



# VFW Post 2093

The Action Post By The Lake



# NEWSLETTER

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Annual Issue #7, July 2025



## Next Post Members Meeting

Date: 15 July 2025  
Time: 19:00 hrs

## Next House Committee Meeting

Date: 10 July 2025  
Time: 18:00 hrs

## Next Auxiliary Meeting

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Time: 19:00 hrs

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# Letter from the Editor's Desk



Dear Readers,

## **From the Editor's Desk: Celebrating Freedom This Fourth of July, and the Enduring Spirit of VFW Post 2093**

As we enter July, the air in Orlando truly begins to hum with the unique energy of summer. For us at VFW Post 2093, July isn't just another month; it's the month of our nation's birth, culminating in the profound significance of Independence Day, the Fourth of July.

This day, more than any other, resonates deeply with every veteran. It's a powerful reminder of the principles for which so many have served and sacrificed: liberty, self-governance, and the pursuit of a better future. When we hear the crackle of fireworks, or see the Stars and Stripes unfurl, it's not just a celebration of a historical event, but a reaffirmation of the enduring ideals that define us as Americans. It's a day to remember the brave men and women who, over generations, have stood on distant shores and in unfamiliar lands, ensuring that the promise of July 4th remains alive and vibrant.

Here at VFW Post 2093, we are committed to upholding that legacy. Our Post stands as a testament to the continued spirit of service, a place where veterans find camaraderie, support, and a platform to continue contributing to our community. This July, as you gather with family and friends to celebrate our nation's independence, we invite you to also connect with your local VFW.

Think of our Post as a living extension of the values we celebrate on the Fourth. Every program we run, every veteran we assist, every community event we support, is a direct reflection of the commitment to freedom and community that our members have embodied throughout their lives of service.

We encourage you to make VFW Post 2093 a part of your July plans. Stop by for one of our social gatherings, learn about the work we do for veterans' advocacy, or simply come by to share stories and build connections. Your involvement, whether it's volunteering your time, attending an event, or becoming a member, directly strengthens our ability to serve those who have given so much.

Let's ensure that the spirit of freedom and community that defines the Fourth of July continues throughout the entire month, and indeed, all year long, right here at VFW Post 2093. From all of us, have a truly meaningful and joyous Independence Day!

Editor In Chief



# COMMANDER'S LETTER



**Edwin Quiles**

*Commander – Army - Post 2093*



Comrades, Family Members and Friends,

As the Commander of VFW Post 2093, I would first and foremost, like to announce to the members of VFW Post 2093 that we have been honored with the **VFW All-State Award**! This prestigious recognition is a direct result of the incredible dedication and hard work of several of our standout members. Please join us in extending a heartfelt congratulations to these individuals for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment, which have brought such a distinguished honor to our Post. Their contributions truly make a difference!

Secondly, I'm already feeling the excitement that July brings to our Orlando community! From the exhilarating crackle of fireworks on the Fourth to backyard barbecues and refreshing dips in the pool, this month is a time for cherished traditions and making new memories with family and friends.

Here at VFW Post 2093, we deeply value these moments of community spirit. Many of us served to protect the very freedoms that allow us to celebrate with such joy and abandon. However, as we embrace the festivities, I want to echo a crucial message: **please celebrate safely and responsibly.**

The team here at the Post has been discussing the importance of caution during this busy month. Whether it's practicing good fire safety with grills or better yet, enjoying the professional fireworks display at the VFW Post 2093 property, staying hydrated in the Florida heat, or ensuring water safety for our little ones, a little vigilance goes a long way in preventing accidents and ensuring everyone has a truly memorable and happy July.

And speaking of community, as you enjoy all that July has to offer, I also want to take a moment to remind everyone about the vital role VFW Post 2093 plays right here in Orlando. We're more than just a building; we're a hub for veterans, a place of camaraderie, support, and continued service to our nation and our local area.

