



TOVA



Newsletter of the Trilogy Orlando Veterans Association

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Commander's Message

Thanks to all!

Our membership and fellow Trilogy residents continue to always respond to our various drives and events. The recent TOVA sponsored food drive for FAITH Neighborhood Center, so as to help their summer food program for school age children, resulted in over \$1,100 worth of food donations. Two of our signature events for Memorial Day resulted in a standing room crowd at our Memorial Day Remembrance and a record donation amount of over \$3,000 for Flags for Fallen Vets Lake County Commissioner Brigadier General Timothy I. Sullivan delivered a very compassionate speech about experiences in supporting Honor Guards for our fallen heroes.

In the continuation of our mission to support our local community, this year's School Supply drive has started. It is also time to donate to Wreaths Across America. Specific information about these drives are included in this Newsletter, on our website and our various other community news feeds.

I want to give a special shout-out yet again to Joe DePergola and all who support the Events Committee. Everyone had a great time rocking and dancing to Dick Clark's Caravan of Stars. I know that our California 'Dreamin' Dance with Trilogy Musician's Initiative (TMI) on Saturday July 27th is another great show. As always for our shows you can purchase tickets using the 'EventBrite' button on our website as well as via the Magnolia House Concierge Desk.

As our Trilogy Community continues to move towards builder closeout, there is the opportunity for our new residents to learn, join and participate in TOVA. I encourage all our members to extend an open hand and to inspire our new residents to join TOVA.

At our monthly general meetings, Keith Breedlove and Barry Horowitz have talked about our new TOVA Sponsorship Program. This is an opportunity for additional fund raising other than our TOVA sponsored shows. We are always looking for volunteers to help in everything we do, as those

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needs are posted on our website and highlighted in our weekly emails. Please read the various TOVA and MTL emails and also visit our web site, www.tovavets.com, for upcoming activities as well as pictures of the all our events. There are a lot of great happenings planned for the rest of 2019 by the Events Committee. The Board is always open to new suggestions in order to achieve our mission as well as organizations to donate to.

It is great that our membership is now over 200 strong, Nevertheless, it is important for our membership to step up to leadership positions. At the end of this year, three of the current Board Member's terms are up, they are Commander, Secretary and Director-at-Large. In addition, the Election will also include the remaining one-year term of the Vice-Commander. It is not too soon for everyone to think about who to nominate as our the next TOVA leaders.

Best Wishes for the rest of the Summer,

Sheldon Krieger

Commander, TOVA

Trilogy Orlando Veterans Association (TOVA)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR ADVICE

We are seeking your advice in recommending local businesses that you feel deserve the opportunity to part in TOVA's exciting publication and event on November 2, 2019. This will include restaurants, health care providers, auto dealers, retail stores, home repair experts, decorators, and any business professionals. If you know any type of business and you strongly feel they were good for you; we ask that you share this information. Please e-mail or call any of the below members of TOVA so we can follow up for you. If you wish to help in this project, please also contact us. Thank you in advance for your support.



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Membership Report for July 2019

We now have 203 members in TOVA.

Carol DePergola

Membership Chairman

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Membership by Service	
Army	44
Navy	18
Air Force	13
Marine Corps	11
Coast Guard	3
Associates	114
Total TOVA Membership	203

TREASURER'S REPORT

TOVA ended the Second Quarter of 2019 in good standing. We will begin the month of July with a current bank balance of \$21,609.07

TOVA Chase Bank Account Status:

June Beginning Bank Balance:	\$20,882.74
Current Bank Balance:	\$21,609.07
TOVA Bank Reserve:	\$ 2,000.00
Available Funds:	<u>\$19,609.07</u>

TOVA Tom Casey Show

Our Dick Clark Caravan of Stars Show was a great success. Our Net Revenue was \$3,900.02.

Total Ticket Sales	\$ 7,815.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 279.00
Caravan DVD Sales	\$ 40.00
Less:	
Expenses:	
WorldWide Broadcasting	\$ 4,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 233.38
Net Revenue	<u>\$3,900.62</u>

Frank Bravate,
TOVA Treasurer



Flags for Fallen Vets 2019

This year was the fifth year that TOVA and the Trilogy Community participated in the Flags for Fallen Vets project. We set another record for donations. Volunteers were plentiful, including some staff members from the City of Groveland. The weather cooperated, and it was a very rewarding, and humbling experience. TOVA will continue its support this annual event in 2020. Thanks to everyone who helped pay tribute to our Fallen Heroes!

