



Deep Creek Elks #2763 The Bugle

June 2026

From Our Exalted Ruler

Members,

I would like to thank all of our members for your continued support and participation in our weekly games, evening entertainment, and dinners. Your involvement and fellowship are what make our Lodge such a wonderful place to gather and enjoy time together.

The month of May was a huge success because of YOU! The energy, participation, and support from our members helped make every event enjoyable and memorable.

I also want to express my appreciation to everyone who has submitted comment cards with ideas and suggestions. As promised, we are reading each one carefully and are already taking action on several menu suggestions and other improvements. Be sure to look for some exciting changes this month.

Our June calendar is filled with many great events and activities planned for everyone to enjoy, including entertainment nights, our Flag Day celebration, and Father's Day festivities. We encourage everyone to come out, participate, and continue making our Lodge a fun and welcoming place for all.

Thank you again for your continued support, dedication, and enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge throughout June!

Jed



Ladies of the Elks Check In

Greetings,

May was sure a busy month for the Elks.

The Florida Elks State Convention held in Orlando was a very exciting event. The Ladies and your Lodge are very proud to be recipients of the award for raising the most funds in the state for Autism Awareness. The Ladies also presented a check for \$2,500 to Childrens Therapy Services.



The Ladies are selling 250th Anniversary T-shirts for \$40 each. The order form is at the cashier station.

Our next meeting is at 11 a.m. on June 11 in the Veterans' Room. All lady elks, spouses of elks or widows of elks are invited to attend and be part of supporting your Lodge.

Don't forget the Flag Day ceremony June 14 at 12:30 p.m.

In closing, have a safe June and Happy Father's Day to all the Dads.

Fraternally,
Pam

House Committee Report To Members

House Committee Update – Deep Creek Elks #2763

Your House Committee and Events Subcommittee have been hard at work looking for new ideas, activities, and entertainment to encourage our year-round members to come in out of the heat and enjoy your Lodge. To highlight a few exciting activities for the month:



June 9 — Double Trouble Fundraiser for the Elks Children's Youth Camp (Spaghetti Dinner served after the games)

June 14 — Flag Day Celebration — Spaghetti lunch to support local charities

June 21 — Honor Dad with a Father's Day celebration with great food and entertainment.

The responsibilities of the House Committee include overseeing the operation of the kitchen and bar; planning member events and entertainment; monitoring expenses and budgeting; ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment; and working to improve the overall member experience at the Lodge.

We continually strive to improve efficiency and maintain fiscally responsible management of our kitchen and bar operations. Our goal is to continue providing quality food, beverages, entertainment, and service while being mindful of costs and sustainability for the future of our Lodge.

One of our biggest challenges continues to be volunteer support in the kitchen. We are always looking for members willing to help as runners, servers, or with cooking responsibilities. Even volunteering for just one shift a month can make a tremendous difference. No experience is required — just a willingness to help and be part of the team.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact the office. Your participation and support help make our Lodge successful.

Most importantly, please come out, enjoy your Lodge, and take part in all the great things happening this summer. We look forward to seeing you!

Respectfully,

Board Of Directors Report To Membership

Dear Members,

The Trustees have been busy and I have lots to report.

As stated in last month's article the Trustees have been looking at various vendor and service contracts for the Lodge. Based on comparative bids, we have decided to stay with Flippers Lawn Care. They were the best value for the money and quality of their work.



We have had Comcast come in to look at our WIFI. It should be rebooted. This can be done remotely, but it may take some time to complete.

We are about to award a contract to completely re-do the plumbing for the entire Lodge. This will include the kitchen, the bar, and the bathrooms. It is estimated that it will take three days. This will probably be done after hours. This contract was competitively bid with the winner offering us the best price for the quality of work provided.

We also thought that it would be best to do the WIFI update at the same time as the plumbing update when the Lodge is closed. This will allow the Lodge to continue to do business with minimal down time.

I hope you all noticed that Papa Joe has a new Tumbler for 50/50 and Queen of Hearts. His old one had seen better days and barely turned anymore. The Board and the Membership also approved the purchase of a new Cash Register Terminal,. This will allow the Lodge to transact business more effectively.

The Board and the Membership approved 8 new Mats for behind the bar. This was done because the old ones have worn out unevenly, causing a trip and fall safety concern for our bartenders.

The Lodge has officially joined the Chamber of Commerce. We believe that joining the Chamber can only do good things for the Lodge, such as generating new members and new ideas as well as exposing the Lodge to a wider part of our community as "a place to be."

The Board has approved the 2026-27 budget for the Lodge, meeting State Guidelines.

