

Comrades, Auxiliary, Boosters and Followers

The August monthly meeting will be held on 13 August - dinner for \$7 at 1800 and meetings begin at 1900. With over 200 members receiving the newsletter we have an average of fourteen members attending meetings. Come out and support YOUR Post.

Lunchtime Bingo is becoming very popular with six events completed eight more are scheduled through the end of 2026 and have been added to the [Event Calendar](#). Our 2027 Lunchtime Bingo dates have been approved and we will have 23 events next year. We sure could use some help in staffing bingo going forward. Talk to Mike McFadden or Loretta Forlaw if you are able to assist.

On 3 July we performed a flag raising ceremony at Mullinax Ford as part of their celebration of America's 250th birthday. We had a great show of support from other members, auxiliary and boosters.

We have two more dinner shows scheduled for 2026—tickets for all of the shows are available at [2026 Dinner Shows](#). Boosters Marty DeCarlo and Charlene Burke have been hard at work scheduling the performers for our 2027 Dinner Shows which are approved for the second Saturday of Feb, May, Aug and Oct in 2027 to avoid conflicting with the City events at the amphitheater and the monthly breakfast. Once the contracts have been signed more details will be announced.

Our second annual [Golf Tournament](#) to be held this year at the Zellwood Station Golf course on 3 October 2026. If you know of a company or individual that would like to be a sponsor please contact [Joe Riner](#) and he will reach out to them.

The Hometown Heroes Banners program has been enhanced to offer a renewal of banners purchased in 2024 for \$25 per year. See the information later in the newsletter.

Our Post Chaplain, Rev. Tim, is providing a time of fellowship and discussion on the Word of God each Wednesday morning in the Post museum from 8am-8:30am.

Our website [Home | VFW Post 10147](#) is a great source of information and the easiest way for the Post to communicate with members, auxiliary, boosters and the community.

Check out the Commander's Corner page for updates from Commander Anderson.



Commander's Corner

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I attended a couple of our Lunchtime Bingo's and I was very impressed. The prizes were great and who wouldn't want to win some money. Congratulations to the Bingo team - keep up the good work.

On 3 July, our flag raising team did a very good job raising the 15' by 18' flag at Mullinax Ford - thanks to Joe Riner and his team.

Rolland and I met with Mayor Nesta, and he declared "*call me NICK*" so we did. I believe that the meeting went very well for the VFW, I will provide an update of the meeting at our monthly meeting.

REMINDER – It is the VFW members turn to do the meal for the August meeting. Please start thinking of what we will be providing.

Our next Dinner Show and Monthly Breakfast will be on the 15th of August as well as the School of Instructions which will be at the Florida Hotel in downtown Orlando.

Please let me know which one you will be attending.

Also please remember the Golf Tournament which needs more golfers.

Our Hometown Heroes Banner Program has the goal to double the number of banners that will be displayed this year. Please contact Mike McFadden if you would like to help the Post reach our goal this year.

Chaplain Tim's Wednesday morning Bible Study has been going very well, and I thank him very much.

Your Commander Andy Anderson

Auxiliary News

Upcoming activities:

On Wednesday, Aug 5th, we will have a Hospitality Table at Baldwin Park from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Sharon Blackman has offered to carpool, please call her (407-399-6359) to arrange to ride with her. Lou has an 8:00 AM appointment at Baldwin VA so I will meet you all there. Please call or text (407-951-9048) me and let me know if you are volunteering.

Breakfast – Saturday, Aug 15th, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. If you can help with setup, please arrive at 7:30 AM – your help will be greatly appreciated. The Post can always help with the serving line as well and mingling with the guests.

Aug 15th - General School of Instruction at the Florida Hotel. 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Dinner Show - Aug 15th, after breakfast we will need help to setup for the Dinner Show. Help will be needed with tables, chairs, putting the tablecloths on, salt and pepper, and decorating. Nika oversees the decoration. After the Dinner Show WE WILL NEED HELP CLEANING UP!

Soldiers Angels has an opportunity to distribute food to Veterans in need at Baldwin Park on the 3rd Friday of every month. More info is coming.

