



# VFW POST 2093

## *The Action Post on the Lake*



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March 2025



Rosie the Riveter



K-9 Military Unit

Calendar is subject to change please see our Facebook page  
or our Website: [VFW2093.org](http://VFW2093.org)



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



#### Commander's Desk

Three months into the New Year, we have achieved success despite some efforts against us!

We have managed to obtain the necessary funding for the needed repair to our sewer system and the repairs will start within 60 days.

I encourage all Post member to attend the next two Post meetings, not only will we be nominating the Officers for the next year, but we will also review the proposed updates to our Post by-laws, Our Canteen rules and the Canteen Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). The by-laws must be read and reviewed on consecutive meetings before being sent to State Headquarters for approval. The Canteen rules and SOP just need Post approval. All is important and I encourage all to participate!

Please join us on Friday, March 7th, in welcoming the Silkies Ruck, who will gather at our post the night before their ruck. They are a veteran organization focused on raising awareness about military suicide and prevention through their ruck. A complimentary dinner will be provided to all attendees, including our members. We encourage you to come out and show your support for these veterans.

In April, we will commemorate the event known as the "Shot Heard Around the World." The 19th of April marks the 250th anniversary of what is regarded by many as the first shot of the American Revolution in Lexington, Massachusetts. We are planning a Barbeque, car show and blood drive during March and April, please check the Calander for details. Hope to see all there!

You may notice that we started to advertise in our newsletter. This will help cover associated costs. I would encourage you to use these advertisers should the need arise, as they are veteran and auxiliary owned and operated. I would also like to thank those advertisers for choosing our newsletter to spend their advertising budget. We appreciate their support. For those looking to advertise, please contact my wife, Patty Pilioglos, [ppilioglos@gmail.com](mailto:ppilioglos@gmail.com) or 407-722-4793 for assistance

God Bless the United States of America, God Bless and our Troops

Wishing you a wonderful month ahead.

Best regards,

George (Sarge) Pilioglos, USMC

Commander, VFW Post 2093



## From the President's Desk

Thank you to Krista Guthrie, Gale Bryson, and the Auxiliary team for organizing the luncheon for the National President's visit on February 17th. I appreciate everyone's support in my absence. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to illness.

I appreciate everyone coming together in my absence. Regrettably, I was affected by the flu that is currently widespread and was unable to perform my duties. I would like to extend my gratitude to Krista for her exceptional efforts in preparing everything thoroughly, with assistance from Terry—thank you both very much. Additionally, I would like to express my appreciation to Sandy Hamm, our District President, for her valuable support. I am extremely proud of the dedication and hard work demonstrated by all of you.

Due to Ryan Godfrey's resignation, there is a vacancy for the position of Jr. Vice and Trustee. Additionally, Denise Estes has been promoted to Senior Vice, and Judy Fragosa has resigned as Trustee due to health reasons.

Our next election will be held during the April meeting. If you are interested in any position, please inform me so that we can arrange your nomination. It is crucial to take these roles seriously, thoroughly read the provided materials, and attend the school of instruction sessions.

We need callers for Saturday Bingo. Bingo helps us manage our budget and continue fulfilling our obligations. The Auxiliary prepares two dinners a month and requires volunteers to cook. The Auxiliary and Post covers all ingredient costs; volunteers only need to cook and serve.

We continuously pray for our Commander, Sarge.

Always be kind, as your smile or kind word could help someone in need. Proud to serve as your president.

Jani Ramsey, Auxiliary President Lifetime Member.

God bless you and America.



Garey Smith

## Chaplains Corner



Patty Pilioglos

Peace and blessings

Recently I've been wondering what makes men war with one another? And a few words came to mind: "Discord" which means disagreement or a difference of opinion. Contention, antagonism, struggle, conflict and dissension or lack of harmony.

Everyone gets angry about things from time to time, but we should not take it out on one another. The Bible says "be angry but sin not" go to your brother or sister and work it out together.

### **Proverbs 16:32**

"He who is slow to anger is better than a warrior, and he who controls his temper is greater than one who captures a city"

As always let's pray for each other our country, its leaders and our Armed forces who at this very moment guard the gates of freedom.

