

VFW POST 2093



The Action Post on the Lake

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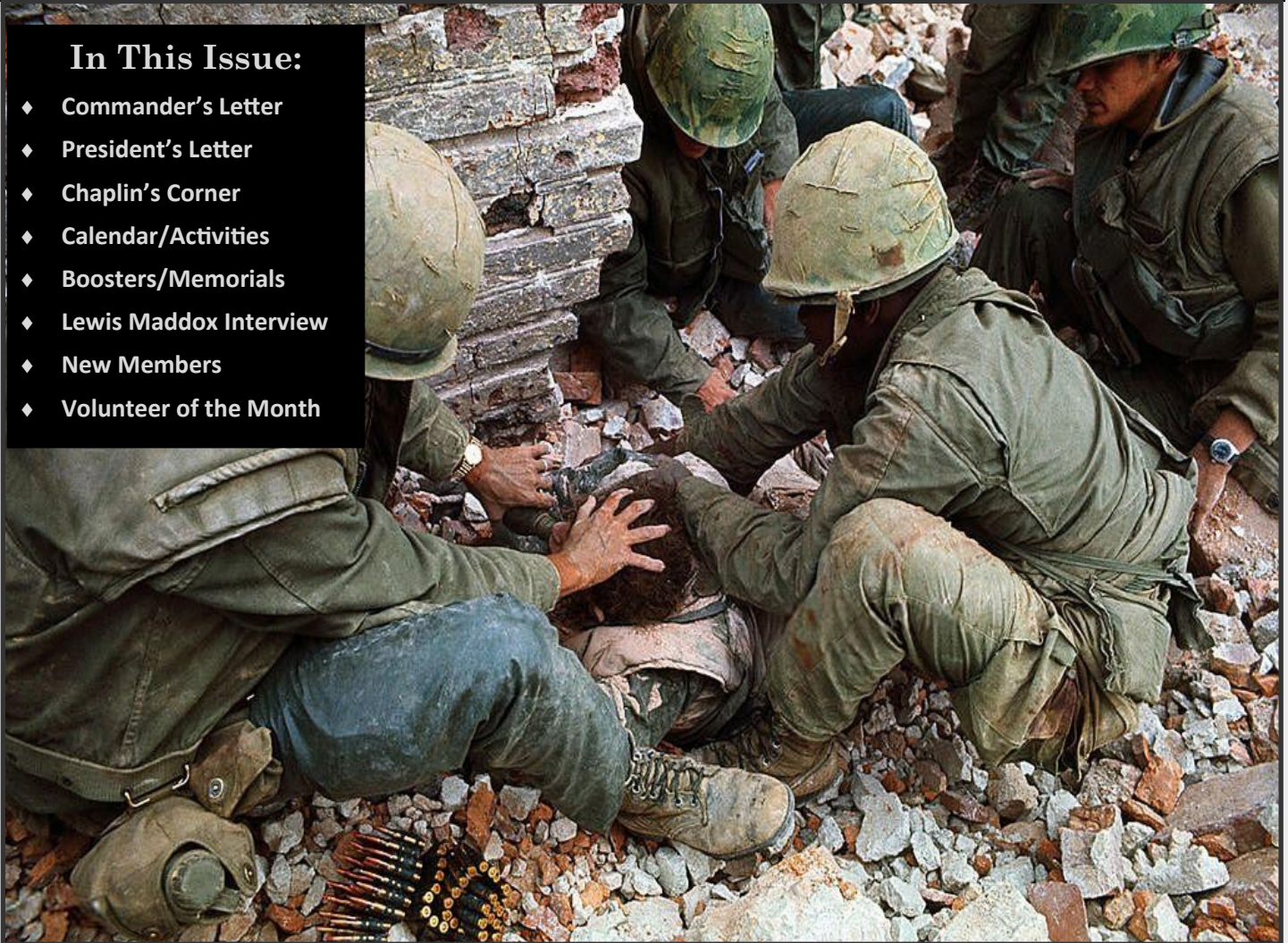
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VFW Post 2093 Newsletter

February 2021

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[Vietnam] US Marines dig up PFC Thomas Zwetow after the tower of the Hue City Citadel collapsed on him. Burying him for 8 hours. February 16th, 1968. Delta Co. 1/5th Marines.

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Commander's Letter

Go Coast Guard! Go Army!



Greetings from your Action Post on the Lake!

First off I would like to thank the many volunteers who continue to contribute to the upkeep of the Post. It takes a lot of work to make the Post an enjoyable place to be. From the building and grounds maintenance to the kitchen staff, without your help we would be "just another Post". A heartfelt thank you to each and every one. And while you may not be volunteers by definition, those of you who have made monetary donations thank you. Your generosity is funding much needed repair and upgrades to the Post.