Sept 13th - District 18 School of instructions at Goldenrod Post 11:00. Lunch 12:00 and separate Post and Auxiliary meetings at 1:00

Sept 17, Aux meeting, the Auxiliary is providing the meal for the September meeting.



VFW AUXILIARY

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Helps you navigate and resolve issues related to your healthcare and treatment within the VA.

WHO THEY HELP

Veterans receiving care in the VA healthcare system.

WHAT THEY DO



Address concerns about your VA healthcare or treatment



Help with scheduling, referrals, or services



Communicate with your healthcare team on your behalf



Protect your rights as a patient



Ensure you are heard, treated with respect, and get quality care

PURPOSE

Helps you apply for and access VA benefits, services, and community resources.

WHO THEY HELP

All Veterans, their dependents, and survivors.

WHAT THEY DO



Explain VA benefits and eligibility



Help file claims for compensation, pension, education, and more



Assist with appeals and claim denials



Connect you with VA and community resources



Advocate for your benefits as your representative



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★ **ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION. VETERANS FIRST.** ★

Prepared by Julio Baez, MS, MHM, BSHS

Special Events

Orlando VA Healthcare System

Message sent courtesy of the Office of Public Affairs



VA  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Orlando VA Healthcare System (208K)

VETERAN TOWN HALL

Orlando VA Medical Center
4th Floor Auditorium
13800 Veterans Way
Orlando, FL 32827

August 7, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

☑ **Resource Fair:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
☑ **Leadership Panel Discussion:** 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for our resource fair, which will be followed by a leadership panel discussion designed to address Veterans' questions, concerns, and feedback regarding VA healthcare and benefits.

407-631-4897  VHAORLPublicAffairs@va.gov

RSVP 





"To fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those who have served in our nation's military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors."

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Orlando VA Healthcare System

CALLING ALL WWII AND KOREAN WAR ERA VETERANS

ONE MORE MISSION...



MISSION 37 OCTOBER 17, 2026

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VETERANS FLY FREE!

"We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they walk by"

- Will Rogers

WHY YOU MUST VOTE IN THE PRIMARY

1. Voting in the August Primary allows **YOU** to choose who your party puts on the ballot in the November General Election against the opposition party.
2. Florida is a closed primary state which only permits those registered voters affiliated with a party to vote in the August primary.
3. School board and judges races are often decided in the Primary.
A candidate must receive 50% of the votes + 1 to win or the top two move on to the General Election in November. These are non-partisan races.
4. **It's an honor and a privilege to vote. It's also your civic duty.**

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation: July 20, 2026
- Deadline to request a vote by mail ballot be mailed to you: August 6, 2026 (earlier is best!)
- Early voting period (mandatory period): August 8 - 15, 2026
- Election Day: August 18, 2026

FLORIDA DIVISION OF ELECTIONS IS A GREAT RESOURCE: [DOS.FL.GOV/ELECTIONS](https://dos.fl.gov/elections)

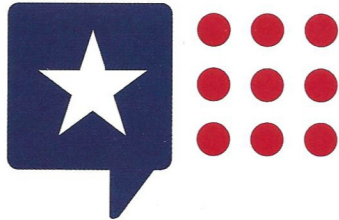
DON'T GIVE YOUR CHOICE AWAY. VOTE AUGUST 18, 2026 DURING EARLY VOTING OR VBM.

