

T.A.M.P.A. – In The News July 2010

Bits & pieces to keep you updated with our USMC family.

T.A.M.P.A. Hosts 3rd Annual



Sunday, August 22, 2010
Registration - 8 a.m.

Event Location:
E.G. Simmons Park*
2401 - 19th Avenue N.W.
(off of US 41 in S.
Hillsborough County)
Ruskin, FL 33570

FREE

1 Mile Run/Walk & 5K Run
A walker/runner is needed for each fallen hero in the state of Florida for OEF/OIF, also to represent all other states in our nation.
Event T-Shirts available/\$5
This is a Memorial event
NOT a fundraiser.

Any donations collected will help cover event costs.

Pre-register today:
kym@usmcfamilysupport.org

New Memorial addition to this years event:



There will be quite a bit of work to set up this memorial for the event, if you or your organization would like to help with set up or take down we can use all the help we can get. Thank you.

Individuals or organizations wanting to make donations to help offset the costs of this event please contact:

Admin@USMCFamilySupport.org

If you need fliers or posters to help spread the word in your community, workplace, church, school or organization please contact us immediately.

***2010 Change:** New rules for all Hillsborough County parks (due to budget cuts) each vehicle entering the park will be charged a \$2 entrance fee. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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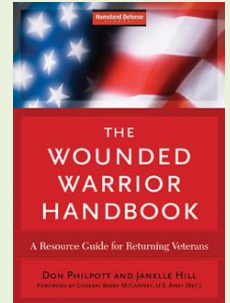
On the weekend of June 25th T.A.M.P.A. had the pleasure of helping with a Lessons Learned / Semper Max conference held in Odessa. Many WIIG (wounded, ill, injured & Gold Star) families were in attendance where they were able to share their stories, concerns and suggestions with others who understand how their lives have changed.



Unfortunately, retired Lt. Col Tim Maxwell, who was to lead the conference, ended up in the hospital and was unable to attend. In his absence Bob Nilsson traveled down from the DC area and headed a wonderful event. We look forward to helping in the future with more events like this and assisting the Semper Max team when they need us.

In just a few days the final distribution of the Wounded Warrior handbooks will take place with deliveries going to USF Student Veterans Group, Bay Pines VA & the Wounded Warrior Regiment at the Tampa VA. We are happy to announce that books were distributed to veterans

and service organizations in ALL 25 counties per the grant specifications. A huge 'thank you' to the Florida Brave Fund Grant for allowing us to make these books available FREE to hundreds of OIF/OEF veterans throughout central Florida.



Another GREAT Luau!

With over 60 in attendance, the 2nd Annual Luau was a great success.

Sponsored by General Motors the day was filled with great food , wonderful prizes and give aways. Six people won pairs of Brad Paisley

concert tickets, 5 families received FREE for a week GM



vehicles (NO strings attached) and T.A.M.P.A. was presented with a donation check of \$300.

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Lots of new faces, old friends and T.A.M.P.A. family enjoyed an afternoon and evening of great fun and fellowship. The weather was

perfect and the kids filled the pool into the night.

Thanks to everyone who brought a luau style dessert or appetizer,



everything was delicious. A special thanks to our roast pig chef Adam who outdid himself again. More pics of the event can be found on our

website and FB.

REMINDER:

*Polk County IAVA/Warrior Walk
Saturday, July 31st 9 a.m. - Lakeland*

T.A.M.P.A. members & guests will meet and travel over together, wearing our shirts & showing our support for this first time event. Meet at Cyd's house (5205 N. 12th St., Tampa, 33603) Saturday morning at 7:30a.m. to car pool over to the event. After the walk we will all go out together for lunch.

Please be sure to RSVP to Cyd@USMCFamilySupport.org if you will be traveling with the group. We would like to have a great show of support for Melissa Sanchez and her Polk County IAVA group.

Registration & Info:
<http://warriorwalklakeland.com/>

Marines launch new Web site for parents

JULY 21ST, 2010 | [RECRUITING](#) | POSTED BY [DAN LAMOTHE](#)

The Marine Corps has always had the reputation for being creative when it comes to recruiting. Now, the service is launching a new Web site that focuses on "influencers" – the parents, mentors and other adults who guide America's youth – and its prospective Marines.

The site, LifeAsAMarine.com, just went live within the last few days, Marine officials say. It allows parents, friends, and supporters to share their own Marine Corps story, with the obvious intention of allaying fears in parents whose children are considering joining.

The site also serves as a clearinghouse of information for parents, and features a variety of recruiting materials. Perhaps the best feature on the site, though, are the individual stories. Some of them feature parents, some of them feature Marines, and some of them feature both together.



HHN is a 501(c) 3 organization that provides medical treatments to wounded veterans injured on or after 9/11/01. Treatments include therapies that are not covered by military insurance, as well as routine treatments that are covered, but may require long waiting times until veterans can see a doctor.