**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.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March, 2025</b>						1  11-1pm \$7 Brunch 1:00pm Bingo DAV 8am-12pm
2 Nothing but fun at the Post, Come have a cocktail with Wanda	3 <b>Navy Reserve Birthday</b>  Show me the \$\$ 6:30pm	4  Blood Drive Big Red Bus All Day Parking lot	5  Wing Wednesday Car Racing 7pm	6  DAV 11-3 Benefit help for Veterans	7  Karaoke with Cindy 7pm <b>Silkies Rusk Spaghetti meatballs</b>	8  \$2 Bloods/Mimosa 11-1pm \$7 Brunch 1:00pm Bingo DAV 8am-12pm
9  <b>Meat Bingo With Lady Laura 2:30pm</b>	10 Show me the \$\$ 6:30pm	11 Events Planning meeting	12 Wing Wednesday Car Racing 7pm	13 <b>Kg Veterans Day</b> DAV 11-3 House Committee meeting 6pm	14 Karaoke with Naples sisters 7pm <b>St. Patty's Day Post traditional dinner</b>	15 \$2 Bloods/Mimosa 11-1pm \$7 Brunch 1:00pm Bingo DAV 8am-12pm Benefits
16  <b>Chicken Poop Bingo with Rob Hall Patio 12pm</b>	17 <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b> Show me the \$\$ 6:30pm	18 VFW/VFWA meetings 7pm	19 Wing Wednesday Car Racing 7pm	20 <b>Rosie the Riveter Day</b> DAV 11-3 Benefit help for Veterans	21 Karaoke with Cindy 7pm Aux Dinner 6pm By DMC	22 \$2 Bloods/Mimosa 11-1pm \$7 Brunch 1:00pm Bingo DAV 8am-12pm Benefits
23  <b>Voice of Democracy and Patriots Penn Luncheon 1:00pm Small Hall</b>	24 Show me the \$\$ 6:30pm	25 <b>Medal of Honor Day</b>	26 Wing Wednesday Car Racing 7 pm	27 DAV 11- 3pm Benefit help for Veterans	28 Karaoke with Naples sisters 7pm	29 <b>Vietnam Veterans Day</b> \$2 Bloods/Mimosa 11-1pm \$7 Brunch 1:00pm Bingo DAV 8am-12pm Benefits
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## Biography

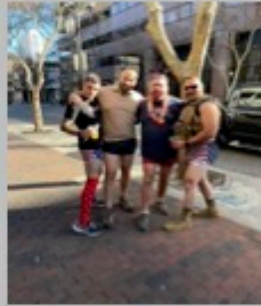
This month I had the pleasure to interview our own Lewis Maddox. Lewis will be 94 years old on April 13, 2005. Lewis joined the Marine Corps when he was 19 years old in 1950. I asked him, "why did you join the Military?" He said he joined because of the Koren War!

Lewis trained in Parris Island; after training he was sent to Camp Pendleton, where he was sent to Korea. Lewis was a Gun Captain in 1952 in North Korea. He was in the 14<sup>th</sup> Marine Air Group in Japan and was involved in the Formosa (Taiwan Straits) crisis.

I asked him what was his most memorable part of his service. "Travel" Lewis told me he got to travel all over Europe and the Mediterranean and "didn't have to pay anything like the Tourists", he said with a smile. He's been to Mt. Fuji in Japan, where they had an airstrip set up like an aircraft carrier and they practiced how to hook planes. "There were no Jets back then" he said with a twinkle in his eye, "Just Prop Planes". He loved to watch them practice! He told me he's been to Austria, Rome and Venice, Italy. I was told that he has a picture of himself holding up the Leaning Tower of Pisa (I'll try to get a copy and post here) and that the only way to ring the bell was to use a pole and knock it because it leaned so much that the bell was ineffective. He has also been to Edenton, England, Paris, France and spent four months in Germany. Sounds like Lewis is a well traveled Man!