Event Calendar

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
4 Aug	<i>United States Coast Guard Birthday - 1790</i>		
12 Aug	Lunchtime Bingo	ACC	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
13 Aug	VFW Monthly Meetings	ACC	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
14 Aug	High School Game Night	ACC	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
14 Aug	Benefits Advisor School of Instruction	Florida Hotel	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
15 Aug	Monthly Pancake Breakfast	ACC	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
15 Aug	Elton John Tribute Dinner Show	ACC	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
15 Aug	General School of Instruction	Florida Hotel	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
26 Aug	Lunchtime Bingo	ACC	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
9 Sep	Lunchtime Bingo	ACC	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
10 Sep	VFW Monthly Meetings	ACC	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
13 Sep	District Meeting/School of Instruction	Goldenrod Post 4287	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
18 Sep	<i>United States Air Force Birthday - 1947</i>		12:00 AM - 12:00 AM
18 Sep	High School Game Night	ACC	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
19 Sep	Monthly Pancake Breakfast	ACC	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
23 Sep	Lunchtime Bingo	ACC	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
27 Sep	District Gold Star Luncheon	Longwood Post 8207	12:00 AM - 12:00 AM
3 Oct	Annual Golf Tournament	Zellwood Station GC	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
8 Oct	VFW Monthly Meetings	ACC	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
13 Oct	<i>United States Navy Birthday - 1775</i>		
14 Oct	Lunchtime Bingo	ACC	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
16 Oct	High School Game Night	ACC	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
17 Oct	Monthly Pancake Breakfast	ACC	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
17 Oct	Tribute to the Bee Gees Dinner Show	ACC	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
28 Oct	Lunchtime Bingo	ACC	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
29-31 Oct	Fall Conference	Florida Hotel	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
10 Nov	<i>United States Marine Corp Birthday - 1775</i>		
10 Nov	Marine Corp Birthday - Private Event	ACC	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
11 Nov	Veterans Day	ACC	11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
12 Nov	VFW Monthly Meetings	ACC	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
14 Nov	District Meeting	Longwood Post 8207	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
20 Nov	High School Game Night	ACC	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
21 Nov	Monthly Pancake Breakfast	ACC	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
25 Nov	Lunchtime Bingo	ACC	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
3 Dec	VFW Monthly Meetings	ACC	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
9 Dec	Lunchtime Bingo	ACC	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
10 Dec	<i>United States Space Force Birthday - 2019</i>		
12 Dec	District Golf Tournament	Dubs Dread GC	TBA
13 Dec	VFW Christmas Party	ACC	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
18 Dec	High School Game Night	ACC	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
19 Dec	Monthly Pancake Breakfast	ACC	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
20 Dec	<i>National Guard Birthday - 1636</i>		
23 Dec	Lunchtime Bingo	ACC	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Veteran Resources and News

Veterans Crisis Line



**DIAL 988 then
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Confidential support is available 24/7.

Chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/Chat)

Text [838255](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/Text)



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Veteran Benefits

Orange County

Citizen Resource & Outreach Division

Veterans Services Office

Phone: (407) 836-8990

[Veterans Services \(orangecountyfl.net\)](https://www.veteransservices.orangecountyfl.net)

Seminole County Veteran Services

Phone: (407) 665-2347

[Veterans' Services | Seminole County \(seminolecountyfl.gov\)](https://www.veteransservices.seminolecountyfl.gov)

Food for Veterans

Loaves and Fishes

Phone: (407) 886-6005

[Loaves and Fishes Website](https://www.loavesandfishes.org)

Patmos Chapel

Phone: (321) 370-8583

[Patmos Chapel Community Service Center | Food Banks in Florida](https://www.patmoschapel.org)

The Pantry at St Francis

Phone: (407) 886-4602

[Food Pantry - St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Apopka, FL](https://www.stfrancis.org)

We Can Help — Helping America's service members, veterans and their families has, and always will be our top priority. [Assistance - VFW](https://www.vfw.org/assistance)

The Veterans' Voice — We are the voice that represents veterans everywhere and defends their rights and benefits. Our representatives stand for veterans every time. [Advocacy - VFW](https://www.vfw.org/advocacy)

Stay Current — Keep up-to-date on how the VFW is working across America to improve the quality of life for veterans, service members and their families, and to improve communities worldwide. [Media & Events - VFW](https://www.vfw.org/media-events)

We Are the Pillar of Support — Promoting civic responsibility,, and supporting youth and local programs in communities across America are just a few of the many ways we give back to those who've afforded us our freedom. [Community - VFW](https://www.vfw.org/community)

The [VFW Magazine](https://www.vfw.org/magazine) is now available on our website on the “VFW News” tab along with the monthly newsletter.

