



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



Our 8 Federal Uniformed Services

ALL VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES AT SHELL POINT

HIGHLIGHTS:

- VETERANS GROUP – FIRST MEETING THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 10:15 TO 11:30
- DREAM FLIGHTS COMPLETED FLIGHTS FOR 9 SHELL POINT WW II VETERANS ON 9/30 AT PAGE FIELD AND 12 VETERANS WILL HAVE FLIGHTS ON 10/14. SHELL POINT HONORS OUR 52 WW II VETERANS WITH 14 IN INDEPENDENT LIVING

VIDEO SELECTION #1 – RAY CHARLES – AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL (3:34 MIN)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myBVeJwZt8Q>

VIDEO SELECTION #2 – MILITARY VET – TRAPS INVADING GATOR IN TRASH CAN (2:49 MIN)

<https://www.militarytimes.com/off-duty/military-culture/2021/10/01/watch-us-army-veteran-traps-gator-in-trash-can/>

FOCUS:

- VETERANS GROUP – FIRST MEETING THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 10:15 TO 11:30 VILLAGE CHURCH AND FOLLOW-ON DISCOUNTED LUNCH AT THE CRYSTAL. PLEASE JOIN US!
- SINCE THE LAUNCH OF DREAM FLIGHTS IN 2011, WE’VE GIVEN FREE FLIGHTS OF A LIFETIME TO MORE THAN 5,000 VETERANS AND SENIORS LIVING IN LONG-TERM CARE COMMUNITIES. FEWER AND FEWER OF OUR DREAM FLYERS ARE WWII VETERANS. EVERY DAY, WE’RE LOSING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THEM. SO, IN 2021, WE’RE DEDICATING OUR ENTIRE DREAM FLIGHT TOUR TO WWII VETERANS. OUR MISSION IS TO HONOR AS MANY AS POSSIBLE, THANKING THEM FOR FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM.



ON 30 SEP, SHELL POINT SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED THE PLAN TO FLY 9 WW II VETERANS AT PAGE FIELD AS PARTICIPANTS IN DREAM FLIGHTS “OPERATION SEPTEMBER FREEDOM 2021” IN THE BOEING STEARMAN AIRPLANE USED TO TRAIN ARMY AIR CORPS & NAVY AVIATORS FOR WW II. ON 14 OCTOBER, AN ADDITIONAL 12 VETERANS WILL FLY. OUR MISSION FOCUS IS MAKING THIS EVENT A ONCE IN A LIFETIME RECOGNITION FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING THE WW II WAR YEARS. PHOTO OF PEL LYNNAH IN FLIGHT.



VETERANS GROUP MEETING THURSDAY 21 OCT AT VILLAGE CHURCH:

ALL VETERANS, SPOUSES, FAMILY, FRIENDS

10 TO 10:30 AM - SOCIAL TIME TO MEET AND GREET & COFFEE OUTSIDE CHURCH ENTRANCE.

10:30 TO 11:30 AM MEETING

- OPENING – INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM/PATRIOTIC VIDEOS
- WELCOME
- REVIEW OF VETERANS GROUP AT SHELL POINT PURPOSE/MISSION/PROGRAMS/
- VIDEO OF DREAM FLIGHTS FOR OUR WW II VETS ON 30 SEP OPERATION AT PAGE FIELD
- GUEST SPEAKER – **LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER – RAY SANDELLI (NAVY BLUE ANGEL VETERAN)**
- CLOSING
- WALK TO THE CRYSTAL FOR DISCOUNTED LUNCH FOR VETERANS - PLEASE CALL NOW FOR RESERVATION -TEL 239-454-2199

October	
<u>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</u>	Month of October
<u>Columbus Day</u>	October 11
<u>U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday</u>	October 13
<u>SECOND DREAM FLIGHTS OPN SEP FREEDOM AT PAGE FIELD</u>	October 14
<u>Military World Games</u>	October TBA
<u>Veterans Group at Shell Point Meeting – Village Church</u>	October 21
<u>Navy Day</u>	October 27
<u>Halloween</u>	October 31

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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