

VFW POST 2093



The Action Post on the Lake

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VFW Post 2093 Newsletter

March 2021

In Recognition of National Medal of Honor Day

We salute those who have received the highest military honor our nation can bestow, for their personal act of valor above and beyond the call of duty.



March 25, 2021

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Commander's Letter

Go Coast Guard! Go Army!



Greetings from your Action Post on the Lake!

Thanks to all who continue to volunteer their time helping out around the Post. Haward May, Glenn Bailey and Rick Thomas continue to contribute much to make the Post home a more pleasant place to visit.

We are in our planning stage for our 90th Anniversary celebration on **May 22, 2021**. We are anticipating a full day of fun, food and entertainment. Food will be catered so that every Post member will be able to enjoy the day without having to work too hard. There will also be three bands playing throughout the day. Flyers will be out soon so be on the lookout. Also, we will be having various fund raising events. Please help support these efforts.

I urge all Post members to attend our next monthly meeting to be held on **March 16 at 7 PM**. It will be at this meeting that we have our first round of nominations for officers to serve during 2021 -2022. It is during this meeting that you have the opportunity to have the most impact for the upcoming year. Another nomination opportunity will be at the April 20 meeting, with elections to be held immediately after.

If you have been into the canteen lately you may have noticed that prices have been increased slightly. We had no choice in this because of the rising prices to obtain the products to keep the canteen up and running. Compared to the "civilian" community we still offer inexpensive food and beverage.

Charlie Morton
Commander
MCPO, USCG (ret)
U. S. Army Vietnam Veteran



From the Auxiliary President Desk

Remember Love and Kindness are Never Wasted!



OUR Auxiliary rocks!

On February 5th we had Steak & Steel Night. It was a huge success. Special thanks to Priscilla, Jeff, Martin and Richard for a job well done. It was a night of great food, great music and great friends. Thanks to all who supported and helped to make this event happened.



Our next event will be our annual St. Patty's Day corned beef & cabbage dinner on **March 19th**. We'll have entertainment by Steel. You're invited to dress up in your best leprechaun outfit and be sure to wear the green. It will be so much fun. We need volunteers for this event so if you can help please let me know.

Our 90th Birthday is coming up on **May 22nd**, so mark your calendars. It will be a joint celebration with our Post. Be sure to order your black Polo shirt celebrating our 90th look or ask for the order form. We'll have multiple bands, food, and fund raising events for an all day of festivities. You won't want to miss any of it.

We are halfway done with our present year. Our next year starts in June after the convention. We still have lots of work and projects to work on and need volunteers for the upcoming events. If you can help out even in a small way, we greatly appreciate your support.

Jani Ramsey, President
Post 2093 Auxiliary / Proud Lifetime Member

2020 / 2021 Officers

Post

Commander: Charlie Morton
Sr. Vice Commander: Dante Ricciardi
Jr. Vice Commander: Mason Hoyle
QM/Adjutant: Scott Henry
Chaplin/Surgeon: Luke Anziano
1st Year Trustee: Open
2nd Year Trustee: George (Sarge) Piliogios
3rd Year Trustee: Leon Jones
Service Officer: Mason Hoyle

Auxiliary

President: Jani Ramsey
S. Vice President: Chrissy Campbell
Jr. Vice President: Krista Guthrie
Secretary: Kathleen Godard
Treasurer: Kathy Swoger
Chaplain: Barbara Heath
Guard: Jeff Swoger
1st Year Trustee: Shelly Johnson
2nd Year Trustee: Chrissy Campbell
3rd Year Trustee: Stephanie Henry



Chaplin's Corner



Greetings Comrades,

This month we remember our brothers and sisters who served in the Vietnam War. These men and women paved the way for future generations of warriors and serve as a constant reminder to the American public for how our Service Men and Women are to be treated when they come home. The battles they fought abroad and continue to battle at home have removed the stigma associated with traumatic events and allowed future generations the ability to be open and honest about their conflicting emotions and have paved the way in treatment for warriors still yet to come. I am thankful for their service and honored to follow in their path.

May we all pray that their sacrifice and service never be forgotten.

We also offer up prayers for our comrades who today suffer with sickness or loss, especially "Big" Joe Velkavrh on January 28, 2021. Our prayers and condolences go out to their family and friends.

