



## Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



### In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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### From the Exalted Ruler

The month of November reminds us of what we have to be thankful for:

- ♦ In 1621, The Plymouth Colonists and the Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn Harvest Feast. The three day celebration giving thanks to God for his blessings on a bountiful harvest.
- ♦ 1863, when, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of *"Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens"*.
- ♦ In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: *"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."*
- ♦ May 1938 the word "Armistice" was replaced with the word "Veterans." With the approval of this, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.
- ♦ June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.
- ♦ Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation"



As you celebrate Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day this month, remember to give thanks to those who endured the early hardships in discovering our country, and the men and women who fought for us to keep our country free.

Our lodge has another thing to be thankful for, our northern families coming back. Each week it is more exciting as we see so many of our lodge family coming in. The reactions to the changes that we have made while they were gone are always exciting. If you haven't come back yet or are back and haven't come in yet, I'm not going to tell you what we have done. You will need to come in and see it for yourself.

*"It is requisite for the relaxation of the mind that we make use, from time to time, of playful deeds and jokes".*

St. Thomas Aquinas

Remember this is the year of "Change". We have certainly taken that to heart here at our lodge. We are always doing something to make our lodge a place you can come to and be proud of. We are also starting to get more involved with our community. Blackburn Elementary is one school that we are starting to partner with. The Elks' Red Ribbon week was very prominent in their school. Children were given red ribbons, there was a several other events that the school arranged for the week, red shirt day and the cafeteria served something red each day. I will be visiting the school later this month to give 15 of the students a new bike for increasing their attendance in school. Other schools in the area are also being contacted to participate in our drug awareness essay and poster contest. High schools are getting information on the ENF scholarships that are available. These are just a few examples of what we have been working on.

There is also an increase awareness in the lodge for our veterans. Information that we have received so far about our veterans are posted here in the bulletin. There is also a plaque in our lodge now that has all the names and military service that they were in. If you want to have your name listed in the bulleting or on our plaque, send me your information, or better yet give it to me when you come in.

Being able to help our community and our veterans are done by the grants that we receive from your ENF and Harry Anna-Trust Fund donations. Thank You for all you have given. I would also like to thank Shirley McGranahan and Bill Muska for their donation of a Halloween Skull Vodka goodie basket for ENF. We were able to raise \$136 in raffle tickets to add to our ENF goal.

Our lodge also has another person to be thankful for. My Elk for the month of November is Frank Campbell. His time, talent, and exuberance in our lodge are seen in every area of the lodge. You can always depend on Frank to greet everybody in the lodge that comes in, or send them off with a big thanks for coming when they leave. You can see his hand in a lot of the changes that are taking place. When you come to the lodge check out what he has done. We also have each other to be thankful for! Our lodge could not survive without each and every one of us. So Thank you for being you and being a part of this great lodge that we call the Palmetto Elks #2449.

**I hope to see you all soon, until then stay cool, and have fun.  
Smile often and laugh a lot. It's good for you and very contagious.**

Fraternally,  
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We are in need of officers at our lodge. If you are interested in helping out please contact me.

Rose  
941-962-5475

## From the Desk of the Secretary



I would like to thank those of you who took the time to bring our records up to date. As of now we have 109 whose dues have not yet been recorded.

You know our dues is \$77.75 for members and \$35.00 for life members. There are still way too many delinquents. If you have not paid your dues I would appreciate you filling out the form below and returning it to me.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am enclosing my dues for Palmetto 2449

\_\_\_\_\_ I have demitted my membership to Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have rejoined another Elk Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, do not wish to be an Elk member anymore. Please do not contact me again.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have moved out of the area

\_\_\_\_\_ I am no longer interested in being an Elk

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

My e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

Thanking you in advance for all your help in decreasing the number of delinquent members.

