

VFW POST 2093



The Action Post on the Lake

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VFW Post 2093 Newsletter

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Flag Day
June 14, 2021



Commander's Letter

Go Coast Guard! Go Army!



By the time this newsletter gets to you we will have celebrated our Post's 90th anniversary. Hopefully everyone had a fun filled day recognizing this milestone. A lot of hard work went into the planning of this event and sprucing up the Post to put it in the most positive light possible. We have the best Post and Auxiliary members of any Post I have been involved in. Thanks to Rob Hall & J Bird, Glenn & Priscilla Bailey, Scott & Stephanie Henry, Sarge Pilioglos, Vella Scally, Jeff & Kathy Swoger, Erica & Paul Mata. These volunteers have put in many hours to enhance the looks of the Post and the planning and execution of the anniversary celebration. If I have left anyone out please except my sincere apologies.

At the April Post membership meeting, elections were held for Officer positions to serve you for the 2021-2022 year. Congratulations to the following: I will be serving as your Commander again, George "Sarge" Pilioglos Sr Vice, Rick Thomas Jr. Vice, Scott Henry Quartermaster, Luke Anziano Chaplain, Leon Jones 1st Year Trustee, Jim Pope 2nd Year Trustee and Don "Oklahoma" Heath 3rd Year Trustee and Mason Hoyle Service Officer. Thank you all for stepping up. I think it is a great team and we hope to get a lot accomplished this year.

Several notable dates occur this month: June 6 – Anniversary of the WWII Allied invasion in Normandy, France, also known as D-Day, June 14th – Flag Day, a day to commemorate the adoption of the United States flag and it is also the birthday of the U. S. Army, June 23 – Coast Guard Auxiliary birthday and June 27th is National PTSD Awareness Day a day set aside to raise public awareness about issues related to PTSD.

As we enter the summer season, I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the events that will be occurring around your Post.

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

-Harry S. Truman

Charlie Morton
Commander
MCPO, USCG (ret)

2021 / 2022 Officers

Post

Commander: Charlie Morton
Sr. Vice Commander: George "Sarge" Piliogios
Jr. Vice Commander: Rick Thomas
QM/Adjutant: Scott Henry
Chaplin/Surgeon: Luke Anziano
1st Year Trustee: Leon Jones
2nd Year Trustee: Jim Pope
3rd Year Trustee: Don "Oklahoma" Heath
Service Officer: Mason Hoyle

Auxiliary

President: Jani Ramsey
S. Vice President: Jodi Myers
Jr. Vice President: Judy Fragosa
Secretary: Kathleen Godard
Treasurer: Kathy Swoger
Chaplain: Barbara Heath
Conductress: Priscilla Bailey
Guard: Jeff Swoger
1st Year Trustee: Chrissy Campbell
2nd Year Trustee: Stephanie Henry
3rd Year Trustee: Shelly Johnson



From the Auxiliary President Desk

Remember Love and Kindness are Never Wasted!



It's that time of year again. we will begin a new fiscal year 21-22, at the close of State Convention on June 20th. I hope many of you will attend the VFW Department of Florida State Convention on June 17-20, 2021. At the Renaissance at SeaWorld. Auxiliary meetings are on Saturday June 19.

I want to thank each of you that have put your faith in me to be the President of Post 2093 Auxiliary for another year. I consider this an honor. It is special to me because of how I came to be here, my hero, a veteran, my husband, Sam. I am very proud of my Veterans and; each and every one of you. Our officers for 2021-2022, are: Jani Ramsey- President, Sr. Vice-Jodi Myers, Jr. Vice-Judy Fragosa, Secretary-Kathy Goddard, Treasure-Kathy Swoger, Chaplin-Barbara Heath, Conductress-Priscilla Bailey, Guard-Jeff Swoger, Trustees-Chrissy Campbell 1st year, Stephanie Henry 2nd Year & Shelly Johnson 3rd Year.

The Auxiliary will have commemorative pins for sale that were designed for our 90th year. We will be selling them after our celebration. Be sure to get yours they are beautiful for \$5.00 each. See Kathy Swoger or myself.

Proudly Serving,

Jani Ramsey, President



Chaplin's Corner



Greetings Comrades,

This past year has been pretty tough on us all. For many months, we were isolated and our ability to enjoy many of our freedoms were restricted. Some of us have been very cautious with our choices, and some of us felt very comfortable conducting our lives as if nothing had changed. No matter which lifestyle we followed, it was our choice to make it.

There is a significant portion of our Veteran community that did not have that choice to make. There are hundreds of thousands of Veterans in nursing homes across the country. These men and women have served our nation and have had no choices about how they would spend their time during this pandemic. Many have died in these facilities when they were overrun in some states with COVID-19 patients, and many have just been left in their solitude as families were not allowed to visit for fear of bringing the virus into these facilities.

Now that the world is beginning to recover, and many people are receiving vaccinations, it is incumbent on us to reach out to anyone we know who may live in these homes and pay them a visit or give them a call. If anyone knows someone that could use a visit, please let me know so I can arrange a visit to let these men and women know that they are not forgotten.

