


# Post 243 Newsletter



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**OVIEDO MEMORIAL POST 243**

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR

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## Department Commander Visits



We were honored to have members of our command visit and speak at our March 16 Coffee & Chat. Several points were highlighted: service to our community, training & mentorship, and volunteerism. Help us keep our post great!

## From the Commander

Your Post needs you. To continue offering support to our community, veterans, and their families, we need members willing to volunteer their time. Please get or stay involved with your Post.

Several service opportunities are approaching, Spring Clean-up, Blood Drive, Florida's Fallen Memorial at the Oviedo Cemetery, and our Memorial Day Observance. Please support these activities for us and our community.

A special thank you to everyone who is liking and sharing our social media posts. This allows us to reach outside of our member pool and keep the community involved in who we are. Keep up the great work.

Hope to see you soon!

**Be Involved,** Laurel

## Honoring our Fallen



Members attended the service in Geneva for WWII Navy Veteran Fred Covey this month.

## Key Dates

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

May 7, 0900 | District Meeting

May 19, 1800 | Potluck Supper/*Oratorical Participants*

May 21, 0800 | Florida's Fallen set-up

May 22-Jun 3 | Florida's Fallen in place

May 25, 10-1200 | VA Medical Counselor

May 29, 12-1700 | Blood Drive

May 30, 1100 | Memorial Day Observance



We are blessed to be supported again this year by the Central Florida Chapter of the Gary Sinise Foundation for our April event. We will be honoring our local first responders that evening, so be sure to attend. For more information on the foundation & how to get involved, visit: [garysinisefoundation.org/central-florida](http://garysinisefoundation.org/central-florida)

## Seminole County at Post 243

Our visits have been published for the next few months. Please help us share when our county Veteran Service Officers will be at Post 243:

- March 30*
- April 6 and 20*
- May 18*
- June 1, 15 and 29*
- July 20*
- August 3, 17 and 31*
- September 7 and 21*
- October 5 and 19*

## Helping in our Community

Post members donated food and supplies in partnership with the marine Corps League during this quarter's drive. All items were taken to Pet Alliance, our local no-kill shelter.



## Post Elections

It's that time of year. We need new volunteers to take on leadership positions. Please consider helping your post in the following capacity:

- Do you like to plan events? Are you organized and communicate well? Second Vice may be a great fit for you!
- Do you like documenting events? Are you handy printing items out from the computer? Post Historian is the job for you!

If either of these, or any of the other elected positions sounds interesting to you, please contact Tom Moon, our Nominating Committee Chair, 407-782-3457.

**Nominations close: April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Voting closes: April 28<sup>th</sup>**

## Post 243 Scores at Department



Talmage Kanistras earned \$1,000 towards his educational career at the Department Oratorical Competition. Come meet this future leader and his family at our May Membership meeting.

## Florida's Fallen Memorial (FFM)

Our Post is privileged to be the conservators of the FFM. We can only continue with the support of our members and community members. There are several ways you can help:

- 1) Assist with the installation and take-down. This involves light to medium manual labor.
- 2) Be a Guardian of the Memorial while it is installed. Look at the attached schedule to see where you might be able to volunteer two hours of your time or more to sit at the memorial, answer questions, and serve as the Post representative.
- 3) Help us spread the word. Like and share all events related to the Memorial and our Memorial Day event. Help us find media outlets to post the information so that the entire state of Florida knows about the FFM.

For more information about the Memorial, visit: [oviedolegion.org/fl-fallen-memorial](http://oviedolegion.org/fl-fallen-memorial)



## 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.

### District Meeting

Come see what a Constitutional Conference entails. We will carpool from the post to Post 35 in Mt Dora. Delegates are encouraged to attend to vote on key District business.

### Flag Folding & Retirement

Members and community members are welcome to attend. Flag folding precedes the Post retirement ceremony.

### Florida's Fallen Memorial

More information elsewhere in this newsletter. Please consider helping in a way that you are able.

### 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.

### Memorial Day Observance

Plan on attending to help honor our fallen comrades. Post 243 is in need of some event help. If you are interested in assisting with planning, please contact [almpost243@gmail.com](mailto:almpost243@gmail.com)

### Oratorical Participants

Please help us welcome and support our 2022 Oratorical Contest participants and their families. Come and meet two of our future leaders.

### 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."

### 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.

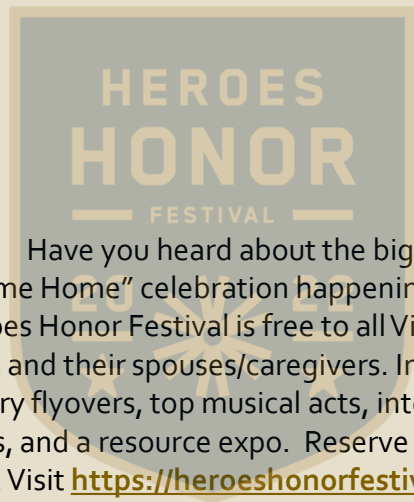
## March Meeting

We had some fun at our March membership meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended and those that dressed up the evening!



Oviedo Memorial Post 243 was honored for our participation in the Military Order of the Devil Dog's Bi-Monthly Pet item drives. Thank you to EVERYONE who brought food, towels, bedding, and other pet comfort items.

## 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

Facebook:

[American Legion Oviedo](#)

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](http://www.OviedoLegion.org)

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

**Florida's Fallen Memorial  
Volunteers**

	Sunday 22-May	Monday 23-May	Tuesday 24-May	Wednesday 25-May	Thursday 26-May	Friday 27-May	Saturday 28-May	Sunday 29-May	Monday 30-May	Tuesday 31-May	Wednesday 1-Jun	Thursday 2-Jun	Friday 3-Jun
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*as of 4/20/22*

Volunteers sign up for two-hour blocks of time to sit at the Memorial. Chairs, table and canopy are provided. Volunteers need to bring their own cell phones, water, sunscreen and bug spray.

To volunteer, contact [almpost243@gmail.com](mailto:almpost243@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and times you are requesting. You will receive a confirmation email once you have been scheduled.

The schedule will be posted on our website at the bottom of the Calendar page periodically [oviedolegion.org/calendar-1](http://oviedolegion.org/calendar-1). Be sure to note the “as of” date at the lower right corner.