Palmetto Elks

Palmetto Pride

Lodge #2449



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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From the Exalted Ruler

There are two branches of our armed forces that are celebrating birthdays this month, the US Coast Guard and the Marine Reserves. The US Coast Guard was established on August 4, 1790 and celebrating their 225th birthday. The Marine Corps Reserves was established on August 29, 1916 and celebrating their 99th birthday. Although separate departments in the military both of them share a common bond, protecting us at home as well as abroad.

The US Coast Guard is the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. They are quick to respond to natural and manmade disasters. They keep us safe on land and sea, ever present along our waterways and helping protect our homes when called upon.

The Marine Corp Reserves, may be called upon to strengthen active forces in peacetime and in time of war. They are there to support during national emergencies or lead community services. Marine Corp Reservist can be seen in your own neighborhood. The most familiar involvement is their work with their Toys for Tots program that benefit so many of our children.



To both of these branches of service we owe a debt of gratitude for keeping us safe at home through their work on our water ways, and their community services.

Happy Birthday to you and may you have many more!

In this past month our lodge has been going through some major changes. We are in the process of getting a new roof! With assistance from Grand Lodge we are able to have a new metal roof installed. It looks fantastic and really helps with making our lodge stand out.

Those of you who don't know we have rented out our kitchen and back room to Laura Rojas. Laura is very involved in our community and will be renting out the back room for events and will be catering the food for our lodge, she has named her new business the North River Events Hall. With her newly formed business starting this month, we have made some changes to our lodge room. The wall between our lounge area and meeting room as been removed opening up that room. This will be our new area for dinners and parties. Please stop by and see what a difference this one small change has made to our lodge.

Last month I had the opportunity to attend the Grand Lodge convention in Indiana. What a beautiful area the convention was held at. The history there was remarkable with a museum dedicated to the civil war.

The convention itself was very informative and interesting. The opening ceremony was opened with the parade of flags representing each of the states. It was with great pride that the Florida delegates cheered on our flag being carried in by our State President Carl Ledig.

Through the rest of the week we learned about some of the awesome accomplishments that our family of Elks have made during the year. It was with pride that we watch our own district receive an award. Jeff Mitchell from the Bradenton lodge received the Grand Lodge Community Investment Program, CIP award for his work with the Elks Feeding Empty Little Tummies, EFELT. You can read more about this award on the Elks web site.

In case you haven't heard our lodge held a back to school party for 200 needy children in our community. Each child was served a hot dog lunch and given a back pack with the supplies that they will need to start their new school year. This event takes a lot of volunteers and dedication to make it a success. This is all spearheaded by Judy Vergason my Elk of the month. Judy has done a fantastic job for the last four years in organizing and planning this event. She spends a lot of her free time looking for deals on the supplies and shopping for what is needed. The party is funded by the gratitude grant our lodge receives each year with matching funds by GL. It is Judy's hard work that makes it all happen, she has already started shopping for next year. Thank You Judy for all you do for our lodge and for our community children.

Fraternally, Rose Wujcik, ER 962-5475 rmwujcik@gmail.com

Until then I hope you stay cool, and have fun. Smile often and laugh a lot. It's good for you and very contagious.



From the Desk of the Secretary

Here we are going into the latter part of summer. I often wonder where the time goes.

This letter is not going to be about membership or dues. This letter is about what happened on July 26, 2015. We held the back to school party for 200 needy children. Each child received a backpack filled with all the school supplies they will need to start the year with.

If you were not a part of the party you missed a good time. You missed seeing the children downing hotdogs, chips, drink soda, breaking the piñata. Most of all you missed the smiles on their faces as they received their back pack. As

well as the smiles on the faces of their parents and the tears in their eyes.

I owe a thank you to so many who volunteered their time to make this party a huge success. To put down names I know I will forget many of you. To my kitchen chairman Carol and her entire staff a hearty thank you for all the delicious hot dogs etc. To my decorating and party Chairman Rose and her committee thank you for delivering great decorations as well as the piñata so both the small children had a chance to get the candy and other piñata so that the bigger children could also get their treats. There were many other volunteers that did various jobs. Without you things would not have run as smoothly as they did.

I also want to thank Robert Bolt with whom I coordinated the event. This year's party is over. Now we begin to prepare next year's party. Come and be part of the fun next year. Elks Care Elks Share.

