

THE RIVERVIEW MEMORIAL DEBRIEF

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Commander's Message:

Friends all,

And here we are, saying farewell to another calendar year, and the first half of our own VFW year. At this time yearly, I like to take inventory of “where I’m at” vs “where I’d planned to be”. Applying the same thought process to the Post, I must conclude that we’re close to goals I’d set.

Our two Service Officers continue providing veterans, Post members or not, with needed and valuable information regarding their benefits and how to secure them. Thanks Craig, thanks Greg. Well done!

The Auxiliary has assisted the Post with its outreach programs and its direct involvement helping the Post. Kudos and thanks!!!

Membership stands at 94%, leaving us just 18 short

In comradeship,
Nelson Betancourt, Hooah!

of 100%, and only 25 shy of the 102% needed for “All State”. I know we can get there with your help – bring in a new member and renew on time if you’re an annual member.

In case you’re wondering - **YES**, we can always use more volunteers. Sunday breakfasts, Steak Dinners, Special Events, light maintenance around the Post, etc., etc., etc. It’s your Post, and it’ll only be as good as you help make it.

A big shout-out to all the Post officers, who quietly assist sharing the load, keep me on track, and help make things happen. It’s a TEAM SPORT!

May the good providence bless everyone with health and good fortune. Looking forward to personally greeting everyone in the new year.

Auxiliary President's Message:

Happy 2024! We have hit another year milestone with our auxiliary reaching 25 years in 2023.

I look forward to celebrating with all members, past presidents, and the post on January 27. The post has graciously offered all auxiliary members in good standing a free drink that night.

We’ll have entertainment and food to help celebrate

Yours in Service,
Anita Webb VFW 8108,
Auxiliary President

all we have contributed to help our Post grow.

We have many events still ahead of us for 2024. What an amazing time to be part of the 8108 family. I am excited to see what the New Year has in store for us.

Thank you to all our members for all you do.



**Welcome to Our
Newest Post Members**

**Jerome Konrad, Army: Desert Storm, Damon McKenzie, Army: Iraq
Christopher Steward, USMC: Afghanistan**

Post Hours of Operation:

Monday – Saturday: 1100 ~ 2000 Hours

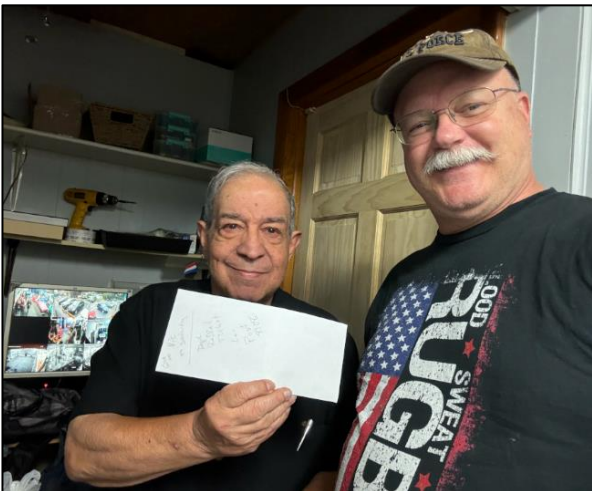
Sunday: 1100 ~ 1900 Hours

Sunday Breakfast: 0900 ~ 1200 Hours

Phone: 813. 671.9845



John Lehman, Anita Webb, and Laura Shuler from Post 8108 visit Santa and Mrs. Santa at MacDill AFB during this year's JCSE MAP Christmas event.



Comrade Muhlberger (right) hand delivers the Post's donation check for one of the Departments fundraisers to our District 12 Quartermaster, Comrade Victor Coll.

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

TAPS

Comrade Leo Renz – Nov 19, 2023

Bring Your Membership Card

A friendly reminder that as per Florida ABC laws – all Post and Auxiliary members need to show their membership card to the on-duty bartender when entering the Post.

Did You Know?

The Post is entirely a volunteer effort. Everything that happens, or not, is thanks to having someone stepping up and helping out. If you have any 'superpowers', and even if you don't - we can use your help.



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



Comrades Tommy and Nelson have organized a **Vintage US Military Rifle Range Day for Saturday**

January 27, 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

Or leave a msg at the Canteen: 813.671.9845



[See Details Here](#)

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023





Post members and Air Force veterans (l-r) Joe Muhlberger and Mike Strang help celebrate the USSF birthday on behalf of all Space Force personnel.

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



Membership Update:

Our current membership number stands at **321** (94.69%), our 100% goal is **339**.

Renewals are a crucial component...

For **"All State"** we need a grand total of **346** which is our 339 + 7 more.

You can help us get there. Renew in a timely manner. **IT'S THAT IMPORTANT.**



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



Post members (l-r) Nelson Betancourt, Heather Rivera, and Mike Strang during a recent Membership & Buddy Poppy drive at the Base Exchange on MacDill AFB. Next event: March 3.



The Post celebrated the National Guard Bureau birthday this past December 13th with a cake cutting and toast.

A portion of Post members are former National Guardsmen.

The NGB traces its lineage all the way back to the colonial militias of 1636, long before the founding of the Republic.

**VFW Youth Scholarships Awards
2023**



VOD
1st Place Winner:
Skyler A. F. Baker



Patriot's Pen
1st Place Winner:
Molly Maryn Moncrief



During the December Post meeting, USMC veteran Comrade Tommy Reichard places the refurbished Marine Corp history plaque back where it belongs in the main hall. **HOORAH!!!**



Attending winners of this year's Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of the Year youth scholarship and recognition program. **Congratulations to all.**

Snippets From

2023



Now who left that Sleigh ride double parked outside?!?



January 2024

December '23							February '24						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 Taco Tuesday	3	4 * HC MTG 1900 HRS * Liver & Onion Dinner - 1600 HRS	5	6 Steak Dinner 1700 HRS
7 Sunday Breakfast 0900 H	8	9 *AUX MTG 1900 HRS * Taco Tuesday	10	11 Post MTG 1930 HRS	12 Bike Week - thru Sunday	13
14 Sunday Breakfast 0900 H	15	16 Taco Tuesday	17	18	19 VFW - FL Mid-Winter Conference - thru Sunday Westgate Lakes - Orlando	20 Aux Dinner - 1600 HRS
21 Sunday Breakfast 0900 H	22	23 Taco Tuesday	24	25	26	27 * Auxiliary Appreciation Day - 1700 HRS (* Range Day)
28 Sunday Breakfast 0900 H	29	30 Taco Tuesday	31	1	2	3
4	5	Notes				