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I have just returned from our State Convention, held in Orlando.

As always, it was very informative. It is always fun to spend time with our fellow Elks. We share a common bond in what we do for our communities, Veterans and Children. Each of us has a unique way of handling our responsibilities. It is very interesting to listen to all the different ways we make ourselves useful.

I also had the pleasure of spending some time with our new State President, Suzi Simonelli and our new Vice President, Mark Thompson. Their enthusiasm is contagious.

We need to work very hard to keep our membership growing and make sure we all take the time to reach out to any members who may have forgotten to pay their dues for this new year.

I hope you all had a happy and safe Memorial Day. A special thank you to all our Veterans for their service.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney ER



## JUNE ACTIVITIES

In June we have our Flag Day Service. It is one of the two mandatory services that we must host. We will be having our service on **Sunday afternoon,**

**June 13th.** It will start at 2:30. After the service, we will be serving pizzas.

Karaoke is getting bigger and better each Monday. Marie is doing a great job. Come on out and join the fun. A star is born every Monday.

Our General meeting will be held on **June 8th at 6:00.**

Thursdays our Bar Poker is also doing very well. We have been having a full bar. It is great.

On Saturday, **June 12th**, we will be starting our District Deputy dinners and visits to all the Lodges. We will be starting at the Manasota Lodge #2734. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. There will be a sign up sheet for all to use. This way the Lodge will know how many to be prepared for.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney ER

Activities Chairman



Greetings Fellow Elks,

We are racing into summer. This year is flying by. Thanks to all members who have caught up on their dues. Summer time is a lean time at the lodge and every dues payment is appreciated.

We have had several new members join Palmetto Elks already this year which is really great to see our Palmetto Elks family growing. It was a tough year, but the worse is now behind us.

Fraternally Yours,

Sharon Benedict,

Lodge Secretary

### ***JUNE BIRTHDAYS***

|     |        |           |      |          |          |      |         |              |
|-----|--------|-----------|------|----------|----------|------|---------|--------------|
| 6/1 | Harald | Nickel    | 6/11 | James    | Baldic   | 6/18 | Bernard | Pulsifer Jr. |
| 6/2 | James  | Hill      | 6/12 | Terry    | Graham   | 6/19 | Gordie  | Schultz      |
| 6/4 | David  | Knott     | 6/13 | William  | Fiacco   | 6/20 | Marcia  | Michalski    |
| 6/6 | Ricky  | Koepke    | 6/13 | David    | Wetmore  | 6/24 | Charles | Lewis        |
| 6/6 | Robert | Lindquist | 6/14 | James    | Allard   | 6/24 | Suzanne | Morrison     |
| 6/7 | George | Boedgieff | 6/14 | Homer    | Houston  | 6/25 | Alfred  | Costa        |
| 6/8 | Steve  | Baker     | 6/15 | Kitty    | Flournoy | 6/25 | Jeffrey | Lee          |
| 6/9 | Gary   | Atwell    | 6/15 | Robert   | Miller   | 6/26 | Deborah | Hunt         |
| 6/9 | Ed     | Lawrence  | 6/17 | C. David | Davis    | 6/26 | Joann   | Vandivier    |
| 6/9 | Denise | Tappe     | 6/17 | Lenny    | Pruss    | 6/30 | Kenneth | Fisher       |
|     |        |           |      |          |          | 6/30 | Sandy   | Mooney       |
|     |        |           |      |          |          |      |         |              |

## AMERICANISM

### Flag Day – June 14

Flag Day celebrates the adoption of the flag the official symbol for the United States: our Stars and Stripes. This day was first recognized by Congress on June 14, 1777, which became known as Flag Day. Congress first stated that there should be a star and stripe for every state. Our first flag had 13 stars, and 7 red and 6 white stripes. In 1794, two new states were added and we had a flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes. By 1818 there were 20 states, but our country was still using the flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes. Congress thought about having 20 stripes and agreed that it might become a problem because of its size so they passed a law that said there would be 13 stripes for the original 13 states, and they would add a star for each new state that joined the union. The U.S. flag has 13 stripes: seven red and six white. A blue field with 50 stars is located next to the staff in the upper left corner of the flag. The stars do not represent any given state. The colors used in the flag give special meaning to the flag: Red for valor and zeal; white for hope and cleanliness of life; and blue — the color of heaven — for reverence and loyalty.

Flag day is also a mandatory service in the Elks. Please check your calendar and come to our service. It is informative and very interesting.

Craig Conklin, PER

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## VETERANS AFFAIRS BY JIM HOEY

On **June 6, 1944**, 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. General Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which “we will accept nothing less than full victory.” More than 5,000 Ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day’s end on June 6, the Allies gained a foot-hold in Normandy. The D-Day cost was high — more than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded — but more than 100,000 Soldiers began the march across Europe to defeat Hitler.