Fraternally Yours,  
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary

## *As we give thanks, please remember our veterans*

by Ronald L. Hicks, Grand Exalted Ruler



November is Veterans Remembrance Month. The Order of Elks remembers our veterans throughout the year, but in November, as we give thanks for all of our blessings, we pay special tribute to our Veterans for their sacrifices. It is yet another occasion to strongly proclaim our solemn pledge: "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day for all Americans to reflect upon the freedoms we enjoy and to honor our Veterans by saying "Thank You" to the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military Veterans, and should not be confused with Memorial Day, which is especially dedicated for remembering those who died while serving.

November is also the month of Thanksgiving, and as we give thanks, please remember our Veterans, directing much of your thanks toward them. Please invite Veterans, military personnel and their families to be a part of the Thanksgiving and holiday activities at your Lodge.

You can also show gratitude by organizing a special trip to a hospital, nursing home or VA medical center, or by writing cards and collecting gifts to provide comfort and to meet their needs. Also, don't forget the Veterans in your own Lodge; recognize and pay tribute to them during your Lodge activities.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission oversees programs like Adopt-A-Veteran and Army of Hope, and supports the work of VAVS representatives in VA hospitals nationwide. With funding from the Elks National Foundation, the commission strives to provide aid and comfort to any veteran in need. This year the number of Freedom Grants has been increased to help more Lodges expand their veterans programs. To learn more about the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, visit [www.elks.org/vets](http://www.elks.org/vets).

Nancy and I wish you a very happy and peaceful Thanksgiving and a healthy and joyous holiday season. God bless you, our Veterans and the men and women serving in our military around the world. And, God bless America!

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# Palmetto Pride

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## Weekly Lounge Activities

Sun: Open 8:00 to 12:15    Mon: Open / Karaoke; Dinner    Tue: Meetings  
Wed: Closed    Thu: Closed    Fri: Dinner  
Sat: Closed

**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

## November 2015

*Sunday Breakfast*



**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

1  8:00 to 12:15 Day Light Savings Fall Back	2 Open 3:00 Food 4:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Pete Look for Circles Day	3 Open 3:00 Housewife's Day	4 In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose King Tut Day	5 In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose Men Make Dinner Day	6 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:00 to 8:00 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Lynn's Spins Saxophone Day	7 DD-DVP Dinner Lakewood Ranch – Sarasota 5:00 to 8:00 Book Lovers Day
8  8:00 to 12:15 Veterans Picnic Bay Pines Hospital	9 Open 3:00 Food 4:00-8:00 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Lenny Dunce Day	10 Open 3:00 BOD Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Forgot-Me-Not Day	11  HONORING ALL WHO SERVED VETERANS DAY	12 In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose Chicken Soup For The Soul Day	13 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:00 to 8:00 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Dee World Kindness Day	14 In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose Teddy Bear Day
15  8:00 to 12:15 Clean Your Refrigerator Day	16 Open 3:00 Food 4:00-8:00 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Anna Button Day	17 Open 3:00 Take A Hike Day	18 In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose Mickey Mouse Birthday	19 In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose Have a Bad Day—Day	20 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:00 to 8:00 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Dan Mobley Beautiful Day	21 DD-DVP Dinner Manasota 5:00 to 8:00 Hello Day
22  8:00 to 12:15 Thanks Giving Feast 3:00 to 7:00	23 Open 3:00 Food 4:00-8:00 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Pete Cashew Day	24 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30 All our Uncles are Monkey Day	25 In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose Parfait Day	26  Happy Thanksgiving!	27 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:00 to 8:00 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Lani C & Co You're Welcome Day	28 In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose French Toast Day
29  8:00 to 12:15 Stay at Home Day	30 Open 3:00 Food 4:00-8:00 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Lenny Stay at Home Because you're Well Day	Change your clock,  CHANGE your batteries November 1st	 Veterans Day Picnic Bay Pines November 8th 11:00 to 1:00	 Fund Raiser Sarasota South 12:00 to 4:00		

