



# THE COUNCIL COURIER

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## YOUR BREVARD VETERANS SERVICES TEAM

### Q&A Burial Benefits:

Q. I plan to be buried in a National Cemetery. Can my wife also be buried there?

A. Yes, she may and she may also be buried there if she pre-deceases you.

Q. My father recently passed away and was not receiving any monetary benefits from the VA. Can we be reimbursed for some of the burial and funeral expenses?

A. Unfortunately, no. The person who pays for a veteran's final burial and funeral expenses "in full" may be reimbursed from \$300 to \$600, depending on the facts surrounding the veteran's death (e.g., buried in a national cemetery or not) if the veteran was in receipt of disability payments from the VA at the time of death. If the veteran dies from a service-connected condition, then the person paying the final expenses "in full" will be entitled to up to \$2,000 reimbursement. If you have other questions, please call us.

### Common Veteran Mistakes When Filing Claims:

1. Not appointing a Nationally Accredited Veterans Organization as a VA Claimant Representative (such as VFW, American Legion, DAV, etc.). Reason: Unrepresented Veterans' filing claims have significantly lower rates of success in obtaining the benefit applied for.

2. A Veteran receiving benefits from the VA loses their spouse due to death or divorce and does not notify the VA. This is the **#1 Reason** for why Veterans get overpaid benefits by the VA and then owes the money back to the VA. Remember, if on Non-Service-Connected Disability Pension and married, you are being paid Extra Pension due to having a spouse and/or children and if receiving Service Connected Compensation at 30% or greater, you are receiving Additional Compensation for spouse and/or children. The Extra Payment is not made to the spouse.

Glenn McGuffie,  
Veteran Services Team Manager

## CONTACT NUMBERS

Your Brevard Veteran Services Team 633-2012  
or South Area (Toll Free) 952-4700, ext. 2012

E-mail: [richard.marquith@brevardcounty.us](mailto:richard.marquith@brevardcounty.us)

## OTHER NUMBERS OF INTEREST

Brevard VA Outpatient Clinic 637-3788  
or if long distance (Toll Free) 1-877-878-3878  
Brevard VA Clinic Enrollment 637-523/3522/3542  
Brevard VA Clinic Volunteer Services 637-3517  
VA Regional Office (Toll Free) 800-827-1000  
DEERS Enrollment-TRICARE  
for Life Enrollment 494-2276  
CHAMPVA for Life 1-888-289-2411

## USEFUL VETERAN WEB SITES

Brevard Veteran Services Team:  
[www.brevardcounty.us/veterans/](http://www.brevardcounty.us/veterans/)

The VA's main Web Site: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

The Florida Department of Veteran Affairs:  
[www.floridavets.org](http://www.floridavets.org)

The St. Petersburg VA Regional Office:  
[www.vba.va.gov/ro/south/spete](http://www.vba.va.gov/ro/south/spete)

**Reminder: Is your beneficiary information current?  
To check, call the VA Insurance Center  
at 1-800-669-8477**

***And, don't forget - on Saturdays at 8:30 am on WMEL-AM 1300, listen to "For Those Who Served." This is a radio show dedicated to providing up-to-date VA claims information and other important Veteran/Survivor VA and Military Retiree information.***

**A Veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check, made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including my life."**

# *United We Stand*

## Brevard Veterans Council 2009 / 2010

### Officers

Chairman	Skip Bateman	454-7363
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Treasurer	Emma Meisner	783-3649
Chaplain	Jim Peterman	635-8911

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Director-2 Yr	Mel Mueller	453-1605
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Director-3 Yr	David Brand	453-6907
Director-3 Yr	Ed Walsh	636-8004

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Consulting Curator	Mel Mueller	453-1605
JR ROTC Liaison	Paul Spescia	636-1148
Cemetery	Ed Walsh	636-8004
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Speaker's Forum	Rod Smith	632-6702
Scholarships	Nick Beninate	394-3150
Stand Down	Bill Vagianos	431-0364
Service Officer	Leo Carter	868-4423
Christmas Party	Emma Meisner	783-3649
Golf Tournament	Maurice Meisner	783-3649
Memorial Tree	Ken Baker	632-4928
Memorial Gardens	Bill Kowalczyk	302-4077
Brevard VSO	Glenn McGuffie	633-2012
Commission on Aging	Charlie Antoni	773-3398

