

# Hollywood West Elks Lodge

## BPOE #2365

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Jeanne Coffey - Exalted Ruler

### *From The Exalted Ruler*

We would like to welcome two new members installed on October 19th, Mary Orfino and Ed Zablocki, Welcome. We are now coming into the holidays and will be organizing a lot of activities for the members, **and** the key word here is **MEMBERS.**

We have had to cancel functions and take a loss on food ordering due to lack of members supporting our dinners and other activities. We had a major expense this year, replacing the Hall air conditioners, and we need every members help to recoup. One of the best ways is when we have dinners and dances to please come to them and bring a friend to show off your lodge. We all need to work together to keep our lodge solvent and if you cant volunteer then please come and participate!! Please call ahead for tickets so we can plan on enough food for everyone. Ok, enough nagging from me.

Watch the Bulletin for all our events and come join us. Love to see you.

The lodge gives personal thanks to Lecturing Knight Sal Grilli and all his helpers for the wonderful job they did with the Halloween party.

The Lodge would also like to extend our condolences to District Deputy Charlotte Burrie for the loss of her husband, Past District Deputy Donald Burrie, on October 24, 2006

Fraternally,  
Jeanne Coffey

### *Elk of the Month*

Elks Care and Elks Share... This Elk lives by these words. A veteran Elk of eighteen years of service to the Order. We thank him for his dedication to our Lodge and manning the kitchen for many of the functions that we are presently hosting for our members. Rib night's & Steak nights, to name a few. We Appreciate, Communicate, and Validate...

**Walter "Wally" Chochrek**

### *New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance*

Sunday December 31, 2006

Hollywood West Lodge

45.00 per Person

~ Menu ~

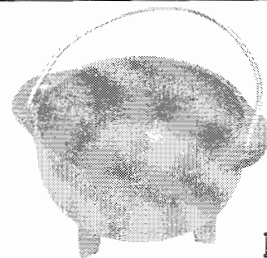
Appetizers • Ceaser Salad  
Glazed Roast Pork or Chicken Alfredo  
Oven Roast Potatoes • Vegetable  
Desert

**Music by Thunderhead**

Tickets will go on sale November 1st

Call Jeanne or Mary Danver  
for further Information

954-610-8316 / 954-922-1050



### **Our Annual Dinty Moore Dinner is Here Again!**

December 2, 2006 • 5 - 9 PM

**Tickets will be in the mail and  
Cornbeef & Cabbage is ordered. As you  
know, this is our "Major Fundraiser"  
for the Children's Chrstmas Party.  
Please send your twenty dollars for  
tickets, or a donation if you cannot at-  
tend. Please come if you can.**

# 206-2007 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Exalted Ruler ..... Jeanne Coffey	Auditing ..... Barbara Pullen	Lodge Activities ..... Trustee's
Leading Knight ..... Walter Chochrek	Bar Manager ..... Fred Herrero, PER	Lodge Advisor ..... Jim Whyte
Loyal Knight ..... John Evans	Brunch ..... Duane Schultz	Lodge Rental ..... Larry Galvin
Lecturing Knight ..... Salvatore Grilli	Bulletin ..... Arthur Hill, PER	Mediator ..... Jessie Clemence
Secretary ..... Jessie Clemence	By-Laws ..... Duane Schultz	Membership (Lapsation) ..... Sal Grilli
Treasurer ..... Peggy Chochrek	Community Activities ..... Jeanne Coffey	Elks Memorial Day ..... Red Elwert PER
Esquire ..... Jim Rankosky	Decorations ..... Mardy Wheaton	Mothers Day ..... Walter Chochrek & Arthur Hill III
Chaplain ..... Terry L. Pinkerton	Drug Awareness ..... Jesse Clemence	National Foundation ..... Ronald Lewis
Inner Guard ..... Ronald Lewis	Entertainment ..... Mary Danver	2 Year ENF ..... Jim Rankosky
Tiler ..... Vicki Crosby	Flag Day ..... Glen Lawton	National Service ..... Ed Kaplan
Trustee 5 year ..... Duane Schultz	F.E.C.T.S. .... Larry Galvin	Publicity and PR ..... Jeanne Coffey
Trustee 4 year ..... Moe Boutin	Government Relations ..... Art Hill PER	Relief ..... Jesse Clemence
Trustee 3 year ..... Pete Lynn	Harry-Anna Trust ..... Walter Chochrek	Scholarship ..... Ronald Lewis
Trustee 2 year, Chair ..... Jim Whyte	Hoop Shoot ..... Bob Griffin	Sickness and Distress . Ted & Ginny Parsons
Trustee 1 year ..... Larry Galvin	House Committee ..... Chuck Kelly	Social and Community Welfare . Jeanne Coffey
Presiding Justice ..... Chuck Kelly PDD	Indoctrination ..... Mary Danver	Visitations ..... Ted & Ginny Parsons
Accident Prevention ..... Duane Schultz	Investigation ..... Moe Boutin PER	Youth Activities ..... Kellie Dixon
	Jim & Betty Slade	