## November Birthdays

02	Marvin	Manning
03	William	Watts
04	Earl	Hampsher
05	Maurice	Leblanc
07	Robert	Reter
07	Ted	Roberts
10	Yvonne	Pruss
11	Robert	Jaroscak
12	James	Decker
12	Robert	Riling
12	Rickey	Rocco
12	William	Woods
14	Sandra	Coseglia
15	William	Sousa
16	Carol	Smilowski
18	Russell	Nealey
19	Wayne	Measor
21	Henry	Fishwick
23	Robert	Eberley
25	Ronald	Harmon
26	Barry	Bell
27	Joanne	Capinski
27	Laura	Rojas
28	Max	Johnson
29	Leonard	Wuckert
30	Josef	Garbowski
30	Charles	Shaw
30	Rose	Wujcik



## History of Veteran's Day



World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

**Whereas** the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

**Whereas** it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

**Whereas** the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

**An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a)** approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

## Veteran's Day



Veteran's Day seeks to honor and give thanks to all the men and women who have served and are serving in the US Armed Forces. At 11:00 a.m. EST, the Veterans Day National Ceremony is held at Arlington National Cemetery. At this ceremony the President of the United States, or his assigned ambassador, lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Veteran's Day is observed on November 11th each year. Please join the Elks at the Bay Pines Hospital for the picnic November 8th.



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*Lowell Tyler*  
Florida State Elks Association Historian Emeritus  
Reference Library

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Type a word or topic in the search box and all entries that refer to it will be pulled up for you to read.

This is useful for anyone wanting to know more about an Elks topic and is especially helpful to bulletin editors, officers, district vice presidents and district deputies.

Find it at: <http://floridaelks.org/encyclopedia-of-elkdom>

### WANTED:

Encyclopedia updates!

If you see an entry that could use some updating and you have the correct information, please send it to State Historian Truman Bass at [tabass1@comcast.net](mailto:tabass1@comcast.net).

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# Palmetto Elks 2449 Veterans



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	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 X Corp	3.5 years	Korea Inchon Laning	
	John "Tom"	Donnelly	M/Sgt	US Army	1947—1954	Korea x2, Okinawa, Japan, Europe, Far East	
	Richard	Ernst	Sgt	US Army	3 years	England	
	James	Hill		US Army	2 years active 2 Years Reserve		
	Donald	Kichline		US Army US Navy	1947—1982	Korea	
	Frank	Locicero	PFC	US Army	2 Years	Fort Dix Fort Bragg	
	Steve	McColm	SP4	US Army	2 years	Vietnam	Hearing Loss
	Len	Meade	SP5	US Army	1964—1967	Fort Bragg	
	Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army	1970—1973	Viet Nam	
	Gordon "Gordie"	Raymond	SSgt E-6	US Army National Guard	2004—2010	State Side	
	Marvin	Rice	Sgt E6	US Army	3 Years	State Sider	
	Herman	Roth	PFC	US Army	2 Years	Korea	



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	Paul	Samuels	Cpl	US Army	1953—1955	Germany	
	Walter	Schneider	E5	US Army	1968—1971	Germany	
	John	Searles Jr.	SP4 E4	US Army National Guard	1962—1968	Detroit Riots 1967	
	Charles "Gil"	Shaw	Sgt	US Army Air Force	1943—1946	WWII Air Crew B-29 Gunner	
	Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserves	1970—1976	Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arkansas	
	Carl	Webber		Army Air Corp	3 Years	Mediterranean 15th Air Force B-24 Bomber 38 Missions Ball Turret	
	Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army	1961—1963	State Side	

	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Charles	Booth	Sgt SSgt	USMC US Air Force	1949—1952 1954—1959	Korea State Side	
	Carl	Maddox	Sgt	USMC	1951—1955	State Side Asia	
	Gary	Mink	Sgt	USMC	1967—1970	Vietnam	

	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	James "Jim"	Decker	BM3	US Coast Guard	4 Years	State Side	
	Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard	1958—1963	State Side	