Respectfully,
Luke Anziano, Chaplain
U.S. Army Veteran Iraq & Afghanistan

VFW Florida Auxiliary Appreciation Day, February 7, 2021



I would like to thank and recognize Post 2093 Auxiliary Officers

Treasurer/Membership Chairman — Kathy Swoger

- ♦ She does a great job and has one of the hardest positions. Not only does Kathy take care of all the monies turned in and knows what account to put it in. Kathy also handles the applications for new membership she makes sure they are correct the first time, she doesn't like to get "post-it notes" on any returns. She prepares the books for our audits. She takes care of the bingo monies as well making sure we have the correct dominations of bills each week, makes deposits, verifies on our membership weekly to make sure we are in order. In other words she's my right hand person and a good friend.

Secretary — Kathy Godard

- ♦ She also is our Buddy Poppy & National Home for Children Chairman . Kathy takes meeting notes for every meeting and then makes sure that I receive a copy to read at our next meeting. She reads every thing that may come in from National or the Department. She also informs us of the displays needed for conferences. She keeps us updated on National Home projects that help to keep the children's lives as normal as possible while living at the Home. She has visited the National Children's Home and has a great fondness for this place in her heart. You can see her passion when she talks about the Home to anyone.

Chaplain — Barbara Heath

- ♦ She always has a kind word and smile for me and everyone . Barbara makes sure that all sympathy and get well cards and wishes are sent out in a timely manner. She makes calls to whatever is needed. Barbara is always willing to help me do anything no matter if its cooking or Chairing an event to make it happen. She's always has my back!

Sr. Vice/Department Special Projects — Chrissy Campbell

- ♦ Chrissy is my number 1 volunteer. She is the first one to raise her hand no matter the need. I sometimes do have to reign her in. But that's a good thing. Chrissy sells 50/50 and raffle tickets. Currently she is working for "Hero's on the Water" one of our Special Projects .She loves her veterans. She is always there to do what I **NEED**.

Jr. Vice/Scholarship Chairperson — Krista Guthrie

- ♦ Krista has a heart of gold for her veterans. Always there to do whatever they may need or to make their lives easier. She does dinners, plays games, has ice cream socials for the CLC and the Dom. Always reaching out to be of help in any capacity.

Conductress/Americanism, Community Outreach Chairperson & Patriotic Instructor — Vella Scally

- ♦ The one who wears many hats around the Auxiliary. Vella takes on a job and gets it done and does it well; she never does anything halfway. Vella is our entertainment Chairperson, she raises funds to ensure we have bands and various entertainers. Vella loves her veterans, country and Post 2093.

Guard – Jeff Swoger

- ♦ He is not just the guard of the door but also a wonderful cook. He always has a joke to lighten up any situation and keeps me smiling! Jeff is always there to help me out in any situation whether it's a Post or personal.

I also want to recognize my other chairpersons:

- ♦ **Heather Schroeder** – Legislative; **Denise Estee & Aaron Bass** – Youth; **Kathy Godard** – Historian & Media; **Kathy Godard & Debbie McCullum** – Mentoring.

Without each of these chairs filled we couldn't get all things accomplished that need taken care of.

Thank you **ALL**



Member Spotlight



Introducing Army Sergeant— James Pope

Jim was born in Indianapolis, IN on February 8, 1943. Indy was the first major city to occur in the United States. Where Jim's parents owned a little grocery store and they lived in the back. Jim started working at the family grocery store at the age of six stocking pop bottles. As he grew older he continued to work there saving his money in hopes of one day buying his own car. One of his best memories was getting his driver's licenses. This gave him independence to get around town on his own. A few months later, Jim bought his first car, a 1954 Ford Crestline.

Jim's sister, who is nine years older, had a boyfriend whom Jim was fond of. He was in the service and encouraged Jim to join. So in 1966 Jim joined the Army and was sent to Vietnam. He was there during the worst time of the War. Jim was in a hole when his platoon was attacked by the Viet Cong. Fighting continued for 30-minutues and Jim's hole was hit by mortar. Everyone around him was dead. Jim quickly grabbed the machine gun and begun returning fire killing 30 Viet Cong. The body count was 608 that night. However, Jim suffered no physical injuries, but the sounds and memories of that night left him with severe PTSD.

He left Vietnam and the Army in June 1968. He has received several badges and medals such as the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the Silver Star. When Jim got out he signed up for the reserves and served four years. During this time he was sent to Baltimore, during a period of civil unrest, to control the streets where burning and looting of local businesses took place.

Jim joined Post 2093 in 1969 at a time when most VFW Post members really did not want any Vietnam War Veterans to join. Jim has served as Commander twice, Sr. Vice and on the House Committee for many years. He is also known as "Big Daddy" because he adopts and mentors the younger men in the Post. You will find a barstool where a plaque on the bar bears his name for all of the many things and contributions he has made to the Post, this is his favorite spot in the canteen. He enjoys the socialization with members of our Post.