February is going to be member validation month. I ask that each one of you who visits the canteen to please show your current membership card when asked. We will be doing this during the entire month, so please don't be offended. And to those of you who have not yet renewed your membership I urge you to do so as soon as possible. For each current member, we receive money from VFW Department of Florida. It is not much but during these times every little bit helps.

Don't forget to check the newsletter calendar for upcoming and recurring events. We will be having some new talent around so come on out and enjoy, have some delicious food and play some games. It all goes toward enabling us to fulfill our mission.

As a result of a motion made and passed at the January Post meeting, all animals on Post property must be on a leash not to exceed six feet in length. This is in keeping with Florida and Orange County law. Also, the only animals permitted in any building on the Post must be **CERTIFIED SERVICE** animals and must be readily identifiable as such.

Lastly, if you see an unsafe condition around the Post, please bring it to the attention of any Post Officer present or the bartender on duty.

Charlie Morton, Commander
MCPO, USCG (ret)



From the Auxiliary President Desk

Remember Love and Kindness are Never Wasted!



Prayers for 2021 that it will be unlike 2020. COVID hit hard for far too many people. We have overcome many obstacles during this Pandemic and we will only get better by UNITY. So let's make plans to go above and beyond our goals. Helping our VETERANS is what we do BEST. So jump on the bandwagon. LET'S DO THIS!

We have two big functions coming up this year. In May, we celebrate the 90th birthday of our Post and in July it's the Auxiliary's 90th birthday. More details for these events will be forth coming. We will be asking for help and input for these functions.

Help is needed working our bingo. This is the only way the Auxiliary is able to raise any funds at the moment, please let me know if you can help. It would be greatly appreciated.

Keep the faith, be kind to all. If you have a problem I can help with please feel free to speak to me. It's always confidential.

Jani Ramsey, President
Post 2093 Auxiliary / Proud Lifetime Member

2020 / 2021 Officers

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



Chaplin's Corner



This month we as a nation celebrate Presidents Day. This holiday is special for us Veterans because we know that the institution of the Presidency would not be possible if it were not for the sacrifices made by our Brothers and Sisters across the generations. It is import that we, as Veterans, set a good example for our fellow Americans to remember that the day is not meant to celebrate the men that have occupied the office but the office itself and the peaceful transition of power that has existed, in the United States alone, for the last 224 years when George Washington peacefully left office for John Adams.

We ask the Lord to please keep this in the forefront of our minds as we reflect on the opportunities and challenges, we will face as a nation in coming years, and be thankful for all those who sacrificed so much have done for us.

May we also be reminded to keep those who are sick, injured, or alone at this time in our thoughts and prayers, especially Gary Goddard who is still recovering from his injuries and Mary Frances as she recovers from her recent surgery. We also pray for the souls of Russell Carpenter and Joe Brack who have both recently deceased. We thank them for their service to their country and may me honor the sacrifices they made by keeping their memories alive in our honorable order.

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

Member Spotlight

Interview by Priscilla Bailey, editor



Introducing Marine Staff Sergeant, Lewis Maddox

Lewis was born in Columbia, Alabama on April 13, 1931. It was a little country town where neighbors were rare. Lewis said growing up in the country you did not have many friends except for the ones you made at school. He had several siblings, one sister and three brothers, however, they all were very much younger than him. One of his favorite things to do was on most days after school he would walk down to the creek to go fishing. Lewis never missed a day of school. He really enjoyed being around other children it gave him someone his age to talk and play with. When he started high school he joined the football team as a defensive tackle, Lewis loved to play football and enjoys watching it today.

Growing up Lewis had an uncle who was a Marine during WWII; and he and Lewis had conversations about the war, and the service and duty to Country. Lewis proudly joined the Marines to follow in his uncle's footsteps. About the time when the Korean War was getting started, he entered the Marines on July 10, 1950. After the Korean War, the Marines were downsizing. Lewis got out of the service July 10, 1963 and moved to Orlando to be with his father.

He discovered a restaurant where a pretty woman who worked at the Howard Johnsons on Highway 441. He frequented this restaurant often and finally met Bertha. A few years later in 1968, they went on a two-week vacation to Ft. Myers. It was at that moment they decided to get married right then. They found a minister at the Methodist Church who performed the ceremony and two strangers stood with them. Lewis said they had a great time in Ft. Myers. They were never able to have any children; however, Lewis said he never had any regrets, until Bertha passed away.

Lewis worked for the Orange County Schools in the maintenance department for 22 years. Several people he worked with were members of the VFW and they encouraged Lewis to join. Lewis joined in 1968, when Gene Thomas was commander. Gene, if you are reading this, Lewis would like to share a beer and conversation with you.