**Your support is critical to our mission.** Every event you attend, every meal you share with us, every dollar you contribute, helps us provide essential services to veterans in need, advocate for their rights, and support local community initiatives. This July, as you gather with loved ones, consider stopping by the Post. Whether it's for a social event, to learn more about what we do, or simply to say hello, your presence strengthens our Post and our ability to serve.

Let's make this July a month of safe, joyful celebration and continued community support. From all of us at VFW Post 2093, have a fantastic and secure July! We look forward to seeing you around.

Edwin Quiles  
Commander  
VFW Post 2093

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**Mike Estes**  
*President - Post 2093*



## From the Auxiliary President's Desk

Greetings fellow VFW Post 2093 Post and Auxiliary members, most of you may know me, but if you don't. Please allow me to introduce myself. My wife Denise and I have been members of VFW Post 2093 for over 10 years now and consider you all family. We both have been very active with Post 2093, preparing the DMC Friday dinners, coordinating the children events, attending weekly Post events and participating and holding positions as officers of VFW Post 2093 Auxiliary.

As we all are saddened by Jani Ramsey stepping down as Auxiliary President after more than 11 years, and it is my honor to fill such large shoes from someone we all respect, love and cherish. I thank all of you who nominated and voted for me to replace Jani as Auxiliary President.. We are not saying goodbye to Jani since I have asked her to be the Auxiliary Sr. Vice and she has graciously accepted, also I have asked Kathy Swoger to hold the position of Auxiliary Secretary, and asked Debbie McCollum to replace me as Auxiliary Treasurer and mentor Naomi Haworth (assistant treasurer) so that she may step into that roll as Debbie's district and department role increases.

Every June/July a new spirit of fellowship and community occurs after the Post and Auxiliary elections,.. I am happy to be your VFW Post 2093 Auxiliary President for the 2025/2026 year. Great things are coming our way and I know that we all have the same motivation . "Making the Action post on the Lake the best Post in the district" and building on the foundation that so may in the past 94 years have done before us.

Thank you all

Mike Estes, Auxiliary President

# A Year of Action and Service: Let's Rise Together



**David Lester**  
**Senior Vice Commander - Post 2093**

## Announcing the "Freedom Fighter Recruiter" Contest!

**Calling all VFW Post 2093 members!** As we approach the Fourth of July, let's channel that patriotic spirit into strengthening our Post. This July, we're launching the **"Freedom Fighter Recruiter" Contest**, and you could win **\$100** for helping us grow!

### The Challenge

Recruit the most new, eligible members (Minimum of 5 new members) to our Post between **July 1st and August 31st, 2025**.

### Why Your Participation Matters

Our Post's strength comes from its members. Every new member doesn't just expand our camaraderie; they also amplify our collective voice when we advocate for veteran benefits, support our community, and work to ensure the VFW remains a vital force for future generations. This Fourth of July, let's not only celebrate our nation's past but also actively build our Post's future.

### How to Win

#### Be a VFW Champion:

Share your personal experiences. What does the VFW mean to you? How has it positively impacted your life or the lives of other veterans you know? Your genuine passion is our most effective recruitment tool.

#### Identify Eligible Veterans:

Look for opportunities to connect with veterans in our community. This could be at local Fourth of July celebrations, other community events, or simply through conversations with friends and neighbors.

#### Guide Them Through Membership:

Help prospective members understand their eligibility requirements and the simple steps to join. Have applications ready, or direct them to our Post's website or contact information.

**Track Your Recruits:** Ensure that any new member you recruit clearly states your name as their referrer on their application. This is essential for tracking your progress in the contest.

#### The Prize

The VFW Post member who successfully recruits the most new, eligible members by **July 31st, 2025**, will receive a **\$100 cash reward!**

Let's make this Fourth of July a dual celebration—for our nation's independence and for the renewed strength of our VFW Post!

Start those conversations, share your pride in the VFW, and let's welcome new "Freedom Fighters" into our ranks. Good luck, Comrades!