**On the first Sunday of each December, all Elk Lodges honor their departed members. This year Hollywood West will honor our departed members on December 3, 2006. The ceremony will begin at 12 noon. A buffet will be served after the ceremony. Any member who is willing to donate a covered dish, please call Walter at 954-214-4400 or Peggy at 954-214-4337.**

## **BARTENDERS SCHEDULE Daily Lunch Specials 3.00 Mon.-Fri.**

	1st Shift	2nd Shift
<b>Monday</b> .....	<b>Janet</b> .....	<b>Fred</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	<b>Denise</b> .....	<b>Dana</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	<b>Denise</b> .....	<b>Fred</b>
<b>Thursday</b> .....	<b>Denise</b> .....	<b>Vicki</b>
<b>Friday</b> .....	<b>Denise</b> .....	<b>Vicki</b>
<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>Fred</b> .....	<b>Vicki</b>

**Sunday is Double Shifts:  
1st Sunday Fred    2nd Sunday Vicki  
3rd Sunday Fred    4th Sunday Vicki**

## FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDER CERTIFICATE SUBSCRIPTION



### HARRY-ANNA TRUST FUND

I (we) subscribe to a Founder's Certificate in the Harry-Anna Trust Fund. Series \_\_\_\_\_ and submit the initial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and ask that annual billing for 9 payments in like amount be mailed to the undersigned at the address given below.

(Sample: Series C requires \$20.00 initial payment and annual billing of \$20.00 until completed)

SERIES C _____	\$100.00
SERIES D _____	\$500.00
SERIES M _____	\$1000.00

Lodge No. 2365

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

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ADDRESS

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

OCTOBER 2006  
 JOHN H. O'BRIEN  
 SIDNEY KENIGSBURG  
 MILTON & ELAINE FEAKINS PP 145  
 DAVE & EDIE LAWTON

SEPTEMBER 2006  
 TERR LEE PINKERTON & FAMILY

AUGUST 2006  
 ROBERT MONTGOMERY

JULY 2006  
 GEORGE & JEAN LAGOIS  
 JOSEPH VIEIRA  
 GERRY DAVIS  
 JIM & BETTY SLADE

JUNE 2006  
 DAVE CAMPBELL  
 JOHN TARBAY

# BOOSTER

DONALD & MARY BELANGER  
 JIM & BARBARA BLANCHARD  
 MARY WEED

MAY 2006  
 JOE & AUDREY DANIELS  
 CAROL & DOUG LUPISELL  
 BRUCE GREENAWALT

APRIL 2006  
 HELEN & PETE LYNN  
 LARRY GALVIN  
 BOB & JUDY KRUEGER  
 FRANK & TRUDY GOMEZ, PER. P.P.  
 KEN & RUSTY GILSTRAP, PER.  
 JACKIE SMYTH, P.P.  
 SCOTT & MARVENE McPHEE

ALAN & BERT ASHCROFT

MARCH 2006  
 EDWARD & ELEANOR DOMBROWSKI PP  
 HENRIETTA HILL  
 MICHAEL TORRA PER  
 BRENDA BRUSH

FEBRUARY 2006  
 JIMMY & MARY BULLOCK

DECEMBER 2005  
 CAROL & DOUG LUPISELL  
 KELLY & TERRY BALTZLEY

The booster page will be updated with each bulletin. Boosters for 2005-2006 are due by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you want to place your name on our booster list, and help us give you a quality bulletin, please fill out the booster form below and send it in with your 10.00 donation to our secretary.

## MEMORIAL BOOSTER 2006-2007

MEMORY BERNARD F. DOLAN, PDDGER, HON. 4/M  
 CHUCK CRAIG - LEADING KNIGHT  
 KATHERINE TARBAY  
 JIM WEED  
 ROBERT THOMAS SR. PER  
 DIANE TORRA, P.P.  
 RICK ELLIS  
 STU BROWN  
 BILL DANVER  
 LAWRENCE EATON, PER  
 S. (RAE) FETZER, GOVT. REL.

