

# ❖ The Eagles News ❖

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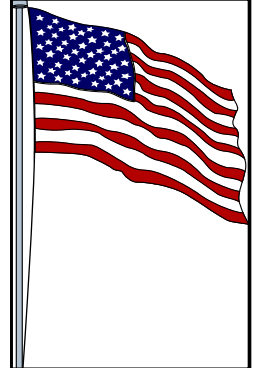
Art Willis  
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## President's Message:

Hello from Burnsville, NC. We will be departing our cool summer retreat Monday. Next stop Branson, MO where we plan to join other *Eagles* in the Veterans Day celebrations. From there it's back to good old FL. Look forward to seeing one and all this December at the annual holiday muster.

A Big *Gulf Coast Eagles'* Thank You to **Martha (& Jerry) Cole** for their coordinating the First Timers Breakfast at the SE Regional. And a big thank you to all that helped make this project a success.

I sent ballots out last week and hope everyone received theirs without problem. Please take the few seconds needed to vote. For ease in your returning the completed ballots, an envelope was enclosed addressed to our Chapter Secretary, **Alice Jackson**. Deadline for her to receive all the votes is **December 1, 2008**.  
Til December, Fair Winds & Fallow Seas, **Bill**



## Appointed Positions:

### Chaplain:

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## Gulf Coast Eagles April 2008

Photo by guest  
Dick Clark



## CELEBRATING



**Congratulations! The following members are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in October, November, and December:**

- BIRTHDAYS:**
- OCT:** PJ Cooper, 2; Paul Cooper, 6; Pat Ivey, 7; Karen Lemon, 13; Geri Day, 16; Ed Bleyer, 20; Maxie Roper, 24; Dee Warbutton, 24; Bill Armstrong, 27; Eileen DePaolo, 31.
  - NOV:** "Mikie" Scheuerman, 4; John Jones, 4; Loretta Tavernaro, 19; Rachel Rodrigues, 26; Shirley Waite, 26.
  - DEC:** Rita Franz, 16; Smoky Kittredge, 17; Cecil Copeland, 26; Charles Wilson, 28
- ANNIVERSARIES:**
- OCT:** Carl & Geraldine(deceased) Nucilli, 7; Jim & Loretta Tavernaro, 8; Bill & Geri Day, 27; Bob & Dee Warbutton, 29; Bill & Ulla Talbot, 31
  - NOV:** John & Lois Jones, 16; Ralph & Ilene Scogin, 17; Bill & Barbara Armstrong, 19; Gene & Judy Benuzzi, 28.
  - DEC:** Santa & Mrs. Claus, 25; Michael (LeDuc) Steflozizh, 31.

Please let me know if I make an error in either your birthdate or your anniversary date. I *try* my best to be accurate. Thank you. **Terry McDonald**, Editor



**Ronald & Frances Freeman**-new e-mail: frann7414r@yahoo.com

**Floyd & Judy Harden**-new e-mail: floyju@att.net

## WELCOME *New Members:*

**William (Bill) & Pat Benton**  
711 King St.  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

**Charles & Jean Richard, Jr.**  
10327 Arrowhead Dr.  
Punta Gorda, FL 33955

### Muster Schedule 2008>2009

\*no activities scheduled for arrival & departure dates



<u>Dates*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
Dec. 8 >12	Grand Lakes RV Resort Orange Lake, FL	<b>Paul &amp; PJ Cooper</b> 585-728-2163, 904-502-8508 <b>Ed &amp; Shirill Jeffords</b> 863-696-2737
Feb 2009	TBA	<b>Steve &amp; Peggy Warren</b> are attempting to find an RV park (in Feb, in FL, good luck!)
April 6 > 10	Eagle Hammock RV Park Kings Bay NSB Kings Bay, GA	<b>Art &amp; Ilene Scogin</b> 256-431-1289 <b>Artie &amp; Lois Spaw</b> 863-984-7173
June 8 > 12	Manatee Encore RV Resort aka: Winter Quarters ERVR Bradenton, FL	<b>Don &amp; Alice Jackson</b> 941-755-0595 <b>Terry &amp; Joan McDonald</b> 941-722-9464



**GULF COAST EAGLES DECEMBER 2008 MUSTER**

Grand Lake RV & Golf Resort  
 December 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>  
 4555 W Highway 318 Orange Lake, FL



Registration: Contact the Rally Park directly, **DO NOT** contact us. Phone is 800 435 2291 or 352 591 3474. The cost is \$20.00 per night, reservations must be made by **November 21st**. Take I-75 to Hwy 318 go about 3 miles turn left just passed Jai-Ali. There will be no muster cost. Everyone bring an unwrapped gift for tots, a wrapped gag gift to exchange. Anything you have around the house, you buy cheap, or junk, something that will make folks laugh!