My Next question to Lewis was "what are somethings you didn't like?" not wanting him to talk about what he and the other Marines actually did in the War, I said maybe something that made you uncomfortable. He shared with me that his time in the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea was probably the worst possible weather, and he became cold intolerant because of his time there. He said they didn't have cold weather gear like the Marines of today. They only had light jackets. I read up on the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, it was brutal! General Mac Arthur described the area as a "merciless wasteland, locked in a silent death grip of snow and Ice. At the end of the Battle the Marines suffered 750 dead and 3,000 wounded and cause more than 42,000 enemy casualties, which cost the Chinese Ninth Army group two divisions and rendering it ineffective as a fighting force! Lewis told me that the snow and Ice was so bad that there are still missing in action buried up there to this day.





# ORLANDO SILKIES RUCK

**Saturday March 8th**

**The Rodeo Bar-Wall street Plaza**

**What is a "Silkies Ruck", the mission of OUR Silkies Ruck is to bring our Veterans, Active duty, Reservist, National Guard, LEO, and Fire Rescue responders together in an environment where they can bond with other Battle Buddies and create a support network to prevent suicide and improve mental health.**

**Friday March 7th @1900**

**Pre-Ruck meetup**

**VFW 2093**

**4444 Edgewater Dr,**

**dinner & shenanigans provided**

**Saturday March 8th @ 0830**

**Registration & breakfast**

**Step-off @0945**

**Rodeo bar/Wall Street Plaza**

**25 Wall Street**

**Saturday March 8th Rodeo**

**bar/Wall Street Plaza**

**dinner & drink after the  
ruck**

**Now, this is not your normal ruck, it is geared to allow plenty of time for camaraderie, not an athletic event. The Ruck is 10-12 miles, with a 2-3 miles per hour pace. Of course, we DO NOT ruck this straight through, and there will be frequent stops for bathrooms, food/beverages, and some shenanigans! Breakfast from Fighter law, Lunch/drinks being donated at Kaleidoscope and dinner/drinks after at Rodeo.**





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**Reunion Information can be found at: [www.veteransmemorialreunioninc.org](http://www.veteransmemorialreunioninc.org)**

**The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall and Some Gave All—The Moving Tribute are being donated for the duration of the Reunion by the VVB.**

**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!**

Scan here for all  
of our links!



**Family Friendly!**  
**There will be a**  
**"Kid Zone"**

**Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall:**  
**<https://travelingwall.us>**



**Wickham Park: 2500 Parkway Dr. Melbourne, FL 32935**



## Meetings at a Glance



- Post & Auxiliary meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm

## Queen Of Hearts

Queen of  
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you find her?  
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each.



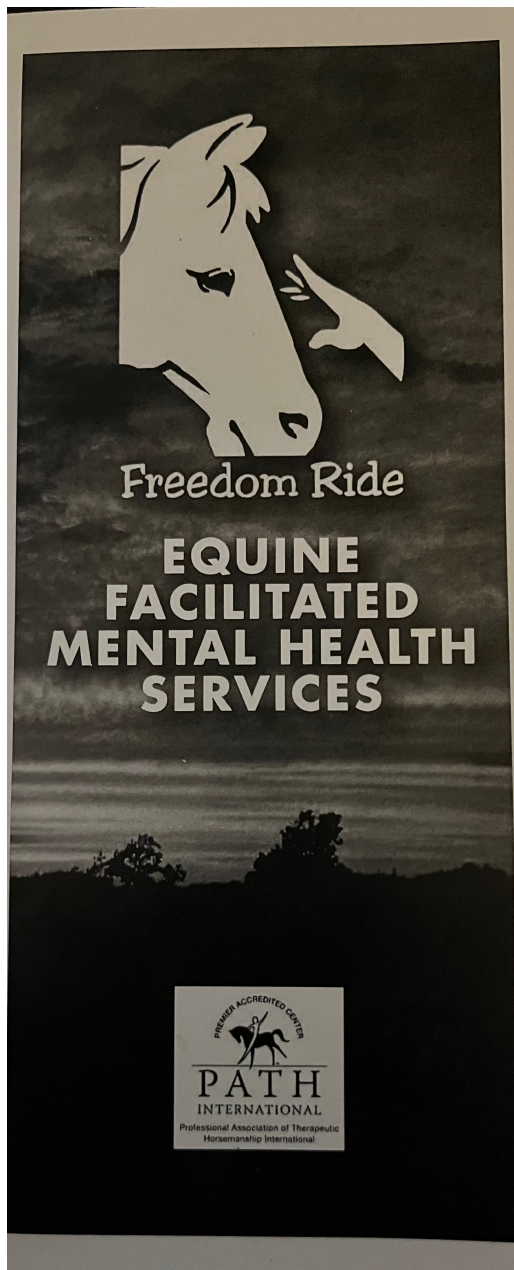
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them Friday night