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Board Member – 1 Yr	Nick Beninate	394-3150
Board Member – 1 Yr	Ty Furbish	Not Listed
Board Member – 2 Yr	Sy Berman	783-6131
Board Member – 2 Yr	John Howard	452-8666
Board Member – 2 Yr	Bill Kowalczyk	302-4077
Board Member – 2 Yr	Frank Kunze	768-7745
Board Member – 3 Yr	Mel Mueller	453-1605
Board Member – 3 Yr	Ed Walsh	636-8004

## Chairman's Report



When the first settlers saw the Pacific Ocean, they shouted "Eureka". The next time you pull into the Center and you see the new parking lot construction in progress, you might shout the same. For sure, we can say the construction of our Memorial Park is underway. If you have not ordered your Memorial Brick, the time is NOW!

Ruth and I live in an adult (over 55) community. We have over 100 veterans living there and we are a very patriotic group. At our Super Bowl Party, we all stood for the singing of our National Anthem. Country Western Singer, Carrie Underwood, gave a wonderful performance. I got tears in my eye and I felt a little embarrassed. I looked around the room and I was not the only one with tears on our cheeks. The television camera panned those professional players and there for the world to see were tears on their faces. We all cheered when the Air Force Jets did their fly-over. For sure, I will never be embarrassed again. Let the Pride Show!

### ODDS & ENDS:

**STAND DOWN 2010** is just around the corner, on March 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Armory in Cocoa. The **STAND DOWN 2010** Committee is still looking for help. The Armory doors will open at 0800 and all helpers should be there at 0700. If you or your organization wants to help, contact Bill Vagianos or Emma Meisner at the Veterans Center.

The Wade & Dorothy Harris Scholarship Applications for the School Year 2010-2011 are now available in the MOD Office and on our website at

[www.Veteransmemorialcenter.org](http://www.Veteransmemorialcenter.org)

If the funds are available, we will award up to eight \$2,000 Scholarships. All applications must be returned by 0100 on August 7, 2010.

The last night launch of the Space Shuttle took place in February. I encourage all of you to make your thoughts known. Tell your Congressmen to continue our Space Program. After our shuttle is gone, who could believe we can trust the Russians to transport our astronauts.

"Red Shirt Fridays" is a way for you to show your support for the troops. So if you support our troops, wear a red shirt on Fridays.

. (President's Message – Continued on Page 3)

(Continued from Page 2 – Chairman’s Report) We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Manager on Duty (MOD) Program. I work every Friday from 0800 to 1200. If you want to receive one-on-one personalized training, come on down.

Until next month,  
Be Safe and God Bless,  
Skip Bateman, Chairman

**HAVE YOU MOVED??**  
If so, have you notified us of your new address?  
Call Emma Meisner at 783-3649 or mail your new address to:  
Brevard Veterans Council, Inc.  
400 S. Sykes Creek Parkway  
Merritt Island, FL 32952



# Happy Birthday

## March Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Fred “Andy” Andrews | Dave Hawks      | Rodney Mock       | Donald Schindler    |
| Matthew Barkevich   | Richard Helling | Steve Nall        | Grover Stillwagon   |
| William Benagh      | Robert W. Hill  | John O’Connor     | Robert Talbott II   |
| Jason Canfield      | Howard Hopwood  | Robert O’Connor   | Dale Tompkins       |
| William Carnes      | William “Hutch” | Ernest Ortenburg  | Joseph Townsend     |
| Gerald Cherry       | Hutchinson      | Robert Pereira    | Ted Trousdale       |
| Dorothy Evans       | Paul III        | Alston Phillips   | Carrie Turkoski     |
| Julius Farago       | George Link     | Milton Patrick    | David Webb          |
| Joe P. Ford         | Joseph Lochgner | Garrett Pomichter | Leonard Wirtzberger |
| James V. George     | Robert Manahan  | Gary Rozier       | Ray Zakratsak       |
| Capt. Chris Gibson  | Bob Milvac      | Norm Rowe         | Frank Zamboni       |
| John Gourley, III   |                 |                   |                     |

The names are taken from the Enrollment Cards on file. If you do not see your name, it is because your birth information was not entered. If you wish your name to be added, please let me know.

