

Celebrating Veterans—Veteran Appreciation Events!

This is National Veterans and Military Families Month and Veterans Day is coming up on Tuesday, November 11th. There are LOTS of events and activities in our area to celebrate you and other veterans! Our chapter is engaged to help recognize all the veterans and their families in the community and remind others of what it means to earn the title of “Veteran.” Our Speakers Bureau and Brevard Veterans Back to Class (BVBC) are supporting many of the ceremonies and events—we have received 18 speaker and 6 BVBC requests so far, and the requests keep coming in!

Veteran Celebration Events:

Friday, Nov 7th:

- Boomer Bash Senior Expo at the WarBird Museum at the Titusville Airport is from 9AM to 1PM. It includes exhibits, museum tours, activities, food, music and much more. Of special interest is the student writing contest on the life of chapter member MG John Cleland. It is sponsored by *Senior Life Senior* and the Dream It, Do It! Content Creators Club. Winning students will accept their awards and read a portion of their work. Phone or text 321-242-1235 for more information.
- The Cocoa Beach JROTC is holding their Annual Veterans Day “Honoring All Who Served” in the Theater of the Jr/Sr Hugh School from 9:45 to 10:30AM. All veterans are invited. Contact LTC Robert Rick (USA, Ret) at 321-783-1776 ext. 23076 for more information.

Saturday, Nov 8th:

- The Space Coast Honor Flight Send Off is 4-5:30 AM at the Melbourne Airport Terminal. There are 20+ veterans and guardians traveling to Wash DC to visit their monuments and memorials. Please join the Welcome Home at Melbourne Airport main terminal from 8-9:30PM. Go to www.SpaceCoastHonorFlight.org for more info.
- The annual St Francis Hospice Foundation Dash 5K In Life Fundraiser at the Brevard the VMC Plaza and Park from 8AM to Noon. It includes a veteran recognition and pinning. sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/MerrittIsland/5KDASHHonoringVeterans>.
- Our MOAACC Veterans Day Recognition-VyStar Dinner is at the Holiday Inn Viera Conference Center 5:15 to 8:30PM. Seats are still available. To register and for more information go to www.GDFD.org or contact Larry Jackson at 321-242-1331 or larryj59@gmail.com.

- The annual VFW Post 10131 and City of Cape Canaveral Veterans Day Parade is from 10 to 11:30AM. For information, email vfwpost1-131@gmail.com. There will be food and music at the post after the parade.

Sunday, Nov 9th:

- The National Veterans Homeless Support 8th Annual Homestretch 5K for Veterans is from 8-10AM in the Eau Gallie Arts District at the Square Park. See runsignup.com/Homestretch5K for information.

Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov 11th:

- The Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) on Merritt Island is from 9:30 to 10:30AM at the VMC Plaza. Celebrate veterans and the 250th Anniversary of America with a Parade of Colonial Era Flags by the Sea Cadets Courageous Division. LTC Lonnie Spangler (USA, Ret), Merritt Island HS JROTC Senior Instructor and GWOT combat veteran is the keynote speaker.
- The Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts on Wickham Road in Melbourne, hosts the United States Air Force Jazz Band for an evening of LIVE music, performed by the country's finest Airmen musicians. Doors Open at 6PM and the show starts at 7PM. The performance is FREE and open to the public!

Wednesday, Nov 12th:

- The Martin Andersen Senior Center in Rockledge, 1025 S Florida Avenue, continues celebrating Veterans from Noon to 1 PM, with a FREE CONCERT-- "Music at Noon" performed by the New Horizons Band.
- DAV Chapter 32 holds a Veteran Appreciation at the Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 Highland Ave, in Melbourne. Food is sponsored by three companies and starts at 5PM with the program at 6PM. The free event is open to veterans, the public and includes MOAACC speakers, drawings, raffles and much more. RSVP to mail@fldav32.org.

Brevard Veterans Back to Class:

Sunday, Nov 9th: The Florida Tech ROTC pre-camp FTX field site in Malabar has a veterans discussion at 9 AM—Tim Thomas, Hans Hunt, Jose Prieto, and Steve Bond are supporting to talk about their experiences in the Army.

Monday, Nov 10th:

- Merritt Island HS has their first annual Veteran Recognition Breakfast at 7:30AM.
- Coquina Elementary School in Titusville, has two events, one at 8AM and another at 10AM.

MOAACC Speakers Bureau:

Thursday, Nov 6th: Discovery Village, Melbourne, 10:30AM—Dean Schaaf speaking.

Monday, Nov 10th: Orlando Health Melbourne Regional Hospital, 10AM—Jeff Rogers speaking.

Veterans Day, Tuesday, 11 November:

- Heritage Isles Community, Viera, 9AM—Amir Pishdad Jr. speaking.
- Buena Vida Estates Community, 10AM—John Fravel speaking.
- Shell Harbor, Rockledge, 10AM—Denny Tharp speaking.
- Indian River Center, West Melbourne, 1:30PM—Larry Sanford speaking.
- Addington Place, Titusville, 2PM—Rick Kniesley speaking.
- Chateau Madeline, Melbourne 2PM—Denny Tharp speaking.
- Viera Health and Rehabilitation Center, Viera, 2PM—Dan McIntrye speaking.
- Americana Resorts, Rockledge, 2PM—Susie Dabrowski speaking.

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- Crescent Wood, Titusville, 2PM—Rick Kniesley speaking.
- DAV 32, Eau Gallie Civic Center, 5PM—Tim Thomas, Amir Phisdad Jr., and Mike Lane speaking.

Thursday, 13 November:

- Autumn House, Melbourne, 1PM—Steve Cusick speaking.
- Palm Cottages, Rockledge, 2PM—Steve Bond speaking.

Friday, 14 November:

- Salterra Sr. Living, Melbourne, 10:30AM--Titusville Rehab and Nursing Center 1705 Jess Parrish Ct., Titusville—Larry Sanford Speaking.
- Titusville Rehab and Nursing Center, 2:30PM—**Open, any takers?**

A special Thank You to our BVBC and Speakers Bureau Members for their outstanding community support!