JIM DONLON  
 LARRY BUTLER  
 ANDREW MASIELLO  
 CONSTANCE RIX  
 MICHAEL PARISI  
 TILFORD HILL  
 EUGENE WARNER  
 ED SMYTH  
 GARY PULLEN  
 WENDEL TROLL

## ELK BIRTHDAYS November & December

November	December
1 George H. Schuster	1 Robert Thomas Jr.
2 William Mowry	2 Eileen Singer
3 Richard E. Toler	3 Dale Tarpinning
4 James H. Davidson	4 Steven C. Jacques
Robert D. Townsend	7 Walter Aperkowsky
7 George N. Azar	Charles L. Blank
Robert Kennedy	Richard L. Burns
8 James Devlin	John H. O'Brien
Edward Dombrowski	9 Walter Chochrek
9 Geraldine H. Davis	12 Robert Montgomery
Remie Hammond, Jr.	David Ryan
11 Dale Lueck	13 Larry Hill
Thomas Moore Sr.	Heidi J. Iovino
James V. Prigodich	15 James Shields Jr.
Bryan K. Smith	17 Richard C. Forgey
15 Harley V. Dee	18 Kenneth Butcher
Janet Dove	20 Albert F. Lex
19 Charles Stankiewicz	Eugene McDermott
21 Cheryl J. Milks	23 Francis X. Duffy
23 Ronald D. Lewis	24 Frank Merlino
Ronald W. O'Brien	25 David P. Campbell
24 Anna L. Carr	27 Charles D. Wick
Armin K. Mayer	28 Andrew McLeish
28 Juan Cruz	31 Robert Gregory
29 James Rankosky	Vincent Lombardo, PER
Carl P. Talmadge	Judith Vincent
30 Kenneth Gardner	
Peter J. Mosher	

### SPECIAL NOTE TO BOOSTER PAGE MEMBERS

It's time again to renew the Booster Page. The closing date for payment will be June 15th, 2006 for July 2006 bulletin. Please make your checks payable to Hollywood West. B.P.O.E. #2365 and see or send your payment of 10.00 per family per year to:

Hollywood West Elks, Lodge #2365  
 7190 Davie Road Ext., Hollywood, FL 33024

Thanks go to all who have made this page so successful.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT MY/OUR NAME AS FOLLOWS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ 10.00  CASH or  CHECK ENCLOSED  
 Type of Booster:  Regular or  Memorial

EDITOR'S NOTE: Booster Fee is less than 1.00 a month. This fee is so that we can continue to give you the quality bulletin that we have had in the past. The Grand Lodge states that this bulletin must be self-sufficient. This is one way we can strive to make it self-sufficient.



# NOVEMBER 2006



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			Italian Spaghetti Night 6 - 9 PM Poker at Lodge 7 pm	Meeting 8 PM	Roast Pork Dinner 6-8 PM RSVP Karaoke 8 PM - 1 AM	
<b>FOOTBALL &amp; NASCAR</b> Food Available	Dinner with Vicki 6 PM - RSVP House Committee	<b>Dollar Beer</b> Plantation	Trustees Meeting 7PM Italian Spaghetti Night 6 - 9 PM Poker at Lodge 7 pm	BINGO Basket Meal Deal	Ribs 6-8 PM RSVP Karaoke 8 PM - 1 AM	
ELKS FAMILY PICNIC 11AM-5PM <b>FOOTBALL &amp; NASCAR</b> Food Available	7:30 PM	<b>Dollar Beer</b>	Italian Spaghetti Night 6 - 9 PM Poker at Lodge 7 pm	Initiation Meeting 8 PM DD Visit	Friday Meat Loaf Dinner 6-8 PM Open Mike Jam Session 8 PM - 1 AM	
Brunch 10 AM - Noon <b>FOOTBALL &amp; NASCAR</b> Food Available	Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner with Vicki RSVP	<b>Dollar Beer</b> Plantation	Italian Spaghetti Night 6 - 9 PM Poker at Lodge 7 pm	BINGO HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Lodge Decorating Party 7:00 PM Karaoke 8 PM - 1 AM	
<b>FOOTBALL &amp; NASCAR</b> Food Available		<b>Dollar Beer</b>	Italian Spaghetti Night 6 - 9 PM Poker at Lodge 7 pm	BINGO Basket Meal Deal		

Third Monday - November 20th  
Vicki's Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner  
Salad

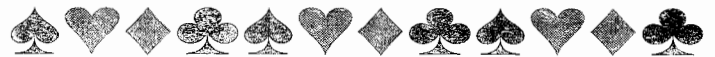
Stuffed Pork Chops  
Sweet Baked Potato  
Vegetable Medley  
Stuffed Baked Apples with Ice Cream  
10.00 and sign ups are a Must  
(cut-off day is 11/19)

Lodge Decorating Party

November 24 - 7 PM Sharp

All Volunteers helping to decorate will receive free dinner (from La Caritta's) All observers who wish to eat, the charge will be 8.00

**DURING FOOTBALL SEASON, WE WILL HAVE FOOD AND 7.00 BUCKETS OF DOMESTIC BEER AVAILABLE. COME JOIN US TO WATCH THE GAME OR NASCAR, SUNDAYS.**



**All Profits go to  
The Elk's Charities**

**Are You Kidd'in Mell  
POKER!!**


**Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament  
every Wednesday, at 7 pm.  
Come early and have our famous  
all you can eat pasta with  
meatball, sausage and salad.**