I asked what he liked most about this Post; he said he loves the people, the camaraderie between the guys and, especially our commander, Charlie Morton. He enjoys talking with the guys about their time in the service and comparing it to his time in the service.

You can find Lewis here most every day after 3:00 pm holding up his favorite barstool.

Here's hoping you make the most of 2021!

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.

There is a board located in the Game Room area that has a list of volunteer opportunities. So, on your way back from the Restroom please take look and see how you can help. We greatly appreciate YOU!

Congratulations to Our Volunteer of the Month

Rob Hall

Rob has dedicated his time and equipment to work on several landscaping jobs around the Post. He has cleared, trimmed and removed several trees on the property.

It looks great Rob! Thank you

Welcome New Members

Post		Auxiliary	
Name	Date Joined	Name	Date Joined
Brian Catalano	Oct-2020	Nicole Catalano	Oct-2020
Billy Dixon	Nov-2020	Jack B. Franklin Jr.	Jan-2021
Ruben Lebron	Nov-2020	Maria Krause Molina	Jan-2021
James Carmichael	Nov-2020	Dennis Howard	Jan-2021
Troy Walsingham	Dec-2020	Sandra Leigh Brown	Jan-2021
Ovidio Navarez III	Dec-2020	Thomas E. Judd	Jan-2021

What's Happening

Mark Your Calendar

February

Friday 5th 5:30pm	Steak dinner with band Steel at 7:00pm
Sunday 14th 2:30pm	Valentines M-E-A-T Bingo with your Sweetheart Laura
Friday 19th 6:00pm	Dinner by Steph & Heather with Entertainer Brian Buchanca at 7:00pm
Sunday 21th 8:00-11:00am	Breakfast by Steph & Heather
Saturday 27th *****	District Meeting Joint Meeting at 11:00am Separate Meetings for Post & Auxiliary at 1:00pm
Friday March 5th	Dinner by Steph & Heather and band Laura & Seven at 7:00pm

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**

Newsletter Notice

Newsletter mail outs have been **discontinued**, however, you may view or download and print directly from the www.vfw2093.org/News site. If you would like the Newsletter mailed to you. Please provide your name and address along with \$10 (per annual subscription). Made payable to VFW Post 2093, attention Newsletter, 4444 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804

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

*******Notice*******

Post 2093 will host our District Meeting, Saturday, February 27
 Joint Meeting at 11:00 am
 Lunch will be available between meetings
 Post and Auxiliary will hold their individual meeting at 1:00pm

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)



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@safeharborfla.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.



District Fundraiser Goal \$1,000

Current Donations \$473



Mission

To help warriors relax and reconnect through kayak fishing and the outdoors.

Heroes on the Water, a 501(c)(3) veterans charity, creates alternative wellness programs to serve veterans, active-duty military personnel, first responders and their families. These experiential programs incorporate structured activities proven to improve the lives of these men and women. Each experience reduces the impact of post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury while providing much-needed camaraderie and support.

The primary proven therapy utilized by Heroes on the Water is kayak fishing. Volunteer-led chapters around the United States hold events which are free for our nation's heroes. Recurring activities give these heroes and their families a lifelong social network with like-minded people. No experience or equipment is needed, and kayak fishing is adaptive to those with disabilities. Our chapters in Australia and the U.K utilize the same proven model.

Founded in 2007, Heroes on the Water is dedicated to providing veterans services through recurring therapy and growing our volunteer chapter base. In 2018, we officially opened our services to first responders and their families. Our programs are proven to be effective and provide heroes with a way to positively improve their lives, enhance their family dynamic, and impact their community.



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INVITES YOU TO



STEAK and STEEL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH 2021

DONATION: **\$14.00**



DINNER STARTS @ 5:30PM

STEEL @ 7:00PM 

JOIN US FOR 16OZ STRIP STEAK W/ BAKED POTATO AND AN EVENING OF GREAT MUSIC!!



COME AND SUPPORT YOUR POST!!

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CDC social distancing guidelines will be observed.



We're having a



Sunday February 7th, 2021 at VFW Post 2093
Fun & Food Begins at 5:00PM Game Time 6:20PM

Big Screen TV's Inside & Outside

Post will supply the meat and please bring side dishes to share!!



We have Several Super Bowl Pools Available Now!
Come in and get your squares before they are all gone.
There are \$1.00- \$5.00 and \$10.00 Pools available.



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JOIN US FOR
BREAKFAST & ME
AT VFW POST 2093



Sunday February 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!!

