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Florida's Fallen Memorial

Key Dates

Over 30 people came and assisted with our set-up this year getting everything completed in record time. A special thank you Paul Miller who was put in charge of the weather. Please help us spread the word that the Memorial will be in place through June 3rd. For more information about the Florida's Fallen Memorial, visit our webpage: <https://oviedolegion.org/fl-fallen-memorial>

- May 28, 0900 | Flag Planting (2 locations)
- May 29, 12-1700 | Blood Drive
- May 30, 1100 | Memorial Day Tribute
1900 | Taps (Oviedo Veterans Tribute)
- June 1, 10-1200 | SCVSO
- June 4, 0800 | Florida's Fallen take-down
- June 5-12 | USA SO Games (ESPN WWS)
- June 11, 1000 | Flag Retirement (Tremont)
1330 | Bowling for Benefit
1730 | Celebration & Dance (Post 53)
- June 15, 10-1200 | SCVSO
- June 16-18 | Department Convention
- June 23, 1800 | Potluck Supper/Installation
- June 29, 10-1200 | SCVSO & VA MC
- July 4, 0830 | Parade & Festival (Geneva)
- Jul 20, 10-1200 | SCVSO
- Jul 23, 0900 | Flag folding & retirement
- Jul 27, 10-1200 | VA MC

*"Measure twice,
hammer once"*
*The three Bills confer
on correct height as
Larry and Sean
supervise the project.*



*The Bunker sent
valuable labor to help,
and Paul and other
community members
assemble over 400
crosses for display.*

What a good-looking bunch of volunteers below-Love the trailer wrap, too!



Key Date Details

Blood Drive

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

Bowling for Injured Warrior Benefit

Come join us to help support wounded veterans. \$5/game (2 min) and your highest score goes towards your branch. Register NOW!
navymommary1@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 before the event.

Flag Planting

Start at the Oviedo Cemetery planting flags at veterans' graves and travel to Boston Hill Cemetery to honor the 63 veterans interred there.

Flag Retirement

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..

Florida's Fallen Memorial Take Down

Involves light to medium labor. Please help if able.

Installation

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

Memorial Day Tribute

Plan on attending to help honor our fallen comrades.

Parade & Festival

Join us in Geneva to celebrate the 4th 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.

Taps

Joins us at the Oviedo Veteran Tribute on Oviedo on the Park for a brief ceremony and playing of Taps..

USA Special Olympics (SO) Games

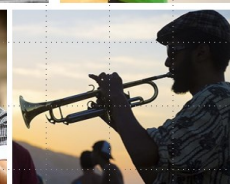
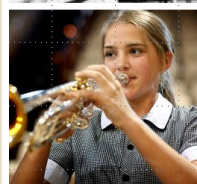
ESPN Wide World of Sports is hosting, for more information contact AllenRMeldrum@gmail.com

VA Medical Counselor (VA MC)

A counselor is available to entire community, spread the word.

Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin

Do you know a Vietnam Era veteran that does not yet have their pin? Let Mike or Laurel know and plan to bring them to Coffee & Chat. We found two at the Tremont this month.



Calling All Trumpet Players and Buglers!

Join us this Memorial Day in honoring our fallen.

Play Taps from your front porch starting at exactly 7pm, Monday May 30th.

To practice, visit the bottom of this page:

<https://oviedolegion.org/resources>



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

Email: ALMPost243@gmail.com

Veterans Appreciation Luncheon



Seminole County outdid themselves again this year at their luncheon honoring local veterans and highlighting our Purple Heart recipients. Post 243 was well represented at the event.



Post 243 at the Council



Post 243 received a Florida's Fallen Memorial Weeks Proclamation and David Wright thanks the Council for taking care of our veterans at Boston Hill Cemetery.



Quilts of Valor

Oviedo Memorial Post 243 has partnered with our local Quilts of Valor group this year to help award veterans who have been "touched by war."



Veterans residing at the Tremont in Oviedo were blessed to receive Quilts of Valor during our May visit. We even saw one at our Coffee & Chat recently. Be sure to say hi when you see him!



One Post 243 member was awarded a quilt in his home state of New Jersey. Robert Sokoly was surrounded by family as he received his Quilt of Valor.



WWII and Korean War veteran, Paul Miller, received his Quilt of Valor at our May Membership Meeting. If you have someone you'd like to nominate, contact Laurel.



School Citizenship Medals

Something New at the Post

Have you seen our new bench? It is temporarily placed at the front of our building and was donated by the Florida Chapter of the Gary Sinise Foundation. You may recognize it from the scene below in Forrest Gump where we first meet Lieutenant Dan (Gary).



We have plans to incorporate the bench into a quiet remembrance garden along with a Chapel of Four Chaplains Memorial after our building expansion.



Post 243 began awarding students this month for being good citizens in their schools and their communities. Congratulations to Desmond Vann (Layer), Emma Ganley (Keeth) and Morgan Walker (Choices)! We are in the process of growing this program. If you are interested in getting involved, let us know!



June 11 Fundraiser Oviedo Bowling Center

REGISTER NOW to sponsor a wounded soldier.

Branch totals will be tallied and ranked for bragging rights.

Day of event check-in starts at 1330. Contact navymommy1@gmail.com to register TODAY!



From the Commander

Wow, Post 243 is everywhere! I am so proud to be a part of Oviedo Memorial Post 243, where our members are making a difference. We are in the schools, in our government, and in our neighborhoods. Keep on connecting and spreading the word about what we do at your post!