## *Department Commander & President Special Project*



- State Commanders Special project
- State Presidents Special Project
- Helping Veterans

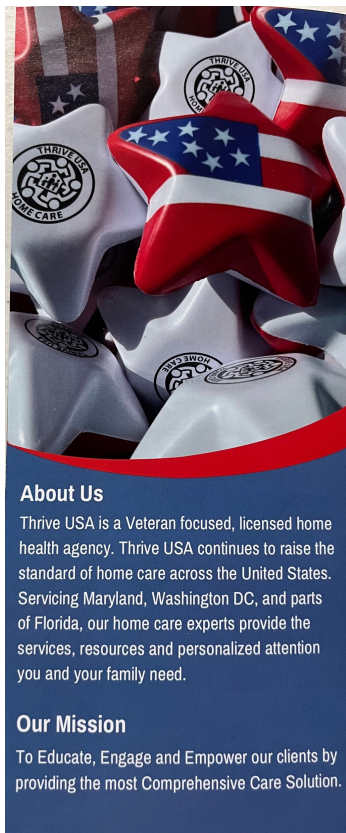
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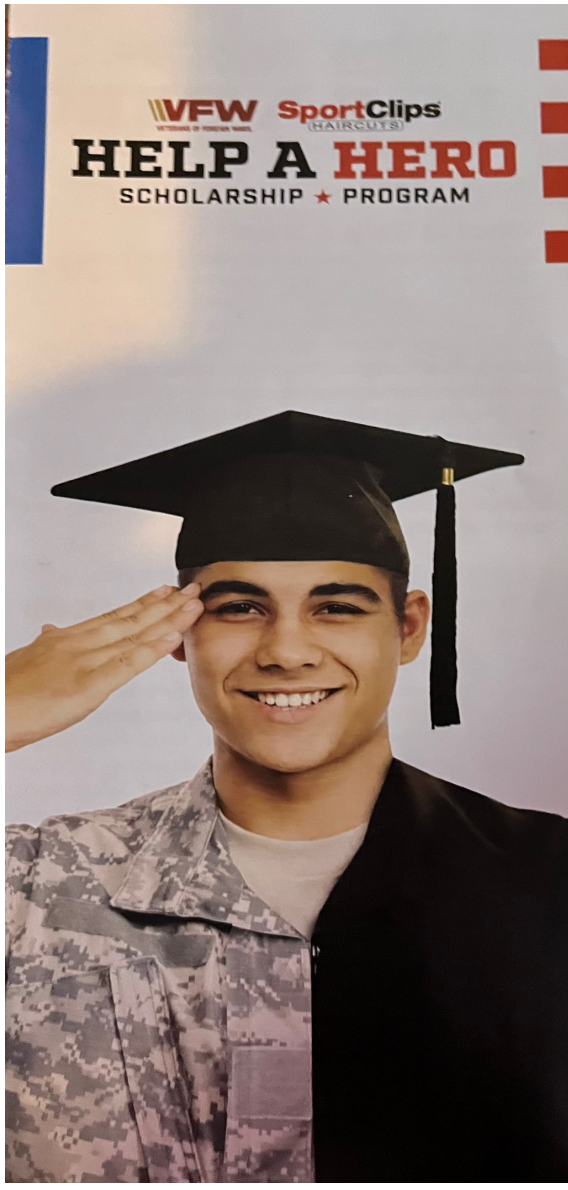
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## Helpful information for Veterans and their families



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**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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