Emma Meisner, Membership Chair

***If you have not visited our new Web Site, give it a look.***  
**[www.Veteransmemorialcenter.org](http://www.Veteransmemorialcenter.org)**



# BENEFACTORS SPOTLIGHT



*Our sincere "Thanks" to the following individuals and businesses that have made contributions to various projects within the Veterans Memorial Center and/or Brevard Veterans Council*

## **"Atta Boy" Museum Fund**

Ed Barnett, Cocoa, FL  
Skip Bateman, Merritt Island, FL \*\*  
Pat Bender, Cocoa Beach, FL  
John Brown, Jr., Palm Bay, FL \*\*  
George Cipolletti (deceased), Titusville, FL  
George & Joanne Golden, Melbourne, FL  
Grace Harter (deceased) Lake City, FL \*\*  
John Howard, Merritt Island \*\*  
Alice Iacuzzo, Cocoa Beach, FL  
Art Lapham, Melbourne, FL  
Lucille Misurella, Prescott Valley, AZ  
John Moale, Viera  
Thomas Moran, Indialantic, FL

Susan Neugebauer, Melbourne, FL \*\*  
Stan Nodland (deceased) Jacksonville Beach, FL  
John Plotnicky, Cocoa Beach, FL \*\*  
Armand Pouloit, Titusville, FL  
Rosalie Smith, Merritt Island, FL  
Jim & Rita Strickland, Merritt Island, FL  
George Stringfellow, Titusville, FL  
Suncoast Community Foundation, Inc., \*\*  
W. Palm Beach, FL  
Zane & Nancy Tomlinson, Cocoa  
Ed Venable, Merritt Island, FL  
WalMart – Clearlake Road, Cocoa, FL  
Helme V. Walter, Merritt Island, FL

**\*\* Represents Multiple Donations**

## **Troop Support**

Jack Jackson, Melbourne  
John Kaufmann, Merritt Island  
Bill Kowalczyk, Cocoa

Cathy Madigan & Friends, Merritt Island  
George Stringfellow, Merritt Island  
Ed Walsh, Rockledge

## **Veterans Memorial Center**

Emerson Biddle, Merritt Island

## **Stand Down 2010**

Anonymous Donor  
Skip Bateman, Merritt Island  
Brevard County Housing & Human Services Dept.  
Kathleen Browne, Merritt Island  
Coca Cola Bottling, Cocoa  
Cocoa Police Dept. - donation of 6 bicycles  
Mr. & Mrs. John Everhart  
Rockledge Police Dept – donation of 16 bicycles  
SCAT (Space Coast Area Transit)

George Stringfellow, Titusville  
Mrs. Ralph Steakley, Viera  
Rita Strickland (KRS Spiritwear), Merritt Island  
George Stringfellow, Titusville  
Ted Suzor, (Wal-Mart employee who repaired the bicycles)  
U-Haul Truck Rental  
Wal-Mart, Titusville



## **Need a little help in getting around?**

The Veterans Memorial Center has two electric wheelchairs available. If you need one, please contact the MOD, to make sure they are available. If you happen to need one, call (321) 453-1776.

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Wade & Dorothy Harris  
Scholarship Applications for 2010-2011  
are now available.

If you would like an application, you may pick it up at  
The Veterans Memorial Center  
400 E. Sykes Creek Parkway  
Merritt Island, FL  
8:30 am until 4:30 pm (Monday through Saturday)  
Noon until 4:00 pm (Sunday)

Or you may go on-line at  
[www.veteransmemorialcenter.org](http://www.veteransmemorialcenter.org)  
and download an application.

Applications will not be mailed.

All Applications are Due by August 7, 2010.

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## We Need Your Help!

