

# Post 243 Newsletter

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**Never give in, never give in,  
never, never, never, never—  
in nothing great or small,  
large or petty—never give in  
except to convictions of  
honor and good sense.**

~ Winston Churchill

## Upcoming Post & Community Events

### Flag Retirement

~Post 243~

~~July 18, 1000~~

### Park Scavenger Hunt Challenge

### Blood Drive

~Post 243~

July 26, 1200-1700

### Korean Armistice Agreement Celebration

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~~July 29 @ Coffee & Chat~~

### Oviedo Farmer's Market

Lawton House Lawn  
August 1, 0800-1300

### Coast Guard Birthday

August 4, 1790



## From the Commander

It's summertime in Florida; but just remember that if you can't stand the summers, you don't deserve the winters!! Our Independence Day Picnic, outdoors at the Post was a big success. Forty members and guests enjoyed the day; with burgers & dogs, incredible desserts & sides, tents, cold drinks, Bingo, a Cornhole Tournament, Horseshoes, Marshmallow Golf, and several other distractions. The weather was hot but dry with a nice cloudy overcast. Way to go, Planning and Decorating team! Maybe we should make this an annual Post 243 event.

The Chinese Virus continues to impact our Nation, State, and Community - although the impacts on Post 243 have thankfully been indirect. A direct impact came on 12 July as an order from the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), which licenses and regulates businesses that serve alcohol and provide professional services. The DBPR issued an Executive Order that ALL American Legion and VFW Posts should be shut down until further notice.

Post 243 and other posts without bars, are not licensed or regulated by the DBPR and may not be subject to the shut-down order. This is being contested on behalf of the many dry Posts such as 243, for a clarification that we are not subject to the DBPR and can continue meeting in support of our mission of service to veterans and our community. Post 243 is presently shut down until further notice, but we hope to resume wearing our masks, maintaining our spacing, and exercising our personal judgement and responsibilities. Stand by!

*Bill*

### Flag Retirement

Because of the new Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation clarification email, all post specific activities are cancelled until further notice. To see the email regarding the closure click [here](#).

### Park Scavenger Hunt

Looking for something fun to do with the family? Check out Winter Springs Parks Department's summer challenge. Take a picture with 6 out of 12 items from one of their scavenger hunt sheets, send it in and receive a coupon for a free treat from Chick-Fil-A or Jeremiah's Italian Ice. Click [here](#) for more information and to download the sheets for Central Winds, Torcaso Cove or Trotwood Parks.

### Blood Drive News

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from noon until 1700. All donors will be screened for COVID-19 antibodies and receive notification of their status within the week. To schedule your appointment check on the



History states that red, white and blue were chosen as the colors to represent valor (red), liberty and purity (white), and justice and loyalty (blue).



There have been 27 official versions of the American flag, each with a different amount of stars.



When Alaska and Hawaii became states 49 and 50, President Eisenhower received thousands of ideas for an updated flag. Robert G.

Heft, a 17-year old high school student from Ohio, submitted his version that he created for a class project, and it was accepted and remains in use today. Can you believe that Robert got a B- on his project?



What's left of the 15-star, 15-bar flag that immortalized the national anthem is on permanent display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.



Of the six American flags that are planted on the moon, five of them are still standing. Which one is not?

The first one, planted by Neil Armstrong during the Apollo 11 mission.

OneBlood website or click [here](#). Additional precautions are being taken due to the COVID-19 virus. POC is Laurel Ross 407-227-5340

### Korean Armistice Agreement Celebration

Please remember the armistice that brought about a complete cessation of hostilities of the Korean War. The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when the North Koreans invaded South Korea and officially ended on July 27, 1953.

### Oviedo Farmer's Market

The Oviedo Farmer's Market was created to bring the community together, showcase the Lawton House and provide a way for local vendors to showcase their goods and services. Come see what is there for you.

### Coast Guard Birthday

The US Coast Guard traces its founding to August 4, 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling and protect the collection of federal revenue. Say Happy Birthday to your favorite Coastie on the 4th!

### Oviedo High School Parking

Applications can be found on our website at the bottom of the Resources page. Space reservations start July 20<sup>th</sup> and all students will be interviewed before being issued a space. POC is Ralph Cain, 407-765-6633

### Oviedo High School Football Parking

We are waiting to see what the fall schedule looks like before opening up our football parking program. POC is Laurel Ross, 407-227-5340

### Facilities Rental

Did you know that members of our community can rent our indoor and/or outdoor space? Now that things are opening back up, Post 243 is looking to make the most of our assets. Additional precautions are being taken due to the COVID-19 virus. If you know of someone who might like to use our space, please direct them to our website. The Resources page has pictures, an availability calendar and an application/additional information download. POC is Peter Gregory, 407-951-4630

### COVID-19 Status

If anyone tests positive for the current virus, they are asked to please communicate with us. We want to support our members and the families of those affected.



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## Stay in Touch

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