Hosts: **Paul and PJ Cooper** and **Ed and Shirill Jeffers**

Contact Person: **PJ Cooper** (904 502 8508) or [paulpjcooper@mindspring.com](mailto:paulpjcooper@mindspring.com)



Monday- December 8<sup>th</sup> - Check in at your leisure, check-in time is 1:00 pm  
 Happy hour at 1400-15:30 at the lower clubhouse  
 Dinner at the lower clubhouse at 1700, bring place setting & drink  
 Sloppy Joes  
 Coleslaw  
 Desert

Tuesday: December 9<sup>th</sup>-  
 0800- Breakfast- Pancakes, sausage and fruit cup-Coffee-Tea  
 Lunch on your own  
 1400- 1600 Outdoor Games TBD  
 1700 Dinner at lower clubhouse, bring place setting and drink  
 Hots and Hamburgers  
 Potato & Macaroni Salad  
 Baked Beans  
 Desert



Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>  
 0800 Breakfast- Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Bacon and Toast  
 The rest of the morning is free time  
 1130- Caravan to the Coffee N Cream Restaurant for lunch  
 1400-1600 Outdoor games TBD  
 1800-Pot Luck Dinner at lower clubhouse  
 Meat and dessert provided by hosts  
 Everyone bring a dish to pass



Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>  
 0800- Breakfast casserole, fresh fruit, coffee and tea  
 0930- 1000 Executive Board Meeting  
 1000-1000 General Membership Meeting  
 Lunch on you own  
 1700- Dinner at lower clubhouse  
 Spaghetti and Meatballs  
 Italian Bread  
 Salad and dessert (After this will be installation of new officers & exchange of gag gifts)



Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
 0800 Breakfast-Coffee, Danish ( **RSVP** if you are coming, for head count)

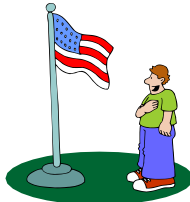




# Use Your New Privilege

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 110-181) changed Sect. 9, Title 4, US Code, which covers “Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of the flag”: “During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review...veterans who are present...may render the military salute. All others persons...should face the flag...with their right hand over the heart....”

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## PANCAKES

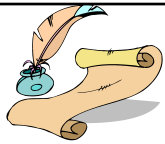
*Mix well with milk, sprite, OR water?*

The *Gulf Coast Eagles* hosted the first timers, at the *S.E. Regional Muster*. **Martha Cole** is to be congratulated for the great success of the first timers breakfast. She is a very good organizer. The red, white and blue beach bucket décor and breakfast menu are all thanks to **Martha**. She bought all the food and the men cooked. I point this out because our *GCE* members all volunteered and one nice man, **Tom DePaolo**, volunteered to make the pancake batter. However, he became very adamant about fixing them with water, the plan was to use milk, he became very firm about his way or no way. Needless to say, **Tom** picked another job, and another man mixed the batter.

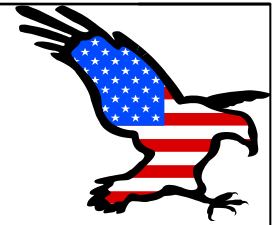
After the evening meal on Friday, **Tom** was presented with a foil wrapped gift of sprite and pancake mix. Thank you, **Tom**. The folks deserved a good laugh. (submitted by **Alice Jackson**)



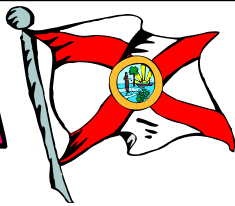
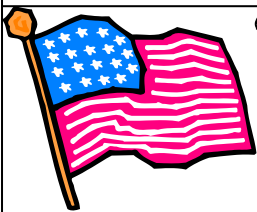
Many THANKS to all you *Eagles* attending the *S.E. Regional*, where our chapter was host to another successful **FIRST TIMERS BREAKFAST**. Special Thanks to the fellows in the kitchen. Not only did they prepare and cook the meal they cleaned up all the mess !!! (*WITHOUT SUPERVISION*) THANKS ladies for an outstanding job setting the tables, serving and packing up the decorations, etc. It was lots of fun working together. **Martha Cole**, Chairperson