You are probably asking how this was done. Each of you participated by paying your dues. How? Your dues and by your generous donations to our Harry Anna Trust Fund and Elks National Foundation we were able to apply for grants to help these children. Even though you can't come to the lodge or participate the way you would like to by your dues you are participating. So a hearty thank you goes out to you for your help in making this a great day. Oh by the way we will beginning this all over again for next year. Can we rely on your help to make these kids smile in 2016?

Fraternally Yours, Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary 722-1329 javjav42@yahoo.com

Florida Elks Vision

To be the most respected fraternal organization in the communities we serve through our world class benevolent and volunteer service programs.

Our mission is to foster a harmonious and cohesive Lodge environment where motivated members can flourish and succeed to their highest potential, to actively serve our communities through benevolent and volunteer programs, to ensure our Order's future through family focused programs and activities.

Our values serve as a compass for our actions and describe how we behave with each other and in our community. Our members are the most important stakeholders in our fraternal organization and the lifeblood of our Lodge. Only by satisfying our members first do we have the opportunity to satisfy the needs of others.

The Elks Promise

I will strive to increase communications and cooperation between all members.

I will respect the culture diversity of fellow members and who they are as individuals.

I will always maintain and excellent attitude knowing that it is contagious to others.

I will always strive to earn my fellow members, respect by applying the principles of trust, honesty and integrity.

I will always recognize that I am absolutely fundamental to the lodge's overall success.

I will come to meetings prepared to listen, strive to increase my involvement, and give input.

I will treat my fellow members with the same level of courtesy and respect that I want in return

I will know and understand the importance of support and cooperation between all lodge members.

The Elks Mission

We as Florida Elks believe in God, country and family and exist to promote the principles of Charity to our community and to maintain the welfare and happiness of our members.

We support the Florida Elks Major Projects (the Florida Youth Camp and therapy services), the Army of Hope(our veterans) and serve our community and its people through benevolent and volunteer programs.

Thank You Rose Wujcik, ER Public Relations Chairman rmwujcik@gmail.com 962-5475 OUR MEMBERS CHERISH AND CONTINUALLY DEMONSTRATE THE PRINCIPALS THAT

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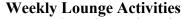
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Sun: Open 8:00 to 2:00 Wed: Closed Sat: Closed Mon: Open / Karaoke; Dinner Thu: Closed

Tue: Meetings Fri: Dinner

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender

Office hours

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours Monday 8:00 to 12:00 Also available by appointment



Sun Mon **Tue** Wed Thu Fri Sat Closed COME ON IN **STARTING Private Party AUGUST 9TH AND** 4:00 to 11:00 Sunday Brunch Buffet 8:00 TO 2:00 TRY IT Raspberry Cream Pie Day 2 Open 3:00 Food Open 3:00 5:00-6:45 **Fish Fry** Open Full Menu 4:30 to 6:45 Closed 3:00 Closed Closed Closed Karaoke Music 6:00 to 8:00 6:00 to 8:00 Lani C & Co Work Like a Dog Day Watermelon Day U.S. Coast Guard Day Friendship Day Wiggle Your Toes Day **National Cat Day Lighthouse Day** Open 3:00 V-J Day 9 Food Open 5:00-6:45 Open 3:00 3:00 Closed Full Menu Fish Fry Sunday Brunch Closed Closed 4:30 to 6:45 Karaoke **BOD Meeting DD-DVP Clinic** 6:00 to 8:00 Music 8:00 8:00 to 2:00 6:00 to 8:00 Pete Tony Boeing Play in the Sand Day **Book Lover's Day** Lazy Day **Left Handers Day Relaxation Day** Middle Child Day 16 Open 3:00 18 20 22 Food Open 3:00 5:00-6:45 Fish Fry Closed Full Menu 4:30-6:45 Open Closed Closed Sunday Brunch Karaoke Music 3:00 6:00 to 8:00 6:00 to 8:00 8:00 to 2:00 Lenny Al D Gator Thrift Shop Day Lemonade Day **Aviation Day** Senior Citizen Day **Bad Poetry Day** Be an Angel Day Tell a Joke Day 23 Open 3:00 25 27 26 28 Food Open 3:00 Open Closed 5:00-6:45 Fish Frv 3:00 **DD-DVP Dinner** Full Menu 4:30-6:45 Sunday Brunch Closed Closed Karaoke Music South Hillsbourgh **Lodge Meeting** 6:00 to 8:00 6:00 to 8:00 6:00-9:00 7:30 8:00 to 2:00 **Anna** Lorraine More Herbs **National Burger Day Bow Tie Day National Dog Day** Weird Music Day Kiss and Make Up Ride the Wind Day Less Salt Day 30 Open 3:00 The New Hork Times. Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Sunday Brunch APAN SURRENDERS TO ALLIES, Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 SIGNS RIGID TERMS ON WARSHIP: 8:00 to 2:00 Pete TRUMAN SETS TODAY AS V-J DAY Toasted **Trail Mix Day** Marshmallow Day

