



VETERANS GROUP AT SHELL POINT

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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*Our 8 Federal Uniformed Services*

**ALL VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES AT SHELL POINT**

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1776, THE UNITED STATES LAID DOWN ITS CLAIM TO BE A FREE AND INDEPENDENT NATION BY ADOPTING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. TODAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY IS CELEBRATED AND HONORED IN MANY FORMS – AT SHELL POINT ON MONDAY 5 JULY A PARADE AND A CRYSTAL BBQ! IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICANS TO EXPRESS PATRIOTISM AND LOVE OF COUNTRY INCLUDING REFLECTING ON THE SACRIFICES FROM THOSE IN THE MILITARY. INDEPENDENCE DAY IS OFFICIALLY OBSERVED ON SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021, OUR NATION'S 245TH BIRTHDAY.

**JULY SONG SELECTION #1 –** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcj8kNZR8aE>  
**United We Stand, Songs for America - A Grand Old Flag-Yankee Doodle Dandy (3:47 min)**

**JULY SONG SELECTION #2 –** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3c1x3wcbvAc>  
**Phil Vassar - American Child (3:21 min)**

**JULY SONG SELECTION #3 –** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruNrdmjcNTc>  
**Toby Keith Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue (The Angry American) (3:19 min) Jun 16, 2009**

**JULY FOCUS:**

THE VETERANS GROUP AT SHELL POINT JOINS ALL OF AMERICA IN COMMEMORATING THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION. IT IS A CELEBRATION OF OUR FREEDOMS, THE FOUNDING FATHERS, AND A DAY TO TRULY BE THANKFUL TO BE CITIZENS OF THE GREATEST NATION IN THE WORLD. EACH VETERAN PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MAKING AMERICA WHAT IT IS TODAY AND, EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT OUR NATION WILL BE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. OUR EXPRESSIONS OF PATRIOTISM AND OUR LOVE FOR OUR FELLOW CITIZENS ARE WHAT WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS NATION THE BEACON OF FREEDOM AND HOPE FOR THOSE AROUND THE GLOBE.

INDEPENDENCE DAY IS A DAY TO REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO OUR NATION AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED, ARE SERVING, AND WILL SERVE OUR FLAG. FROM OUR VERY BEGINNING, IT WAS OUR MILITARY THAT PROVIDED THE FOUNDATION OF SAFETY AND SECURITY TO ENSURE OUR NATION WAS NOT ONLY BORN BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE LAND OF THE FREE AND HOME OF THE BRAVE. ***OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THERE WHEN OUR NATION NEEDED THEM, SO PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND DEDICATION.***

**AUGUST EVENT: WW II VETERANS – RECOGNIZED AT THE ANNUAL NATIONAL SPIRIT OF 45 DAY:**

**Spirit of '45 Day** is observed on the second weekend in August, coinciding with the anniversary of August 14, 1945 - the **day** that spontaneous celebrations broke out around the world at the news that the most destructive war in human history was over. National Spirit of '45 Day honors the can-do attitude of an entire generation affected by the trials and hardships of World War II. Observed every year on the second Sunday in August, communities around the country hold events and memorials. Each one honors those who have inspired us, sacrificed, and preserved our nation for future generations.

**ALL VETERANS – PLEASE SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL EVENT! MAKE A RESERVATION AND REACH OUT TO ANY/ALL WW II VETERANS YOU KNOW AND BRING THEM WITH YOU!**

*PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE LEE COUNTY'S NATIONAL SPIRIT OF '45 DAY IN FORT MYERS ON AUGUST 08, 2021*

- *LOCATION: SANIBEL HARBOUR MARRIOTT RESORT Address: 17260 HARBOUR POINTE DR, FORT MYERS, FL 33908 (LAST EXIT BEFORE SANIBEL OFF SUMMERLIN RD.)*
- *TIME: 4:15-7:15 PM • DINNER SERVED FROM 4:15 - 5:45*
- *WWII VETERANS TRIBUTE / CEREMONY WILL BE FROM 5:45-7:15*

*AGENDA FOR CEREMONY: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE) 1. OPENING SPEECH / INTRODUCTION 2. MARCHING OF COLOR GUARD / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / NATIONAL ANTHEM IS SUNG 3. OPENING PRAYER 4. POW / MIA SERVICE (MISSING MAN TABLE) 5. PLACING OF WREATH / WREATH CEREMONY 6. SPEECH ON SPIRIT OF '45 7. GUEST SPEAKERS (SEVERAL WWII VETERANS) 8. GUNS N' HOSES PIPES N' DRUMS PERFORMS 9. FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY 10. AMAZING GRACE BEING PLAYED BY BAGPIPER 11. HONOR GUARD PERFORMS 3 VOLLEYS 12. TAPS IS PLAYED ACROSS THE NATION. WE WILL BE PLAYING "ECHO TAPS" 13. CLOSING SPEECH*

**FREE FOR WWII VETERANS/SPOUSES OF THE WWII GENERATION ONLY. FOR ALL OTHERS \$30 PER PERSON.**

**\*\*RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 08/01/2021\*\* \*\*MUST BE PAID BY 8/4/2021\*\* (NON-REFUNDABLE) TO MAKE A RESERVATION, CONTACT: ERYKA @ (917) 607-4385**

*Eryka Aptaker, Lee County Chairman, Spirit of '45*

July 2021	
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>July 4</b>
<b>National Hire A Veteran Day</b>	<b>July 25</b>
<b>Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (1953)</b>	<b>July 27</b>
<b>National Buffalo Soldiers Day</b>	<b>July 28</b>
<b>Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps</b>	<b>July 29</b>

**Remember: That selfless service is at the core of what a hero is. All veterans are heroes, even if they do not call themselves heroes. They served our country and fought for our freedom. Integrity, service, courage, duty, honor, commitment, country and sacrifice are the words associated with Veterans.**

***Let us continue to stay safe together here at Shell Point. Never Stop Serving!***

**Coordinator:**

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