Memorial Day is right around the corner, find a way to help Post 243 remember our fallen comrades... there are lots of options. June Convention, Post Officer Installation, and a don't forget a 4th of July Parade coming soon...

Stay Connected! Laurel

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PEOPLE

A GLANCE AROUND TOWN AND COUNTY

City of DeBary Celebrates Arbor Day with Tree Giveaway



Top picture - Duke Energy volunteers, DeBary Mayor and Council, and DeBary Citizens Academy graduates prepare to hand out trees and giveaways. Bottom right - Mayor Karen Chase gives a tree to a DeBary resident.

Seminole County Education Foundations Tee It Up event raises over \$130K



(Left on right) Dr. John Gyllin, vice president of Resource and Economic Development and executive director of the Foundation for Seminole State College & president of Seminole State College, Dr. Georgia L. Lowney, Scott D. Beaman, superintendent of Seminole County Public Schools, and Jean VanSmith, Executive Director of The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools.

Special to the Herald
The City of DeBary recently hosted their annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway sponsored by Duke Energy. The City provided a tree to 200 households in a first-come, first-served drive-through event. Residents were given other giveaways such as planter pots, shovels, and mulch bags. Along with commemorating Arbor Day, the City of DeBary was also celebrating their official designation as a 2022 Tree City USA, awarded two days prior on April 28. We are happy to see such excitement and participation from our residents as we expand our City canopy - standal Duke Energy Mayor Karen Chase. "We prioritize trees and greenways within our City and are encouraged to see our residents making a positive environmental impact as well."

Special to the Herald
The Seminole County community came to town on Monday, April 4 to show their support for the Foundation for Seminole State College and The Foundation for Seminole State College. The event featured 300 and volunteer staff and students. The event featured three main games and several contests including "Best Poker Hand," "Putting Contest," "Hole-in-One Contest," "Largest Drive," and "Chance Drawings with participants having a chance to win prizes donated generously by local community. The tournament play concluded with an After Party featuring the Championship Band and prizes were awarded to the teams based on their final scores: First Place: M&C Construction Group, Inc. Second Place: Wayne Demko, Inc. Third Place: M&C Construction Group, Inc. Fourth Place: Turner Construction

New Smyrna Beach Jazz Festival

Special to the Herald
The 20th Anniversary of the New Smyrna Beach Jazz Festival takes place May 20-22, 2022. The event opens with a free concert featuring the 10-piece US Navy Band Southport playing New Orleans music. Location: Marine Discovery Center Amphitheater, 520 Interlarch Road, 6:00pm - 7:45pm. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and cooler.
This year's line-up will feature many favorite performers who have played the Festival over the years including: The Chambers, Jacqueline Jones, Linda Cole, Joshua Bowler, Jyl Cage, Greg Tomassi, Kid Dutch, Robert Harris, Rich Walker from Portland, Oregon and many more. All outdoor shows have been added to venues along Flagler Avenue, Canal Street, Third Avenue, South Atlantic and Riverside Drive. Appearing at the festival for the first time are: Tony Wynne and Cameron G. Brown, Roberto Carls, Neil Bonduant, James Hall, 3 Bay Full Jazz Band, and Adam Kordecki Trio.
The annual "Kicker" T-shirt was done by local artist Steve Handrick. Posters are sold at Janel's Boutique, 307 Flagler Avenue # 102. T-shirts, hats and visors are available at Janel's. T-shirt only at The Gallery, 417 Canal St. All venues are host sponsors. Host hotels are: The Emerald Plaza, 425 S. Atlantic Avenue (www.emeraldplaza.net) and Oceania Beach Club, 423 S. Atlantic Avenue (www.oceaniabeachclub.com).
The New Smyrna Beach Area Visitors Bureau can also provide lodging information: 800-341-9621. Ride share drop-off is located at the Southeast corner of Cooper and Flagler Park

American Legion Post 243 honors Officer & Firefighter/Paramedic



Photo contributed
Oviedo Police Officer Bobby Draughon and Oviedo Firefighter Paramedic Gavin Jackson were honored on April 21, 2022, at a ceremony held at American Legion Post 243 in Oviedo. Thank you to the American Legion Post 243 and the Gary Sinise Foundation for honoring Oviedo's HomeTown Heroes.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 243
AND THE CITY OF OVIEDO INVITE YOU

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Remembering Our Fallen
May 30, 2022

11:00AM

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE
AT OVIEDO CEMETERY

118 AULIN AVENUE, OVIEDO, FL 32765

INCLUDING: GUEST SPEAKER MASTER GUNNERY
SERGEANT PETER FERRIN, USMC (RETIRED),
GOLD STAR FAMILY RECOGNITIONS, AND MUSIC
BY WORLD RENOWNED TENOR, AARON ODOM.

7:00PM

MEMORIAL DAY TAPS
AT OVIEDO VETERANS TRIBUTE

CENTER LAKE PARK
299 CENTER LAKE LANE, OVIEDO, FL 32765

TAPS IS A SIGNAL OF THE END OF THE DAY AND IS
PLAYED TO HONOR SERVICE MEMBERS WHO PAID THE
ULTIMATE PRICE. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND
REMEMBER WHILE STANDING, REMOVING ANY HATS,
AND FACING THE MUSIC.