Finally the Board is committed to looking at functional ways to use the Tiki fund money that would provide an inviting outdoor space that is safe, comfortable, beautiful and as hurricane-resistant as possible. We will keep you advised as to our findings.

I hope you all have a great summer and continue to enjoy our beautiful air-conditioned Lodge and all of its amenities.

Lou Polito
Chairman Board of Trustees

NUMBER 1 IN THE STATE!!



Jed Koontz, ER, and Sue Crady, former Deep Creek Elks Ladies of the Elks president, proudly accepted the award from the Florida State Elks Association for being the top contributor to Florida Elks For Autism Awareness. Crady is currently the vice president of the Florida LOE.

The award reads: In recognition of your commitment to unmask autism and raise awareness and funds for those affected by ASD.

Our motto of *Elks Care, Elks Share* once again shines through in your action and generous contribution to those in need.



The Deep Creek Elks LOE raised over \$4,000 for Florida Elks For Autism Awareness last year and the Lodge matched their fundraising efforts for a total of \$8,500.

At last month's 2026 Florida State Elks Association convention, Deep Creek Lodge 2763 received an award for being the number one contributor in the state.



More From the 120th Florida State Elks Association Annual Convention



On behalf of Deep Creek Elks Lodge 2763, Kathy Garcia, secretary, presented a \$680 check to the state Lodge for the Army of Hope, which provides assistance to veterans and military families.



On behalf of Deep Creek Elks Lodge 2763, Pam Setchell, president of the Ladies of the Elks, presented a \$2,500 check to the state Lodge for Children's Therapy Program, which brings in-home therapy to children across the state.

And Some Fun

There was time for a bit of fun at the 2026 Florida State Elks Association annual convention.

Our Exalted Ruler Jed Koontz represented us at the introduction of every Lodge ER.

His theme was Florida Formal — black shorts and flip flops, tuxedo jacket and purple cummerbund, Hawaiian shirt, flower lei and a fedora. Not all leaders wear ties ... or ...



he's searching for his lost shaker of salt.



LET'S HELP VETERAN'S VILLAGE

Deep Creek Elks continue to support our local Veterans.

As part of our ongoing efforts, the Veteran Village in Punta Gorda is working to replenish essential household and personal care supplies for the Veterans they serve.

For additional information or to arrange a donation, please contact:
Barbara Wastart – 941-807-2227
Thank you for helping us support those who have served.

Immediate donations are needed for:

- TOILET PAPER
- CLEANING SUPPLIES
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- DRYER SHEETS
- BLEACH
- MEN'S UNDERWEAR (ALL SIZES AND STYLES INCLUDING BOXERS, BOXER BRIEFS, AND BRIEFS)
- SOCKS
- PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS (BODY SOAP, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH)

Any assistance you can provide will directly benefit Veterans in our community and is greatly appreciated.

Donations may be dropped off at the Deep Creek Lodge 2763 lobby anytime the Lodge is open.

Collections will be accepted through June 14.

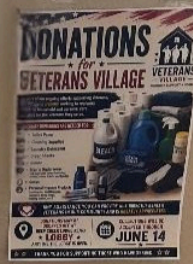
WHAT IS VETERANS VILLAGE?

Punta Gorda Veterans Village (1250 Taylor Street, #322, Punta Gorda) provides safe, stable transitional housing and comprehensive supportive services for Veterans experiencing homelessness in Charlotte County.

The program focuses on helping Veterans rebuild their lives through structured housing, case management, life-skills development, and access to behavioral health services. Rent is income-based, ensuring affordability and accessibility for all participants.

With an emphasis on stability, wellness, and preparation for independent living, the program offers individualized support and coordinated care. Veterans receive the tools and resources they need to achieve long-term housing success and improved quality of life.

DEPOSIT YOUR
DONATIONS HERE
IN THE LOBBY



We Joined The Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce



Dawn Anthony, business development director of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce welcomed Deep Creek Elks 2763 as a new chamber member.



Jed Koontz, ER, and Barbara Wastart, Communications Director, represented Deep Creek Elks 2763 at the Charlotte County Chamber breakfast.

