



VETERANS GROUP AT SHELL POINT

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Never Stop Serving



Our 8 Federal Uniformed Services

TO ALL VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES AT SHELL POINT

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **FIRST MONTHLY VETERANS GROUP MEETING – TUES, 20 APRIL AT ISLAND SOCIAL CENTER.**
- **NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY 29 MARCH EVENT - SUCCESSFUL "LAUNCH".**

APRIL SONG SELECTION – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WA10dETkF8> Trace Atkins
– Still A Soldier (4:32 min)

APRIL FOCUS:

- 1. VETERANS GROUP MONTHLY MEETINGS BEGIN – SOCIAL CENTER ON ISLAND, TUES 20 APRIL.**
 - a. DOORS OPEN 10 AM – COFFEE & COOKIES AVAILABLE FOR SOCIAL TIME.**
 - b. 1030 TO 1130 MEETING.**
 - c. MEETING FOCUS – LEE COUNTY PROGRAM LEADERS WHO SUPPORT VETERANS IN NEED.**
 - d. PROGRAMS TO BE PRESENTED AT OUR MEETING –**
 - i. BROTHERHOOD OF HEROES RESOURCE CENTER AND MUSEUM in Cape Coral committed to helping First Responders, Military, active and Veterans and their families ... founder Carol Rae Culliton provides a place where veterans come to seek counseling, find possible work or housing opportunities, and connect with other resources available in SW Florida. The museum exhibits transformative moments in our history - the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, World War I and II, the Korean and Vietnam wars, the Gulf wars and wars in Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.**
 - ii. HEARTS AND HOMES for Veterans was formed not just to be another charity, but to end homelessness among Veterans of SW Florida. A true success story!**
 - iii. MISSION BBQ Our young men and women in uniform is our focus. Veterans who served with honor - Our local Police, Firefighters and First Responders who make Our Community a better place to live. MISSION BBQ tries to give back in return - from fundraisers to service projects, donating over \$10,000,000 supporting vital charities since opening our doors in 2011. A tradition of providing meals to Shell Point Veterans in Assisted Living on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.**
 - iv. DREAM FLIGHTS Dream Flights is launching a national effort to honor World War II veterans in 2021 called Operation September Freedom. Its fleet of six World War II-era Stearman biplane trainers will barnstorm the country, sharing the gift of flight with World War II veterans. Shell Point Flights on 30 Sep and mid-October.**
 - e. 1130 OPTIONAL LUNCH AT CRYSTAL – 20% DISCOUNT FOR VETERANS.**
- 2. 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**
- 3. 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.**

4. SHELL POINT'S LAUNCH OF "NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY "WAS WELL ATTENDED BY VETERANS WHO SERVED IN ALL "WAR PERIODS". WW II VETERANS HELPED PRESENT PINS TO OUR VIETNAM WAR VETERANS.



KEY DAYS

April 2021	
<u>Gold Star Spouses Day</u>	April 5
<u>National Former POW Recognition Day</u>	April 9
<u>Air Force Reserve Birthday</u>	April 14
<u>Ramadan</u>	April 12 - May 11
<u>Army Reserve Birthday</u>	April 23
<u>National Military Brats Day</u>	April 30

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!

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