This month, we also mourn the loss of Raymond Morefield. Ray was an Army Veteran of the Korean War and life member of the VFW. We pray for him and his family, as well as all those whom we have recently lost.

Respectfully,

Luke Anziano, Chaplain

U.S. Army Veteran Iraq & Afghanistan

Interview by Priscilla Bailey, editor

Member Spotlight



Introducing G.J. "Sarge" Pilioglos Staff Sergeant

Sarge was born on August 1948 in Summerville, MA, however, he was raised in North Carolina on a farm. The farm was large and consisted of cotton, corn and tobacco. When Sarge was young, around the age 5, he started working side-by-side planting and picking the cotton and harvesting the corn. Around the age of 10 or 12 he started working the tobacco fields driving the tractor. This was a job he really liked and he was great at it. As he grew older, he really knew his way around the fields and most of the operations. So, when it came time to hang the tobacco, he didn't like doing that he wanted to go back and drive the tractor.

Most of us know that Sarge enjoys riding motorcycles and has pretty much all of his life. At the age of 5, he had a homemade motorcycle from a Schwinn bicycle and a lawn mower engine. He rode this back and forth to school until the 3rd grade. Then he got a Honda trail 90. It wasn't until he entered the Marines that he bought his first Harley a 1966 Generator Shovel. Today he rides a 1999 Road King Police Interceptor.

Sarge entered the Marines at the age of 17 when a Judge in Cumberland County told him six months on a chain gang or join the military. Sarge chose the military and says it was the **best** thing that ever happened to him. It made him straighten up and become a responsible man. Sarge was in the Marines from 1965 to 1974 and saw action in the Vietnam War. Then in 1983 he joined the Army and served until December 30, 1990. We didn't talk of how he became disabled from the military just that he suffers from multiple gunshot wounds and PTSD.

What he liked the most about being in the military was/is the camaraderie; and it was the politics he disliked the most.

Sarge joined Post 2093 in 2007. He said he liked this Post the most because the members would stand up when the National Anthem was played. He didn't see the pride and respect for our Country at the other Post he visited. If you are ever in the Post when Sarge is there and our National Anthem is playing, you can hear Sarge say, "all rise and uncover." Sarge has been a Trustee for 10 years, has been the Sergeant At-Arms and is our 2021-2022 Sr. Vice.

Sarge enjoys tinkering on engines and his ole buddy the 1979 Shovelhead that is now in parts. He had hoped to get it back together, but he feels that he can no longer ride her. He really prides himself on helping others whether it be working on any type of motor or helping to put in and design a sprinkler system. He likes the comradery in helping others and is always willing to join in.

Sarge has one brother who has passed, two sisters and one of them has passed on, however, the youngest sister is living in MO. Sarge also has one son and one daughter.

Sarge's favorite saying is, "To Never Hesitate To Say What's On Your Mind. Because There Will Never Be A Doubt Of What Is On Mine." Above all be honest and stand for our County and Post.

Remember our Post survives on Volunteers. In 2021, please consider doing your part. Do what you can. When you can. We have many **opportunities** where **YOU** can make a difference. Just let the Bartender or Post Officer know you want to volunteer and they will match you with what we need now or in the near future.

WOW! Congratulations to Our Volunteers of the Month

These volunteers have put in many hours to enhance looks of the Post and the planning and execution of the anniversary the celebration. Thank you!

Rob Hall & J Bird, Glenn & Priscilla Bailey, Scott & Stephanie Henry, Sarge Pilioglos, Vella Scally, Jeff & Kathy Swoger, Erica & Paul Mata

Welcome New Members

Post		Auxiliary	
Name	Date Joined	Name	Date Joined
Thomas Atkinson	May	Michelle Capozza	May
Garey Smith	May		
Jabree Sadberry Sr	May		
Robert Kramer	May		



MEETINGS



- ♦
- ♦ **Post & Auxiliary Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM**
- ♦ **Events Committee: 2nd Tuesday before the House Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM**
- ♦ **House Committee: Thursday before the Post Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- ♦ **Band Practice: 1st, 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 PM**

We really need the attendance of every member so we can make a difference. So won't you please devote 90 minutes once a month to make your membership work to help every Veteran.

Renew now for 2021 Monthly Publication
Annual Memorials \$20 **Annual Booster Club \$10**

Memorials

Harry Wright / Loving Memory



Russell Carpenter



Booster Club

Glenn & Priscilla Bailey	Brian Hewitt	Lewis Maddox	Doris Birkinbine
Roger Murray & Bev Nobel	Deloris Budenski	Wanda Williams	Cindy Stull
Scott & Steph Henry	Charlie Morton	Mason Hoyle	Dante Ricciardi
Paul Tondini	Vella Scally	James Scally	Jim Pope
Mark & Chrissy Campbell	Dan Delancey	Eugene Gray	Carole Hulvey
Jeff & Kathy Swoger	Bryan & Donna Hewitt	Cigar Steve	

WE HAVE A PAY PAL ACCOUNT

We are using this account to:

- ♦ Donate to Post Building Fund
- ♦ Donate to Post General Fund
- ♦ Become a Booster
- ♦ Submit a Memorial

Pay your VFW / VFWA dues Please pay and keep current. We need 100%

Click on the PayPal link below to Donate.



