



# Post 243 Newsletter

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## Veterans Day 2020



Post 243 partnered with several community organizations and individuals this year to provide Honor Ceremonies and a Celebration for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII. Several WWII veterans

were recognized in a special ceremony and display.



*WWII veterans John Chaney, Sallie Amato, Sam Dixon and Paul Miller*



*Hagerty JROTC at Chuluota Cemetery Honor Ceremony | Brad S. and his new boards*

## From the Commander

It's November and the end of 2020 is in view, just when we were thinking this year would never end. After all, it seems to have been only 1,234 days since we began learning to live with the Pandemic. (Is this number too low?) To be sure, things have changed, but our Legion family continues with its programs of service to veterans and community. Many of our members have been unable to attend in-person events because of health or exposure concerns, and we all look forward to getting our lives back to "normal". We have several events of interest in the remaining 6 weeks of this year; with our weekly Wednesday Coffees; the General Meeting and Chili Cook off; the Christmas Party; and the Army-Navy Game Picnic, Cornhole Tournament and Watch Party; so let's all join and enjoy those we can and continue to be safe and well!

Bill

## Key Dates

November 19, 1800 | Chili Cookoff

November 19, 1900 | **Central Florida's Simulation & Training...**

November 20, 1930 | Oviedo Football Parking – Playoffs v Hagerty

November 24, 1900 | Open House – Movie Night

November 27, 1930 | Oviedo Football Parking – Possible Playoffs

December 1, 1900 | Staff Meeting

December 9, 0900 | Christmas Decorating

December 10, 1800 | **Christmas Party**

December 12, 1100 | Army / Navy Games

December 15, 1900 | Open House

December 19, 1200 | Wreaths Across America

## Key Date Info

### Army / Navy Games

Celebrate the historic rivalry at Post 243 starting with a picnic, followed by a cornhole tournament and then a watch party of the big game! Flyer with more information is at the end of this newsletter.

### Chili Cookoff

Come help us taste multiple chili recipes during our potluck supper this evening. If you are able, please bring a dish to share or a donation for the post.

### Central Florida's Simulation & Training Industry

Colonel Robert Rohlfing, USAF, retired, will be speaking on the simulation program and Central Florida following our potluck supper at 1800 this evening. Please invite friends, neighbors and/or veterans who may be interested in hearing about this subject.

### Christmas Decorating

Please consider helping decorate the post inside and out. Many hands are needed as we string lights, put up the tree and make the place more festive. Decoration loans are appreciated.

### Christmas Party

Come and enjoy some Christmas Ham and fellowship. Bring a canned food item to donate to our local food pantry to help our community. RSVP using the Sign-up Genius Link [here](#).

### Football Parking

We park cars at the post during Oviedo Football games for donations. Regular season play is finished, but the Lions are in the playoffs with home field advantage.

### Open House

To reach our working veterans, we have implemented an evening monthly Open House to welcome potential members and give them a sample of what Post 243 is all about. Contact Laurel Ross for more information, [laureleross@gmail.com](mailto:laureleross@gmail.com).

### Wreaths Across America

Come help our community recognize all interred veterans across the world. Day of the event, volunteers are needed at 0900. The ceremony begins at noon. Post POC is [wmitchem@cfl.rr.com](mailto:wmitchem@cfl.rr.com)

### Post 243 Buddy Check Program

Interested in helping with our program from home? For more info, click [here](#) to contact us.

### Buddy Check Legislation

Contact your elected officials and ask them to co-sponsor and support S.4657/H.R.2898 today. [Send a message here](#).

## Blood Drive

**Thank you to the following individuals who donated blood at our last drive:**

Erich Erdman  
Laurel Ross  
Laurie Cain  
Margaret Ross  
Martha Wilson  
Mary Simpkins

**This brings our annual totals to:**

Whole Blood - 35  
2 Units RBC - 4

Our next drive is being scheduled for the end of December/ beginning of January. Please consider donating and spreading the word to our community.

