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## Fwd: Mar/Apr events in Central FL - veteran,military and patriotic

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To: [Veteran Advisory Committee](#)

### MARCH/APRIL – list of veterans, military and patriotic events in Central FL

\*Send me your events – people cannot attend an event if they don't know about it!

\*Please share this information and events with your friends and interested others and attend. Post where appropriate.

\*Event information is concentrated mostly on the Central Florida counties served by the new VA Hospital at Lake Nona – Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Brevard, Lake and Volusia. However, other events elsewhere are considered based upon uniqueness and groups best served.

\*Every effort is made to put a space into email addresses and websites – firewalls and spam filters don't like direct links, website and email addresses. If you use 'Copy and Paste' to make contact or get additional information, please keep this in mind.

\*If you wish to be removed from the email list, just let me know.

\* If you make changes to the event list, PLEASE, please insert: "Edited by: (insert name and date)"

**United States Submarine Veterans mtg – Thurs March 28** – The Central Florida Base meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm, at the Casselberry Veteran's Club, [200 Concord Dr., Casselberry, 32707](#). Fun and networking with membership open to all Navy personnel and veterans who are qualified in submarines. Guests are always welcome at meetings. Info: Jay D Mack 407- 920-9347 [jmack349@gmail.com](mailto:jmack349@gmail.com)

### March 29 - National Vietnam Veterans Day

The commemoration honors and thanks all U.S. veterans who served on active duty from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location. There are 6.4 million Vietnam and era veterans, 58,320 paid the ultimate sacrifice, and there are still nearly 1,600 missing in action. March 29 was chosen because that was the day in 1973 when the last 2,500 U.S. troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, and the last of American POWs held in North Vietnam arrived back home. Upon returning to the United States, many were mistreated and forgotten. Some of the Vietnam veterans went into hiding and still reject the attention.

Central Florida Vietnam Veterans of America chapters:

VVA CHAPTER #755 – Kissimmee area (407) 343-7942 [secvva755@aol.com](mailto:secvva755@aol.com)

VVA CHAPTER #1036 – The Villages area (352) 751-6175 [pete.wagner@vva1036.org](mailto:pete.wagner@vva1036.org)

VVA CHAPTER #1048 - New Smyrna Beach area (386) 690-9553 [cobra101st@gmail.com](mailto:cobra101st@gmail.com)

VVA CHAPTER #1096 - Palm Bay area (321) 403-5484 [catchme226360@att.net](mailto:catchme226360@att.net)

**Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans – Fri. Mar 29** – The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Daytona Beach Chapter 1048 and Ormond Strong will commemorate the day with veterans and the public at Emory L. Bennett Veterans Home, [1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Bch, 32117](#). 10am – 11am with guest speaker Bob Adkins of the Vietnam 68 1st Cavalry. Info: Debbie Kruck (Ormond Strong, veterans advocate) at [ormondstrong@gmail.com](mailto:ormondstrong@gmail.com) 386-566-3685 or Rod Phillips (VVA 1048, MOPH & others) at [cobra101st@gmail.com](mailto:cobra101st@gmail.com) 386-690-9553

### Vietnam Traveling Wall Exhibit at Orlando AV Medical Center Lake Nona – Fri Mar 29

– For 2 weeks The Wall will be on display at the VA Medical Center. A welcoming ceremony will be held at 10am on Fri. Mar 29 in the south entrance (emergency department) of the medical center in Lake Nona. The traveling Vietnam Wall exhibit will be delivered to the Orlando VAMC by the Patriot Guard Riders on Thurs. March 28 and will be removed on Fri April 12. The monument symbolizes the bravery and sacrifice of the many Vietnam War service members. Orlando VA joins the Community Living Center, Boone High School Navy JROTC and the Patriot Guard Riders to recognize our Vietnam Veterans. The event will include guest speakers and musical performances. Info: Orlando VAMC Public Affairs (407) 631-4436, or [vhaorpublicaffairs@va.gov](mailto:vhaorpublicaffairs@va.gov)

And after visiting this Vietnam Traveling Wall, why not take a stroll at the Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park just a little further south between the CLC and the Dom. Dorm. The names of ALL the Central Florida war casualties are engraved on walls. Freedoms are not free