When Jim is not driving someone to the VA or to the airport one of his favorite past time things is going the gun range. He doesn't go as often as he likes because the range is 50 miles away. It's an outside shooting range and he enjoys having someone to go with him. Jim also stays in contact with several of his comrades and enjoys talking with his CO every week.

Jim has been blessed with three children, two girls and one boy; and we are lucky to have a friend in him.

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.

Congratulations to Our Volunteer of the Month

Glenn Bailey

Glenn has trimmed and cleaned out the hedges around the building and trimmed the Crape Myrtle trees. He also has cleaned out and restored the stone raised planter on the lakeside of the building. He has done some weeding around the sidewalks. Now we are ready for mulch and plants. Thanks for making our place look so good!

Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunities and Donations Needed

Outside

- ◆ Landscaping—mulch for flower beds, replace flowers, trim & thin out trees by the grill shed
- ◆ Dock Maintenance—Pressure clean, electrical, lighting, basic maintenance
- ◆ Beach / Ramp—General maintenance and weed control
- ◆ Grill Shed—New / repair wood, clean and weed. Remove refrigerator
- ◆ Front and Rear Flag poles and Cannons—General maintenance
- ◆ Pavilion—General maintenance and gutters need cleaning

Inside

- ◆ Replacement of two entry doors to the canteen. \$700 to \$1,000 each, plus labor
- ◆ Men's restroom—need new urinal flush valve, exhaust fan
- ◆ Canteen / Game Room—carpet needs deep cleaning
- ◆ Replace Smoke Eater Fans \$300 kit for six fans
- ◆ Banquet Hall—Floor needs to be machine scrubbed and buffed. Ceiling tiles need to be put in place

Please see a Post Officer if you would like to help in any way you can. Thank you

Welcome New Members

Post		Auxiliary	
Name	Date Joined	Name	Date Joined
Justin Wahr	Feb-2021	Christina Garrison	Feb-2021
Ronnie O'Dell	Feb-2021	Angela Ba	Feb-2021

What's Happening

Mark Your Calendar

March

Friday March 5th 6:00pm	Dinner by Steph & Heather with Laura & Seven at 7:00pm
Sunday 14th 2:30pm	M-E-A-T Bingo with Laura
Tuesday March 16th 7:00pm	Post Nominations—please attend to support your Post
Saturday 19th 5:30pm	St Patty Day Dinner with Steel at 7pm
Sunday 21st 8:00-11:00am	Breakfast by Steph & Heather



Meetings



- ♦ **Post & Auxiliary Meetings: 3rd Tuesday every month, 7:00 PM**
 - ♦ We need your attendance at our Post & Auxiliary meetings so we all can make a difference
- ♦ **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 Tuesday, 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.



Have You Heard of the 300 Club?

\$5.00 a ticket See Bartender for ticket

When **300** tickets are sold a drawing is held for **\$500**

Benefits Post General Fund

1 in 300 will WIN \$500 !!



VFW POST 2093 & AUXILIARY



PROUDLY ANNOUNCE OUR



CELEBRATION

Saturday May 22nd, 2021 Starting @ 11AM

**Join us for a full day of celebration on our
beautiful grounds.**



**Details to follow. Must RSVP to Jani Ramsey by May 1,
2021 for planning purposes (407-474-1724).**

**We are planning Installation of Officers, Presentation of
Certificates, 3 different bands(VFW Band, Steel & Speed
Limit 70), food by Mission Barbecue, and a great day of
camaraderie and celebration.**



VFW POST 2093 & Auxiliary - 90th Anniversary BLACK POLO SHIRT ORDER

PRICE: \$20.00 PREPAID - For Small, Medium, Large and XLarge - UPCHARGE OF \$3.00 PER "X" FOR LARGER SIZES-I.e., 2X-\$23 - 3X-\$26 - 4X-\$29 etc.

NAME: _____ TEL # _____

ENTER # ORDERED	SMALL	MED	LARGE	XL	2X	3X	4X	Above 4X-write in size	TOTAL
	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$23	\$26	\$29	5X-\$32 / 6X-\$35	
VFW EMBLEM									
Men's Polo w/Pocket									X \$ _____ = \$ _____
Women's Fit Polo									X \$ _____ = \$ _____
Total:									X \$ _____ = \$ _____

AUX EMBLEM									
Men's Polo w/Pocket									X \$ _____ = \$ _____
Women's Fit Polo									X \$ _____ = \$ _____
Total:									X \$ _____ = \$ _____

TOTALS:

VFW	#	AMT	Price:
Men's	X		=
Women's	X		=
AUX			
Men's	X		=
Women's	X		=

Material is a 50/50 Cotton Blend

You can give your order to the Bartender

Cash or Make Checks Payable to VFW Post 2093 TOTAL AMT DUE: _____

ORDER MUST BE PLACED BY APRIL 17TH - AFTER APRIL 17TH PRICE INCREASES TO \$25 PER SHIRT WITH \$3 PER SIZE UPCHARGE.