## Contest Winners

During our Veterans Day Celebration there was a contest to see what branch of service had the most members attending and registered. The US Army had the most veterans logged and a donation, courtesy of the Military Support Team of the First United Methodist Church, was made to the Camaraderie Foundation located here in Orlando, FL.

*Thank you!*



Camaraderie Foundation

To find out more about this organization and its mission click [here](#).





VLM is an online memorial space managed by the National Cemetery Administration (NCA).

NCA manages more than 140 national cemeteries as shrine spaces to honor our Nation's Veterans and extends memorialization of the 3.7 million Veterans interred in those cemeteries to this digital memorial space by providing a VLM profile page for each Veteran.

There are basic and advanced search options available  
Visit the site [here](#).

## Stay in Touch

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: [Post@OviedoLegion.org](mailto:Post@OviedoLegion.org)

Help us spread the word!  
Follow us on at least one of our social media platforms & share

Facebook:

[American Legion Oviedo](#)

Instagram:

[americanlegionpost243](#)

LinkedIn:

[American Legion Oviedo Post 243](#)

Twitter:

[@OviedoFLPost243](#)

## The Legion Cap

The distinct headgear of the Legionnaire is called the Legion cap. The Legion cap is considered the official Legion uniform. Post 243's standard embroidery for their caps is:

Right side has "243"

Left side has "Oviedo, FL" (referred to as post, city)

Front has the Orange

Most members wear the regular crown cap with liner. We have heard recently that they run a bit large so if you're between sizes, pick the smaller size. Female Legionnaires may wear any style cap. Click [here](#) to get more information about ordering your Legion cap or call (888) 453-4466. There is additional information regarding cap protocol at this link. Here are some basics:

The right side, with the Legion emblem, must always be facing up when placed on a flat surface.

The right side of the cap have membership badges or patches of position, military emblems, miniature medals and ribbons and other patriotic or Legion pins and devices. If a flag worn on this side, it must be the topmost pin.

During the National Anthem, a salute is rendered unless singing. If singing, remove the cap and place over your heart.

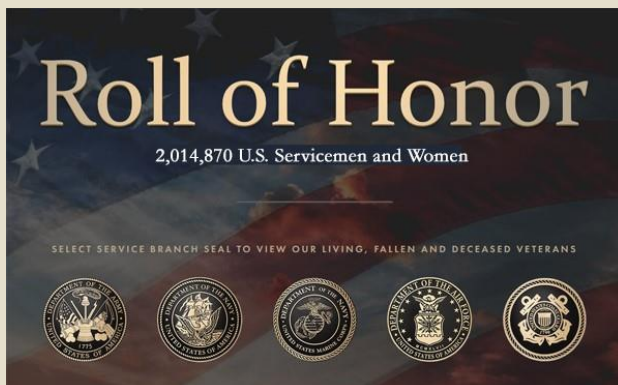
When reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, praying or remembering fallen comrades, remove the cap and place over your heart.

## National Veterans Roll of Honor

Together We Served has just launched its new National Veterans Roll of Honor, a tribute to the service of more than 2 million servicemen and women registered on Together We Served in one of the most complete and easy to look up formats available.

This Roll of Honor pays tribute to every Veteran who served, including those who have passed, with a summary profile of their military service, and includes a free, downloadable and frameable plaque of military service.

Veterans are welcome to take part, which has no cost whatsoever.  
Visit the site [here](#).





# American Legion Post 243 Army / Navy Games

**Saturday, December 12th**

**1100-1400**

Visit [OviedoLegion.org/calendar-1](http://OviedoLegion.org/calendar-1) to RSVP

To sign up for cornhole, email

[almpost243@gmail.com](mailto:almpost243@gmail.com)

**Cornhole Tournament starts at 1200**

**\$10 buy in per player (blind draw for partners)**

**Double Elimination**

**50% goes to Post 243**

**30% goes to 1<sup>st</sup> place team**

**20% goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> place team**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

# ARMY~NAVY

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