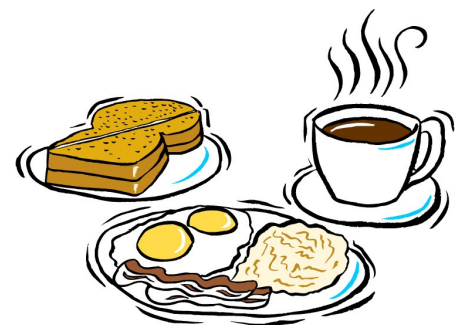


Mark your calendars for upcoming breakfast dates:
March 21st & April 18th

CDC Social Distancing Guidelines will be observed!



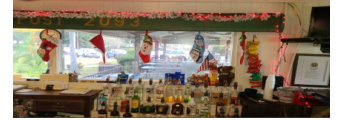
The Kitchen is
now serving
breakfast along
with lunch
10am-2pm



Check out the Menu



From the Canteen



REMEMBER

Happy Hour Monday—Friday 4:00-6:00pm and \$1.25 Bloody Mary's on Saturday and Sunday 11:00-1:00pm. Did you know we have daily and weekly drawings for cash? You will need to donate and sign up for the drawings. Each morning the daily is drawn from our membership roster and every Thursday morning we draw for the Weekly. These drawings benefit the Post General Fund. Stay safe and we'll see you soon!

Cindy Stull, Canteen Manager
And Your Bartenders

300 Club Have You Heard of the 300 Club?

Need some \$\$\$, Take a Chance

A CHANCE TO WIN 1 in 300 will WIN \$500 !!

\$5.00 a ticket

See Bartender

<Cover Story>

Tom Zwetow was in a little depression in between some rocks. Part of the tower fell on top of him, and buried him alive under the rubble. The NVA swarmed over the tower and fired down at the company below (Delta) who had rested that night below us. Later that day February 17 , a fresh squad was given orders to re-take the tower. It reported that Tom was MIA. They went back up the tower with re-supplied ammo and lot's of grenades. The NVA was routed off the tower again. Someone heard a moaning sound from under the rocks where it had be known of Tom's last position. With a couple of Marines we started digging away the rocks, after several large stones were removed, Tom's helmet was spotted, they dug deeper and uncovered Tom's head and part of one arm. We removed his helmet after asking for "Corpsmen up" and washed the dust and dirt from his eyes with an M-16 bando-lier, dipped in canteen water. We were trying to reassure him and some shed tears of joy that he was alive. Although he was terribly wounded and in shock he smiled. The NVA were literally standing on top of him and he could hear them shouting as they fired at Delta Co. Tom Zweto was born on May 27 1948 and died on January 19 1998 as a result of damage incurred to his heart that February day.

Please visit our new Website

www.VFW2093.org

You will find Tabs across the top to explore. Please visit each one to discover a lot of VFW and Post information. Under the **News** tab is our monthly calendar and under the **LOGIN** tab we also have **Members Only** tab where members will find:

- ◆ Post meeting minutes
- ◆ House committee minutes
- ◆ Please remember we are still under construction
- ◆ Auxiliary members are under construction

Members only can login by selecting **LOGIN** from the Home Page

User Name will be your **VFW ID number** on your membership card

Password is your **last name** once you are logged in you will have the option to change your password.

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U.S. COAST GUARD

We protect the personal safety and security of our people; the marine transportation system and infrastructure; our natural and economic resources; and the territorial integrity of our nation- from both internal and external threats, natural and man-made.

MORE INFO

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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	\$1.25 Bloody Marys' 11:00am-1:00pm	See below
Saturdays	Aux Bingo @ 1:00pm (Auxiliary Room) Smoking outside door	11:00am-2:00pm
3rd Sundays of the Month	Breakfast Once a Month 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 DJ Martin	6:00pm 7:00pm
2nd Sunday of the Month	M-E-A-T Bingo @ 2:30 by Laura	No kitchen, but a surprise snack

February 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 Steak & Steel Dinner at 5:30 Band at 7:00	6 Aux Bingo 1:00
7 Super Bowl Party 5:00	8 Show me the Money 6:30	9 Events Committee Mtg 6:30	10 Wings 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 MEAT Bingo 2:30	15 Show me the Money 6:30	16 Post, Aux Meeting 7:00	17 Wings 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	18	19 Brian Buchanan Dinner at 5:30 Entertainment 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 & Car Races 7:00	25	26 Dinner 6:00 & Karaoke 7:00	27 District Meeting 11am /Joint Mtg 1pm at VFW 2093
28	1 Show me the Money 6:30	2	3 Wings 6:00 & Car Races 7:00	4	5 Laura & Seven Dinner at 5:30 Band at 7:00	6

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We would like to have you as a member.



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