



## Monthly News & Updates

*We are already in our 2nd month of 2020! How did that happen?! In this edition you will find our Upcoming Events Section and our Local Supporting Local section. If you have an event coming up or know of any events coming up and you think we would be a good fit to set up a booth, please email me! We love meeting new people and getting the word out on what we do. Please take a moment to honor our fallen hero, Navy Fireman 1st Class Hadley I. Heavin in the Defense POW / MIA Accounting Agency section.*

*We cannot thank you enough for your continued support!*

*With A Grateful Heart,*

*Angie*

## Upcoming Events

### \*\*\*\*\***FEBRUARY EVENT**\*\*\*\*\*

The prep work has begun to get Big Red ready for the Edison Festival of Lights Grand Parade on February 15th, and we need your help! Unfortunately, a lot of the attendees do not know what we do. Therefore, this year we are going to have a huge USPS shipping box filled with items that we send to our deployed troops (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, etc.) to showcase what we do. We will be handing out soldiers as a reminder to pray for those that serve our country and their families. That is where you come in! We need help passing out the soldiers...all 3,000 of them! We also need 2 volunteers to walk in front of Big Red with our banner. It is a lot of fun! Plus, if you're counting steps, why not combine having fun and helping with a great cause?!?



**Please take this soldier home & place it somewhere that will remind you to PRAY for those who serve OUR COUNTRY & their families.**  
(Back of the card)

If you are interested in joining us, please click below!

[Sign Me Up!](#)

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\*\*\*\*\**MARCH EVENT*\*\*\*\*\*



The Disabled Veterans of America are putting on a Celebration Banquet to honor Nicholas J. Cutinha, a United States Army soldier and a recipient of the United States military's highest decoration – the Medal of Honor – for his actions in the Vietnam War.



1/13/1945 – 3/2/1968

While serving as a machine gunner with Company C, Sp4c. Cutinha accompanied his unit on a combat mission near Gia Dinh. Suddenly his company came under small arms, automatic weapons, mortar and rocket propelled grenade fire, from a battalion size enemy unit. During the initial hostile attack, communication with the battalion was lost and the company commander and numerous members of the company became casualties. During the gun battle, he sustained several wounds himself, but maintained his position, refused assistance, and provided defensive fire for his comrades until he fell mortally wounded. He was solely responsible for killing 15 enemy soldiers while saving the lives of at least 9 members of his own unit. Sp4c Cutinha's gallantry and extraordinary heroism were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army. Cutinha is buried in Fort Denaud Cemetery, Fort Denaud, Florida.

**DATE: Sunday, March 29, 2020**

**TIME: 2:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Labelle Civic Center**

**Military Support Foundation is looking for volunteers to help with this great event.** If you are interested, please email Angie Antilia at [angie@militarysupportfoundationinc.com](mailto:angie@militarysupportfoundationinc.com) or call 239-785-0608. Our specific needs are someone that knows how to run & operate the sound system and setup/cleanup.

**This event is FREE to the public, but we ask that you please RSVP to Angie at the above contact information if you are planning on attending.**

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\*\*\*\*\***APRIL EVENT**\*\*\*\*\*

This is a great event to bring your kids or grand kids to! Military Support will have a booth set up with crayons, markers, stickers and paper for the kids to make cards for our deployed troops.

The kids love to make them, and the troops love to receive them!



Dr. Tim Verwest Presents:

4th Annual

# Touch-A-Truck

**April 25, 2020**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Where Kids and Trucks Meet!**



*Train Rides, Pony Rides, Face Painting, Petting Zoo & Costume Characters!*



Free Entry with Can Food Donation Benefiting:



**Harry Chapin Food Bank**  
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA



**For more information visit**  
[www.Drverwest.com/touch-a-truck2020](http://www.Drverwest.com/touch-a-truck2020)

**Event Location:**  
8016 Summerlin Lakes Drive Fort Myers, FL 33907  
**(239) 482-2722**

## Local Supporting Local

### Homes for Heroes

Real Estate & Closing Cost Assistance  
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Educator or Healthcare Worker looking to  
buy or sale a home? Refinance?  
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savings to heroes who provide extraordinary  
services to our nation and its communities.

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**HERO REAL ESTATE & CO.**  
**239-281-2265**



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## Defense POW / MIA Accounting Agency

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency provides the fullest possible accounting for  
our missing personnel to their families and the nation.

**Navy Fireman 1st Class**  
**Hadley I. Heavin**





Hadley I. Heavin, 23, of Baxter Springs, Kansas, killed during WWII, was accounted for on Sept. 17, 2019. Heavin will be buried May 23, 2020, in his hometown.

Source: DPAA Facebook Page

[Learn More About Hadley I. Heavin](#)

## Our Community

**A special thank you to these schools, businesses & clubs for their continued support of our mission:  
To Support the Men & Women of Our Armed Forces**

- Cape Coral Charter School
- Caloosa Elementary
- Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Center
- Lee Co. Public Schools Transportation - West Zone
- Dorcey Law Firm
- Florida Cancer Specialist
- Positively Plantation
- Bridgetown Veterans Club
- Homes for Heroes
- Zonta

Project Healing Waters/Fish With A Hero

## Our Stats Since 2014

1. 36 units total supported
2. 276 boxes sent overseas
3. 7 units currently supporting

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