**Veteran Town Hall Meeting – Fri. March 29** – Hosted by Orlando VA Medical Center with a Fish Fry. 6pm – 8pm at The Catfish Place, 2324 13th St, Saint Cloud, 34769. No charge for the food but priceless learning about the "VA Medical Center and You", "How to file a COMPLETE Service Connected Disability Claim", "Veteran Burial Services", and personnel will be available to provide answers to your questions. RSVP at Eventbrite: (omit the spaces) [https:// fishfrywiththeva. eventbrite .com](https://fishfrywiththeva.eventbrite.com) or contact Dr. Johnson at 407-892-5771

**Vietnam War Commemoration – Fri. Mar 29** - The Winter Garden American Legion Post 63 is hosting the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War event in Winter Garden. There will be an open house/social hour from 6-8pm and then a pinning ceremony at 8pm for any Vietnam era veteran (1955-1975). 271 W Plant St, Winter Garden. Music, Food, drinks, camaraderie. All free for any Vietnam vet whether you're a member of the Legion or not. This is a come as you are event and is open to the public. Info: Kurt at [kurtgies@gmail.com](mailto:kurtgies@gmail.com)

**Grateful Nation: from Sea to Shining Sea – Sat. March 30** – Ceremony honoring the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration at 10 am at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, 5525 US Hwy 1, Scottsmeer. Guest speaker Dr. Hal Kushner, former Vietnam P.O.W. (1967-1973). Honoring of the Vietnam warrior burials from March 28, 2018 to March 29, 2019 with the reading of names. Vietnam Veteran lapel pins to be presented. Info: Marylou Wade 321-223-5231.

**Honor Flight Hot Rods for Heroes – Sat. March 30** – Fundraiser for the Central Florida Honor Flight from 10am – 2:30pm at Ace Café Orlando, [100 W Livingston St, Orlando, 32801](#). Family style afternoon with more than a hundred classic cars on display across downtown's new premier show car venue. Meet and greet hometown heroes of WWII, Korea and Vietnam, author and hero of "Black Hawk Down", US Army (RET) Colonel Danny McKnight; former WWE Superstar and American Gladiator turned Longwood Deputy Mayor, The Blueprint" Matt Morgan. Music from WJBJ jocks Jen & Butch. Raffles, prizes. Show off your motorized baby with pre-registration \$25/ \$30 day of show. Info: [www.honorflightcentralflorida.org](http://www.honorflightcentralflorida.org)

**Family Fun Day – Sat. Mar 30** – Join Camaraderie Foundation, UCF's Veterans Academic Resource Center (VARC) and Student Veterans Association (SVA) on UCF's Lake Claire. Bond with other military families while enjoying a BBQ lunch, volleyball, corn hole and fun activities for the kids. 10am – 4pm at Lake Claire, [12491 Gemini Boulevard North Orlando, 32816](#). Parking is free, lunch at 12noon followed by a presentation and other fun activities. Space is limited (6 registrations per family unless otherwise approved) Info: Anna Tanzilla at [programs@camaraderiefoundation.org](mailto:programs@camaraderiefoundation.org) or 407-841-0071.

**"Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" - Sat. 30 Mar** – The Museum of Military History hosts this special recognition. Ceremony begins at 12pm with guest speakers, presentation of 50th Anniversary Commemorative pins, and more. This too often overlooked treasure is located at [5210 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy, Kissimmee, 34746](#). (407) 507-3894. [militarymuseum1@gmail.com](mailto:militarymuseum1@gmail.com)

**Lunch and Learn with FAVOB – Thurs. April 4** – The Florida Association of Veteran Owned Businesses host this Lunch and Learn titled "Infinite Banking Concept" starting at 12noon at Starter Studio Downtown, [101 S Garland Ave #108, Orlando, 32801](#). The guest speaker is Kyle A. Davis and this presentation will introduce and walk through a tried and true alternative method of business, personal, and investment funding without the need for large banking institutions. Case studies and real-life examples of self-financing large purchases such as vehicles and property down payments, college funding, investment leveraging, and business capital needs. Info: [favob.net](mailto:favob.net) or [trish47664@wildapricot.org](mailto:trish47664@wildapricot.org)