We all know wounded veterans who are caught up in red tape, that's why HHN is here. We want our veterans to get the treatments they need in a timely fashion, allowing them to return to their families, healthier and happier. Please take a moment to visit the website: www.HealingHeroes.org

Healing Heroes Network

31640 U.S. Hwy 19 N. ~ Suite #2

Palm Harbor, FL 34684

(727) 781-HERO (4376) - Local

(877)470-HERO (4376) – Toll Free

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- **Hole-In-One Contest**
- **Longest Drive**
- **Closest to the Hole**

TAMPA MARINE SUPPORT GROUP

Invites you to participate in the **2010**

Annual Golf Classic

Proceeds will benefit the Marines,
their Families and Scholarship Funds.

Event Format

11:45 AM - Registration

1:00 PM - Shotgun Start

18 - Hole "Scramble" - Best Ball

Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.

Event Games

Hole-In-One Contest

Longest Drive

Closest to the Hole

Benefits of Supporting our

Annual Golf Tournament

All Proceeds will go to
helping our Service Men &
Women in the United States

Marine Corps - Tampa.

They will be used to:

- Help the families of the fallen
Heroes
- Help the families of injured
Marines
- Provide Assistance for the
Marine Corps Ball
- Help fund Scholarships that
are awarded annually

Space is limited, Register Today to:

Tampa Marines Support Group

890 Rafael Blvd. N.E.

St. Petersburg, Florida 33704

Phone: (727) 824-6057

Fax: (727) 824-0870

Email: pnolan6@verizon.net

The Tournament will be held at

Bay Palms Golf Club - MacDill AFB

August 06, 2010

Come and join the FUN!

This Iwo Jima flag dedication ceremony was held at Tampa International Airport on July 1st. Be sure to look for this beautiful display the next time you visit the airport, well worth it!



John Residence, 84, a member of Largo Marine Corps League, turns to the crowd in the main terminal at TIA after helping to unveil the flag. Residence fought on Iwo Jima during World War II

The American flag, encased in glass, will be on display in the main terminal at TIA. The flag was first hoisted in the airport terminal after Sept. 11, 2001, and on Iwo Jima most recently.

Deckhand Opportunities **AEP River Operations**

American Electric Power (AEP) is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP River Operations, a wholly owned subsidiary of AEP, operates eighty towboats and more than 3000 barges providing waterborne transportation services to AEP and other commercial customers throughout the inland river system.

Towboats typically have a crew of nine people including two deckhands (the entry-level position aboard a towboat). The deckhand's primary responsibility is to assemble and disassemble blocks of barges that are moved by the towboat to and from ports and terminals throughout the inland rivers. During transit, deckhands also perform routine maintenance functions aboard the vessel. No prior maritime experience is necessary, but the work is physically demanding. Barges are

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manually coupled together using heavy steel cables. Lifestyle aboard a towboat is quite different from most shore-side occupations. Towboats operate around the clock, 365 days each year. The crew typically lives and works aboard a towboat for 21 to 28 days; then returns home for an equal amount of time off. The workday consists of two six-hour watches (or shifts); continually rotating six hours on watch, then six hours off. During off-watch periods, crewmembers eat, rest and socialize. An on-board cook prepares all meals and towboats are equipped with satellite TV, exercise equipment, and other amenities. Working aboard a towboat is not the lifestyle for everyone; but those who can adjust enjoy excellent pay and benefits, advancement opportunities, a family-like work environment, and (at their discretion) a day off for every day worked.

Crewmembers receive a daily pay rate as opposed to a weekly or annual salary. Deckhand trainees are paid \$177 per day during training (approximately 6 weeks). Following training, deckhands are paid \$194 per day plus mileage reimbursement to and from their designated reporting location (typically Paducah, KY, Lakin, WV, or Convent, LA). In addition, AEP provides an excellent benefit package including:

- Double pay on holidays worked and an annual vacation bonus
- Sick pay and long-term disability
- Comprehensive and affordable medical, dental and vision coverage
- Employee life insurance
- 401(k) retirement savings plan
- Cash balance retirement plan

To learn more and apply for a deckhand position:
Go to: www.AEP.com
Click: Careers tab (top of screen)
Click: Current Job Openings
Click: View and Apply for Jobs (middle of screen)
Go to: Bottom section of page
Click: Transportation and Warehousing to view all openings
Click: Your desired position (deckhand) to view the job posting
Click: Apply Now box to complete an online resume

Deckhand openings occur quite often. If a deckhand opening is not currently listed, access the Job Alerts tab to receive notification when the next opening occurs. To be considered for employment, applicants must complete all sections of the online resume and answer all screening interview questions. The online resume and screening results

are reviewed to determine if further consideration is warranted. Qualified applicants will be sent an application for employment.

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2010 Stand-down & Homeless Health Fair, Holiday United Church of Christ, 4826 Bartelt Road, Holiday, FL, 34690-5527, Friday, July 30, 2010, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free Services Provided: Health Screening, VA Services, Counseling, Social Services, Clothing, Food and numerous other Resources & Referrals. Free cook-out lunch 11:30 to 1:00 Contact: Rev. Capt. Morson Livingston @ (813) 951-2288 or stjudesveteranscenter@gmail.com

Rolling Thunder Military Appreciation Concert Ride, Saturday, July 31, 2010, Staging 3:30 p.m. at Brandon Old Town Harley Davidson, 9841 Adamo Drive (Hwy 60), Tampa FL 33619. Ride is FREE to all who appreciate our Military. Prelude to concert (below).

