

Current as of Monday, March 23, 2026

Executive Summary

Updates are in red.

This is our Veterans Council of Hillsborough County (VCHC) tentative events schedule for 2026-2027 and is **current as of Monday, March 23, 2026**. The 2026 portion of this list has been synchronized with our (Tampa) Veterans Memorial Park and Museum Department of Veteran Community Services Offices staff. The previously used title “Consumer and Veterans Services” has been updated to “Veteran Community Services Offices.” Events listed with “****” include involvement by VCHC take place at the Park.

Paul Ray is our Events Committee Event Director so all communications with Park Staff regarding events taking place in the Park go through him; this ensures continuity of communications for our events.

All 2027 events listed are to be considered as TENTATIVE if published at all, as many things change, and info in print can be hard to source/retract later.

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2026 Park Events

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- ✓ ***Friday, March 6, 2026 10am
35th Anniversary Commemoration of Desert Storm/Desert Shield
- ✓ Saturday, March 7, 2026
10th Annual SHREDFEST from Consumer Protection
- ***Saturday, March 28, 2026
 - 8am-10am Vietnam Veterans of America/Chapter 727 Classic Car Cruise-In
 - 10:30am Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans and War Dogs Remembrance Ceremony
- Sunday, April 6, 2026 - EASTER
- Saturday, April 11, 2026 11am
Submariners Memorial Remembrance
- ***Saturday, April 25, 2026 10am
Field of Honor
- Sunday, May 10, 2026
Mother’s Day
- Saturday, May 16, 2026
Armed Forces Day with JPMorgan Chase *Carry the Load* event
- ***Sunday, May 24, 2026 10am
Memorial Day Observance
- Sunday, June 14, 2026
Father’s Day
- Friday, August 7, 2026
Purple Heart Day
- ***Friday, September 11, 2026 10am
Patriot Day 9/11 Remembrance 25th Anniversary
- Friday, September 18, 2026
POW/MIA Recognition Day
- ***Saturday, October 10, 2026 10am
Field of Honor

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- ***Wednesday, November 11, 2026 10am
Veterans Day Tribute
- Monday, December 7, 2026
Pearl Harbor Day
- Saturday, December 16, 2026
Wreaths Across America

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Reoccurring Meetings 2026

VCHC Board of Directors (BoD) Meetings beginning at 10am at American Legion Post 148

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

July 13

October 19 as October 12 is the Federal Holiday of Columbus Day

Committee Meetings TBD on at least a quarterly basis

VCHC Meetings beginning at 6pm at The Park

January 26

February 23

March 30

April 27

May 18 as May 25 is the Federal Holiday of Armed Forces Day

June 29

July 27

August 31

September 28

October 26

November 30

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Youth Committee (primarily ROTC / JROTC) Awards Ceremonies 2026

JROTC Awards Schedule as of Feb 6

~~* Mar 6. 1800 Sumner HS Awds (Done)~~

- * Mar 25. 1800 Lennard HS Awds
- * Mar 26. 1700 COY Awd USF ROTC Bldg
- * Apr 1. 1800 Sickles HS Awds
- * Apr 2. 1830 Armwood HS Awds
- * Apr 15. 0930 King HS Awds
- * Apr 15. 1800 Freedom HS Awds
- * Apr 16 1230 Jefferson HS Awds
- * Apr 17. 0930 Stienbrenner Awds Cere
- * Apr 20 1300 Bloomingdale HS Awds
- * Apr 21. 1230 Chamberlain HS Awds
- * Apr 22. 1400 Middleton HS Awds
- * Apr 22. 1400 East Bay HS Awds
- * Apr 24. 0900 Brandon HS Awds
- * Apr 24. 0900 Hillsborough HS Awds
- * Apr 24. 1800 Alonso HS Awds
- * Apr 24. 1800 Riverview HS Awds
- * Apr 24. 1800 Robinson HS Awds
- * Apr 27. 1800 Wharton HS AWds
- * Apr 29. 1000 TampaBay Tech Awds
- * Apr 29 1730 Gaither HS Awds
- * Apr 30. 1800 Plant City HS Awds

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* May 1 1800 Newsome HS Awds

* May 4 1830 Durant HS Awds

* May 6. 1830 Leto HS Awds

* May 6. 1900 Strawberry Crest HS Awds

* May 12. 1800 Spoto HS Awd

?? Blake HS Awds

?? Plant HS Awds

- [] May 17. 1100 Navy Sea Cadets Awds at the Bethany Center, 18150 Bethany Center Dr, Lutz

?? Young Marine (Corps) likely in October and possibly in Orlando, if in Orlando they will present on behalf VCHC

?? Civil Air Patrol details to be determined

?? Scouts in development, as of this writing veterans organizations handling at their discretion.

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Fisher House Dinner 2026

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 Annual VCHC Fisher House Dinner
on the campus of James A. Haley VA Hospital.

The VCHC is a community partner of the Fisher Houses at James Haley and provides a fabulous
dinner for 35 FH family members.

Toni Gross is POC.

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Honor Flights of West Central Florida 2026

VCHC sponsors three Guardians

<https://www.honorflightwcf.org/>

Mission 56 – April 21, 2026

Mission 57 – June 9, 2026

Mission 58 – September 15, 2026

Mission 59 – October 20, 2026



The poster features a stylized American flag at the top. Below the flag, the text reads: "Save the Dates! 2026 HONOR FLIGHT MISSIONS✈️". It then states: "We're excited to announce our 2026 Honor Flight of West Central Florida schedule!" and "Join us as we continue our mission to honor our nation's heroes with a trip of a lifetime FREE OF CHARGE to Washington, D.C." The "Mission Dates:" section lists: "Mission 56 – April 21, 2026", "Mission 57 – June 9, 2026", "Mission 58 – September 15, 2026", and "Mission 59 – October 20, 2026". It concludes with a heart icon and the text: "Thank you to all our Veterans, Guardians, and Volunteers who make each flight possible." The bottom of the poster has a red and white striped border.

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Veterans Day

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January 25 – Announce identification of 2028-2029 officers for grooming throughout 2027
Not new, just turned red in this edition for emphasis.

February 22

March 29

April 26

May 31

June 28

July 26

August 30

September 27

October 25 – Call for officer nominations

November 29 – Swearing in of newly elected officers