**STAND DOWN 2010** will be held on March 20, 2010, at the Cocoa National Guard Armory and we need your help.

We are in need of the following items:

- ♥ Men's briefs, assorted sizes
- ♥ Men's "T" shirts, assorted sizes
- ♥ Women's socks
- ♥ Cans of food, such as beanie/wieners, pork/beans, Vienna sausage, fruit. Preferably in small pop-top type cans
- ♥ Tooth brushes

If you can donate any of these items, please drop off at the Veterans Memorial Center and leave with the MOD. We will make sure they are used for **STAND DOWN**.

If you do not want to shop for these items, and would like to make a donation to help purchase these items, we will gladly accept checks. Please make checks payable to "Veterans Memorial Center" and designate for "**STAND DOWN 2010**". You can mail your check to 400 S. Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32952-3547, Attn: Emma Meisner, Treasurer, or drop it off at the Center with the MOD.

We will be setting up at the Armory on March 19, 2010 from approximately 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, if you would like to volunteer your time.

Emma Meisner, Treasurer

## HONOR FLIGHT BREVARD COUNTY

Honor Flight Brevard is a new “hub” of Honor Flight Network, a national non-profit organization devoted to honoring our war veterans. With more than 90 regional hubs all over the U.S., Honor Flight is now trying to repay our WW II Veterans, as well as terminally ill Vets from more recent wars by taking them, free of charge, to Washington, D.C. to visit the Memorial built in honor of those who fought in World War II and to watch the somber Changing of the Guard Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. A bus tour of Washington, D.C. will also give these veterans the opportunity to see many other sites, such as the memorials devoted to the Korean War, the Viet Nam War, and the Lincoln Memorial.

Across the country, Honor Flight hubs have already provided this incredible tour for more than 30,000 World War II Veterans. Since World War II Veterans are in their 80’s and 90’s, many have medical needs, such as wheelchairs, canes, walkers, oxygen, etc. These tours are prepared to handle these necessities and are accompanied by volunteer medical staff. Honor Flight Brevard’s trips will last only one day, which will be long and tiring, yet memorable, honorable, and extremely exciting for each veteran that goes.

Honor Flight Brevard, like all other hubs, is organized entirely by volunteers. How can you help?

- Volunteer your time and talents in many ways: help organize fundraising opportunities, man the Honor Flight booths at community events, help prepare materials for publication, recruit vets and other volunteers, etc.
- Volunteer as a Guardian/Escort for the Veterans on the trip. You will pay airfare and a small portion of other costs (e.g., food), but you will reap vast and memorable emotional rewards.
- Help fund the Honor Flight Brevard tour by spreading the word, contacting businesses that could contribute, and even contributing yourself if you can.
- Financial donations are necessary, but so are donations of other goods. And the help and support of the entire Brevard community is also necessary. Please email [honorflightbrevard@gmail.com](mailto:honorflightbrevard@gmail.com) or call (321) 427-7664 to volunteer or to get more information.
- You can learn much more about Honor Flight and the hubs throughout the country by viewing the many websites for Honor Flight.

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We are still taking orders for Bricks  
for the Memorial Garden.  
An Order Form is available on Page 12  
and a copy of the layout of the Memorial Gardens  
is available at the Office.

# 2010 Census Cautions

## Census Worker or Con Artist?

If a US Census Worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a Confidentiality Notice. Ask to see their identification and badge **BEFORE** answering questions. **NEVER** invite them into your home. **DO NOT** give your Social Security Number, Credit Card Numbers, or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the US Census.

Remember, no matter what they ask, you really only need to tell them how many people live at your address. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as salary range, **you do not have to answer anything at all about your financial situation.**

The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security Numbers, bank account numbers, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Anyone asking for that information is **NOT** with the Census Bureau.

And remember, the Census Bureau has decided **NOT** to work with ACORN on gathering this information. **NO** ACORN workers should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will **NOT** contact you by e-mail, so be on the lookout for e-mail scams impersonating the Census Bureau. **NEVER** click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the US Census Bureau.

Remember: Forewarned is Forearmed. I do hope that you arm yourself with this important information.