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	Elaine	Crapo	SP3/TSgt	US Army (WAC) US Air Force	3 / 5 Years	Japan Libya Panama Germany Italy	10%
	Harold	Crapo	MSgt	US Air Force (Retired)	33 Years	Japan Libya Panama Germany Italy	20%
	Richard	Dirschell	2nd Class	US Air Force	4 Years	Korea	
	Donn	Frey	1st Lt.	US Air Force	1953—1955	ADC Selfridge AFB	
	Ricky	Koepke	E4	US Air Force	1965—1969	Thailand	
	Michael	McBride	Sgt	US Air Force	1966 - 1970		
	Frank	Roy		US Air Force	1941—1951 1951—1952	Berlin Airlift Korean War	
	Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force (Retired)	20 Years	Vietnam	30% Spine

	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 Years	WWII Asiatic Pacific	Hearing Loss Ulcers
	Craig	Conklin	MM1(SS)	US Navy	8 Years	USS Sunfish USS Fulton	
	Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy	1955 - 1957	Atlantic Mediterranean	
	Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy	4 Years	European	

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	Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy	1967 - 1974	West Pacific Vietnam Mediterranean	
	Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy	6 Years	Viet Nam Cuban Blockade 1st Capsule Recovery Alan Shepard	
	Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy	1952 - 1956	Pacific Pearl Harbor	Back
	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 (Retired)	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



**Frank Campbell**

Elks Care - Elks Share

*North Riverside Restaurant  
Presents  
Sunday Breakfast  
Sunday  
8:00 to 12:15*



Frank Campbell & Mike Wujcik  
Received  
Governor Rick Scott's  
Veterans Service Award  
October 23, 2015

Elks Care - Elks Share

*Thanksgiving Buffet  
Sunday  
November 22, 2015  
Thanksgiving Buffet  
with all the trimmings  
3:00 to 7:00  
\$15.00 p.p.*

Tickets Available at the bar



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Memorial Service  
Sunday  
December 6, 2015  
1:00 to 2:00*

District Deputy—District Vice President Visits

November 11, 2015—Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota  
November 21, 2015—Manasota

Cocktails at 5:00  
Dinner at 6:00

Please plan on attending these events.  
Show our support to the  
Palmetto Lodge #2449  
&  
Mighty Southwest District  
Let Judy Vergason know if you plan on attending



Santa Needs Helpers

Children's  
Christmas Party  
Sunday  
December 13, 20145  
2:00 to 4:00




November there will be a sign up sheet  
In the lodge  
If you can spend sometime  
Helping Santa pass out the gifts



*Ladies Lunch*

**Saturday  
January 16, 2016  
1:00 to 5:00  
\$10.00**

See Bonnie Pruss for details

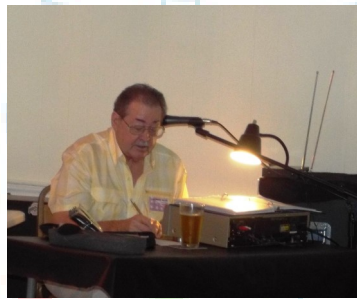


Do you have  
Time to Spare  
And looking to volunteer for a Good Cause

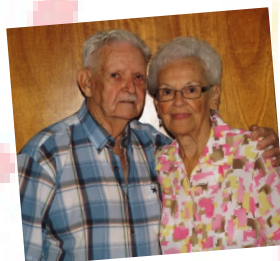
Jim Lamb, PDDGER  
From Sarasota South  
Is looking for volunteers  
To help with the  
Toys for Tots  
The Mighty Southwest District  
Now has two warehouse to store all the toys to be given  
out this year  
Volunteers are always need to sort the toys  
And bag them up to be delivered to the  
Needy Children in our District  
If you can help contact  
Rose Wujcik, ER 962-5475



