

MOOSE NEWS

A Publication of Port Charlotte Moose Lodge 2121



Bill Harris

From the Lodge President

Hello Moose Family! Spring is in the air and everything gets to start anew. Upcoming for us are Lodge elections. Our election committee is forming now and soon we will be voting on next year's board of directors. There will be sign up sheets for anyone who is interested in serving the lodge on the board — be watching for them.

This month we have a very special fund raiser happening on Sunday, March 16. We will be raising funds for the Peacekeepers Memorial at Gaines Park here in Port Charlotte. This will be a monument that will last for generations and it memorializes the 241 United States Marines who were killed in the Beirut bombing. I hope you all attend and help us with our fundraising efforts for this noble cause. There will be flyers throughout the lodge and it will be a lot of fun.

I am proud to announce that our Moose of the Month is **Donny Long**. Donny has gotten involved with our fundraiser for the Peacekeepers Memorial and has gone above and beyond to make sure it will be a success. Congrats, Donny, and thank you for all that you do.

As always: Do something nice for someone else every day and have some fun!

Fraternally, Bill Harris President Moose Lodge 2121

Music Festival & Fun in Support of the Beirut Peacekeepers Memorial Tower SUNDAY, MARCH 16: NOON - 4:30 PM BIKE RIDE 10 AM

Music by: Guns & Hoses Bagpipes,
Charlotte County Children's Theater,
Jam Band (8 piece vets band), Gary & Kerry,

+PLUS+

50/50 Raffle, Gift Baskets, Brick for Memorial,
Cook Out and Beverages

Event open to the public and all vehicles



Join us for a ride departing from
Port Charlotte Moose Lodge escorted by
A.B.U.A.T. Registration from 9- 10:00 AM
(breakfast included for bikers) KSU at 10:00 AM
Donation: \$20 per driver (all bikers
receive a ticket for a gift basket)



Rendering of the Beirut
Peacekeepers Memorial Tower
Port Charlotte, FL

Port Charlotte Moose Lodge 2121
3462 Loveland Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33980

From the Moose Legion

On behalf of the Manatee #58 Moose Legion, I'd like to extend thanks to all those who attended our annual picnic in February. This is the biggest single fundraiser that the jurisdiction puts on and with your participation, it was a huge success.



Dan Wheeler

Events like this don't just spontaneously happen, though, and there were a lot of people involved to make it happen. Starting in November, we started to meet to hammer out the details and get volunteers lined up. The day of the event, people were on site at 5 AM getting things ready. Volunteers from Lodges from Venice to Golden Gate made and distributed flyers, produced the gift baskets, filed necessary paperwork with the state and Moose International, coordinated deliveries, and seasoned pork. It's a monstrous undertaking. Because of this, there are too many people to properly thank in this space. If you contributed to the picnic in any way, please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated. This event truly exemplifies the statement that "A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many."

Fraternally, Dan Wheeler
Moose Legion Lodge Assistant Secretary



Lodge Administrator's Report

I thank everyone who volunteered during the Manatee 58 Moose Legion picnic. It was a great success and a lot of that is due to your hard work. Another success story was the Women of the Moose Rally Days. The Lodge was packed as Chapter members from all over Florida gathered and celebrated to a Mardi Gras theme.

March will be busy too. Port Charlotte Lodge 2121 invites you to a festival of fun and music supporting the construction of the Beirut Peacekeepers Tower on Sunday, March 16. In addition to music and good food, there will be a bike ride with KSU at 10 AM. Live music from Guns & Hoses Bagpipers, Charlotte County Children's Theatre, Jam Band (8-piece veterans group), and Gary & Kerry. The entertainment begins at noon. So please come out and help support the Beirut Peacekeepers Tower at William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park in Port Charlotte.

Don't forget to renew your Moose Membership. Check your card for the expiration date, if it's soon, go online to renew at <https://secure.mooseintl.org/QuickPay/> or stop here in the office and we can help you. Remember, you can't be served if your dues/membership has expired.

Fraternally,
Danny Ulrich, Administrator

Senior Regent's Report

Hello everyone. I know I've missed a few months here, so sorry for that.

Ok, with that out of the way I want to thank all the people that helped put together the Lodge for Rally Days. Everyone did a great job. Rally Day went off without a hitch.

Not much going on right now, if anyone has any ideas for fundraisers let me know please. Don't forget when you come to the Lodge to stop by and say hello to Marguerite in the social quarters. Well, that's it for now.

