

# THE RIVERVIEW MEMORIAL DEBRIEF

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June 2024



## Memorial Day – Let's We Forget May 27, 2024



Incoming Post Commander Heather Rivera salutes after placing a symbolic white flower on the wreath.



Incoming Auxiliary Senior Vice President, Eileen Burke, places a symbolic blue flower on the wreath.

## ***Commander's Message:***

Friends all,

Well, here we are, packing up our bags as we get ready to turn over command to the incoming board of officers – to whom we wish every success.

Truth be told, these past 12 months seem to have gone by in an instant. And much has been accomplished during that instant. A successful Trunk-or-Treat, several recruiting drives on MacDill AFB, Branch birthdays, joint events with our Auxiliary, the front mural restoration, participating in the Brandon and the Ruskin parades, celebrations and remembrance ceremonies, and the list goes on.

Thank you – Thank you – Thank you, to **all** of you volunteers (Post & Auxiliary) that tirelessly show up to ensure that our events are taken care of: breakfasts, steak dinners, GI Parties, recruiting on MacDill; and others with superpowers that assist with fixing stuff

In comradeship,  
Nelson Betancourt, Hooah!

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## ***Auxiliary President's Message***

Dear auxiliary,

We have had a busy and productive month for May! On May 4th, we had our steak dinner with karaoke afterwards. This was our first time providing entertainment after the meal and I feel that it was a great success with the auxiliary supporting the post in this endeavor.

Officer installation was held on May 5 . All enjoyed the meal and fellowship afterwards. The post held a celebration on May 18th for the 30th anniversary of our charter. What an amazing feat! Congratulations!

The Memorial day ceremony was well done. Thank you, Commander Nelson! The cookout was also

Sincerely,  
Eileen Burke  
Incoming Senior Vice

that breaks and/or provide us with services that would require paying someone. Thanks for your support!

The Post left its mark this year by leading the District with its 103% membership number – no small feat.

A very special and sincere **THANK YOU** goes out to the Post officers who stood steadfast and helped make it a successful year: **Monty, Cody, Dave, Chris, Craig, Joe, Dwain, Nick, and Greg.**

A couple of items remain on the 'to do' list, which I'm sure will be tackled in the months ahead.

Now I ask you all to help do it all over again, because it's that important and as proud 'River Rats' - that what we do!

Hope to see you all around the Post.

enjoyed by all.

The only unfortunate thing from this month was that our auxiliary president had to step down from her position for health reasons. We thank her for all she has done for the auxiliary over the past year and wish her a speedy recovery!

I would like to end this saying that what we have accomplished over the last year could not be done without the support of all of you! Thank you very much for your support! I look forward to June's events and the coming year .

## New Officers 2024-2025

### POST

Heather Rivera	– Commander
Joseph Fox	– Senior Vice Commander
Vacant	– Junior Vice Commander
Nicholas Bardash	– Quartermaster
Craig Stinson	– Trustee
Stephen Woodbury	– Trustee
Joseph Muhlberger	– Trustee
Cody Palmer	– Chaplain
Greg Floyd	– Service Officer

### Auxiliary

Belle Dimick	– President
Eillen Burke	– Senior Vice President
Lawrence Speck	– Junior Vice President
Cynthia Flowers	– Treasure
Kelly Smith	– Secretary
Patricia Alley	– Trustee
Angela Lindsey	– Trustee
Eillen Burke	– Trustee



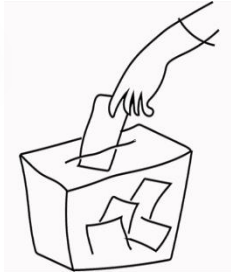
**Post Hours of Operation:**

Monday – Saturday: 1100 ~ 2000 Hours

Sunday: 1100 ~ 1900 Hours

Sunday Breakfast: 0900 ~ 1200 Hours

Phone: 813. 671.9845



On June 13, during our next monthly meeting, the Post will hold a special nomination/election for the vacant position of Junior Vice Commander. Be there to cast your vote.



**VFW Riverview Post  
8108**

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

**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.



Recently, post members Nelson and Heather enjoyed a round of golf on MacDill AFB. Reports are that no persons or animals were seriously injured during their visit.



Comrade John Rizzo attaches our latest 102% Membership streamer onto our Post flag.



Post members (l-r) Nelson and Mike again participate in a Membership and Buddy Poppy drive at the Base Exchange at Mac Dill AFB, this time on May 11 .

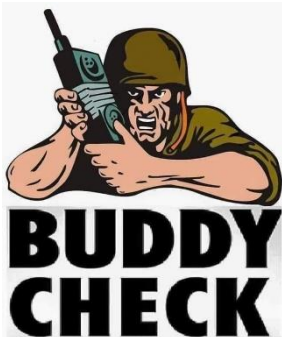


**\* Volunteers Needed \***  
**The Post can always an extra hand or two, or three to help out around the post.**

*Are you or someone you know not receiving our emails or the newsletter? Send us a note and email address to [Post8108@vfwfl.org](mailto:Post8108@vfwfl.org)*



Post members help celebrate the Post's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. Commander Nelson Betancourt officiates the cake cutting – Apr 7, 2024.



If it's been a while since a Buddy, or someone you know, has checked in... then it just might be time for you to check in with them and see if they're alright.

They just might happen to be waiting for that call. *You can make a difference.*



Post members present a check for \$2,500 to the MacDill AFB – Morale, Welfare & Recreation Program.

**VFW 8108  
BREAKFAST**  
NEW MENU EFFECTIVE 08/13/23



**\$9**  
Eggs, Hashbrowns, Biscuit & Gravy,  
Pancakes (reg & blueberry), French Toast,  
Bacon, Sausage, Grits Toast,  
Coffee, Orange Juice, Water

**SUNDAYS  
9 AM - NOON** OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!

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33578



**VFW 8108 STEAK NIGHT**  
FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH  
5-7 PM  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!



**\$23**

**14OZ NEW YORK STRIP, BAKED  
POTATO, GREEN BEANS, BREAD  
DESSERT**

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Commander Nelson Betancourt presents District 12 Auxiliary President, and Post 8108 Auxiliary member, Daniella Stevens with a yellow rose on occasion of the Auxiliary Appreciation Day event held at Post 10140, Temple Terrace, in April. Each Auxiliary member in attendance received one.



VFW Post 8108 Auxiliary conducts its installation of officers. Angela Lindsey served as Installing Officer.



Recent breakfast crew.



THANK YOU!  
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Recent Steak Dinner Crew



GI PARTY CREW





**VFW Post 8108 has exceeded its established membership goal by attaining 103%**

**As of this writing, Post 8108 continues to lead and be the only post in District 12 to have even reached 100%.**

**BRAVO ZULU!!!**

# June 2024

May '24							July '24							
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Steak Dinner 1700 HRS
2 Sunday Breakfast 0900 H	3	4 Taco Tuesday	5	6 HC MTG 1900 HRS	7	8
9 Sunday Breakfast 0900 H	10	11 *AUX MTG 1900 HRS  Taco Tuesday	12	13 Post MTG 1930 HRS  * Department Convention	14 * Flag Day  * Army Birthday  * Orlando	15 Aux Dinner 1600-1800 HRS  - thru Sunday 6.16.24
16 Sunday Breakfast 0900 H  * Fathers Day	17	18 Taco Tuesday	19	20	21	22
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