Golf Tournament Update

Planning is underway for our Second Annual Golf Tournament, which will be held on Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Zellwood Golf Course. The tournament continues to be one of our Post's premier community events and serves an important fundraising opportunity to support veterans, their families, and our Post.

The Golf Tournament committee is actively working on recruiting sponsors, player registration, prizes, and volunteer support to ensure another successful event.

If you know of a business or individual that would like to become a sponsor, please contact Joe Riner at (407) 461-4676.

IF YOU ARE A GOLFER - PLEASE REGISTER TODAY.



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

<https://www.vfwpost10147.org/>

Date: 3 October 2026

Location: Zellwood Station Golf Club

Time: Registration at 0730—Shotgun Start at 0900

Price: \$100 per golfer—Buffet Luncheon for all players

Sponsorship:

- ⇒ Tournament Sponsor—Geico Insurance—Zach Ingram Agency
- ⇒ Gold with Tent—\$1000—Ability to place a tent at a tee-box to promote your business, 24"x 18" Hole Sign, and four golfers and a great goody bag for each.
- ⇒ Gold—\$600—24"x 18" Hole Sign, and four golfers and a great goody bag for each.
- ⇒ Silver—\$400—24"x 18" Hole Sign and two golfers and a great goody bag
- ⇒ Bronze—\$300—24"x 18" Hole Sign
- ⇒ In-Kind—\$50—Business card/brochure in goody bag

Lots of chances to win prizes:

- ◆ 1st (\$400), 2nd (\$300) and 3rd place (\$200) cash prizes
- ◆ 50/50 drawing
- ◆ Mulligans (\$5 each—limit four (4) per golfer)
- ◆ Hole-In-One—\$1,000 Cash Prize**
- ◆ Longest Drive Regular (\$100) *
- ◆ Longest Drive Special (\$100) ***
- ◆ Straightest Drive (\$100) *
- ◆ Closest to the Pin (\$100) *



Proceeds benefit Apopka/Altamonte Springs Post 10147's mission of supporting veterans, active duty and reserve units.

* No mulligans on prize holes.

** No mulligans. If there is no Hole-In-One winner, the \$1,000 prize will be raffled off during lunch for \$10 per chance.

*** Golfers over 80 on 3 October 2026 and handicapped golfers—No mulligans

Tournament Sponsor

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Upcoming Events

VFW POST 10147 PRESENTS A TRIBUTE TO ELTON JOHN

Dinner & Show

Saturday - 15 August 2026



\$45 ONLINE AT

VFWPOST10147.ORG/DINNER-SHOWS

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM,

DINNER AT 6 PM,

SHOW AT 7 PM.



VFW POST 10147
519 S CENTRAL AVE
APOPKA, FL 32704

VFW POST 10147 PRESENTS A TRIBUTE TO THE BEE GEES **Dinner & Show**

Saturday - 17 OCTOBER 2026

FEATURING THE U S BEE GEES



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TICKETS GO ON SALE 4 JANUARY 2026

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THE APOPKA VFW PRESENTS



**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12TH
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
11:30AM-2:00PM**

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00AM BINGO BEGINS AT 11:30AM

LOCATION: VFW POST 10147
519 S CENTRAL AVE APOPKA FL 32703

FOOD AND PADS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
\$10 FOR 10 GAMES (1 PAD) , LIMIT OF 2 PADS

THOSE WHO REGISTER WITH THIS QR CODE
WILL QUALIFY TO WIN A \$25.00 GIFT CARD!

*MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE DRAWING



'PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT VETERANS'

THE APOPKA VFW PRESENTS



**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26TH
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
11:30AM-2:00PM**

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00AM BINGO BEGINS AT 11:30AM

LOCATION: VFW POST 10147
519 S CENTRAL AVE APOPKA FL 32703

FOOD AND PADS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
\$10 FOR 10 GAMES (1 PAD) , LIMIT OF 2 PADS

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Hometown Heroes

The Hometown Heroes Banner program has been enhanced this year to offer an annual renewal for banners that have reached the end of the original two-year display agreement while contributing the ability to sponsor a new banner with the original two-year display. A donation of \$25 per year will extend the original agreement. Should the sponsor desire to take possession of the banner at the end of the two-year display agreement, please send an email to vfwpost10147@yahoo.com and with your contact information and a member of the Post will contact you to make arrangements.