- You can also mail a check to :
 - Payable to: VFW Post 2093
 - 4444 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 (Please earmark it for what fund)

Events

Mark Your Calendar

June

Sunday May 30th 1:00-4:00pm	Memorial Day Services with DJ Cindy /food available
Friday 4th and 18th at 7:00pm	Karaoke with Martin
Sunday 13th 2:30pm	M-E-A-T Bingo by Laura
Friday 11th 7:00pm	The Band Steel
Friday 25th 7:00pm	The Rouges Band
Friday July 2nd 7:00pm	Keck and Coale Band

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Memorial Day Observance 1pm-4pm DJ Cindy	31	1	2	3	4 Dinner 6:00pm and Karaoke with Martin 7:pm	5 Aux Bingo 1:pm
6	7 Show me the Money 6:30	8	9 Wings 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	10	11 Dinner 6:00pm and Steel 7:pm	12 Aux Bingo 1:pm
13 MEAT Bingo with Laura 2:30pm	14 Show me the Money 6:30	15 Events Committee Mtg 6:00 pm	16 Wings 6:00 Bike night 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	17 House Committee Mtg 7:00pm	18 Dinner 6:00 and Karaoke with Martin 7:pm	19 Aux Bingo 1:pm
20	21 Show me the Money 6:30	22 Post & Aux Meeting 7:00 pm	23 Wings 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	24	25 Dinner 6:00pm and The Rouges 7pm	26 Aux Bingo 1:pm
27	28 Show me the Money 6:30	29	30 Wings 6:00 Bike night 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	1	2 Dinner 6pm Keck and Coale 7pm	

To all who participated in our fund raisers for our 90th Celebration!
Thank you so much.....You're the Best

Fund Raising Events — Your participation is greatly appreciated.

- ★ Bottle Raffle on Mondays & Wednesdays.
- ★ 300 Club, \$5 tickets available anytime. Once 300 tickets are sold a drawing will be held.
- ★ Ceiling Tiles available any time for \$75 for 1/2 tile or \$125 for full tile.
- ★ 50/50 Friday nights.
- ★ Saturday Auxiliary Bingo.
- ★ Sponsorships for \$350 available on the www.VFW2093.org website and 1/4 page ad in the monthly newsletter for one year.
- ★ Boosters \$10 and Memorials \$20 per calendar year.
- ★ T-Shirts and hats for sale.

Please know that our Post and Auxiliary cannot survive without you and these fund raisers. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Projects around the Post—Your donation is greatly appreciated.

- ★ Air Condition in the large hall is estimated at \$18,000—\$20,000.
- ★ Two entry doors in the Canteen is estimated at \$1,000 each.
- ★ Replace Smoke Eater Fans \$300 per kit for six fans.
- ★ Flush Valve Men's Urinal & Exhaust Fan estimated at \$700.
- ★ Remodel Ladies Restroom in game area estimate is unknown.

ALERTS

SMOKERS: Please deposit your cigarette butts in the buckets around the Post property instead of the grounds or parking lot. We are working very hard to improve the appearance of our property. Thank you

HELP WANTED: Part-time and backup bartenders are needed immediately. Must be a Post or Auxiliary member. Contact Cindy Stull 407.296.2502.

Good Things to Know

- ★ The VA MISSION Act expanded benefits for veterans and their caregivers by opening access to PCAFC VA Caregiver Support , 855-2602-3274, Application: [https://VA Form 10 10cg - Fillable and Printable Template in PDF \(va-10-10cg-form.com\)](https://va-form-10-10cg-fillable-and-printable-template-in-pdf/va-10-10cg-form.com)
- ★ Apr 06, 2021 · All **Veterans** and their **Spouses and Caregivers** are eligible to get vaccinated for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) through the Department of **Veterans** Affairs, ... Contact your local VA Scheduling Office—Lake Nona 407-631-1000.
- ★ Do you qualify for CHAMPVA? [CHAMPVA Eligibility - Community Care](#)
- ★ Additional Property Tax Exemptions Any real estate owned and used as a homestead by a veteran, who was honorably discharged and has been certified as having a service connected, permanent and total disability, is exempt from taxation if the veteran is a permanent resident of Florida and has legal title to the property on Jan. 1 of the tax year for which exemption is being claimed. (FS 196.081(1)) Contact Orange County Property Appraiser (407) 836-5044
- ★ Vehicle License Plate Free if 100% Total & Permanently disabled. Take your rating letter to the DMV.
- ★ Permanently and totally disabled veterans can get a Florida driver's license for free.
- ★ Visit the [Florida Department of Veterans Affairs](#) website for more information on any of these programs.
 - ★ State Park Admission Veterans with service-connected disabilities and their spouses or surviving spouses get a free lifetime pass.
 - ★ Hunting and Fishing Licenses: 100% permanently and totally disabled service-connected veterans are entitled to a free five year hunting and fishing license.

