

# VFW POST 2093



*The Action Post on the Lake*

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VFW Post 2093 Newsletter

May 2021

## Memorial Day

THEY GAVE THEIR TOMORROWS

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FOR OUR TODAY'S

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## Commander's Letter

**Go Coast Guard! Go Army!**



### ***Greetings from your Action Post on the Lake!***

May is the month we all stop and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. For those of who have worn the uniform it is especially meaningful. Personally, I think of those I served with and never made it home daily. But it is this month that I see our community and Nation come together in remembrance. How one honors our heroes is also a personal choice. It may be visiting a grave site, going to The Wall or attending a picnic. The point is we remember! They will never be forgotten.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Post 2093. A fun day of food and music is planned. Be on the lookout for your invitation and please RSVP if you can.

Support for the kitchen seems to be dropping off. If we cannot at least break even, we will have no choice but to either cut back days and hours or close it altogether except for Wednesday's and an occasional Friday.

As always if you have suggestions, please bring it to the attention of a Post officer.

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



## ***From the Auxiliary President Desk*** **Remember Love and Kindness are Never Wasted!**



### **Happy 90th Birthday Auxiliary of Post 2093!**

Memorial Day is just around the corner. No matter what you may be doing, stop, pause and say a prayer for our Veterans who lost their lives in order to keep all of us safe. Stand up and Salute our Flag. It is an honor to live in the United States of America and I am proud of my country and Veterans.

Join us May 22nd for our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party there will be more fun, food and music by three bands. We still need a **HEADCOUNT FOR FOOD.** If you and your guest would like to join us for some BBQ from Oviedo Mission BBQ, please RSVP to 407-474-1724. You will want to enjoy the day so bring your lawn chairs. Our very own band will kick off the festivities followed by installation of new and returning officers. By the time you read this newsletter our elections will be over and the Auxiliary's physical year is almost over. Our new year begins at the close of June's convention; then we will have our new and returning officers begin again. I just would like to say, it's been my honor to serve as your Auxiliary President for the past seven years. I have learned so much from many people and I have the highest admiration for all.

I'm looking forward to another year of doing what we do best, helping our Veterans. God Bless America

Proudly serving as your President,

Jani Ramsey

## 2020 / 2021 Officers

Post	Auxiliary
<b>Commander: Charlie Morton</b>	<b>President: Jani Ramsey</b>
<b>Sr. Vice Commander: Dante Ricciardi</b>	<b>S. Vice President: Chrissy Campbell</b>
<b>Jr. Vice Commander: Mason Hoyle</b>	<b>Jr. Vice President: Krista Guthrie</b>
<b>QM/Adjutant: Scott Henry</b>	<b>Secretary: Kathleen Godard</b>
<b>Chaplin/Surgeon: Luke Anziano</b>	<b>Treasurer: Kathy Swoger</b>
<b>1st Year Trustee: Open</b>	<b>Chaplain: Barbara Heath</b>
<b>2nd Year Trustee: George (Sarge) Piliogios</b>	<b>Guard: Jeff Swoger</b>
<b>3rd Year Trustee: Leon Jones</b>	<b>1st Year Trustee: Shelly Johnson</b>
<b>Service Officer: Mason Hoyle</b>	<b>2nd Year Trustee: Chrissy Campbell</b>
	<b>3rd Year Trustee: Stephanie Henry</b>



### Chaplin's Corner



Greetings Comrades,

Memorial Day is the most solemn of Holiday's that our nation recognizes. It is a day for reverence for those who gave their lives for future generations future. Many would call this a day to honor sacrifice, but I would like to encourage all to think of this in a different light. The word sacrifice implies that they traded something of very high value for something of a lower value. When I think of my comrades that were lost in action, I can't bring myself to believe that they would do that. These men and women loved our freedoms so much, that they were willing to pay for them with their most precious heavenly gift. So this Memorial Day, I ask that we not mourn the sacrifices of our fallen, but thank them for heroically paying for us to continue our way of life. I would like to leave you with a few words from James A Garfield from his 1868 Decoration Day Address:

*"For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue."*

*Please do not forget our bothers and sisters who are in a nursing home or rehab center who need visitors. or a phone call.*

Respectfully,  
Luke Anziano, Chaplain

## Member Spotlight

Interview by Priscilla Bailey, editor



### Introducing Lee Wozniak, 1st Army Sergeant

Lee was born in Grand Rapids, MI in May 1931. He signed up to go into the Army right after high school to avoid being drafted. Lee entered the Korean War in March 1951. His basic training was at Scofield Barracks in Hawaii. He had to travel by ship which took 30 days to cross the Pacific. From Hawaii he went to Japan. He said when he got to Japan the first thing they made him do was climb a pole. Lee did not like heights. He must have done well because they put him in the 10<sup>th</sup> Army Signal Corps. He laid communication wire across mountains.

Lee served 27 years. He had seven years in Korean War and served three tours in the Vietnam War. During the Vietnam War he worked on helicopter as a maintenance supervisor and instructor. When he retired, he obtained a job with Bell Helicopter training the Saudis and Iranians. Lee traveled to many places with Bell, he said he traveled the world several times.