Yours in service and solidarity,

David Lester

Senior Vice Commander

# Post Chaplain's Corner



**Garey Smith**  
***Chaplain / Jr, Vice Commander - Post 2093***

Peace and blessings,

Happy Independence Day! As we celebrate Americas' 249th birthday I think of all the sacrifices, and bloodshed that was made brothers in the past and present, men, women, black, white and different nationalities that makes us who we are, "We the people." If we desire God to continue the blessings of liberty let us live by each other's happiness not by each other's misery, this world has room for everyone, and the good Earth is rich and can provide for all. Be safe out there, prayers and speedy recovery Sarge and Mr. Lewis. God bless our Armed forces who at this very moment guard the gates of freedom!



# VFW Post 2093

## Monthly Calendar 2025



# July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Wing Night – 6 pm Car Races – 7 pm	3 DAV 11-3PM SM HALL	4 Independence Day Celebration 3pm  Fireworks Display  Queen of Hearts 7pm	5 Bloods /Mimosa \$2 Bunch \$7 11am- 1pm DAV 8-12pm, Aux Bingo – 1pm
6	7 SMTM – 6:30 pm	8 Events Meeting 6pm	9 Wing Night – 6 pm Car Races – 7 pm	10 DAV 11-3PM SM HALL House Comm. 6PM	11 Post Dinner 6pm Karaoke – 7pm Queen of Hearts 7pm	12 Bloods /Mimosa \$2 Bunch \$7 11am- 1pm DAV 8-12pm, Aux Bingo – 1pm KISS wrapping event (Big Hall) 8-12pm
13	14 SMTM – 6:30 pm	15 Taco Tuesday 6PM Joint Post/Aux Meeting 6:30PM Post/ Aux Meeting 7pm	16 Wing Night – 6 pm Car Races – 7 pm	17 DAV 11-3PM SM HALL	18 Post Dinner 6pm Karaoke – 7pm Queen of Hearts 7pm	19 Bloods /Mimosa \$2 Bunch \$7 11am- 1pm DAV 8-12pm, Aux Bingo – 1pm
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27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	28 SMTM – 6:30 pm	29	30 Wing Night – 6 pm Car Races – 7 pm	31 DAV 11-3PM SM HALL		

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# Weekly Events



**WING NIGHT  
AND THE RACES**

*10 wings for  
**\$14.00***

Also sold are  
Burgers, Fish, Fries, Onion Rings,  
Mozzarella Sticks, and Jalapeno  
Poppers

**6:00 PM**

**Wednesday Nights**

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**ORANGE COUNTY VFW POST 2093  
PRESENTS**

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ME THE  
MONEY**

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AT 6:30PM**

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# 4TH OF JULY



LIVE MUSIC & FIREWORKS

*at Post 2093*



JOIN US FRIDAY, BEGINNING 3 PM

LIVE MUSIC BY "ON THE ROCKS" @ 4 PM

BOUNCE HOUSE/WATERSLIDE COMBO  
FIREWORKS AT DARK



Country Ribs or Chicken w/corn  
(please bring a side to share)

Kids under 10 get a free hot dog, chips,  
and drink



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# VFW 2093 Leadership 2025-2026

## Post Officers

Commander – Edwin Quiles  
Senior Vice Commander– David Lester  
Junior Vice Commander – Garey Smith  
Quartermaster– Disco SanAndreas  
Adjutant – Carlos Nieves  
Chaplain- Garey Smith  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Victor Carrion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Austin Becker  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Antonio Castro  
House Chairperson- Richard Mellen

## Auxiliary Officers

President: Mike Estes  
Sr. Vice President: Jani Ramsey  
Jr, Vice President: Denise Estes  
Secretary: Kathy Swoger  
Treasurer: Debbie McCollum  
Chaplain: Barbara Heath  
Conductor: Jeremy Rayl  
Guard: Melissa Anderson  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee: Naomi Haworth  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee: Jeff Swoger  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee: Sonja Rayl  
Historian: Niki Bolin

## BOOSTERS

Single - \$10 per Year | Couple - \$15 Per Year

August 2024 – July 2025

Bryan and Donna	
Pat and Carole McDaniel	

<div><div><b>Memorials</b> <b>\$20 Per Year</b> <b>August 2024 – July 2025</b></div><div></div></div>	

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## **Honoring the "Forgotten Victory": National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day**



Every year on July 27th, the United States observes National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, a day dedicated to honoring the sacrifices and service of those who fought in the Korean War. While often overshadowed by World War II and Vietnam, the Korean War, which lasted from 1950 to 1953, was a brutal and costly conflict that claimed the lives of tens of thousands of American service members and left many more wounded.