August Birthdays

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	05	Leona	Stanger
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	09	Frances	Leboeuf
	09	Diana	Mangum
*	10	Paulla	Billings
••	10	Robert	Meier
	10	Donald	Stroud
	11	Daniel	Parrish
	11	Marvin	Rice
	15	Larry	Collins
	15	C Wesley	Ford
	17	Stacey	Rau
	18	Dellas	Lambert
	18	Dennis	Medley
	18	Ruth	Richmann
*	18	Sonia	Trejo
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*	20	John	Czebiniak
•	21	Woodie	Haynes
	21	Beverly	Horstman
	21	Carl	Webber
	22	Dianne	Paul
	24	Sandra	Schadwill
	26	Douglas	Hoffman
	26	Lawrence	Sheathelm
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VJ Day August 14, 1945



The Potsdam Conference was held from July 16th, 1945 to August 2nd 1945. The Potsdam Conference is considered to be the last of World War Two's conferences. At Yalta and Tehran, the so-called 'Big Three' attended—Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. At Potsdam, America was represented by Harry Truman, the Soviet Union still by Stalin and Britain, first by Winston Churchill and then by Clement Atlee, who defeated Churchill in the post-war British election in 1945 which took place during the actual conference. Churchill attended the conference up to July 24th, and Atlee, as Prime Minister of Britain, after this date until the close of the conference.

The issues that had to be discussed at the conference were many. However, by the time of the finish, America had still not used the atomic bomb on Hiroshima so Stalin, with a huge military presence in the east of Europe, could afford to be forceful and confident of getting what he wanted. All Truman would say at Potsdam was that America had a weapon of awesome power – but that meant little to a leader who had millions of soldiers stationed in Eastern Europe.

The issues discussed were:

- 1) Allied control of defeated Germany
- 2) Reparations
- 3) The Oder/Neisse Line
- 4) Russia joining the war in the Far East.

On 6 and 9 August 1945, the United States dropped atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On 9 August, the Soviet Union declared war on Japan. The Japanese government on 10 August communicated its intention to surrender under the terms of the Potsdam Declaration, but with too many conditions for the offer to be acceptable to the Allies.

A little after noon in Japan Standard Time on August 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito's announcement of Japan's acceptance of the terms of the Potsdam Declaration was broadcast to the Japanese people over the radio. Earlier the same day, the Japanese government had broadcast an announcement over Radio Tokyo that "acceptance of the Potsdam Proclamation would be coming soon", and had advised the Allies of the surrender by sending a cable to U.S. President Harry S Truman via the Swiss diplomatic mission in Washington, D.C. A nationwide broadcast by President Truman was aired at seven o'clock p.m. (daylight time in Washington, D.C.) on August 14 announcing the communication and that the formal event was scheduled for September 2. In his announcement of Japan's surrender on August 14, President Truman said that "the proclamation of V-J Day must wait upon the formal signing of the surrender

terms by Japan".

History of Independence Day

In the meeting room, on the bulletin board, there is a heritage corner. Listed in order are the following documents:

The Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, the Elks Resolution on Law and

Order, the Elks Declaration of American Principles, the Constitution, the Monroe Doctrine, and the Gettysburg Address. This month, take the time to view the historic documents that formed the history of our country. Our basic Freedoms rest on the first two documents.

This can help you rededicate yourselves to the full performance of your duties as American Citizens.