Lee is a twin! Sad that his twin sister died at a young age of 18 months. He has a younger sister who he calls every day to check on her. His parents came from Poland and purchased a 130-acre dairy farm. When Lee was about 10 years old, his father would "farm out" Lee to work. He worked six to seven days a week in a bakery. When the business closed on Wednesdays, Lee enjoyed going fishing. When he went into the Army, he had saved over \$6,000.

Lee enjoyed working and did not have much time to date. Then at the age of 58 he met his wife through a mutual friend and married at the age of 59 in Thailand. Then had his daughter at the age of 60. Someone once said that he had a beautiful granddaughter, Lee replied, "hell, that's my daughter!" It was a proud moment for Lee. He loved teaching his daughter and the thing that stood out the most was that he taught her not to take any crap from anyone.

Lee lived in College Park and joined Post 2093 in the 1980's. In 2000, Lee served as Quarter Master and was in our Color Guard. If asked, Lee said if he had his life to live over again, he would not change a thing.

Lee received two Bronze Stars and Meritorious Service Medal.

If you see Lee in the Post, please introduce yourself grab a drink and sit down to talk with him, He has so many interesting stories to tell.

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

Heather Schroeder

Heather has helped so much in the kitchen with her cooking and recipe ideas and clean-up.  
Thank you!

**Welcome New Members**

Post		Auxiliary	
Name	Date Joined	Name	Date Joined
Dennis Micare	Apr-2021	Christopher Lee Wilson	Apr-2021
Erica Mata	Apr-2021	Adam P. Skrzpiec	Apr-2021
Paul Mata	Apr-2021		



**MEETINGS**

- ◆ **Post & Auxiliary Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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***

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

**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**

## May

Friday 7th at 7:00pm	Karaoke with Martin
Sunday 9th 2:30pm	M-E-A-T Bingo by Laura
Friday 21st 9:00AM	Clean Up & Decorating Day for 90th Anniversary (All Welcome to help set up)
Saturday 22nd 11:00am	Huge Post & Auxiliary 90th Birthday Bash, 3 Bands, Food, Drinks, Fun Don't Miss it! You'll be sorry...
Saturday 23rd 10:00am	Clean Up from Anniversary Party (All Welcome to help clean up)
Sunday 30th 12:00 noon	Memorial Day Commemoration

## May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Aux Bingo 1:00
2	3 Show me the Money 6:30	4	5 14 Wings 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	6	7 Dinner 6:00pm and Karaoke 7:pm	8 Aux Bingo 1:00
9 11 <b>MEAT Bin- go with Laura</b> 2:30	10 Show me the Money 6:30	11 Events Committee Mtg 6:30	12 14 Wings 6:00 Bike night 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	13 House Com- mittee Mtg	14 Dinner 6:00	15 Aux Bingo 1:00
16	17 Show me the Money 6:30	18 Post, Aux Meeting 7:00	19 14 Wings 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	20	21 Help Post Decorating Dinner 6:00pm	22 <b>90th Birthday Party 11am</b>
23 Help Post Clean-Up	24 Show me the Money 6:30	25	26 14 Wings 6:00 Bike night 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	27	28 Dinner 6:00	29 Aux Bingo 1:00
30	31 Memorial Day noon Show me the Money 6:30					



## **VFW POST 2093 & Auxiliary**



**Invites you to the Celebration of our 90<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary!**

**Date: Saturday May 22, 2021**

**Start Time: 11:30 AM**

**Place: 4444 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804**

**Please join us for our Installation of Officers, 3  
different bands, food by Mission Barbecue and a  
great day of camaraderie and celebration.**

**RSVP by May 8<sup>th</sup> to Jani Ramsey  
@ 407-474-1724**

### ***WELCOME HOME SHANE***

It was your slow typical Thursday night at the VFW. Our new bartender, Holli Tanner, didn't think to much when a few folks wondered in, then about an hour later a few more showed up including her mother. As the night went on more and more people started showing up and Holli got busy. If you were not aware, Holli is the wife of Shane Tanner, a Post member, who is currently serving in Afghanistan hunting IEDs. She knew Shane had just came into the States for a 30-day leave, but didn't know where he was at the moment. As I said, Holli got busy serving people. Just as she was about to hand "this guy" a beer, she looked up and there he stood. The love of her life. It seems all of these folks were friends of Shane's who sneaked him in the back door to surprise Holli. If you were there that Thursday night you witnessed a wonderful reunion. Welcome home brother.



## **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.



Congratulations **George (Sarge) Piliogios**  
For winning the \$300 worth of Florida Lottery  
scratch tickets!  
Thank you to all who went for a chance we  
raised \$1,632.00

# Memory *Trip down* Lane



Look how we've grown since the 1980's



Star Photo by Charles Foley

## VFW Honors Members

Harold A. Kingsbury (left), one of 17 30-year charter members of Orange County Post 2093, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is congratulated by Gene Lajeunesse, new post commander, at annual installation meeting last night in post's new home at 4444 Edgewater Drive. Charter members were honor guests.

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## Poppy Days Begin

Poppy Days will be observed Friday and Saturday by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2093 and auxiliary.

Kelly Kennedy, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Kelly, 4017 Oswood Road, presents knitted Buddy Poppy to Mayor Robert E. Carr.

Funds help disabled and needy veterans and their widows and orphans. Poppies are made by disabled veterans and their widows and orphans. Poppies are made by disabled veterans in government hospitals. (Sentinel Photo by Richard Shepherd)

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