

Post 243 Newsletter

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Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him.

~Eisenhower

Upcoming Post & Community Events

- 1/29** Census Bureau Brief
- FEB** American Heart Month
- 2/1** Four Chaplains Ceremony
- 2/15** Project: VetRelief
- 2/20** Boys & Girls Club Program
- 3/19** Guardian Angels Program
- 3/25** Seminole County Veterans Lunch
- 3/28** Project: VetRelief

From the Commander

DO YOU WANT TO TEACH? Well, as members of the American Legion, that's often what we do!

This past weekend, we enjoyed watching the Post 243 Oratorical candidate in the District 6 competition. He was the winner, as the other 27 Posts in the District provided no entrants, and he will now move on to the Eastern Area competition on 15 February. As we know, a primary mission of the Oratorical Program is to develop a better understanding and appreciation of the Constitution of The United States on the part of high school students.

In addition to The American Legion Oratorical Competition, consider the recent activities and programs in which we at Post 243 have participated; including Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America, our local Flag Retirements, and Boys State. The stated mission of all these programs makes inference to the word **TEACH**, especially to the Youth of America! Other mission statement words from these programs include HONOR, REMEMBER, UNDERSTANDING, and APPRECIATION. All these words are related to presenting and explaining (Teaching) the values of the American Legion.

These American Legion programs support our Four Pillars of VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION, NATIONAL DEFENSE, AMERICANISM, and CHILDREN & YOUTH that benefit our nation's veterans, it's service members, the youth of America, and ordinary citizens. Teaching the values of our Four Pillars, especially to our youth, is critical to the future success of our American culture and way of life!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

Bill

More Information on Events

Census Bureau Brief – Come join us during Coffee & Chat to hear a brief by Nicolet Severe from the local offices of the US Census Bureau. They are looking for workers, so if you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please invite them to join us.

American Heart Month – To help recognize this special month we are planning a CPR course for all members and their guests. Please reply to the weekly email from almpost243@gmail.com regarding which days and times work best for you.

Four Chaplain's Ceremony – Our local ceremony will be held at post 12, Winter Park starting at 1100 on February 1st. For more information about this historic event and why we celebrate it, go to: <http://www.fourchaplains.org/the-saga-of-the-four-chaplains/>

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Post 243 and District 6 Oratorical Contest winner, Robert Kilkenny, flanked by Bill Thompson and Peter Gregory, Contest Facilitators. Robert is a Senior at Winter Springs High School and is looking forward to representing our Post at additional competitions.



Project: VetRelief – a Challenge 22 Event will be at Post 69 in Avon Park for those that are able to attend. Visit <https://www.projectvetrelief.org/>

Oviedo Boys & Girls Club – The program for our February Membership Meeting will have Councilman Jeff Chudnow and Alicia Hodge, Seminole County Boys & Girls Clubs Development Officer, update us about our local Club's progress and needs.

Guardian Angels – Medical service dog presentation by Paul Bertram a Walker during our March Membership Meeting. To see more information about their organization, please visit <http://www.medicalservicedogs.org/>

Seminole County Veterans Lunch – Last year's event was spectacular and this year proves to be even better. Please mark your calendars to save the date. More information will be posted when it is available. The current flyer can be downloaded from our website at the bottom of the Calendar page.

Project: VetRelief ALR Night – Icemen Hockey Tailgate Party, Jacksonville. Visit <https://www.projectvetrelief.org/>

For those that missed it, Post 243 conducted its first Blood Drive of the New Year this month. We saved up to 18 lives that day. Watch for more information regarding our next drive in April. Invite friends, family and neighbors to help us fill the bus and save more lives!

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