~~ Lodge Laughs Last Month ~~

Kentucky Derby

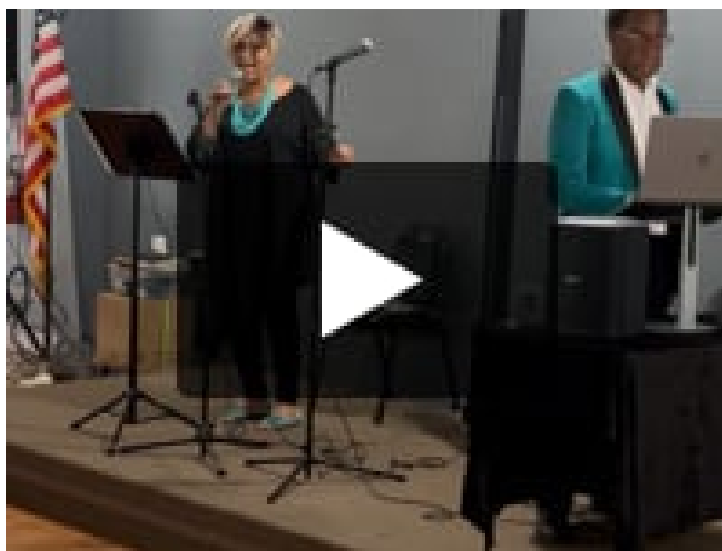
We ran the Kentucky Derby all decked out. Wanita Goodwin was crowned the winner of the hat contest. She made the hat herself. Larry Cluck approved!



We Celebrated Mother's Day



You Missed Great Entertainment with Lady Z and Cameron Wade
(click for a snippet)



**... And
Memorial Day
Fun**

Jerry Demi, Ken and
Nancy Magill



Don't Miss The Fun In June

Watch Facebook for details about our Flag Day celebration and Father's Day Fun.
Find the lineup of entertainment listed and "git on that dance floor."
Our Facebook page is [here](#)

Got Something To Say?

You have thoughts. Ideas. Things you wish took place at the Lodge.
Things you think would be better if...

We want to hear from you. Good or bad, crazy or sane.

We're open to any and all ideas and will consider them all.

Send an email to the board secretary -- secretary.elks2763@gmail.com.

Or you can simply click [here](#) to begin.

Want to remain anonymous? Write it down, slip it to a bartender, or slide it under the
office door. We want to hear from you.

A graphic featuring a large clock face with Roman numerals on the left side. The background is a dark teal color with various gears and mechanical parts scattered throughout. The text is overlaid on the right side of the graphic.

NEW DINING HOURS

LUNCH
Monday - Friday
Noon to 2 pm

DINNER
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday
4:30 to 7 pm



JUNE 2026



ACTIVITIES

EVENTS

ENTERTAINMENT
6-9P Fri & Sat
2-5P Sun

LUNCH
Monday - Friday
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
DINNER
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday
4:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 SMT\$\$ 2p	2 Double Trouble 1p Karaoke 5:30p	3 VA Support Group 11a Cornhole 2p	4 Bargo 2p Initiation Mtg 7p	5 Bar Games 1p TAT 2	6 Juke Box Dreams
7 Bowling 1p	8 SMT\$\$ 2p	9 Double Trouble 2p Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	10 VA Support Group 11a Cornhole 2p	11 Bargo 2p LoE Mtg 11a	12 Bar Games 1p That Guy	13 Pop Rox
14 Flag Day 🇺🇸 Bowling 1p	15 SMT\$\$ 2p Trivia 6:00p	16 Double Trouble 1p Karaoke 5:30p	17 VA Support Group 11a VA Home Bingo 12p Cornhole 2p	18 Bargo 2p Business Mtg 7p	19 Bar Games 1p Robert & Wolfie	20 Johnny D
21 HAPPY Father's Day! Bowling 1p	22 SMT\$\$ 2p	23 Double Trouble 1p Chris Terp Duo	24 VA Support Group 11a Cornhole 2p	25 Bargo 2p	26 Bar Games 1p Take 3	27 Simply 60s
28 Bowling 1p	29 SMT\$\$ 2p	30 Double Trouble 1p Euchre 5:30p				


Good Friends ★ ★ ★
GREAT TIMES!

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239-413-8244


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 WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Calendar subject to change.

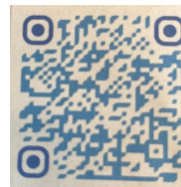
Are You Missing The Fun?

Keep up with what's happening at the Lodge every day and every weekend. Follow our NEW Facebook page.

Search for Deep Creek Elks Lodge #2763 or click [HERE](#) to take you to our page.

Remember to click the FOLLOW button.

Or use this QR code:



Important Contact Information

Reservations ONLY

239-413-8244

Office: Lodge business

941-764-6925

House Committee:

Answering Machine for booking parties and bands

941-249-8067

Bar ONLY
941-764-6825

Check our public Facebook page
(Deep Creek Elks Lodge #2763) for event information.

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