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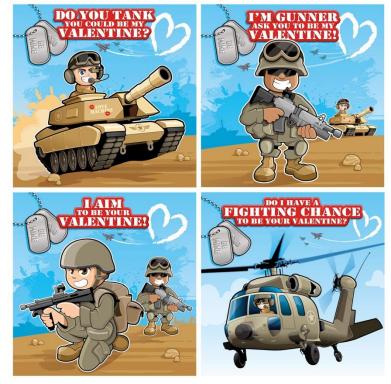
February 2025

Happy Presidents Day

Happy Valentines Day

We Love our Vets





Happy Groundhog Day!



Calendar is subject to change please see our Facebook page or our Website: VFW2093.org



Letter from the Editor



Dear Readers,

As we usher in a new season, I am delighted to connect with you once more through the pages of our cherished newsletter. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your editor, guiding you through the kaleidoscope of stories, ideas, and inspirations that we have meticulously curated for your reading pleasure. Each edition is a testament to our commitment to excellence and our unwavering dedication to our Veterans and the community, bringing you content that not only informs but also enriches your mind and spirit.

In this issue, we discuss the change of Command that will soon be upon us soon. The Commander has asked if there is someone you'd like to see as the new commander or any of the other officers please be at the March and April meetings to nominate your choice.

You may have noticed I put in an advertising corner. To offset the newsletter costs I am asking if any of our members would like to advertise their business? Please email me or text me with your advertising needs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to you, our loyal readers. Your continued support and feedback are the driving forces behind our relentless pursuit of excellence. It is your engagement and enthusiasm that fuel our passion for delivering content that matters.

In the spirit of transformation, we have introduced a few new sections in this issue that we believe will add even more value to your reading experience. Our Adjutant Edwin now has his own collum so that he can bring you important information of the goings on at the Post that directly impacts our Veterans.

We are also thrilled to announce the launch of our member-to-member business networking, Naomi has been working very hard to put this list together. Please see the page regarding this network in this edition for more information.

Two events coming to the Post you should look out for soon. Back by popular demand our very own Rob Hall the Chicken Man will be doing the Chicken Poop Bingo on Sunday March 16th. Don't miss all the fun! Another event to be on the lookout for is the District 18 Auxiliary Golf Tournament. Which will be held on Saturday ay 3rd and the money raised will fund the Department Officers!

Thank you for being a part of our journey.

Patty Pilioglos, **Editor in Chief**



Commander's thoughts Go Marines! Go Army! Sempre Fi!



Commander's Babblings

Well, here we go again; already into the New Year by a month.

As I write this, we prepare to host the 3rd quarter District meeting on 2, February followed by the Super Bowl party the following weekend, followed by Valentines Day the next week. For the shortest month of the year this one is extremely active,

Please ensure that you attend the next meeting as our sewer problems are still with us and Post impute is extremely important in addressing these problems

Also start giving thoughts as to who you, the members, wish to assume command for the year to come. Nominations will be held at the March meeting than again in April followed by the elections in April.

Have a great month and God Bless America

Respectfully,

George (Sarge) Pilioglos, Commander

VFW Post 2093





From the President's Desk

Holidays are over and the new year is ahead. We have a lot to accomplish before our year ends, so step up and volunteer, become a huge part of our goals. Our Veterans need you! Elections are in April at our meeting and if you'd like to take an office make yourself known and get someone to nominate you. But remember taking that office is not just a title, it is a position that you must take time to do. There are duties that must be done from President down to being a trustee. Take it seriously!

We have our National President coming to our Post for a luncheon on February 17th if you'd like to attend, please RSVP to me no later than February 14th. I will need a head count to prepare the food.

Sunday February 2nd the District meeting will be at our Post. I would like to see more of the members at this meeting. It is also the Auxiliary Memorial Service that day. Please wear your White blouse and black pants or skirt for the memorial service. Our QM will be doing his special baked ziti with salad and garlic bread for lunch.

Remember to be kind to everyone, you never know what that someone could be going through. You could be the reason they smile. Support the functions going on at **YOUR** Post. Come enjoy!

Proudly serving as your President,

Jani Ramsey, Auxiliary President Lifetime Member

God Bless you and God Bless America



Garey Smith

Chaplains Corner



Patty Pilioglos

Peace and Blessings, and to all of our new members welcome to VFW 2093! We are family here and we also have an awesome auxiliary that is the heart of our Post. Prayers and condolences to any who has recently lost a loved one and God bless those that are suffering from an illness, hospitalized or in recovery, keep on pressing and believing "All things are possible to them that believe" is a phrase from the Bible, specifically Mark 9:23, which states, "Jesus said unto him, 'If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth''' - meaning that with true faith, anything is possible for a believer.