The armistice, signed on July 27, 1953, brought an end to the fighting, though a formal peace treaty was never signed, leaving the Korean Peninsula divided to this day. For the veterans who served, the memories of the harsh winters, intense battles, and the constant threat of enemy fire remain vivid. Often referred to as the "Forgotten War," the Korean War and its veterans did not always receive the widespread recognition they deserved upon their return home.

National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day serves as a vital opportunity to rectify this historical oversight. It is a day to remember the immense courage and resilience displayed by those who answered the call to defend freedom and democracy in a far-off land. Ceremonies are held across the country, often involving wreath-laying at memorials, speeches by veterans and dignitaries, and moments of silent reflection. These events provide a chance for communities to express their gratitude and ensure that the legacy of these brave men and women is never forgotten.

As the number of Korean War veterans dwindles with each passing year, the importance of this day grows. It is a reminder to educate younger generations about the war's significance, the sacrifices made, and the enduring impact it has had on global geopolitics. By actively participating in observances and learning more about this crucial period in history, we can collectively ensure that the "Forgotten Victory" is finally given the place of honor it so rightly deserves.





## A Heartfelt Thank You to VFW Post 2093 Auxiliary and Mrs. Jani Ramsey



VFW Post 2093 members extend their deepest gratitude to the **VFW Post 2093 Auxiliary** for their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts. Your commitment has been instrumental in making our post a true beacon for all veterans who walk through our doors daily. The impact of your hard work and selfless service is immeasurable, providing vital support and fostering a welcoming environment that our members cherish.

We also wish to express a special thank you to **Mrs. Jani Ramsey** for her many years of exceptional hard work and steadfast commitment to our beloved post. Mrs. Ramsey's tireless dedication has been a significant force, resulting in numerous vital financial contributions that have strengthened our post as a whole. Her efforts have directly contributed to our ability to serve veterans and the community with distinction.

The members of VFW Post 2093 are profoundly grateful for everything the Auxiliary and Mrs. Ramsey have done, and continue to do, to support our mission and enhance the lives of our veterans. We're especially excited to work side-by-side with the Auxiliary members in this new chapter for our organization. Together, we hope to build upon the strong foundation left by the prior members of this post. Your contributions are truly invaluable.



# 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 self-employment service that you would like your fellow Members to know about. Whether you offer services such as

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

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 [ppilioglos@gmail.com](mailto:ppilioglos@gmail.com)

Thank you for supporting VFW Post 2093 and its members



# Post 2093 Services for Members

## Post 2093 Member Services: Expanding our Network Contacts

**Notary:** Chrissy Zarrella

Text: 407-466-2384

email: [chrissyzerrella@yahoo.com](mailto:chrissyzerrella@yahoo.com)

**Real Estate:** Chere Roane

Phone: 407-491-5488

email: [broker@nicolehudson.com](mailto:broker@nicolehudson.com)

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email: [nikimariebolin@gmail.com](mailto:nikimariebolin@gmail.com)

**Medical:** Martha Graves

Urology, call for an appointment

Phone: 407-628-3073

*To submit your information, please complete the form available from the Post bartenders or email to [2093newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:2093newsletter@gmail.com)*

