



VETERANS GROUP AT SHELL POINT

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Never Stop Serving



Our 8 Federal Uniformed Services

ALL VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES AT SHELL POINT

FOCUS: APRIL VETERANS GROUP MEETING – TUESDAY, 19 APRIL AT ISLAND SOCIAL CENTER. PLEASE JOIN US.

HIGHLIGHT: REVIEW OF SHELL POINT PROGRAM – VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY 29 MARCH 2022

VIDEO SELECTION – GARY SINISE RECOGNIZES ALL VN VETERANS WHO SERVED WORLDWIDE IN 20 YEAR WAR

<https://vimeo.com/690560701>

(2 MIN)

NOTES:

FOCUS: TUES, 19 APRIL OUR SHELL POINT VETERANS GROUP MEETING AT THE SOCIAL CENTER 1000 TO 1130 HRS.

1. Coffee/Social 10 -10:30 - - Program 10:30 – 11:15 – - Lunch 11:30
2. Lee County Jr ROTC Program: Steve Epkins (US ARMY RET) will tell us about his many years working with the JR ROTC cadets who will replace us as Veterans!
 - The Lee County Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). Established at Cypress Lake High School in 1968, has grown to include all fifteen high schools and is the largest Army JROTC program in the United States.
3. Lee County Veterans Services has been invited to lay out any and all Veterans Services and Benefits for all our Shell Point Veterans.
 - Lee County Veteran Services team is committed to assist veterans, surviving spouses & dependents with benefits such as disability compensation, non-service-connected pensions with or without Aid & Attendance benefits for both veterans & surviving spouse, appeals, burial benefits, education benefits, health benefits as well as a variety of other benefits.

HIGHLIGHT – 29 MARCH SHELL POINT COMMEMORATED NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY:

MISSION COMPLETED : National Vietnam War Veterans Day - Americans unite to thank and honor all Vietnam War Veterans/Families who served anywhere worldwide during the War Years 1955 to 1975.

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT (BLUF) :

Shell Point National Vietnam War Veterans Day Program - 29 March 2022 at The Village Church was supported and sponsored by Shell Point Resident Operations & Marketing and was a success:

- ✓ Achieved our Commemorative Partner Mission and Responsibilities again this year.
- ✓ Recognition to Resident Tom Nolan and Laura Slack for having Shell Point appointed as Commemorative Partner.
- ✓ Attended by the focus War Period Vietnam Veterans; along with Veterans from WW II, Korea, Gulf and Cold Wars and Family Members and Friends.
- ✓ Run of Show professionally produced and televised by Dave Nixon, Chris Hileman/Luis Lopez.
- ✓ Publicity, Coordination, Operations, Flag Display - all top tier results by Veterans Group Liaison Kristen Gratz.
- ✓ Invocation delivered by Veterans Group Pastor – David Pavey.
- ✓ Program Closing by Laura Slack. The Vietnam Veteran’s Prayer by Father Phil Salons, National Chaplain, Vietnam Veterans of America (25 March 2021). <https://supersabresociety.com/vietnam-veterans-prayer-for-march-29th/>
- ✓ Completed the after-action report required by Vietnam Commemoration Office.

KEY POINTS :

1. Attendance: over 70 total attendees. 35 Vietnam Veterans total and 17 of the 35 received their first-time presentation of Pins/Citations. (Each VN Veteran is limited to one official presentation).
2. Shell Point Veterans presented Pins/Proclamations led by Ron Wertz. Salutes and Handshakes exchanged.
3. The Village Church remains the optimal venue for this Program. It accommodates audience capacity and best supports the live and televised Program.
4. Resident Operations marketing programs contributed to a positive attendance and TV audience exposure.
5. The "Run of Show" was professionally produced and televised by Dave Nixon, Chris Hileman and Luis Lopez.
6. "Shell Point Channel 12" featured the Program on Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun at 10 – 2 and 8. I received verbal and email favorable feedback. The Program Day is set on 29 March and follow-on TV allows maximum exposure for Residents.
7. Lunch at Crystal attended by 50 to 60 Attendees. Veterans received a discount. Advantage to have event at TVC. POW/MIA table was set per Laura Slack tradition.

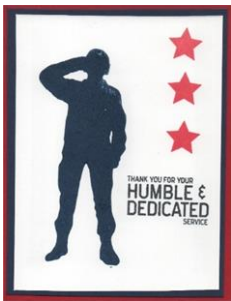
IMPORTANT: ANY VIETNAM VETERAN WHO DID NOT RECEIVE THEIR PIN/CITATION – PLEASE CONTACT JIM STAPLETON.

April	
<i>Month of the Military Child</i>	<i>Month of April</i>
<i>Ramadan</i>	<i>April 2 (begins), May 2 (ends), 2022</i>
<i>Gold Star Spouses Day</i>	<i>April 5</i>
<i>National Former POW Recognition Day</i>	<i>April 9</i>
<i>Air Force Reserve Birthday</i>	<i>April 14</i>
<i>TAX RETURNS TO IRS</i>	<i>April 15</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>April 15</i>
<i>Easter</i>	<i>April 17</i>
<i>Earth Day</i>	<i>April 22</i>
<i>Army Reserve Birthday</i>	<i>April 23</i>
<i>National Military Brats Day</i>	<i>April 30</i>

[\(https://militarybenefits.info/military-calendar-holidays-events-observances/\)](https://militarybenefits.info/military-calendar-holidays-events-observances/)

WARTIME PERIODS

- WWII 12-07-41 to 12-31-46* - 5 years**
 - Korea 06-27-50 to 01-31-53 – 3 years**
 - Vietnam 11-01-55 to 05-15-75 – 20 years**
 - Gulf 08-02-90 to Present – 22 years**
 - Cold War 1946 to 1991 – 45 years**
- * Special recognition for our 52 WW II Veterans!**



A veteran - whether active duty, retired, or national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including THEIR LIFE

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