### **June 14 - Flag Day and US Army Birthday**

According to legend, in 1776, George Washington commissioned Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross to create a flag for the new nation. Scholars debate this legend, but agree that Mrs. Ross most likely knew Washington and sewed flags. To date, there have been twenty-seven official versions of the flag, but the arrangement of the stars varied according to the flag-makers’ preferences until 1912 when President Taft standardized the then-new flag’s forty-eight stars into six rows of eight. The forty-nine-star flag (1959-60), as well as the fifty-star flag, also have standardized star patterns. The current version of the flag dates to July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became the fiftieth state on August 21, 1959.

Two hundred forty one years ago, our nation’s leaders established the Continental Army, beginning a rich heritage of successfully defending this great country and her citizens. Today, we celebrate the continued strength, professionalism and bravery of our ready and resilient Soldiers in the all-volunteer force. Our Soldiers remain Army Strong with a lifelong commitment to our core values and beliefs. Following more than 12 years of war, the Army remains committed to the readiness, training and advancement of the Total Army through the Army initiatives: Ready and Resilient, The Army Profession and Soldier for Life. This 241st birthday commemorates America’s Army – Soldiers, families and civilians – who are achieving a level of excellence that is truly Army Strong. We also celebrate our local communities for their steadfast support of our Soldiers and families. We are “America’s Army: Service to the Nation, Strength for the Future.”

### **June 23 - US Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday**

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard (“USCG”) and was established on June 23, 1939 by an act of Congress as the United States Coast Guard Reserve, and was re-designated as the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary on February 19, 1941. Congress authorized the Auxiliary to support all USCG missions, other than those related to direct engagement in either law enforcement activities or military combat operations. The support provided by the Auxiliary in these situations can be administrative and it can be in areas that make available, either active or reserve members of the USCG. Once available, the active or reserve member is able to function in these two restricted areas. As of May 2010, there were approximately 30,000 active Auxiliarists.

### **June 28 - Operation Red Wings Observance**

This not well known operation was the worst single-day U.S. Forces death toll since Operation Enduring Freedom began nearly six years earlier. It was the single largest loss of life for Naval Special Warfare since World War II. If you would like to learn more click on this link: <https://news.veteranownedbusiness.com/>







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Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours

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**MASKS ARE MANDATORY TO ENTER**

**LODGE OPEN DAILY 2-8 pm**

# June 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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|  |  | 1   | 2  | 3 Bar Poker<br>Starts at bar<br>tenders<br>discretion  | 4  | 5   |
| 6 <b>D-DAY</b>   | 7 Karaoke/<br>Marie 5-8<br><br>Bring snacks if<br>you wish                 | 8 Meetings:<br>Trustee-4:30<br>BOD- 5<br>Business-6 | 9  | 10 Bar Poker<br>Starts at bar<br>tenders<br>discretion | 11 | 12 <b>DD visit</b><br><b>Manasota</b><br><b>Lodge</b> |
| 13 <b>Flag Day</b><br><b>Ceremony</b><br><b>2:30pm</b> | 14 <b>FLAG DAY</b><br>Karaoke/<br>Marie 5-8<br>Bring snacks if<br>you wish | 15  | 16 | 17 Bar Poker<br>Starts at bar<br>tenders<br>discretion | 18 | 19  |
| 20   | 21 Karaoke/<br>Marie 5-8<br><br>Bring snacks if<br>you wish                | 22  | 23 | 24 Bar Poker<br>Starts at bar<br>tenders<br>discretion | 25 | 26  |
| 27   | 28 Karaoke/<br>Marie 5-8<br><br>Bring snacks if<br>you wish                | 29  | 30 |  |    |   |



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DONATED IT  
TO OUR  
LODGE!**



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FORGET  
TO BRING  
IN YOUR  
TIRED  
AND  
WORN  
FLAGS!**



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|---|--|---|---|---|---|
|    | <b>Exalted Ruler</b><br><b>Sandy Mooney</b><br>231-557-7603<br>coolmoon143@aol.com     |    | <b>Treasurer</b><br><b>Janet Quick</b><br>419-654-1587<br>blackvelvet9500@yahoo.com             |   | <b>5th Year Trustee</b><br><b>Jim Decker</b><br>231-557-7603<br>deckerjames68@yahoo.com         |
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## 2021-2022 Committee Chairs