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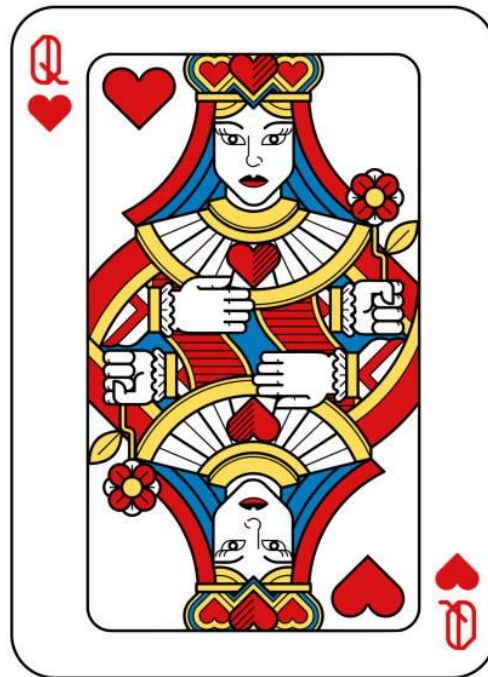
# Meetings at a Glance

- 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  
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Get your tickets,  
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Every Friday Night

Drawing:  
At 7pm

See the Bartender  
to get your tickets  
on Friday nights.



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#### Our Mission

To Educate, Engage and Empower our clients by providing the most Comprehensive Care Solution.

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- Aid and Attendance
- Caregiver Support Program

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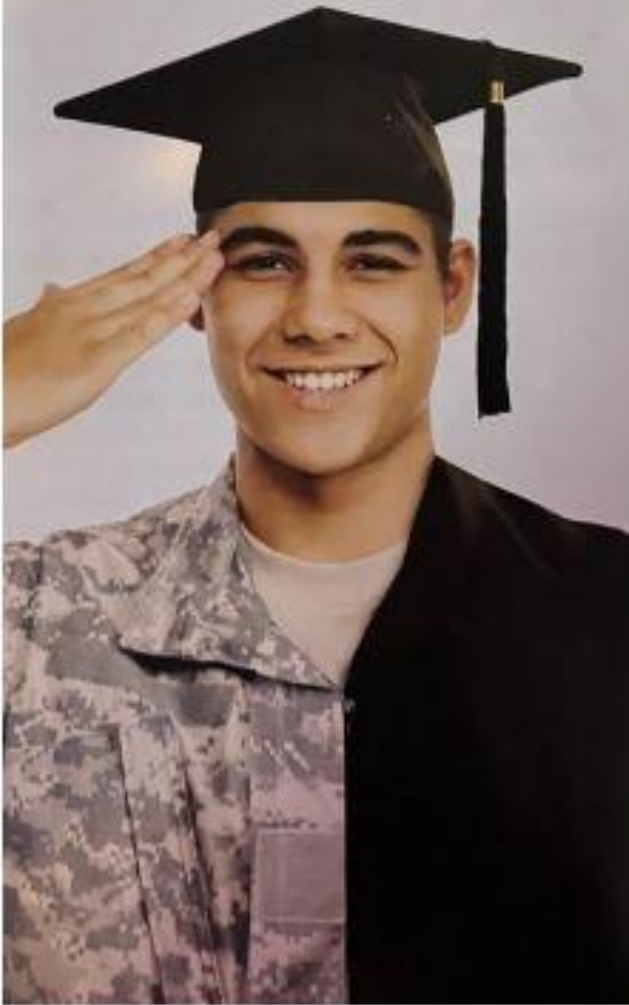
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- Respite Care
- Companionship Care
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#### Contact Information

- Phone: 321407-2727
- Email: [info@thriveUSAhomecare.com](mailto:info@thriveUSAhomecare.com)
- Web site: [www.ThriveUSAhomecare.com](http://www.ThriveUSAhomecare.com)
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# Helpful information for Veterans and their families



**VFW SportClips**  
**HELP A HERO**  
SCHOLARSHIP ★ PROGRAM

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
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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



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## How it works



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Make an impact

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3. Visit the Good Pour Store
4. Make a purchase
5. The profit from the purchase will be tallied to the VFW post account
6. A check will be sent to the post every month once it reaches every \$250..

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and get more information on the program.





# TAPS

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