VFW 2093 CEILING TILE FUNDRAISER

Post fundraiser to benefit our Post and allow our members to show their support and to Honor their Loved ones that has served in Combat. Yes, you too can be on the tile as long as the person you are honoring is a full member. You can have your message, logo, picture, in **memory of**, or **In Honor of** on a ceiling tile. The 2'x 4' tiles will be placed in the game room. You can pay for the full tile or get someone to split the tile with you to do a 2' x 2'. You cannot pick your spot/ location for your tile. Tiles will stay in place until they become unsightly or damaged. The Post will not replace or refund any tile that may get damaged after placement. Price is as follows:

2'x4' Tile \$125 2'x2' Tile \$75

*if you order a 2'x2' tile, it will not be ordered until a second 2'x2' tile is ordered. Both will go on a full tile

Please submit what you want on your Tile to Scott Henry at (scott@safefharborfla.com) if there is artwork please arrange time to sit down with Scott. Anyone can create there own tile by using Publisher and set boundaries to 2ft x 4ft. Sign company will not enlarge artwork on their end.

As this is a new concept, any changes/issues/questions will be decided by the chairperson or Post Commander.

New tiles are going up and they look beautiful! Have you seen them? Just look up when you enter the game room. Make plans to design your own—let's fill this ceiling with our Post Members—Hooah, Oorah!!!

VFW VETERANS VILLAGE Fort McCoy, Florida 20th Annual Picnic 2021

PICNIC
SATURDAY 20TH MARCH 2021
10AM to 5PM
TICKET DONATION \$10.00



Includes:
BBQ Meal & Entertainment
Horseshoe Tournament
Closest to the Pin
Raffles and more...
Beverages Available

For Information call 352-236-0823 or visit our Website:

www.vfwveteransvillage.org

VFW Post 2093 BIKE NIGHT

4444 Edgewater Dr. Orlando

Wings

5-\$6

10-\$10

Starting

FEB 10th

2nd and 4th Wednesday

6:00pm to 10pm

Music by DJ Cindy on the Patio

1st and 3rd Wednesday at Longwood Post 8207



Draft
Beer

\$2.50

Bottle
\$3.00

Bush
Lite
Bucket
\$10

VFW Post 2093 Newsletter

Personal ads

Publication Deadline the 10th of every month for the following month's publication.

Would you like to wish someone Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary; maybe a Get Well, or Thinking of You, or I Love You; perhaps just a Thank You, Great Job, or Congratulations. Your ad will be in seen for one month online and in print. The money collected will benefit the General Fund. |

Pay a VFW Officer or the bartender the appropriate amount in an envelope marked Personal Ad and send your Ad or a request to create your ad to pbailey31@cfl.rr.com. If paying by check make payable to VFW Post 2093.

We will not accept any foul, demeaning, pornographic material or commercial ads.



 Full Page \$50	Half Page \$25
	Quarter Page \$15



SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship Ad Space for Sale \$350

What You get:

Your logo will be listed on at the bottom of our Welcome page on our VFW Website, www.VFW2093.Org, as shown below for one year, you'll also get a quarter-page ad in our Monthly Newsletter for one year which will be online and in print.

Pay a VFW Officer the amount of \$350, **make check payable to VFW Post 2093**. You can drop off a check placed in an envelope marked Sponsor Ad and give to the bartender. If mailing, 4444 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL, 32084 and send your Ad in PDF format to 2093vfwpost@gmail.com.

SITE SPONSORS

Thank you to the following who support our Veterans. Click on the logo(s) below for more information.



Your Ad can go here



VFW Post 2093 Auxiliary

4444 Edgewater Drive * Orlando, Florida 32804

Join us for our Annual



St. Patrick's Day



Party



Date: Friday March 19, 2021



Time: 6 PM – 8 PM



Cost: \$10.00

**Which Includes Corn Beef & Cabbage, Carrots,
Potatoes, Bread & Dessert!!**

The Band STEEL will be in the house!!



DRAWING FOR A \$300.00 SCRATCH TICKETS



Proceeds go to 90th Anniversary Celebration!!