|                         |                   |                   |                              |                       |               |                      |                              |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Americanism             | Craig             | Conklin           | 941-447-1836                 | Lodge Activities      | Sandra        | Mooney               | 941-447-9424                 |
| Community Activity      | Sandra            | Mooney            | 941-447-9424                 | Lodge Advisor         | Joe           | Cooper               |                              |
| Drug Awareness          | Dorothey<br>Kitty | Meade<br>Flournoy | 941-807-0179<br>850-982-4412 | Membership            | Kitty<br>Judy | Flournoy<br>Vergason | 850-982-4412<br>941-524-8222 |
| Elks Training           | Jim               | Decker            | 231-557-7603                 | Orientation Committee | Barbara       | Pfluke Nolen         | 631-879-7567                 |
| ENF Fundraising         | Linda             | Conklin           | 941-447-1836                 | Public Relations      | Ed            | Benedict             | 941-981-3533                 |
| ENF Scholarships        | Linda             | Conklin           | 941-447-1836                 | Ritual                | Craig         | Conklin              | 941-447-1836                 |
| Government Relations    | Judy              | Vergason          | 941-242-1006                 | Soccer Shoot          | Jim           | Decker               | 231-557-7603                 |
| Harry-Anna Trust        | Lorraine          | Baker             | 941-721-4015                 | Sports                | Jim           | Decker               | 231-557-7603                 |
| Hoop Shoot              | Scott             | McComas           | 813-388-3540                 | Veterans              | Jim           | Hoey, Jr.            | 941-323-5184                 |
| Inter-Lodge Visitations | Sandra            | Mooney            | 941-447-9424                 | Youth Activities      | Sandra        | Mooney               | 941-447-9424                 |



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|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Homer           | Beall, Jr   | 1st Lt      | US Army Reserve        |
| John            | Bargas      | CW5         | US Army-35 yrs         |
| William         | Corlew      | Cpl 1st CAV | US Army                |
|                 |             |             | X Corp                 |
| John "Tom"      | Donnelly    | M/Sgt       | US Army                |
| Richard         | Ernst       | Sgt         | US Army                |
| Robert          | Ernst       | SP4         | US Army                |
| Oscar           | Fleury      | PFC (E-3)   | US Army                |
| James           | Hill        |             | US Army                |
| Donald          | Kichline    |             | US Army/US Navy        |
| Frank           | Locicero    | PFC         | US Army                |
| Steve           | McColm      | SP4         | US Army                |
| Scott           | McComas     |             | US Army                |
| Len             | Meade       | SP5         | US Army                |
| Mike            | Meronek     | SP5         | US Army                |
| Gordon "Gordie" | Raymond     | SSgt E-6    | US Army National Guard |
| Marvin          | Rice        | Sgt E-6     | US Army                |
| Larry           | Riegle      | Sp4         | US Army                |
| Herman          | Roth        | PFC         | US Army                |
| Paul            | Samuels     | Cpl         | US Army                |
| Walter          | Schneider   | E5          | US Army                |
| John            | Searles Jr. | SP4 E4      | US Army National Guard |
| Charles "Gil"   | Shaw        | Sgt         | US Army Air Force      |
| Chet            | Syjud       | Spec 5      | US Army Reserves       |
| Carl            | Webber      |             | Army Air Corp          |
| Elmer           | Wurst       | E5          | US Army                |



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|---------|------------|-----|------|--------------|--------------|
| Charles | Booth      | Sgt | SSgt | USMC         | US Air Force |
| Carl    | Maddox     | Sgt |      | USMC         |              |
| Gary    | Mink       | Sgt |      | USMC         |              |
| Armand  | Barrieault |     |      | US Army/USMC |              |
| James   | Scheidler  |     |      | USMC         |              |

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|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Jack           | Bach         | ML2            | US Navy             |
| Joseph         | Best         | Boatswain Mate | US Navy             |
| Frank          | Campbell     | YN2            | US Navy             |
| Craig          | Conklin      | MM1(SS)        | US Navy             |
| Russell        | Doerr Jr     | SK2            | US Navy             |
| Robert         | Hintze Sr    | IC2            | US Navy             |
| Jim            | Hoey         | ETR2 (SS)      | US Navy             |
| Anthony        | Horman       | FTGSN          | US Navy             |
| Wardie (Giles) | Hunnings Jr. | RM1            | US Navy             |
| John           | Julian       | LS             | Royal Canadian Navy |
| Robert         | Lanoue       | 3rd Class BT   | US Navy             |
| Richard        | Moody        | GM2            | US Navy             |
| Gerald         | Ray          | CPO E-7        | US Navy (Retired)   |
| Clifford       | VanDervort   | FC3            | US Navy             |



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|---------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| Chuck   | Billings  | E5            | US Coast Guard |
| Paula   | Billings  | E3            | US Coast Guard |
| Jim     | Decker    | B.M. 3        | US Coast Guard |
| Thomas  | Emanuello | P/O 3rd Class | US Coast Guard |
| Richard | Marston   |               | US Coast Guard |



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|---------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| David   | Allen     | MSgt      | US Air Force (Retired) |
| Al      | Cetrone   | A1C       | US Air Force           |
| Richard | Dirschell | 2nd Class | US Air Force           |
| Harry   | Fishwick  | SAC       | Royal Air Force        |
| Donn    | Frey      | 1st Lt.   | US Air Force           |
| Thomas  | Gafner    | A3C       | US Air Force           |
| Ricky   | Koepke    | E4        | US Air Force           |
| Stephen | Collopy   |           | US Air Force           |
| Michael | McBride   | Sgt       | US Air Force           |
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