Keith Woll





A Tribute to our Fallen Veterans



A Tribute to John Mathias

John Mathias is a Charter member and one of the Founders of TOVA. He was instrumental in helping to form and organize the association from its inception. He was the first TOVA Secretary before being elected to the position of Vice Commander.

John resigned from TOVA as Vice Commander on May 31, 2019, due to health reasons.

John is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served as a Pararescueman from 1964 to 1972 and his highest rank was Technical Sergeant (E-5). As part of his training to be a Pararescueman, it was required that they assist as surgical technicians for battlefield conditions. His training also included parachuting and underwater operations. Upon completion of the Pararescue course, John was assigned to Ubon, Thailand during the Vietnam War and later to Andrews AFB, D.C.

John is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Penn State University where he obtained degrees in multi-disciplines using the "GI Bill"; a feat of which he is very proud of and grateful. At TOVA's General Membership meeting on June 18, 2019, John was presented an Eagle Statue by the Board of Directors and the TOVA membership as a gift of gratitude and appreciation for his many years of dedication and hard work as a member and while serving as a leader in TOVA.

John is still serving TOVA as a valued member. From the Board of Directors and the TOVA membership we want to thank John for everything he has done for TOVA.

God bless you our friend!

Sheldon Krieger, Commander

Danny McQueen, Vice Commander (Interim)

Joe DePergola, Secretary

Frank Bravate, Treasurer

Martin Baron, Director-at-Large



Vice Commander (Interim)

Danny McQueen

US Army

Danny and his wife, Linda, moved to Trilogy in November 2015. Danny served in two branches of the military, the Air Force and the Army, totaling 23 years. He received a Direct Commission to First Lieutenant in the Army Chemical Corps in 1981. He deployed in 1990 to Saudi Arabia for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Service. His military career culminated as a Detachment Commander, Company Commander and Battalion Executive Officer. He retired as a Major in May 1994. Danny continued a second career serving as the Senior Army Instructor (SAI) for the Lanett High School Army JROTC program in Lanett, Alabama from 1994 - 2010. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Central Texas with Graduate studies completed from Jacksonville State University. Danny is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College.





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2019 School Supplies Drive July 19th through Wednesday, August 7th

How the summer is flying by. Lake County children will be starting school on August 12. Many families cannot provide their children with the basic tools and school supplies they need to succeed. That's where we come in. Let's join together with TOVA and help provide the needed supplies. Drop off your supplies in the back of the Artisan Studio so that your donations can be distributed to Groveland Elementary and Mascotte Elementary schools.

Following are the items that are most urgently needed:

School Supply List:

3-Ring Binder, 1-1/2-inch	Backpack (no rollers)	Blue/Black/Red Pens
Box of 24 Crayons	Boxes of Tissues	Composition Book
Dry Erase Markers	Glue Sticks	Hand Sanitizer
Highlighter Pens	Notebook, 1-Subject	Pencil Case or Pouch
Pink Erasers	Pkg. #2 Pencils	Pkg. Lined Paper
Pocket Folders with Prongs	Ream of Copy Paper	Scissors
White Glue	Ziploc Bags, Gallon/Quart	

If you have any questions, or would like to assist in sorting the donations and delivering them to the schools, please contact Cheryl Hall at: hallc1035@gmail.com

**GET
INVOLVED!**

TOVA Opportunities:

On our Membership Application we ask new members to indicate any areas of interest or volunteer opportunities that they may want to take an active part in. As we enter the last quarter of the year it is a good time to revisit those application notes and extend the opportunity for our members to fulfill their request.



Adopt-a-Highway Committee Chairperson

TOVA has adopted Wilson Lake Parkway as part of the Adopt-a-Roadway Program. In order to be in this program, TOVA adopted 2 miles of roadway. The Chairperson coordinates this ongoing project and needs a golf cart and has several responsibilities: keep a current road permit application on file with the Lake County Public Works Department, notify the County of the date and time of the pickup, how many volunteers participated, how long the group was out, and how many bags of garbage were picked up; maintain a safe working environment for the volunteers; work with the Webmaster to publicize the event; conduct pickups a minimum of four times a year.

For more information for the Adopt-a-Highway program Click on the link on www.TOVAvets.com or contact Hugh "Dean" Shahan at dean.shahan@me.com and/or Elanor "Lee" Winsor at twoterriers@hotmail.com



TOVA Events Committee Chairperson

For the past 2 years Joe DePergola has been Events Committee Chairperson and would like to step down. The Events Committee is responsible for the planning, organization, staffing, and execution of all veterans and TOVA social events held within the geographical boundaries of Trilogy. This includes coordination with the Blue Star team and other organizations or government entities, as applicable. The Chairperson will spearhead this committee and report directly to the Board as well as attend monthly committee meetings.