Your Senior Regent,
Dawn Miller

Moose Lodge Officers

- President: William Harris III
- Vice President: Dan Wheeler
- Chaplain: Sharen Reardon
- Treasurer: Mark Hotlen
- 1-Year Trustee: Pat Moran
- 2-Year Trustee: Michael Zimmerman
- 3-Year Trustee: Ralph Busalacchi
- Jr. Past President: Pat Russell
- Administrator: Dan Ulrich

Chapter Officers

- Sr. Regent: Dawn Miller
- Treasurer: Joanne Dauer
- Secretary: Desiree Durr

District 16 meets
at noon Saturday,
March 8 at Punta
Gorda #1693



2025 FMA MID YEAR CONVENTION HEART OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

FLORIDA MOOSE ASSOCIATION'S
Greatest Baby Shower
HEART OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECT

Donation Drive to benefit Florida Association of
Healthy Start Coalitions located throughout Florida

April 11 & 12, 2025
during the FMA Mid Year Convention
Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando

PLEASE DONATE NEW

- ♡ Baby Diapers sizes preemie through size 3
- ♡ Baby Wipes ♡ Diaper Cream
- ♡ Baby Clothes preemie through 12 months
- ♡ Baby Bottles with disposable liners
- ♡ Receiving Blankets ♡ Soft Baby Books

Give Kids The World Village Hands-on Volunteer Project
Wed, Apr 9 and Thu, Apr 10, 2025
Call Kimberly Kelly (352-422-3966)
no later than Friday, February 28, 2025
Call Kimberly Kelly 352-422-3966 WITH QUESTIONS

Give Kids The World Village WISH PILLOWCASE DONATION DRIVE
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Moose General Meetings	WOTM meets	Moose Legion meets
Thursday, March 13, 2025	Wednesday, March 12, 2025	Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Thursday, March 27, 2025	Wednesday, April 9, 2025	Wednesday, April 9, 2025
7:00 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 PM



Monday, March 17 Corned Beef & Cabbage All Day!

Moose Legion Activities

Hello all Moose Members. As others have, I want to add my appreciation and thanks to the many volunteers for what they accomplished at the Manatee 58 picnic. What a day!

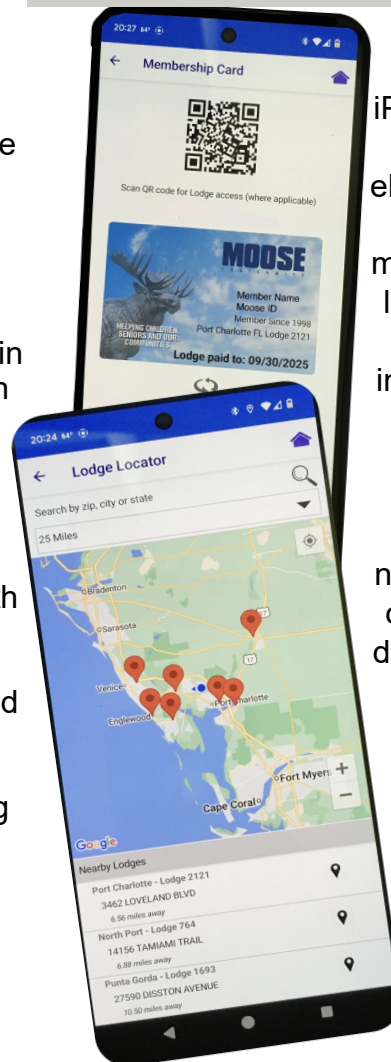
As far as your Moose Legion Activities Committee striving to make our Lodge a better place... the Tiki canopy is done. Special thank you to Doug (Vice - Chair) and Shawn for all your hard work. We are still in need of volunteers for additional projects, so come on down.

This month we have a Celebration of Life on March 9 for one of our Moose Legion Brothers: Bruce Macintosh. Bruce served in the army with over 20 tours of duty. Hope everyone can attend and pray with us on this day. We also have a big fundraiser on March 16 for our fallen soldiers in Beirut. Event posters are throughout the lodge so please attend and show your support.

There are other events coming to our Lodge including cornhole, horse races, and horseshoes. We'll need your support/attendance to continue our efforts. Thanks to everyone for being members of Moose #2121.

Yours Truly, Legion Activities Chairman
Juan Rodriguez

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