

Villaggio Veterans Club

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Description:

The Veterans Club is comprised of Villaggio Veterans who have worn our Nation's uniforms and served: Active Duty, National Guard or Reserves including Coast Guard and Merchant Marine whenever, wherever and for whatever period of time. The signature characteristic: Honorable Discharge, Medical or Positive Administrative Discharge or Retirement. We continue serving as senior citizens in our civilian capacity. We share our camaraderie of common and unique service-time life experiences during Peace, National Emergencies and War. The Club and HOA mutually conduct Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies. The Club serves and supports the Villaggio community.

The Club conducts formal, structured meetings, invites Guest speakers, supports the nearby VA Medical Center and Clinic, visits public and private educational schools to honor Patriotism and the American Flag, interacts with neighbor developments veterans Clubs, interfaces with local military service organizations, advocates for military recruiting, Federal Service Academies and College ROTC Scholarships, gathers to celebrate holidays and social activities and experiences military trips. Programs are administered through various standing and designated committees led by volunteer committee chairpersons.

GPS provides the vehicle, computer and mobile phone user digital on-line connectivity directional viability and site location by oral/written instructions and maps for travel to the VA or elsewhere. Please refer to the Villaggio Voice publication Veterans Club column for current happenings and important developments.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Headline and Events:

SAVE THE DATES:

The club is open to all veterans who served in any branch of the military services. Club meetings are scheduled quarterly. An email will be sent out to advise members of the dates and times. If not a member, contact Lowell Sand, Sec'y at lowell.sand@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Future announcements on social activities, such as visiting military facilities, will be announced here, Channel 63 and flyers in the clubhouse.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

Officers/Contact Information:

President - Don Bernstein - 249-3123

Vice President - Bob Feinsilver - 304-0034

Secretary - Lowell Sand - 653 -1633

Treasurer – Rick Buff - 249-3094

Dues/Membership Year/Check Payable to: None

Standard Meeting Dates/Times:

Club meetings are held in the Arts & Crafts room and scheduled quarterly. An email will be sent out to advise members of the dates and times.

Additional Information:

For more Veterans Club Information or to be part of the Villaggio Veterans Club, please contact President Don Bernstein at email: sunray6@comcast.net.

Recap or Recent Events/Meetings:

The 1/21 meeting had a guest speaker, Gwen Wright, an Air Force veteran, who is associated with the South Florida National Cemetery nearby on US Highway 441. Gwen provided information on interment benefits available to eligible veterans, the processing of eligibility claims and the forms necessary. Information was handed out to all in attendance that provided contact information, e.g., websites for obtaining forms, and how to obtain flags and military honors for ceremonies. The presentation was appreciated by all because a lot of information was made available that many were not aware of before. Future announcements on social activities, such as visiting military facilities, will be announced on the club's new webpage on the Villaggio website, Channel 63 and flyers in the clubhouse.