This is an opportunity to become involved in this planning and producing TOVA social events. Joe has committed his continued support and will remain a member of the committee working with the new Chair before the final hand-off.

For more information for the TOVA Events Committee contact Joe DePergola at joedepergola@gmail.com



Wreaths Across America

What began in 1992 with a trailer load of wreaths, decorated by volunteers and laid at the graves of fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery has now become Wreaths Across America. A national organization with over 900 participating locations all focused on the mission to: Remember - Honor - Teach. **For more information on placing of Wreaths for this event Click on the link on www.TOVAvets.com**



Flags for Fallen Vets

2019 marks the fifth year that the Trilogy Orlando Veterans Association participates in the Flags for Fallen Vets, at Florida National Cemetery. This annual event takes place over two days. The first day, flags are placed on every Veteran and their spouse's final resting place. Before the flag is placed, each Veterans name is spoken, and they are thanked for their service.

Upon removal, the flags are inspected, cleaned, and put away for the following year.

Florida National Cemetery is the second busiest National Cemetery in the United States. It covers 513 acres, and it is the final resting place for approximately 140,000 Veterans and their spouses.

For more information on placing of Wreaths for this event Click on the link www.TOVAvets.com



Public Affairs Committee Chairperson

The Public Affairs Committee gathers facts as needed from the TOVA Board/Membership and distributes them to the members of the organization and the public; produces various media formats about TOVA for dissemination to the necessary organizations/individuals; maintains a virtual presence to include the organization's website and other social media sites, and interfaces with the MyTrilogyLife website and newsletter; serves as the focal point and works closely with TOVA chairpersons for communications to members and outside individuals concerning upcoming events.

The Public Affairs Committee Chairperson is Keith Breedlove: kbreedlove50@gmail.com





Chaplain

The Chaplain will act as TOVA's Spiritual and Religious leader representing all denominations to offer the invocation at the monthly TOVA General Membership Meetings. The Chaplain will work closely with the Outreach Committee Chairperson (Debbi Ozak) to provide assistance to known Individuals or families who may find themselves in need within the Trilogy community or in support of Veterans. Report circumstances requiring assistance to the TOVA Board of Directors.

This is currently a vacant position - if you are interested, please contact Shelon Krieger at skrieger@hotmail.com



Outreach Committee

The chairperson (Cheryl Hall) of this committee will be assisted by at least two other members who are charged with providing assistance to known individuals or families who may find themselves in need within the Trilogy community. The Outreach Committee will call the individual(s), offering help to assist in

whatever is needed, send a card based on the circumstances such as Get Well or Sympathy. If necessary, a Chaplain and a veteran will be made available. The committee encourages the membership to notify it of any needs so action can be taken.

For more information please contact Cheryl Hall at hallc1035@gmail.com

Best Regards,

Joe DePergola

Events Committee Chair



For anyone seeking information on PTSD from the Veterans Administration here are several web sites you may find helpful.

PTSD: National Center for PTSD
<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/>
<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/change/>

Community Events

Adopt-a-Roadway, Wilson Lake Parkway

In 2018, TOVA conducted five clean ups on Wilson Lake Parkway. Forty-five large bags of garbage and other debris were collected. We have donated 50 volunteer hours to Lake County. Eleanor Winsor and Dean Shahan will lead the effort in 2019.

Flags for Fallen Vets

In 2019, TOVA will continue to volunteer and contribute to the Flags for Fallen Vets. More detailed information will come out in the first quarter of 2019. All of the information, including opportunities to volunteer and donate to this worthy annual event will be posted on our website, www.tovavets.com. At this year's event, TOVA had excellent participation from our members. We also set a record by raising over \$3,000 for this project which honored over 130,000 Fallen Hero's at Bushnell National Cemetery.

Games for Troops in Afghanistan

On November 2, 2018, TOVA was presented with a flag that was flown over Bagram Air Base on September 11, 2018 and a certificate. This is in appreciation for the many games that were sent from our community.

This flag and certificate are displayed in the Magnolia House in the hallway leading to the Event Center. Please take a moment to view this display the next time you are in the Magnolia House.