**City of Orlando Mayors' Veterans Advisory Council – Thurs. April 4** – 1:30pm Monthly meeting of numerous organizations and individuals for the benefit of local veterans and active duty personnel. Planning of functions (ie: Veterans Day parade) and awareness of events is shared. Designated representatives allow groups to coordinate efforts. If your Orlando area vet/military associated group isn't attending, it should plan to get involved. Networking before and after the meeting. See website at [cityoforlando.net](http://cityoforlando.net), Office of the Mayor, Mayor's Committees, Veterans. Contact Emily Bonvini for attendance and location information. [emily.bonvini@cityoforlando.net](mailto:emily.bonvini@cityoforlando.net) 407.246.2728

**31st Annual Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation Golf Tournament – Fri. April 5** - The annual golf tournament, CFMCF's only fund-raising activity, is an opportunity to support our organization's projects through golf. &am Breakfast. 8am Shotgun Start at Shades of Green, [1950 Magnolia Palm, Lake Buena Vista, 32830](#). (Southwest of Orlando, Disney grounds.) Prizes, breakfast, lunch, drinks, etc. Proceeds provide scholarships to deserving students who are the sons and daughters, and in some cases, grandsons and daughters of those who served the Corps. Support also provided to other veterans in Central FL area. Info: [cfmarinecorpsfoundation.org](http://cfmarinecorpsfoundation.org)

**VA Home Loan Purchase class – Sat April 6** - Free VA Loan entitlement class for active duty and veteran home buyers! The class will cover 'best practices' to make the home buying process easier. Learn what to expect and how to place yourself in the best position possible to get a loan and buy your home. Sponsored by Florida International Real Estate at 10am – 11:30am at [7530 Citrus Ave, Winter Park, 32792](#). Info: [brian.warner@fla-intl.com](mailto:brian.warner@fla-intl.com) (407) 374-9072

**1st Marine Division Association mtg – Sat. April 6** – contact Barron Mills [barronmills@gmail.com](mailto:barronmills@gmail.com) 407-221-0286

**MOPH Volusia County Chapter 316 mtg - Sat April 6** - Hosted by Military Order of the Purple Heart Volusia County Chapter 316, 1:30 – 2:30pm at [5810 S Williamson Blvd, Port Orange, 32128-7537](#). Info: Rod Phillips [cobra101st@gmail.com](mailto:cobra101st@gmail.com) 386.690.9553

**Lake Nona Veterans Club – Thurs. April 11** - This social and service-oriented organization acts as a hub for the veteran community, meets on the second Thursday each month. 6pm in the Conference room next to Cafeteria/Patriot Cafe at the Orlando VA Medical Center Lake Nona, [13800 Veterans Way, Orlando](#). Free parking in the East and West Parking Garages. Established to promote awareness and interests in veterans' affairs and civic activities by participation and support in activities at the Orlando Fisher House, Lake Nona Veterans Hospital and Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park activities. Info: 407-984-7014 [commanderlncv@gmail.com](mailto:commanderlncv@gmail.com).

**AAAA Social – Fri. 12 April** – Quad-A (Army Aviation Association of America) social this month sponsored each month by a different Central Florida defense industry. This month Raytheon is sponsoring. Start the weekend off well from 1630 -1900 hours at Frogger's Grill & Bar, 27 Alafaya Woods Blvd, Oviedo, 32765. PRICE \$10 per person for wings, beer and soft drinks, 50/50's are \$1 a ticket or \$5 for 10 tickets. Bring a friend that joins AAAA & you both get in free! The CFL AAAA Chapter has been supporting Army Aviators and their families since 1985 with support to the community, our membership, and to our local military Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and civilians. This support includes education related to Army aviation, scholarship awards, and growth through well planned social and professional activities. Info: Facebook or [CFLQuadA@gmail.com](mailto:CFLQuadA@gmail.com)

**Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast – Sat. April 13** – The Warbird Air Museum offers a chef prepared breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of every month. \$12/pp from 8am to 10am, then tour the museum (included in the cost.) Made to order omelets, pancakes, fresh fruit. Hosted by Valiant Air Command at the Space Coast Regional Airport. [6600 Tico Rd, Titusville, 32780](#). Info: 321-268-1941 [www.valiantaircommand.com](#)