## NONPROFIT SPONSORS TRIATHLON TEAM

A locally-based, national nonprofit, which supports past and present military members and their families, AVET Project, Inc., is sponsoring a team of women to compete in the DANSKIN/DISNEY Triathlon on Mothers Day, May 9, 2010.

AVET Project, which is an acronym for American Veterans Empowerment Team, is seeking race participants, event volunteers, and donations for the AVET Project Team, appropriately named, "Chicks Challenge". All funds raised from "Chicks Challenge" will go toward Project Rest & Recuperation, an AVET Project Program which provides a recreational and therapeutic retreat for troops returning from combat zones.

Proceeds from "Chicks Challenge" will be dedicated to a woman's retreat. More information on the Team and other AVET Project Programs can be found on the website [www.avetproject.org](http://www.avetproject.org) Please get involved and **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!**

# **SOLDIER ARTIST**

**Man of War,  
Drawn to Peace  
By Julius Z. Farago**

This incredible book will tell you a true story, of Julius as an immigrant, of his Hungarian education, surviving the siege of Budapest, hiding under the German and Russian Revolutions, two escapes from the Red Army, crossing the Iron Curtain under fire, and entering a refugee camp in Austria. At the age of 20, he entered the USA and was drafted into the US Army, serving two tours in Korea and Germany. He joined the Green Berets, where he served two tours in Vietnam.

Julius retired as a Master Sgt. after 20 years of service in the Armed Forces. After retiring, he became a caricature artist. Julius is a member of the Brevard Veterans Council and served as President of the KWVA Chapter 210, Brevard County. Today, Julius Farago resides in North Carolina with his wife Jolene.

This book, **SOLDIER ARTIST**, is available, personally signed by the author, in soft cover (5½ x 8½) 248 pages with pictures, for only \$12.95 + \$3.05 S&H. or Hard Cover for \$19.95 + \$3.05 S&H. Checks should be made payable to: JULIUS Z. FARAGO, and mail your order to 259 Taylor Chase Way, Maple Hill, NC 28454

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## ***Ways to Destroy an Organization***

- Don't attend meetings. If you do, ensure you arrive late.
- Ensure you leave the meeting early by giving any excuse possible.
- Do not give any opinion during the meeting; instead, wait until you get outside.
- During the meeting, vote for anything and then ensure you are not around to help.
- After the meeting, call all your friends who did not attend the meeting and complain about the officers.
- Take no part in any of the organization's activities.
- Ensure you sit in the back of the room so you can talk to other members during the meeting.
- Threaten to quit any project if you don't get your way.
- Never accept an office. After all, then you could not always find fault with others who do.
- When appointed to a committee, ensure the Chairperson does all the work, but ensure you are present when the Committee is recognized for their efforts.
- When asked to volunteer, make any excuse not to.
- Never read your newsletter and then complain because no one told you about a benefit you may be entitled to received.

Author – unknown

## VETERANS OUTREACH

We wish to honor and pay tribute to **Harold Hartrup**, a loyal member of the Brevard Veterans Council & Veterans Memorial Center, who passed away in January of 2010 and will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

We extend Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Mary Heslop**, the daughter of **Ed Barnett**, a patient in Wuesthoff Hospital.

We continue to keep **Rod Smith** and other who are ill in our thoughts and prayers that Almighty God will give them the strength to persevere on the road to recovery.

Let us all do our best to stay healthy, be regular exercise, proper diet, rest and relaxation.