Many Thanks to all of the contributors and TOVA,

Joan Woll

TOVA Board of Directors Meeting Schedule - 2019

Tuesday, Aug 13, 2019	Summer Recess - No Meeting	Summer Recess - No Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 10, 2019	TOVA Board of Directors Meeting	Emma's Kitchen 3:30PM
Monday, Oct 08, 2019	TOVA Board of Directors Meeting	Emma's Kitchen 3:30PM
Tuesday, Nov 12, 2019	TOVA Board of Directors Meeting	Emma's Kitchen 3:30PM
Tuesday, Dec 10, 2019	TOVA Board of Directors Meeting	Emma's Kitchen 3:30PM

July - August - September Guest Speakers

September Speaker: To be announced.
 October Speaker: Jeff Davis from the Fisher House
 November Speaker: To be announced.

TOVA General Membership Meeting Schedule - 2019

Tuesday, Aug 13, 2019	Summer Recess - No Meeting	Summer Recess - No Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 17, 2019	TOVA General Membership Meeting	Magnolia House Event Center
Tuesday, Oct 15, 2019	TOVA General Membership Meeting	Magnolia House Event Center
Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019	TOVA General Membership Meeting	Magnolia House Event Center
Tuesday, Dec 17, 2019	TOVA General Membership Meeting	Magnolia House Event Center
All Meetings start at 7:00 PM	TOVA General Membership Meeting	Magnolia House Event Center

[TOVA Sponsored Blood Drive Info](#)

Mark your calendars with these dates for our 2019 blood drive. TOVA has sponsored One Blood's "Big Red Bus" outside the Magnolia House for the past two years, and the turnout has been fantastic. Thanks to all who have supported this very worthwhile program. You can make an appointment by following this link: <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/donation-centers.shtml?zip=&sponsorName=Trilogy&include-mobile-drives=on&noMobile=> or you can just walk up and register on site.

One Blood, together with Epic Theaters, will again be offering movie tickets as an incentive.

Subject: TOVA blood drive

The TOVA blood drive held on June 7, 2019 was a reasonable success. We had 32 donors and collected 24 units of blood well below our previous levels. However, we are very thankful for those donors who contributed to this drive.

Patrick Wellington

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TOVA	Blood Drive	Dates - 2019
Friday, August 02, 2019	One Blood - Big Red Bus	Magnolia House Parking Lot
Friday, September 27, 2019	One Blood - Big Red Bus	Magnolia House Parking Lot

Donor Milestone Report (5/1/14 - 4/11/19)

26566 - Trilogy

First Name	Last Name	Donations @ Location	Donations (Date Range)	Lifetime Donations	Lifetime Donations (Gallons)
Gary	Thomas	9	10	39	4.875
Jack	Kingsley	9	10	35	4.375
Karen	Adams	10	10	34	4.250
Alison	Eggen	12	13	20	2.500
Ira	Goldberg	12	13	20	2.500
Margaret	Jacobellis	9	9	19	2.375
Francine	Coghlan	12	13	13	1.625
Adam	Amendt	11	12	12	1.500
Miriam	Valentin	10	10	9	1.125
Susan	Troxell	8	9	8	1.000
Dorothy	Mcgowan	8	8	8	1.000



Notice ... Order your name tags NOW!

We are selling name tags for TOVA members and Trilogy Orlando residents. These name tags can be purchased with either **a magnetic backing or the more traditional pin backing**. For TOVA members, it will have the TOVA emblem on the left-hand side. If you are not a member of TOVA, but still would like a name tag, simply order the one without the emblem.

The name tags will be \$9.00 per name tag. Payment **MUST** be made when the order is placed. You may pay online using a major credit card, or you may give cash or a check made out to TOVA.

<http://www.tovavets.com/name-tag-order-form>

Thank You



TOVA Membership Application

The latest available is located online at our Website or contact Carol below.

<https://www.tovavets.com/application>

Carol DePergola

TOVA Membership Chairman
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For a listing of our Executive Staff, Special Staff and our Standing Committee members go to: <https://www.tovavets.com/meet-our-staff>

For the latest Lake County Veterans Benefit Booklet containing 84 pages of assistance information and the forms necessary to apply for VA help go to:

<https://www.tovavets.com/2017-VA-BENEFITS>

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The TOVA's "Events Committee: is chaired by Joe DePergola. Additional members are Wendy Simon, Jody Ryan, Sheldon Krieger and Vito Amato.

The function of the Events Committee is to conceive, plan and implement all the events and functions of the association. These include, Veterans Day events, Memorial Day functions, Christmas golf cart parade, and all the fund-raising events throughout the year; about three to four fund-raisers per year. Along with any dances, dinners and functions as may be required. From concept to completion the Events Committee completes this mission.



"This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or in war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us - speaks to us of the past, or the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it."

- President Woodrow Wilson

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Address Service Requested



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www.tovavets.com/

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