**10th Annual Wounded Warfighter Lone Sailor 5K/10K – Sat April 13** – Central Florida Navy League sponsors this in Blue Jacket Park, [2501 General Rees Ave., Baldwin Park, Orlando, 32814](#) – the former Naval Training Base. Sponsors and participants still welcomed! Discount for early registration; Teams available. Time: 7:30am with Colors and National Anthem, to 11am. Too early or too busy on that day? Please consider the Virtual Race option. This event's primary goal is to raise money for charities that support Camaraderie Foundation, wounded service men and women and the Central Florida military communities. The CF Navy League is a civilian organization that supports Central Florida men and women of the sea services and their families (Navy, USMC, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines.) Prizes, vendors, plus activities for kids and pets welcome! Info/register at: [www.cfnl5k.org](#) or [info@cfnavyleague.org](#) 407-288-8028

**Greeters needed! Honor Flights** Resume their Spring 2019 trips! Come Welcome them Home! Orlando Int'l Airport –After a day spent in Washington DC, veterans of WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam veterans return home thru Orlando Int'l Airport. The nation-wide organization has three local hubs that take veterans on a single day trip to our nation's capital where they visit the WWII, Korea, and Vietnam War Memorials, Marine Corps Iwo Jima and the Air Force Monuments, and witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Come welcome these former warriors home! "Welcome Home" receptions at the airports make a difference! Bring your flags, banners and signs! –Dates are:

· **Wed. 17 April** - 40 vets, plus their guardians and staff. SW#1565 arrives about 9:30pm from BWI (Baltimore-Washington) at 9:30pm and will enter the terminal area close to 10pm. Terminal A, Airside 2.

· Mark your calendar for these dates. Add'l info will be forthcoming: **Sat. April 27; Sat May 4; Sat May 18; Wed June 5; Sat June 15; Sat June 22**, with more to come!

Before leaving home, check online to see if the flight is on time because there may be delays due to weather, mechanical or medical issues.

Free parking has been arranged at an off airport property – FastPark and Relax at [7870 N Frontage Rd, Orlando, 32812](#) – who has been very generous to Honor Flights with free parking and shuttles to the airport (tips welcomed by drivers!) - Contact Cathy Haynes for those details NLT 7pm 407-239-8468 [chaynes11629@yahoo.com](#)

New: Vouchers are available for airport garage parking from a GOAA rep. in the terminal for this event – maximum of 3 hours – BUT you have to take a paper ticket upon entering the airport garage. The vouchers will NOT work if you use the SunPass/EPass transponders – we cannot credit the charge back.

### **Veterans who are unable to participate in a live flight:**

**"Tour to Honor" – Fri. April 26** - The Cornerstone "Tour to Honor" is designed for veterans who are unable to participate in a live flight: to the monuments in Washington, DC. Veterans are eligible to participate on a first-come, first-served basis with preference given to vets from WWII and the Korean War, and Vets who are terminally ill. Vets pay nothing to participate and fellow veterans will assist those who attend. 10am to 2pm at Valencia College, West Campus 1800, [South Kirkman Road, Orlando, 32811](#). Public is invited to "welcome them home" after the event! Info: 866-742-6655 or visit [cshospice.org](#).

**Veterans in crisis** – For you or someone you know. Suicide is a medical emergency. If you are experiencing thoughts of suicide, know that you are not alone and care should be sought immediately by calling 911. Free, confidential resources are instantly available through the Military Crisis Line to aid you if you are in crisis.

Call 800-273-8255 and press 1,

OR chat online now for 24/7 access to trained counselors who understand what service members and military families are coping with. Website at [veteranscrisisline](#)

OR: text 838255 for 24/7 confidential assistance. They are there because they care....

**Camaraderie Foundation** in Central Florida provides resources for private and confidential Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) counseling for Post 9/11 veterans/warriors and their families. They also have connections in other areas, other states. It works. It HAS saved lives, saved marriages and saved families. [camaraderiefoundation.org](#) Contact 407-841-0071

Caring and sharing,

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