferris
Committee Lead
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BLONDE AMBITION

Sunday, Febr 22, 2026

7:00 PM Starlite Ballroom

Presented by the VCS Scholarship Foundation

General Admission - \$20

Early Seating - \$25

Cash / Check payable to:
VCS-Scholarship Foundation



Bricks

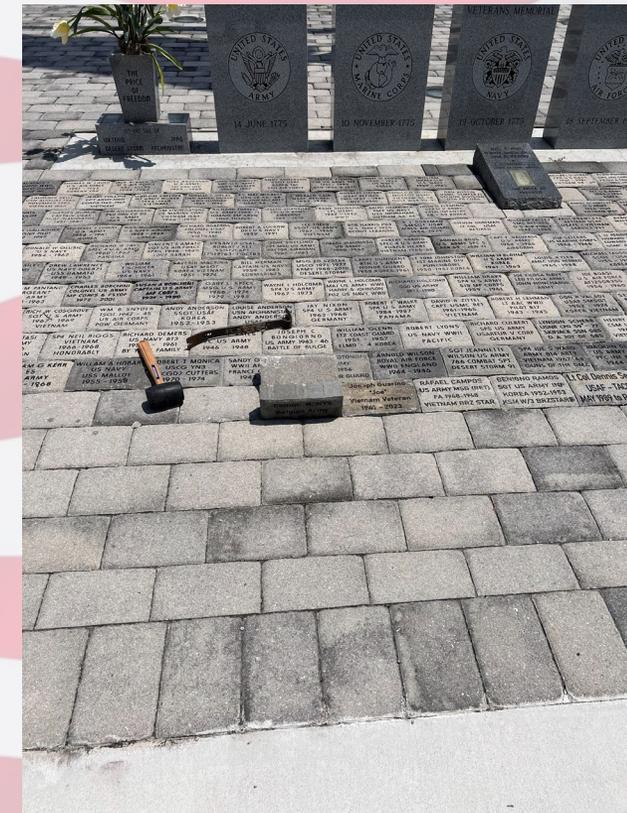


PRICING:

\$50.00 for Club Members

**\$50.00 per Immediate Family
Member of Club Member**

**\$125.00 for Non-Club Members
(Solivita Resident)**



BRICKS OF HONOR CONTACT
Donald Hussey, Memorial Bricks Lead
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Honor Guard

Lead All Parades in Solivita
Conduct All Flag Lowering's
Support Special Events
Support the Veterans Ball





VCSA



Co-Leads for VCSA

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Chaplain



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Webmaster



Veterans Club Website

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Calendar



General Membership Meeting: 4th Wednesday of each month except Nov(No MTG)

General Board Meeting: 1000 , 17 March, 19 May, 14 July, 15 Sept, & 17 Nov

Exec. Board Meeting: 1000, 14 Apr, 16 June, 18 Aug, 20 Oct, & 15 Dec

Parades: Marching: 4 April (Spring Parade), 18 June (Juneteenth Parade) 4 July (250th Birthday Parade), 7 Dec (Holiday Parade)

Golf Cart Parades: 23 Oct (Witchin Costume Parade), & 12 Nov (Veterans Day Parade)

Ceremonies: 25 May Memorial Day & 11 Nov Veterans Day – 0900 Memorial Park

Calendar



Special Events

22 Feb USO Show, 1900 Ballroom

28 Feb Former Commanders Breakfast, 0900 The Grill

4 March Strawberry Fest Trip

25 May, Memorial Day Baseball Game, 1000, Freedom Park

25 May Memorial Day BBQ, 1200 Freedom Park Market Place

20 Aug VCSA Ice Cream Social, 1500, RSF-2

11 Sept Former Commanders Breakfast, 0900 The Grill

11 Nov Memorial Day Breakfast, 1000, Ballroom

11 Nov Annual Veterans Ball, Ballroom

13 Memorial Day Concert

14 Annual Golf Tournament

7-13 Dec Club Cruise

12 Dec Wreaths Across America

4 March Strawberry Festival



Tickets are \$30.00





Memorial Day BBQ

25 May 2026

1200-1400

Freedom Park

Farmers Market Tent



Cost: \$30.00 VCS/VCSA members

\$35.00 Non-Club Members



REMEMBER



HONOR



TEACH



WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA





VETERANS APPRECIATION CRUISE

WE SALUTE YOUR SERVICE

6-DAY EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE ON THE SKY PRINCESS ROUND-TRIP FROM PORT CANAVERAL (ORLANDO)

DECEMBER 7, 2026 - DECEMBER 13, 2026

PORTS OF CALL:

Princess Cays, Bahamas (Private Resort)
Amber Cove, Dominican Republic
Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos

SPECIAL EVENTS & SURPRISES:

- Formal Private Cocktail Party ✓
- Commemorative Coins ✓
- Special Veterans Meet & Greet ✓
- Plus Other Surprises! ✓



Contact **Stuart abo** for more information at **(516)319- 3314** Sailaway Travel | U.S. NAVY VETERAN Also a Member of the Veterans Club of Solivita

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Questions and Answers