



**VETERANS GROUP AT SHELL POINT
FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER
Never Stop Serving**



Our 8 Federal Uniformed Services - Click on service logo to visit their site.

TO ALL VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES AT SHELL POINT

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **COVID VACCINATIONS AT SHELL POINT TO BE COMPLETED 16 FEBRUARY**
- **VETERANS GROUP MEETINGS TO START 29 MARCH**
- **NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY 29 MARCH EVENT SCHEDULED**

FEBRUARY SONG SELECTION – PLEASE STAND AND SING OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM WITH THE MILITARY ACADEMY CHOIRS – SUPER BOWL39 - "This is the NFL opening ceremony for Super Bowl 39. No kneeling, no hiding in locker rooms and no trashing America.

https://wallythekat.tripod.com/A_Pages/AA-Videos-YOU-Tube/NFL.html

NOTES:

- 1. COVID VACCINATION AT SHELL POINT WAS AN OPERATIONAL SUCCESS! SECOND SHOT ON 16 FEB WILL GIVE MAXIMUM PROTECTION 10 DAYS LATER – 26 FEB!**
- 2. VETERANS GROUP MEETINGS – WE WILL MEET MONDAY 29 MARCH AT 11 AM TO RECOGNIZE "NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY". EVENT WILL BE AT VILLAGE CHURCH.**
- 3. OUR GROUP PURPOSE IS TO HONOR THE STATURE AND IDEALS OF ALL MILITARY VETERANS AND PROMOTE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES**
- 4. OUR MISSION INCLUDES:**
 - a. SUSTAINING THE HIGH ESTEEM SHELL POINT HAS FOR ALL VETERANS.**
 - b. HONORING THE STATURE AND IDEALS OF ALL SHELL POINT VETERANS.**

KEY DAYS IN FEBRUARY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH	MONTH OF FEBRUARY
GROUNDHOG DAY	FEBRUARY 2
USO BIRTHDAY	FEBRUARY 4
NFL SUPER BOWL	SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 6:30 PM
VALENTINE'S DAY	FEBRUARY 14
PRESIDENT'S DAY	THIRD MONDAY IN FEBRUARY
EVERY FRIDAY RED – REMEMBERING EVERYONE DEPLOYED	WEAR RED SHIRT TO REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED

NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY – 29 MARCH 2021 – PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND SUPPORT!

- **Shell Point Retirement Community is a registered Commemorative Partner and on Monday, March 29th will recognize Shell Point Vietnam Veterans' and their families' service, valor, and sacrifice. We will recognize our more than 60 Veterans who were on Active Military duty during the period of 1955 to 1975. Event will be at the Village Church.**

Our Aviation Club on February 18th invites Veterans to hear Dick Travas. He will be telling about his experience as a pilot in the New Jersey Air National Guard's 108th tactical fighter wing which was deployed for the Berlin Crisis in 1961-62.

Gov. Ron DeSantis' Florida Leads budget provides critical support to the state's 1.5 million veterans, their families and survivors. Florida remains the most veteran-friendly state.

THE AMERICAN SOLDIER THEN & NOW



1968 (ENLISTED)

- 22 years old
- 79% high school graduates
- < 1% female
- 21% minority
- 60% draftees
- 36% married
- SGT base pay = \$279/mo*
- SGLI coverage = \$10,000*
- 35 lbs of equipment (\$1,856)*
- Individual replacements
- 62% survival rate if wounded

2018 (ENLISTED)

- 28 years old
- 96% high school graduates
- 15% female
- 48% minority
- 100% volunteers
- 52% married
- SGT base pay = \$2,490/mo
- SGLI coverage = \$400,000
- 75+ lbs of equipment (\$19,454)
- Unit rotations
- 88% survival rate if wounded



INTERESTING 50 YEAR COMPARISON ABOVE

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.

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