Dorathey Meade, Americanism Chairperson 807-6177 Dora.meade@hotmail.com





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U.S.ARMY	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Homer	Beall, Jr	1st Lt	US Army Reserve	1954—1960	Korean War Germany	
	William	Corlew	Cpl 1st CAV	US Army	3.5 years	Korea	
	Gordon "Gordie"	Raymond	SSgt E-6	US Army National Guard	2004—2010	State Side	
	Paul	Samuels	Corporal	US Army	1953—1955	Germany Kentucky Indiana	
	Charles "Gil"	Shaw	Sgt Air Crew B-29 Gunner	US Army Air Force	3	WWII	
	Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserve	1970—1976	Kentucky Indiana Michigan Wisconsin Arkansas	
	Carl	Webber		US Army Air Corp	3	WWII B24 Bomber 38Missions Ball Turret	
	Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army	1961—1963	US	



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	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Elaine	Crapo	SP3/TSgt	US Army (WAC) US Air Force	3/5	Japan Libya Panama Germany Italy	10%
	Harold	Crapo	MSgt	US Air Force (Retired)	33	Japan Libya Panama Germany Italy	20%
	Richard	Dirschell	2nd Class	US Air Force	4	Korea	
	Donn	Frey	1st Lt.	US Air Force	1953—1955	ADC Selfridge AFB	
	Michael	McBride	SGT	US Air Force	1966 - 1970		
	Frank	Roy		US Air Force	4	Berlin Airlift Korean War	
	Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force	20	Vietnam	30%
	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	James "Jim"	Decker	ВМ3	US Coast Guard	4	State Side	
	Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard	1958—1963	State Side	
STAD ST. IS	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Charles	Booth	Sgt St Sgt	US Marine US Air Force	1949—1952 1954—1959	Korea State Side	
	Gary	Mink	Sgt	US Marine	1967—1970	Vietnam	
	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Jack	Bach	ML2	US Navy	1952 - 1957	Far East - Korea	
	Joseph	Best	Boatswain Mate	US Navy	1961 - 1965	Viet Nam	
	Frank	Campbell	YN2	US Navy	4	WWII Asiatic Pacific	Hearing Loss & Ulcers

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2	Craig	Conklin	MM1SS	US Navy	8	USS Sunfish USS Fulton	
	Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy	1955 - 1957	Atlantic Mediterranean	
	Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy	4	European	
	Jim	Ноеу	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy	1967 - 1974	West Pacific Vietnam Mediterranean	
	Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy	6	Viet Nam Cuban Blockade 1st Capsule Recovery Alan Shepard	
	Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy	1952 - 1956	Pacific Pearl Harbor	
	John	Julian	LS	Royal Canadian Navy	1950 - 1955	Korea	
	Robert	Lanoue	3rd Class BT	US Navy	1944 - 1953	Pacific State Side	Back
	Richard	Moody	GM2	US Navy	1956 - 1961	Caribbean	
	Gerald	Ray	CPO E-7	US Navy	1964 - 1985	Vietnam	
	Clifford	VanDervort	FC3	US Navy	1951 - 1953	Korea	
	Michael	Wujcik	CWO4	US Navy, (Retired)	1967 - 1997	Operation Desert Shield Operation Desert Storm Antarctica Mediterranean North Atlantic South Atlantic Pacific, Far East Pacific-Rim South East Asia Indian Ocean Red Sea	

























Palmetto Elks at Work and Play

Elk Of The Month



Judy Vergason





District Deputy—District Vice President Visits

August 29, 2015—South Hillsbourgh September 12, 2015—Palmetto September 26, 2015—Sarasota South October 13, 2015—Venice-Nokomis October 24, 2015—Bradenton November 11, 2015—Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota November 21, 2015—Manasota

> Cocktails at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00

Please plan on attending these events.

Dinner

6:00

Dinner





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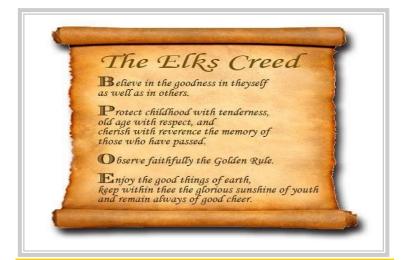




August 29, 1916—August 29, 2015 Happy 99th Birthday US Marine Corps Reserve

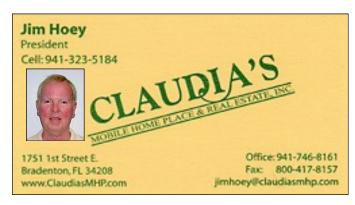
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