

Post 243 Newsletter

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**May we think of freedom, not
as the right to do as we please,
but as the opportunity to do
what is right.**

~Peter Marshall

Upcoming Post & Community Events

- 2/19** Guest for C&C
- 2/20** Boys & Girls Club Program
- 2/26** Guest for C&C
- 2/29** Mardi Gras
- 3/5-8** Oviedo Carnival
- 3/7** 6th District Meeting
- 3/19** Guardian Angels Program
- 3/25** Seminole County Veterans Lunch
- 3/28** Taste of Oviedo
- 3/28** Project: VetRelief

From the Commander

It has been an active time around Post 243.

As you have heard; the Oratorical competition is underway, and our Post 243 winner is also the District 6 champion. (Factoid: Of the 28 Posts in District 6, Post 243 was the only one that provided an orator!) On Saturday at 0900 at Post 53 in Sanford, our Post 243 orator repeated his presentation for the Eastern Area championship against the winner of the District 12 competition. More news to follow.

Also on Saturday, at 1300 at Post 243, we interviewed 4 candidates for Boys State. These young men are all mid-year high school Juniors, and we plan to send 2 as delegates and perhaps another 2 as alternates to the one-week program in Tallahassee. The boys will live in the dorms at Florida State and work at the State Capitol, where they will learn about the workings of our Government. Our Boys State attendees, their parents, and school counselors will be honored at our September General Meeting (Steaks for all!)

Our General Membership meetings for the next months are planned with interesting speakers and presentations. (Thanks, Laure!) All the events support our mission and the Four Pillars of American Legion service. Check the Post calendar for details.

We are gaining some momentum with our Building Fund for a needed Post building expansion. The capacity of our building is 55, and we can expect that several of our meetings, especially our Fire & Police Appreciation Dinner in April (Steaks!) and our Boys State Appreciation Dinner in September (Steaks, again!) will fill the house. Donations to the Building Fund are welcome and needed, as well as good ideas for additional fundraising outside our membership. (Contact Bill Thompson wjt824@gmail.com or Del Burfitt delburfitt@gmail.com)

We are growing. Keep up the good work!

For GOD and Country,

Bill



Saturday • February 29th • 4-8 pm

Center Lake Park at Oviedo on the Park • 299 Center Lake Lane

A Bourbon Street Style Festival



More Information on Events

Guest for C&C – During this Wednesday’s Coffee & Chat we will have a special guest coming to join us. If you have questions for Jason Brodeur, state senate candidate, be sure to attend.

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. For more information about the Seminole County program, please visit <https://www.bgccf.org/>

Guest for C&C – During the 2/26 Coffee & Chat we will have another special guest coming to join us. If you have questions or issues you’d like to share with Kyle Thorpe, Senator Murphy’s Constituent Advocate I’m sure we’ll see you there.

Oviedo Mardi Gras – This is a free, family-friendly event from 4:00pm – 8:00pm. The community is invited to come as Center Lake Park is transformed into a Bourbon Street style festival. It’s an evening of Cajun and creole cuisine, specialty vendors, live entertainment as well as authentic Jazz and Dixieland tunes straight from the French Quarter. [More Information](#)

Oviedo Carnival – Are you looking for something to do with the kids/grandkids? Come to the Carnival at the Oviedo Mall. Print and use the Early Bird coupons to the left before 6:00pm on Thursday and Friday and before 3:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. Visit <https://www.oviedoboosters.org/> for more information.

6th District Meeting - Post 80, 1019 Pennsylvania Ave, St. Cloud 32769. We need more representation and would love to have you attend so your voice can be heard. Please let the Commander know if you are interested in attending and supporting the Legion in our community.

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. The event is on the Sanford Civic Center and starts about 11:00am. Email Joshua Holder, Public Communications Coordinator at jholder@seminolecountyfl.gov to register today, spots are limited. Carpooling from Post 243 will be available, let the leadership know you will be attending.

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

Taste of Oviedo - The 26th Annual Taste of Oviedo is coming...March 28, from 10:00am – 6:00pm at the Oviedo Mall. Enjoy local food, live entertainment, Kids Taste, local businesses, arts & crafts, Kids stage, and MORE! Free admission and fun for the whole family! [More Information](#)



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