Prayers for our country our leaders and our Armed Forces who at this very moment guard the gate of freedom.

Garey Smith VFW Post 2093 Chaplain

Brothers and Sisters,

It is with heavy Heart that I inform you of the passing of Janet Mankins she was a very special lady, and she will be missed terribly. Please keep her Family in your prayers, as well as Gene Perrino's family.

God Bless you all and God Bless America Patty Pilioglos, Chaplain VFW Post 2093 Auxiliary ppilioglos@gmail.com

Note: if you need help with your Veterans benefits, please come see the DAV. They've helped many vets get their benefits. They are here twice a week, see calendar.



Adjutant Notes

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that your new year is off to a healthy and joyful start. As we embrace the opportunities of a new year, our organization is poised to achieve significant milestones together. in the coming months, we'll be involved in Post elections, ushering in a new administration to guide our post's future functions. Your participation as post members is crucial to supporting our leaders and ensuring the post continues to thrive and improve.

If you've ever considered running for an elected position, now is the perfect opportunity

to step forward and make a difference. Additionally, two key documents, the Post By-Laws and the Canteen Rules will undergo recertification and updates before being submitted for final approval. We encourage you to take an active role in shaping these important aspects of our governance.

Let's also focus on growing our membership to secure a strong future for our post. Our most recent recruitment rate was an impressive 103%, but there's still time to push that number even higher.

Remember, our success depends on working together as a team. Stay safe, and I look

forward to seeing you at future meetings!

Respectfully,

Edwin Quiles

Adjutant

VFW Post 2093

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| 2 Groundhog Day District Meeting Joint: 11:30 Lunch 12-1pm separate meetings: 1:00pm | 3 Show me the \$\$\$ 6:30pm | 4 DAV 11-3pm | 5 Wings/F ish 6pm Car Races 7pm | 6 DAV 11-3pm American Leagon AUX sm hall 6pm | 7 Karaoke with Cindy 7pm Dinner | 8 11-1pm \$7 Breakfast \$2 Bloods/ Mimosa Bingo 1pm Left, right, center with Coco 5pm hotdogs& fixings |
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| 16 Meat Bingo With Laura 2:30pm | 17 National President visit 11:30a RSVP-Jani Show me the \$\$\$ 6:30p Presidents Day | 18 DAV 11-3pm VFW/VF WA meeting 7pm | 19 Wings/F ish 6pm Car Races 7pm | 20 DAV 11-3pm | 21 Karaoke with Cindy 7pm Dinner | 22 11-1pm \$7 Breakfast \$2 Bloods/ Mimosa Bingo 1pm Left, right, center with Coco 5pm hotdogs& fixings |
| 23Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Luncheon 1pm small hall RSVP | 24 Show me the \$\$\$ 6:30pm | 25 DAV 11-3pm | 26 Wings/F ish 6pm Car Races 7pm | 27 DAV 11-3pm | 28 dinner Karaoke with Naples Sisters 7pm | |

2024/2025 Officers

Commander: George Pilioglos Sr. Vice: Joe Anderson Jr. Vice: Garey Smith Quartermaster: David Lester Adjutant: Edwin Quiles Chaplain: Garey Smith 1st yr Trustee; Lamond Rose 2nd yr. Trustee: Richard Mellon 3 yr Trustee: Victor Carrion Service Officer Jeremy Lam President: Jani Ramsey Sr. Vice: Ryan Godfrey Jr. Vice: Denise Estes Secretary: Debbie McCollum Treasurer: Mike Estes Chaplain: Patty Pilioglos Guard: Mellissa Anderson 1st yr Trustee Chrissy Zarrella 2nd yr Trustee: 3rd yr Trustee: Naomi Haworth

Historian: Niki Bolin



Single - \$10 for year, Couple - \$15 for year August 2024—July 2025

| August 2024—July 2025 | | | | |
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| Jeff & Kathy Swoger | Rich & Martha Graves | | | |
| Bonnie & Gerald Richardson | Laura Carr | | | |
| Dave Lester | Sarge & Patty Pilioglos | | | |
| Jani & Sam Ramsey | Linda Atwell | | | |



Post 2093 services for Members



Post 2093 Member Services: Expanding our Network

In an effort to provide a comprehensive list of business and services available to our members, we are looking to expand our network and encourage collaboration within our post.