One song  
Thousand memories



Do You Remember?  
Karaoke  
November 2014



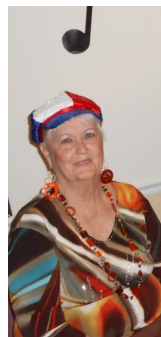
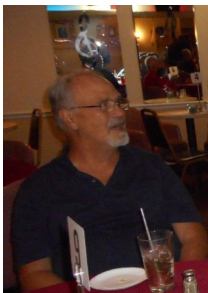
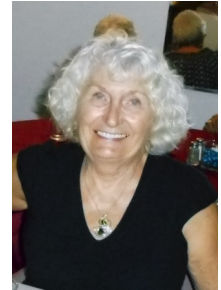
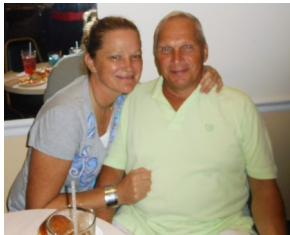
Come Back

Its time to make new memories

Have FUN Be Happy Enjoy Life



# An Afternoon of Jazz



## Wounded Warrior Sargent First Class Gregory Robinson & Family



On October 10, 2015 Jim Lamb, PDDGER of Sarasota South Elks #2495 with Colonel Ben Kinsley welcomed. Sargent First Class Gregory Calvin Robinson and his family. The Sargent and his wife Amanda, and daughters six year old Drew, and three year old Dylan were flown in on a private jet at the Dolphin Aviation Airport in Sarasota Florida to spend a weeks' vacation at Long Boat Keys, in Florida where they had time to spend together.

After their arrival the family was treated to lunch at the Sarasota South Elks Lodge. Following the lunch the family were taken to a condo on Long Boat Keys. After a short time to rest and a walk on the beach, the family was given a hero's welcome at the Sarasota South Elks Lodge where 180 people were in attendance.

SFC Gregory Calvin Robinson has been in the Army for 18 years, has gone on four combat deployments and one peacekeeping deployment. In October 2006 he was wounded losing his leg supporting the Canadian Army during Operation Medusa.

After spending a year at Walter Reed hospital recovering, he was approached to start working on his medical release papers. The Sargent requested to see a higher ranking officer. He explained that he was not ready to leave the army. Arrangements were made for special training. SFC Robinson was the first amputee to graduate from the Army Air Assault School and went back to Afghanistan two more times in 2010-2011, 2012 and 2014.

When Col. Ben Kinsley first heard the story about SFC Robinson he contacted Jim Lamb, PDDGER from the Sarasota South Elks and the plan to bring the Sargent and his family got underway.

With help from the community the Sargent and his family were flown in a private plane owned and operated by Terry Tyler who volunteered his time to fly them in. Congress Vern Buchanan from the Florida 16<sup>th</sup> District arraigned for the family the use of a car from Sarasota Ford Dealership. The condo association, for their donation of the condo for the week. The local shops in the area that have opened their doors for the family to shop while here. The family will leave on Friday on a private jet flown from Rectrix Aviation by Gary Fiealand who is donating his time and plane. The girls were given a bag of toys and bicycles with donations from Sarasota South Elks Lodge, the family was also given money to help with their vacation.

On Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>. SFC Gregory Robinson and his family headed back to Nashville.

Sargent Robinson wants to thank Col. Ben Kinsley, Jim Lamb, VFW post #3233, Elks Sarasota South Lodge #2495, the Elks from the Mighty South West District, and the pilots for making him feel like a "rock star."







*Happy 240th Birthday  
United States Marine Corps  
November 10th  
1775 - 2015*

## Monday Nights

**Lounge Opens 3:00**  
**Food 4:00 to 8:00**  
**Full Menu**  
**Karaoke 6 to 9**

### *The Elks Creed*

**B**elieve in the goodness in theyself  
as well as in others.

**P**rotect childhood with tenderness,  
old age with respect, and  
cherish with reverence the memory of  
those who have passed.

**O**bserve faithfully the Golden Rule.

**E**njoy the good things of earth,  
keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth  
and remain always of good cheer.



**Friday Dinner**  
**4:00 to 8:00**  
**Music**  
**6:00 to 9:00**

**Jim Hoey**  
President  
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