GULF COAST EAGLES MUSTER  
LAZY DAYS RALLEY PARK, SEFFNER, FL  
SEPTEMBER, 29, 2008



1. Meeting called to order by Vice President, **Artie Spaw**.
  2. Invocation given by **Lois Spaw**,
  3. Old business, Past President, **Bill Day** talked about the first members of the Gulf Coast Eagles. The meeting was the anniversary of the GCE and to celebrate they had a big cake and ice cream for everyone.
  4. New business, **Jerry and Martha Cole** gave an update on the GCE hosting the S E regional breakfast, **Martha** did a wonderful job of organizing and assigning tasks for our volunteers.
  5. Sunshine report, given by **Lois Spaw** and input by **Mikie Scheuerman**. **Judy Harden** has a problem with her kidneys. 2. **Jerry Cole** had a pacemaker inserted, and is scheduled for back surgery. 3. **John Scheuerman** is going in the hospital for knee surgery. 4. **Ed Bleyer** is doing better
  6. Muster report, **Mikie Scheuerman** announced the December Muster at Grand Lakes RV and Golf Resort. December 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> free muster ,parking \$20.00 per night, you must make your own park reservations by November 21, 2008.
  7. Vice President, **Artie Spaw** announced the election of new GCE officers is coming up in December, ballots will be sent out to all members. Please vote.
  8. We welcome new members to GCE **William and Pat Benton** from MT. Pleasant, S C and **Charles and Jean Richard JR** of Punta Gorda, FL.
  9. Treasures report given by **Mikie Scheuerman** was read and approved by all members present.
  10. Secretary report was read and approved with one correction of visitors name.
  11. Announcement of S E Regional B B Q to be served by GCE volunteers.
  12. **Ralph Scoggins** made the motion to adjourn and **John Scheuerman**, motion approved.
  13. 19 members present.
- Secretary, Alice Jackson**



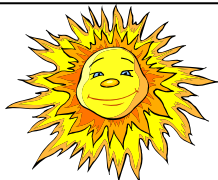
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National Offices: President, Veep, Reps  
State Offices: State Senators & Reps  
Local Officers: Varies

President, Veep, Secretary & Treasurer.  
Your ballot has been mailed to you. Please  
return per instructions.  
Deadline: **1 December 2008**



### SUNSHINE REPORT

**Ed Blyer** was under the weather and sent a card. **Judy Harding** had kidney stones which can be very painful and that kept her from coming to the SER Muster as scheduled. **John Scheuerman** will have arthroscopic surgery on his knee tomorrow. (update—surgery went well). **Jerry Cole** had a pace maker put in the day before the regional muster but was able to attend. He still is having severe back pain and a near fall when his knee gave out caused so much pain he had to leave the muster early. **Terry McDonald** is recovering from quadruple by-pass surgery but was able to attend the SER Muster. **Joan McDonald** is scheduled for a knee replacement Nov. 10th.

**Call me** if you know of any other persons who needs to be on the list.

Thanks , **Lois Spaw**



Charter President Curtis Hayter

# 10th Year Birthday



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The Gulf Coast Eagles Chapter of S\*M\*A\*R\*T are active and retired military of all the services who meet bi-monthly in the central Gulf Coast region of Florida for Fun & Camaraderie



*Happy Holidays*  
*Hanukkah*

*Christmas*

*New Years*



**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**GULF COAST EAGLES** C# \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL **SMART** NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL DUES DATE \_\_\_\_\_

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE **S\*M\*A\*R\*T** TRAVEL CLUB TO BE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN A CHAPTER

\_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME FIRST MI SPOUSE

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STREET ADDRESS – P.O. BOX CITY STATE ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE (w/area code) CELL PHONE (optional) E-MAIL

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MILITARY SERVICE, BRANCH ACTIVE RETIRED

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BIRTHDAY (m/d) SPOUSE BIRTHDAY (m/d) ANNIVERSARY (m/d/y)

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SIGNATURE

Please enclose \$ 10.00 Annual Dues ( 01 January through 31 December)

**Make check payable to: GULF COAST EAGLES CHAPTER**

**Return to Chapter Treasurer:**

Mikie Scheuerman  
4957 Shoreline Dr.  
Plant City, FL 33868  
Tel. (813) 355-1872

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Received Date

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Signature Chapter Treasurer

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Signature Chapter Secretary