We are reaching out to our members to inquire if you have a business or selfemployment service that you would like your fellow Members to know about. Whether you offer services such as

- Electrical work
- Woodworking
- Accounting
- Notary
- Seamstress
- Landscaping
- Ect...

We want to help promote your expertise. Please provide the following details if you are interested.

- Business name
- Contact person
- Email address and/or phone number
- Service type
- Post member discount (if applicable)

To submit your information, please complete the form available from the Post bartenders or email to <u>ppilioglos@gmail.com</u>

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Wall escort will be on May 4th, departing the Eastern Florida State College (EFSC) Cocoa Campus @ 10am sharp and escorted to Wickham Park.

First Responders Honored and Requested to join in!

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There will be a "Kid Zone"

Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall: https://travelingwall.us

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Meetings at a Glance



- Post &. Auxiliary meetings: 3rd Tuesday of. Every month, 7pm
- Events Planning Board: Tuesday before House committee 6pm
- House Committee: Thursday, week before Post Meeting 6pm
- DAV: every Tuesday &. Thursday 11am-3pm. (subject to change)
- Band Practice: 1st and 2nd Tuesday at 7pm

Queen Of Hearts

Queen of Hearts Can you find her? Get Your Tickets. \$2.00 each.



Every Friday Night. Drawing. Is. At 7pm see Bartender or get them Friday night





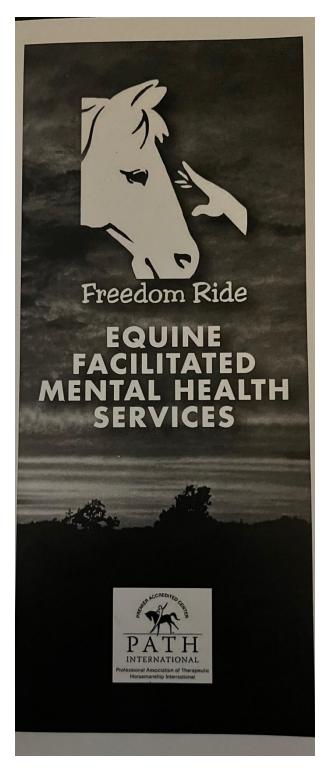






Department Commander & President Special Project





- State Commanders Special project
- State Presidents Special Project
- Helping Veterans Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy (EFP) seek to help clients with a variety of needs which can include:
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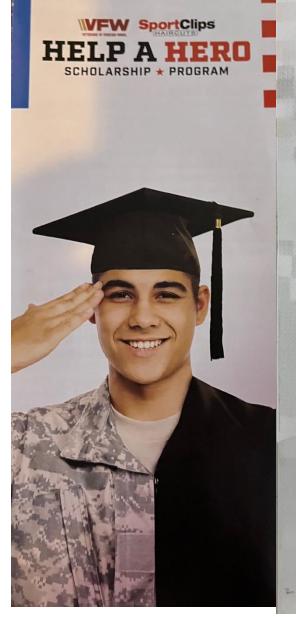
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Helpful information for Veterans and their families



VIEW SportClips HELPA HERO SCHOLARSHIP * PROGRAM

What is Help A Hero?

Sport Clips Haircuts, the nation's leading men's and boys' hair care provider, is a major supporter of the VFW and is also its "Official Haircutter," The veteran-owned company has supported VFW programs since 2007, and in 2013, launched the VFW's **"Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"** program. These life-changing scholarships support service members and veterans as they work to get the education and training needed to begin the next chapter in their lives. Scholarship recipients come from every part of the United States, represent every branch of service, and are earning a variety of degrees including engineering, computer science, accounting, business administration, health care and many more.

What is the VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship Program?

Each scholarship recipient will receive up to \$5,000 to apply toward their education at an accredited post-secondary institution, including universities, colleges and trade schools. While the program is funded by Sport Clips' Help A Hero campaign, the VFW manages the scholarship program. Management functions include accepting applications, determining and awarding recipients, notification of award determinations and denials, and administering scholarships directly to the schools.

Action Corps Sign up

The VFW Actions Corps is a great place to learn about and keep you updated on issues facing our Veterans, Military and their families. You will receive newsletters and alerts on how to get involved nation's military, veterans, and families need their voices heard on Capital Hill. Scan the QR code or Text VFW to 50457 to join.



Did you know that becoming a Booster or By Placing. A Memorial supports printing costs Of our Newsletters?

| Memorial \$20 per year | August. 2024=July 2025 |
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| Don L Asher, Sr. | |
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