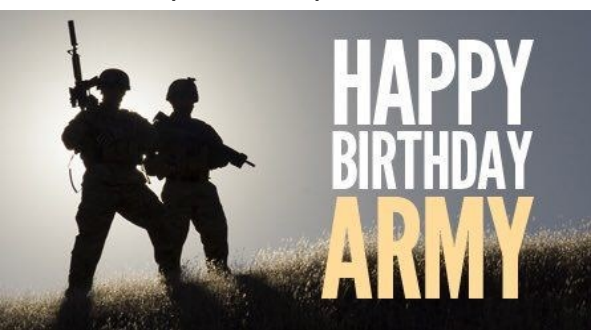




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## Key Dates

June 11, 1000 | Flag Retirement (Tremont)  
1330 | Bowling for Benefit  
1730 | Celebration & Dance (Post 53)

June 15, 10-1200 | SC VSO

June 16-18 | Department Convention

June 23, 1800 | Potluck Supper/**Installation**

June 24, 13-1600 | Senator Scott's Office

June 25, 0900 | PTSD Awareness Walk  
(Lake Baldwin)

June 25-26 | Ham Radio Event

June 29, 10-1200 | SC VSO & VA MC

July 4, 0830 | Parade & Festival (Geneva)

Jul 20, 10-1200 | SC VSO

Jul 23, 0900 | Flag Folding & Retirement

Jul 27, 10-1200 | VA MC

Aug 3/17, 10-1200 | SCVSO

Aug 18, 1800 | Potluck Supper/**Solemn Pride**

Aug 19, 1730-2000 | Football Parking

Aug 26, 1730-2000 | Football Parking

Aug 31, 10-1200 | SC VSO & VA MC

## From the Commander

Another Legion year is coming to a close. This month's Department Convention helps us recognize the invaluable work we all do in our communities, for our veterans, active-duty service personnel and their families. If you haven't been to one, plan to come to Saturday's General Session; it will make you proud to be a part of the American Legion.

Your work this last month has been truly amazing! From erecting, updating, hosting, and disassembling the Florida's Fallen Memorial, to awarding school and JROTC medals, to identifying veterans and planting flags at two of Oviedo's cemeteries, to conducting not one, but two poignant and respectful Memorial Day events. Our members don't just talk about their commitment to our mission, they **SHOW IT!** Thank you to very single person, member and friend of the Post, who helped make this last month so successful.

It takes a team of people to make all our programs and events so successful. Just a few of the many opportunities for you to get involved are included in this newsletter. Please consider how **YOU** can make **YOUR** post even stronger. We'd love to help you get involved!

I hear we are in for a treat at this month's potluck, be sure to come take a peek. Don't forget to welcome our new Post Officers after the Installation while you're there. I am excited to work with them and see how they help make our Post better and stronger.

While Post 243 has a few events over the summer, we are scaling things back to take some much-needed time to rest and recharge. Our weekly Coffee & Chats will continue but we are taking a break from our evening meetings in July. Enjoy your time with family.

**Be Safe!** Laurel



# Memorial Day Tribute & Taps Ceremony

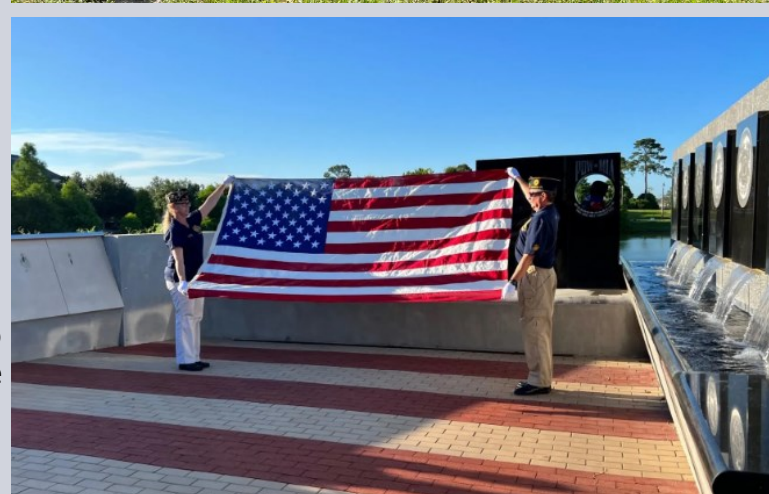


Close to 350 people attended this year's Memorial Day Tribute at the Oviedo Cemetery. Oviedo Memorial Post 243 partnered with the Marine Corps League, Military Support Team (MST), Hagerty High School JROTC, and the City of Oviedo to emphasize the day's purpose of Remembering and Honoring.



The combined Marine Corps League/ American Legion Honor Guard and bugler Steve Fussell prepare for their salute and tribute.

Members of the MST hold pictures of our local fallen heroes as their names are read. These pictures are later placed near our Gold Star Family banner.



Coverage for both of our events in multiple spots.

The evening Taps Ceremony at the Oviedo Veteran's Tribute was well attended with over 100 people stopping to pay respect to those that have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. To have your name placed on the Tribute visit: [cityofoviedo.net/517/Oviedo-Veterans-Tribute](http://cityofoviedo.net/517/Oviedo-Veterans-Tribute)




# Community Groups Unite

Post 243 organized & partnered with Boys/Girls Scout groups and Oviedo Citizens in Action to help identify, mark and place flags on veteran graves last month at Oviedo and Boston Cemeteries. We started the day reciting the Girl Scout Promise and Law, followed with the Boy Scout Oath and Law. We are thankful for these examples of good citizens!