The program has been very successful and with the commitment of the City of Apopka will continue into the foreseeable future. We have a commitment from the City to displaying as many banners as are sponsored /renewed.

The initial year saw 32 banners sponsored and last year added another ten banners. The campaign this year is off to a great start with five sponsors (will be contacted via email) expressing interest and we already have five renewals.

New Banners—The banners (24" x 60") will be personalized with the veteran's name and branch of service and be displayed on Duke Energy poles along Main Street in Apopka from mid-October to mid-November for two consecutive years. Reserve your personalized banner with a donation of \$125. Your donation will cover the cost of the personalized banner and Promotional expenses. The last date to reserve your banner is 20 September 2026.

At the end of the second year, the banner will be given to the sponsor or can be renewed for an additional year for a donation of \$25 per year.

Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR Code below to be taken to the website to process your request.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING VETERANS AND VFW POST 10147.



2026-2027 Individual Boosters

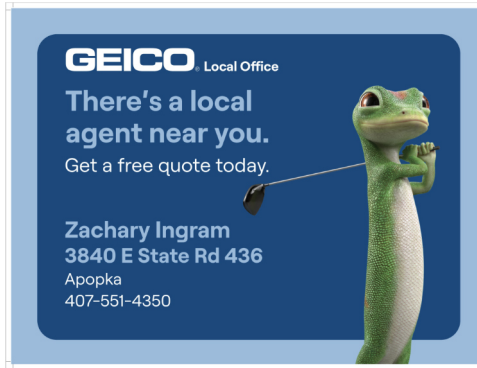
Anderson, Dwight & Linda	Mar-27	Kara, Joe & Elizabeth	Jun-27
Bell, Charles	Feb-27	Kara, Mike	Jun-27
Bernardo, Loretta	Dec-26	Lawler, Patricia	Nov-26
Borjas, Armanda & Blanca	Dec-26	Luther, Pat	Jul-26
Bove, Russell & Sandy	Aug-26	McFadden, Mike	Jul-27
Brown, Brad & Barbara	Mar-27	Morrison, James II	Aug-26
Burke, Charlene	Jan-27	Morrison, Jim & Valerie	Aug-26
Capper, Renate	Jun-27	Popp, Bob & Kathy	Jul-26
Collins, Jim & Karen	Aug-26	Pride, Melody	Oct-26
Conde, Ted & Sarah	Oct-26	Riner, Joe	May-27
DiCarlo, Marty	Dec-26	Sarra, Maryann	Sep-26
Doerfer, Rolland	Jan-27	Schmidt, Kristin	Jun-27
Dougherty, Thomas & Roberta	Oct-26	Smith, Sharyn	Jul-27
Finno, Lillian	May-26	Sutton, Carol	Aug-26
Gray, William	Jun-27	Swobodzien, Frank & Brian	Jun-27
Greene, Jim & Cindy	Jul-26	Urfer, Niles & Cheryl	Oct-26
Griffie, Jerri	Jul-27	Veschio, Leah & David	Oct-26
Hamrick, Pat and Bo	Jun-27	Wardell, Stacy	Oct-26
Hauck, Jack	Oct-26	Wardell, Wanda	Oct-26
Henry, Stan	Nov-26	Warren, Peggy	Jun-27
Hibler, Frank & Cindy	May-26	Waters, Judith	Jan-27
Howell, Patti	Jun-26	Yeager, Ken & Nancy	Jul-26

THANK YOU BOOSTERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF VFW POST 10147

Please scan the QR Code or click [HERE](#) to register or renew your booster membership.



2026-2027 Business Boosters



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CELEBRATE YOUR NEXT PARTY OR SPECIAL EVENT AT THE APOPKA COMMUNITY CENTER



**If you have questions, wish to book an
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Phone—407-703-1642

Email

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