**I live to
scratch!**

\$1.00 Per Ticket * 6 Tickets \$5.00**

Drawing April 25th with "Keck and Coale" On
the Patio 2PM to 5PM

VFW Post 2093 - 4444 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804 - 407-296-2502

Support your Post!!

Bottle Raffle

\$1.00 PER TICKET ** 6 TICKETS \$5.00

WINNER HAS A CHOICE OF:

FIREBALLTITO's VODKA**
OLD SMOKEY SALTED CARAMEL WHISKEY**



Drawings held on Mondays and Wednesdays
Proceeds go to 90th Anniversary Celebration!

SUPPORT YOUR POST!!



**JOIN US FOR
BREAKFAST & ME
AT VFW POST 2093**

Sunday March 21st * 8AM to 11AM

All your favorites will be available such as
Bacon, Eggs, Sausage, Sausage Gravy,
Pancakes, French Toast, just to name a few
and a "Special of the Day".



Come Out & Support your VFW!!



Mark your calendars for upcoming breakfast dates:
April 18th & May 16th

CDC Social Distancing Guidelines will be observed!



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	Donte Ricciardi
Paul Tondini	Vella Scally	James Scally	Jim Pope
Mark & Chrissy Campbell	Dan Delancey	Eugene Gray	Carole Hulvey

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)

Glenn, Priscilla, Judy & Fish

Are going to **Biloxi!**

March 15th

Wish us luck



Thank you for
my picture
Priscilla.

Good luck in
Biloxi!

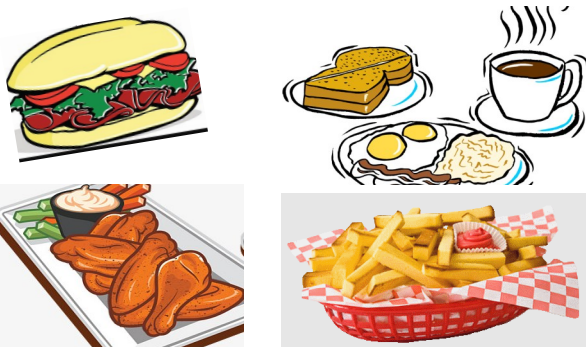
The Kitchen is open for
breakfast and lunch

10am-2pm

Full Breakfast • Sandwiches • Wraps •
Wings • Appetizers

Take Out Available

407-290-2502



**VFW POST 2093
BALL CAPS FOR SALE
\$20
IN STOCK GET YOURS
NOW**



Days	Recurring Events	Kitchen Available
Monday—Saturday	Lunch is Being Served Wings served every day!!! **** Now Serving Breakfast ****	11:00am-2:00pm 10:00am-2:00pm
Monday—Friday	Happy Hour 4:00-6:00pm	Closed—Sorry
Saturdays & Sundays	\$1.50 Bloody Marys' 11:00am-1:00pm	See below
Saturdays	Aux Bingo @ 1:00pm (Auxiliary Room) Smoking outside	11:00am-2:00pm
3rd Sundays of the Month	Breakfast by Steph & Heather	8:00am-11:00am
Mondays	Show Me the Money @ 6:30pm	Closed—Sorry
Wednesdays	Wing Night Car Races with your favorite Commentator	6:00pm-Until ? 7:00pm
Fridays	Homemade Scratched Dinners made by Steph & Heather Karaoke with your favorite <i>DJ</i> Martin	6:00pm 7:00pm
2nd Sunday of the Month	<i>M-E-A-T</i> Bingo @ 2:30 by Laura	No kitchen, but a surprise snack
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the Month	Bike Night with DJ Cindy on the Patio	6:00—10:00pm

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Show me the Money 6:30	2	3 Wings 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	4	5 Dinner at 6:00 Karaoke 7:00	6 Aux Bingo 1:00
7	8 Show me the Money 6:30	9 Events Committee Mtg 6:30	10 Wings 6:00 Bike night 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	11 House Committee Mtg 7:00	12 Dinner 6:00 & Karaoke 7:00	13 Aux Bingo 1:00
14 <i>MEAT</i> Bingo 2:30	15 Show me the Money 6:30	16 Post, Aux Meeting 7:00 Post Nominations	17 Wings 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	18	19 <i>St. Patty's Day</i> Dinner 5:30 The <i>Steel</i> Band at 7:00	20 Aux Bingo 1:00
21 Breakfast 8:00-11:00am	22 Show me the Money 6:30	23	24 Wings 6:00 Bike night 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	25	26 Dinner 6:00 & Karaoke 7:00	27 Aux Bingo 1:00
28	29 Show me the Money 6:30	30	31 Wings 6:00 & Car Races 7:00			