**Scout Oath:**

On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty, to god and my country and to obey the scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



**Scout Law:**

A Scout is:  
Trustworthy, Loyal,  
Helpful, Friendly,  
Courteous, Kind,  
Obedient, Cheerful,  
Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and  
Reverent.



**Girl Scout Promise**

On My Honor, I will try:  
to serve God and my country,  
to help people at all times,  
and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

**Girl Scout Law**

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

*Building girls of  
courage, confidence, and character  
who make the world a better place.*





# Reflecting on Florida's Fallen Memorial



*The mission of the Florida's Fallen Memorial is to recognize those servicemembers with ties to Florida who have lost their lives while on active-duty since 9/11/2001.*



Last year Post 243 elected to take ownership of the Florida's Fallen Memorial and committed to displaying it in our community for the weeks before and after Memorial Day. Since then, we wrapped the trailer for better visibility and advertising purposes (thanks to several generous donations), converted our Jewish members of the Memorial to Stars of David, added two new names (due to accidents), included KIA signage for those that perished at the hands of the enemy, updated hundreds of awards and decorations, completely remade our 13 campaign crosses, updated our Gold Star banner, lost two canopy tents in the storm on the night of May 21<sup>st</sup>, and spent 156 hours faithfully sitting with the Memorial. This could not have been done without ALL OF YOU!

*Does the Memorial hold a special place in your heart? Consider being our Post Ambassador to help ensure it remains updated & present in our community.*

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|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>KOREAN WAR</b>              | 1950<br>1953 | <b>36,516</b>  |
| <b>VIETNAM WAR</b>             | 1955<br>1975 | <b>58,220</b>  |
| <b>GULF WAR</b>                | 1990<br>1991 | <b>294</b>     |
| <b>IRAQ WAR</b>                | 2003<br>2011 | <b>4,492</b>   |
| <b>WWI</b>                     | 1914<br>1918 | <b>16,516</b>  |
| <b>WWII</b>                    | 1939<br>1945 | <b>405,399</b> |
| <b>CIVIL WAR</b>               | 1861<br>1865 | <b>655,000</b> |
| <b>WAR OF 1812</b>             | 1812<br>1815 | <b>15,000</b>  |
| <b>WAR IN AFGHANISTAN</b>      | 2000<br>2021 | <b>2,325</b>   |
| <b>AMERICAN REVOLUTION</b>     | 1775<br>1783 | <b>25,000</b>  |
| <b>MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR</b>    | 1846<br>1848 | <b>13,283</b>  |
| <b>SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR</b>    | 1898         | <b>2,446</b>   |
| <b>PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR</b> | 1898<br>1913 | <b>4,196</b>   |





## Key Date Details

### Bowling for Injured Warrior Benefit

Come join us to help support wounded veterans. Register NOW! [navymommy1@gmail.com](mailto:navymommy1@gmail.com).

### Celebration & Dance

Post 53 is hosting at the Sanford Women's Club

### Department Convention

An agenda for each day will be published on [FloridaLegion.org](http://FloridaLegion.org) before the event.

### Flag Folding & Retirement

Join us at the post to fold and respectfully retire our community's donated flags. Casual attire.

### Flag Retirement (Tremont)

In honor of Flag Day, Post 243 will perform flag retirement services at the Tremont. Please arrive 15 minutes early to get set up. Legion caps & shirts.

### Football Parking

We park cars to help raise funds for our Post. Join the parking "team," let us know you're "in!"

**19 August vs. Deltona (preseason)**

**26 August vs. Lake Brantley**

**9 September vs. Lake Mary**

**23 September vs. Timber Creek (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

**30 September vs. East River (Homecoming)**

**21 October vs. Lyman (Senior Night)**

### Ham Radio Event

We're setting up a station! See what its all about and invite your friends and neighbors to drop by.

### Installation

Welcome our newly elected and returning officers to their positions at Post 243.

### Parade & Festival

Join us in Geneva to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, want to walk in the parade...let us know!

### Seminole County Veteran Service Officer (SCVSO)

Our Seminole County VSO is at our post only on certain days each month. Check the calendar.

### Senator Scott's Office

Members of his staff will be at the Oviedo City Chambers to discuss issues needing attention.

### Solemn Pride

Presentation on "The Caisson" and this group.

### VA Medical Counselor (VA MC)

A counselor is available to entire community.

## Couple Receive QOV

Member and USMC Veteran, Ruth Bunker and her Veteran husband, USMC Gunnery Sergeant Del Bunker received Quilts of Valor in June.



## Better Than We Found It

If you were a Scout growing up, you are probably familiar with the concept of leaving any place you visited, especially a campsite, better than you found it. The concept of leaving the world a better place can be traced back to a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson:

*To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived — that is to have succeeded.*

Thanks to our talented member, Brad Sokoly, we left the Oviedo Cemetery a better place with his new medallions and hose enclosure. Thank you!



## Spread the Word

Help like and share our Post activities

Facebook:

[American Legion Oviedo](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionOviedo)

Instagram:

[americanlegionpost243](https://www.instagram.com/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](http://www.OviedoLegion.org)

Email: [ALMPost243@gmail.com](mailto:ALMPost243@gmail.com)

# American Legion School Medal Program 2022

## Oviedo Memorial Post 243

We awarded students for being good citizens in their schools and their communities. The appreciation of the students, staff, and families was overwhelming! We are always looking for more members and schools to get involved.



**Desmond Vann**  
(Layer)



**Emma Ganley**  
(Keeth)



**Erica Riviere**  
(Walker)



**Owen Kuebler**  
(St. Luke's)



**Amiyah Bucknor**  
(Lawton)



**Morgan Walker**  
(Choices)



**Zechariah Osborne**  
(Casselberry)



**Mollie Marie Booth**  
(Geneva)