### *Making a Difference*

*Dealing with imperfection in ourselves and others might not be easy. But love helps us to move on – smoothly. It pays to be gentle with ourselves and others, when there is an unintentional slip-up.*

*We can moan and groan, complaining about what's wrong; or we can do what counts to make things right. The Philosopher, Sophocles, who lived centuries ago, said in 406 BC, "One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life: That word is love."*

*Sacred Scripture beautifully states:*

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It seeks the truth and does not delight in evil." (Corinthians 13) Love can lead us to care about our country and one another, motivating us to work together in finding out what is broken; then doing what needs to be done to fix it.*

*To revive the greatness of the American spirit, we need to restore dignity and respect in the way we treat one another. Compassion (love in action) can overcome hatred and bigotry. Love (acceptance) can unite us, inspiring and motivating us to work together. Let us strive to live by the words we say when pledging allegiance to be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

*We shall never be perfect. But surely we can do better in this new decade of the third millennium to make life here on earth more fulfilling.*

*Your smile, your kind words, your noble deeds of self-sacrificing love CAN make a difference.*

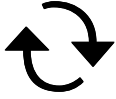
Jim Peterman, Chaplain

**Please keep us informed by calling the Center at (321) 453-1776**

**and/or our Outreach Staff: George Stringfellow, North Brevard (321) 267-4142**

**John Brown, South Brevard (321) 727-1364**

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| <p><b>TABLE TENNIS CLUB</b></p> <p><b>Meets</b><br/> <b>Every Monday 7:30-10:30 pm &amp;</b><br/> <b>Every Wednesday 7:00-10:00 pm</b></p> <p>For more information, call<br/>         Danny Nail (784-2152) or<br/>         Bill Durban (799-3878)</p> | <p>3 DAYS OF PARTY BRIDGE<br/> <b>Tuesday 12:30</b><br/> <b>Wednesday 12:30</b><br/> <b>Thursday 12:30</b></p> <p>For information,<br/>         Jewell &amp; Bill Schick at 452-2387</p> | <p>MEETING ROOMS &amp;<br/>         RECEPTION HALL<br/> <b>FOR RENT</b><br/> <b>Hourly or Daily Rates</b><br/> <b>At the Beautiful</b><br/> <b>Veterans Memorial Center</b></p> <p>Call 453-1776 for information</p> |
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This Newsletter is mailed at reduced rates and the Post Office will not forward it. Please give any address changes or corrections to Emma Meisner at 783-3649 or mail it to her at The Brevard Veterans Council, Inc., 400 S. Sykes Creek Pkwy., Merritt Island, FL 32952

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>BVC Board of Directors Meeting<br/>         9:00 am • 1st Wednesday Every Month</p>                                      | <p><b>VMC, Executive Board Meets</b><br/> <b>9:30 am • 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Every Month</b></p> |
| <p>Brevard Veterans Council Meeting<br/>         9:00 am • 2nd Wednesday Every Month</p>                                    |                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>MUSEUM HOURS</b></p> <p><b>Monday thru Saturday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm</b>      <b>Sunday: 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm</b></p> |                                                                                                  |

| <b>CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES</b> |       |                                                                  |                                                 |
|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>           | Wed   | 9:00 am                                                          | B.V.C. Board of Directors Meeting at the Center |
| Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>          | Wed   | 9:00 am                                                          | General Membership Meeting                      |
| Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>          | Sun   | <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins (Turn clocks forward 1 hour)</i> |                                                 |
| Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>          | Mon   | 9:30 am                                                          | V.M.C. Executive Board Meeting                  |
| Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>          | Wed   | <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>                                         |                                                 |
| Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>          | Sat   | <i>First Day of Spring</i>                                       |                                                 |
| Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>          | Sun   | <i>Palm Sunday</i>                                               |                                                 |
| Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>          | Tues  | <i>First Day of Passover</i>                                     |                                                 |
| Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>           | Thurs | <i>April Fool's Day</i>                                          |                                                 |
| Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>           | Fri   | <i>Good Friday</i>                                               |                                                 |
| Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>           | Sun   | <i>Easter Sunday</i>                                             |                                                 |
| April 6 <sup>th</sup>         | Tues  | <i>Last Day of Passover</i>                                      |                                                 |
| Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>           | Wed   | 9:00 am                                                          | B.V.C. Board of Directors Meeting at the Center |
| Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>          | Wed   | 9:00 am                                                          | General Membership Meeting                      |
| Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>          | Mon   | 9:30 am                                                          | V.M.C. Executive Board Meeting                  |
| Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>          | Thurs | <i>Earth Day</i>                                                 |                                                 |

**All Articles for the April Newsletter  
 must be submitted by MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>**

