

Post 243 Newsletter



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Local Veterans Honored



Our own Sam Dixon and Oviedo Resident, John Cheney, were honored at Post 243 this month. Quilts of Valor chose to award these two WWII veterans and community members.

From the Commander

I can't believe February is over already. A lot happened in this shortest of months. Thank you to our members for staying involved, to our community for continuing to support our military families, and to those currently defending our nation from all enemies, foreign and domestic.

While our Mobile Vet Center has departed Central Florida, we still have VA medical counselors that attend our end of month Coffee & Chats. Please use them and spread the word that they are available in our community.

Take a look at all that is coming up and figure out where you want to get involved. We look forward to welcoming back those that might have been away for a bit!

Be Safe, Laurel



**DO YOUR PART
DONATE BLOOD
12:00 - 5:00
491 W BROADWAY**



**MAKE YOUR
APPOINTMENT
TODAY!**

Key Dates

- Mar 9, 10-1200 | Pet item Collection
- March 10, 1830-2000 | Fireside Chat
- Mar 12, 0900 | Dpt. Oratorical Competition
- Mar 13, 12-1700 | Blood Drive
- Mar 17, 1800 | Potluck Supper/*Tally Update*
- Mar 19, 09-1400 | Hot Rods for Heroes
- Mar 19, 12-1700 | District Picnic
- Mar 26, 10-1500 | Service Fair
- Mar 30, 10-1200 | VA Medical Counselor
- Apr 2, 14-1600 | Bowling
- Apr 16, 0900 | Flag Folding and Retirement
- Apr 21, 1800 | Gary Sinise Foundation Supper/*Police & Fire*
- Apr 23, 0900 | Spring Clean-up
- Apr 27, 10-1200 | VA Medical Counselor

Post 243 Advances to Department

Talmage Kanistras, advanced to Department level competition after winning Eastern Area's competition. Join us March 12th to cheer him on!



*Bill Thompson (District Chair), Tal,
Darryl Bass (Eastern Area Commander)*

Bake-off Winner!



We sampled many delicious desserts at our February meeting. John took home the prize with his homemade apple pie!

4 Chaplains Event

The Marine Corps League, Det. 64, and Oviedo Memorial Post 243 partnered for this year's 4 Chaplains Day activities. The ceremony was well attended, and four community members received Chapel of Four Chaplains (COFC) Legion of Honor Awards for their contributions in our community. Current COFC members, Segura & Gionet, flank this year's awardees (l to r) Ross, Mingoia, Sokoly, & Ferrin. Thank you to all who attended to help us honor & remember what selfless service these four brave Chaplains exhibited..



Post Maintenance - Pump House Repair

Ants invaded the cook shack (previously repaired) and the pump house. Pump house roof and walls were removed, inspected and repaired. Thank you to all members who came to help out!

Help us control further ant damage by picking up fallen moss when you see any on property.



Key Date Details

Blood Drive

Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred. See our calendar page of the website for the link.

Bowling

Join us for bowling at the Oviedo Bowling Center and then Gators Dockside to eat. \$10 covers bowling and shoe rental. Sign up today 407-227-5340.

Department Oratorical Competition

All are invited to support our future generation of leaders. Post 243's representative will be representing Eastern Area at Department Headquarters, 19112 Lee Road (A), Orlando 32810

Fireside Chat

Casual, after hours get together out back by the fire pit. A chance for our working members and guests to learn what is happening at the post. Snacks are provided, BYOB.

Gary Sinise Foundation Supper/Police & Fire

The Central Florida Chapter of the Gary Sinise Foundation is generously supporting our Meal this evening. We will be honoring local First Responders.

Hot Rods for Heroes

At the Oviedo Mall benefiting Central Florida Honor Flight. More info. on our website Calendar page.

Pet Item Collection

Please bring in food, blankets, towels, litter and any other pet items during Coffee & Chat. Donations will be going to Pet Alliance, our local no-kill shelter.

Service Fair

For those who need special assistance. Help spread the word, more info on post website Calendar page.

Spring Clean-up

We need you to come and help maintain our post. Inside and outside items need our attention. Please save the date and help our "home."

Tally (Tallahassee) Update

Want to know more about what is being focused on in our state's capitol, especially as it related to veterans? Come hear Anthony Sabatini's update.

VA Medical Counselor at Post 243

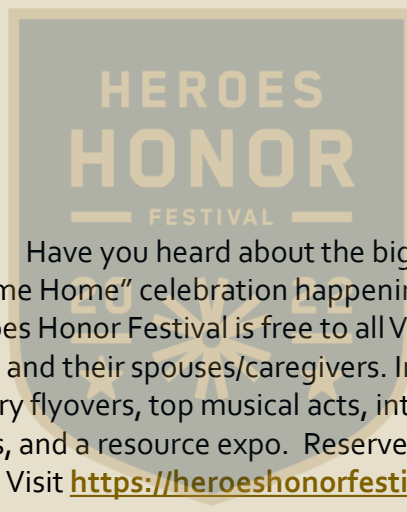
The Mobile Vet Center was reassigned elsewhere in Florida. A counselor is still scheduled to come the last Wednesday of each month. Available to entire community, spread the word.

Fireside Chat - Extended



The weather for February's event was so nice that a vote was taken to have one more Fireside Chat in March. Because of the time change, it will be on Thursday, March 10, from 1830-2000. Come and invite someone who wants to see our post.

Vietnam Veterans



Have you heard about the big "Welcome Home" celebration happening in May? Heroes Honor Festival is free to all Vietnam Veterans and their spouses/caregivers. Included are military flyovers, top musical acts, interactive exhibits, and a resource expo. Reserve your spot today. Visit <https://heroeshonorfestival.com/>

Spread the Word

Help like and share our Post activities

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Instagram:

[americanlegionpost243](#)

If you'd like to be added to our email distribution, please send your contact information to the email address below. If you need help getting to or from Post events, just ask, we're here to help!

Website: www.OviedoLegion.org

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ANNUAL SPRING DISTRICT 6 PICNIC



Hosted by American Legion Post 55

1063 W Desoto St., Germont, FL 34711 | T: 352-394-6767

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH
12PM-5PM

FOOD SERVED 12PM-5PM

M E N U

Grilled Chicken | 2 Sides | Dessert

or

Hamburger & Hot Dog | 2 Sides | Dessert

\$10

Outdoor | Indoor
Seating

LOTS
OF

RAFFLES
AND
50/50

MUSIC
BY
BRETT
All good

All Proceeds Benefit Transportation
for Girls & Boys State