Military Appreciation Concert, Tampa Convention Center, Saturday, July 31, 2010, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Tickets \$20.00, FREE for active DOD Personnel. Presented by Supporting American's Finest. Visit the website to purchase tickets: www.supportingamericasfinest.com Sponsorship opportunities available. Proceeds after expenses will be provided to worthwhile Veterans' Organizations.

Navy Ball Golf Tournament, Friday August 13, 2010 @ 1300, Bay Palms Golf Course, MacDill AFB. Military and Civilians Welcome. REGISTER TO PLAY BY 31 JULY. Sign up online at www.navyballtampa.org or contact CDR Wade Evans at 827-3964 or email george.evans@centcom.mil or AOCS Jimmy Rayburn, 827-2248 or james.rayburn@centcom.mil

U.S. Military Vets M/C Magnificent Seven, MID SUMMER FUN! August 15 · 1:00pm - Until... US MILITARY VETS M/C, 11305 SOUTHWIND LAKE DR., GIBSONTON, FL 33534. Southern Fried Chicken and the fixins, \$5.00 donation, All U Can Eat! Contact: Dragon 813-713-6450 or hdwolfman54@yahoo.com RSVP ON FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=137770296253267#!/event.php>

AmVets 3rd. Annual Remembrance Ride and Pig Roast, September 11, 2010, benefits James A Haley VA Hospital Recreational Services. Sponsors and vendors wanted. FMI, contact Becky @813-6902693 or Rick @813-810-5001.

Veterans Expo - Thursday, September 14, 2010, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, 9331 Adamo Drive, Brandon. Exhibit space available for \$25.00 (for profit org's) and \$10.00 (for non-profit org's). Door prizes and special presentations will be given. Contact: Phillip Mockler at phillip@everydayheroesusa.org

USF Veterans Day Ceremony, Wednesday, November 10, 2010, 11:00 a.m. at Marshall Student Center. Save the date! More details to follow.

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3rd Annual "Veterans Day Seffner Fest 2010" Saturday, November 13th, 2010, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Vendor space available. Planning committee for the SeffnerFest meets monthly on the last Monday of the month at 4:00 pm at the Law Office of Rory Weiner, PA, 671 Lumsden Rd., Brandon. Contact: www.SeffnerFest.com or info@seffnerchamber.com

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Veterans' Home Wins Honors

TALLAHASSEE – The Baldomero Lopez State Veterans' Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes has received the 2009 *Excellence in Action Award* from My InnerView, a national, independent research firm. The organization recognized the 120-bed facility for the second consecutive year for achieving high levels of customer satisfaction. "Our home has enjoyed an exceptional record over the years," said home administrator Rebecca Yackel. "However, one of the most important and meaningful honors comes when an award is given based solely on customer feedback. There is absolutely nothing better, especially from a health care standpoint, than when our customers tell us we are the best at what we do for them."

(In the past T.A.M.P.A. has supported this facility with lap blankets at Christmas)

- ▶Navy Veterans
- ▶Navy Ships
- ▶VA Claims

Many veterans who worked in **shipyards** and aboard warships and submarines were heavily exposed to asbestos through standard operations.

As a result, more than 30 percent of mesothelioma victims are veterans. In addition to mesothelioma, **Navy veterans** account for 16 percent of asbestos-related lung cancer. To learn more about when, where, and how veterans were exposed, visit our informative **veterans and mesothelioma** section.

To enhance our resources for veterans, we have recently added a comprehensive index of Navy ships that have a history of asbestos contamination. In addition, the Mesothelioma Center now offers free assistance to veterans with **VA claims**, which can often be a complicated and exhausting process.

New Option for Marking Veterans' Graves in Private Cemeteries

Courtesy of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is offering bronze medallions to attach to existing, privately purchased headstones or markers, signifying a deceased's status as a veteran.

The new item can be furnished instead of a traditional government headstone or marker for veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

For information on VA-furnished headstones, markers and medallions, call toll free 1-800-827-1000 or visit <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmtype.asp>

Mesothelioma Cancer and Asbestos Exposure Among Veterans

From the 1930s through the 1970s, the U.S. Navy used hundreds of asbestos-contaminated products in all of its vessels, which led to hazardous asbestos exposure among thousands of veterans.



Millions of veterans have been exposed to asbestos while serving the country.

Veterans & Mesothelioma Topics

- Veterans Overview
- ▶Shipyard Exposure

Coming September 25th

Monthly Gathering!



Our Mission is to provide a safe and comfortable recreational program on the water to all our honorably discharged, active duty, and families that have experienced the stress of military life; to aid in the recuperation and rehabilitation of our wounded warriors; assist with the reintegration to civilian life to all the brave men and women who have given so much; to enhance and improve the lives of the military community as a whole.

