

THE RIVERVIEW MEMORIAL DEBRIEF

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Happy 248th Birthday USMC



Comrades, and US Marines, Felipe Aguilar and John Rizzo (l-r), partake in the traditional cake cutting ceremony involving the “oldest and the youngest” Marine present, to start off the USMC 248th birthday celebration at the Post.

Commander's Message:

Friends all,

Time flies when you're having fun... and when you're busy too!

The Post has been "Can Do" busy since July with events such as: July 4th Parade, July 4th celebration, USAF – USN – USCG & USMC Birthday celebrations, Women In Military Service recognition, Trunk-or-Treat, VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program, VFW Teacher of the Year program, monthly Steak Dinners, Sunday breakfasts, membership recruiting on MacDill AFB, assisting fellow veterans, and attending both District and Department events – just to name a few.

In comradeship,
Nelson Betancourt
Hooah!

Our membership numbers are looking good, but we still need your timely renewals, and new members to replace those that move away or pass on.

Next year's calendar is also going to be full of events and activities. With that being said – we'll need volunteers to help us do what we do. A little help goes a long way.

Our next Post meeting will be on December the 14th and as always - we'd love to see many new faces. Your attendance is very important, so come and participate.

Auxiliary President's Message:

Happy December! I can't believe another year has gone by. Thank you to all post and auxiliary members who helped build a team to be proud of.

We have accomplished so much and have a lot more to look forward to this coming year. We have many events planned for 2024.

On January 27th the Auxiliary will be proudly hosting a member appreciation party to share our 25 year Post support achievement.

We are looking forward to celebrating with a night of food, music, and drinks. Look for more information to come!

I hope to see you all at the post as we wrap up 2023.

Yours in Service,
Anita Webb VFW 8108
Auxiliary President



**Welcome to Our
Newest Members**

Post: James Peterson, USAF: Korea Smith

Auxiliary: Lori Tinsley, transfer; Fred Simcic, son of Eugene Simcic, Stephanie Irwin, daughter Lino Mello ; Carol Mello, spouse of Lino Mello

Post Hours of Operation:

Monday – Saturday: 1100 ~ 2000 Hours

Sunday: 1100 ~ 1900 Hours

Sunday Breakfast: 0900 ~ 1200 Hours

Phone: 813. 671.9845



Prior to the start of Ruskin’s Veterans Day Parade, Post commander Nelson Betancourt hand delivers the Post’s entries for the VFW VOD & Teacher of the Year competition to Pat Barr, a member of the Ruskin Post and the District’s VOD Chairperson.

The Post’s Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen, and Teacher of the Year Awards ceremony will be held on December 17, 2023, starting at 1400 HRS. All are invited to attend.

National Guard Bureau Birthday

Wednesday 13, 2023

Come join the celebration!
Cake cutting at 1800 HRS.



Are you or someone you know not receiving our emails or the newsletter? Send us a note and your email address to Post8108@vfwfl.org



Comrade Mike Fish (left) is recognized by Post Commander Nelson Betancourt for his continued support and volunteerism in the Post. Comrades Greg Floyd and Ryan Dively (not pictured) have been similarly recognized and thanked.

VFW 8108 Adult Christmas Party!



saturday December 16, 5-??

EAT, DRINK & BE Merry!

**Ugly Sweater Contest
Rob Your Neighbor Gift Exchange
Potluck, 50/50**

***Bring a Gift up to \$25 Value to Play
*Potluck sign up in canteen**



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Membership Update:

Our current membership number stands at **317 (93.51%)**, our 100% goal is **339**.

Renewals are a crucial component...

For **“All State”** we need 102%, a grand total of **346** which is our 339 + 7 more.

You can help us get there. Renew in a timely manner. Also - recruit a new member!



Post and Auxiliary members, along with friends and family participate in Ruskin's Veterans Day Parade. Centerstage is the Post's "Deuce-and-a-Half" truck.

Post/Auxiliary members and friends share facts and history about our Veterans Day celebration.





Fellow Marines, (l-r) Victor Polo, Felipe Aguilar, and John Rizzo lead the celebration of the USMC 248th birthday. **HOORAH!!!**






The Firing Line is Ready!
Shooters, watch your lanes!




Comrades Tommy and Nelson are organizing a **Vintage US Military Rifle Range Day** for January 2024. Rifles on the firing line: **M1903-A3, M1917, M1 Garand, M1A (M14), M1 Carbine.** For details – reach out to them or send email to POST8108@VFWFL.ORG








Post members Bruce Johnson and Nelson Betancourt speak to a local group of Cub and Boy Scouts on the significance and importance of Veterans Day.

Follow us on Facebook to find out about the latest Post events.

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US Space Force Birthday

Wednesday 12.2023

Come join the celebration!
Cake cutting at 1800 HRS.



A recent Sunday breakfast Kitchen crew...



If you or someone you know
is experiencing a crisis,
THERE IS HELP.



Dial 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Or **844-MyFLVet (844-693-5838)**

Florida Veterans Support Line

Or **text to "NAMI"**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness



The 2023-24 VOD theme was:

*"What Are the Greatest
Attributes of Our Democracy?"*

Posts helping Posts

Post 424 Commander Victor Coll (on right) receives a thumb drive from Post Commander Betancourt containing two VOD submissions to help Post 424, which had none at the time. Post 8108 retained five other submissions it received.



During the Florida Department's Fall Conference in Orlando, Post Commander Nelson Betancourt hand delivers the Post's "Department Dues" check to VFW District 12 Commander Heather Frank.

Trunk or Treat 2023





Save the Mural UPDATE:

“Phase 1” donation goal has been reached.
SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THAT DONATED!

“Phase 2” will consist of adding artwork representing recent campaigns - OEF, OIF, others to the area on the left of the current mural.



VFW Post 8108 - December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Steak Dinner 1700 HRS
3 Post Breakfast 0900-1200 HRS	4	5 Taco Tues	6	7 HC Mtg 1900 HRS	8	9
10 Post Breakfast 0900-1200 HRS	11	12 Aux Mtg 1900 HRS • Taco Tues	13 NGB B-Day 1800H	14 Post Mtg 1930 HRS	15	16 Post Xmas Party / Wht Elephant 1800H
17 *Post Breakfast * VOD / PP / TotY Awards Ceremony 1400 HRS	18	19 Taco Tues	20 USSF 4 TH Birthday Cake cutting at 1800H	21	22	23 Aux Dinner 1630 HRS
24 * Post Breakfast Cancelled	25 Christmas Christmas Day Dinner 1500 HRS	26 Taco Tues	27	28	29	30
31 * Post Breakfast Cancelled * DJ Party - 1900H	1/ New Year ** 2024 **	2/	3/	4/	5/	6/

The Post and Auxiliary officers sincerely wish everyone all the best in 2024!!!