**Consider us your Ace In The Hole**



# DECEMBER 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Cornish Hens Dinner 6-8 PM RSVP Karaoke 8 PM - 1AM  1	2
<b>FOOTBALL &amp; NASCAR</b> Food Available 3	Dinner with Vicki 6 PM - RSVP House Committee 7:30 PM 4	<b>Dollar Beer</b> 5	Italian Spaghetti Night 6 - 9 PM Poker at Lodge 7 pm 6	Meeting 8 PM 7	Ribs 6-8 PM RSVP Karaoke 8 PM - 1AM  8	9
<b>FOOTBALL &amp; NASCAR</b> Food Available 10		<b>Dollar Beer</b> Plantation 12	Trustees Meeting 7PM Italian Spaghetti Night 6 - 9 PM Poker at Lodge 7 pm 13	BINGO Basket Meal Deal 14	Meatloaf Dinner 6-8 PM Open Mike Jam Session 8 PM - 1AM  15	Childrens X-mas Party Adult X-mas Party 16
Brunch 10 AM - Noon <b>FOOTBALL &amp; NASCAR</b> Food Available 17	Dinner with Vicki 6PM - RSVP 18	<b>Dollar Beer</b> 19	Italian Spaghetti Night 6 - 9 PM Poker at Lodge 7 pm 20	Meeting 8 PM 21	Roast Beef Dinner 6-8 PM Karaoke 8 PM - 1AM  22	23
24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <b>FOOTBALL &amp; NASCAR</b> Food Available <b>NEW YEARS EVE</b> 31	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 25	<b>Dollar Beer</b> Plantation 26	Italian Spaghetti Night 6 - 9 PM Poker at Lodge 7 pm 27	BINGO Basket Meal Deal 28		29
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## HOW DO YOU SPELL FUN?



**B I N G O**

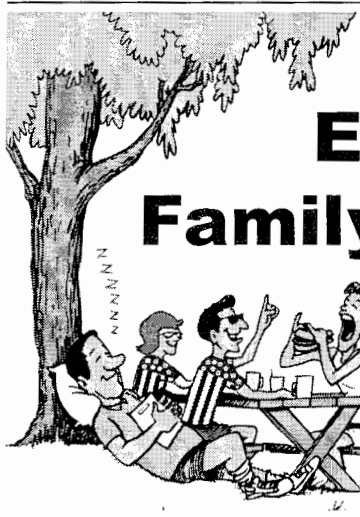
Though April Showers have Come and Gone,  
**Bar Bingo still goes on!!**  
November 9, 30  
December 14, 28  
**Finger Food Served.**  
**JOIN US AND HAVE SOME FUN!**

**Third Friday of Every Month**  
**Open Mike Jam Session**  
Guitars, Harmonicas,  
**WHATEVER!**  
Play 'em if you  
Bring 'em.  
Karoke also.

### The Following Members are Deliquent In their Dues

- Charles Blank, PER
- Julio Diaz
- Carl Merz
- William Robinson
- Warren Brown
- John Paul Faubert
- Peter Mosher
- Geroge Schuster
- Kenneth Butcher
- Kenneth Gardner
- Sharyn Mosher
- Joseph Tagg
- Joseph Ciancaglini
- John Gardner
- Richard Murphy
- Donald Taylor, Jr.
- Leonard Cohen
- Edward Hall
- Joseph Ommbrello
- Robert Thomas, Jr.
- Robert Cutter
- Richard Leahey.
- George Pfrongner
- Judith Vincent
- Harley Dee
- Kevin Lewis
- Robert Prata
- Harold Warren
- Francis DeNault
- Andrew McLeish
- Craig Ramsey
- John Whalley

**As of 1 October 2006, the above listed personnel are one year deliquent and will be dropped from the rolls as of 15 March 2007.**



**FREE FREE FREE  
FREE FREE FREE**

# **Elks Family Picnic**



**Sunday, November 12, 2006  
11 am to 5 pm**

**Heritage Park, Plantation Duck Pond Area  
On the South side of Peters Road.**

**Covered Dishes Needed**

**Hot Dogs & Hamburgers  
provided, so we need a head count,  
Please RSVP to the Lodge.**

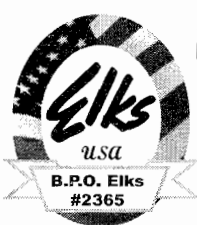
**There will be a TV there to watch the  
football game**

**House Committee Special**

# **1.00 Bottle or Draft Domestic Only Beer**

**All Day/Night Tuesday**

**Starting November 7**



**BPO Elk #2365  
Hollywood West FLorida**

## **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

- November 2** General Meeting
- November 3** Roast Pork Dinner
- November 6** Vicki's Quesidillas
- November 7** Plantation
- November 8** Trustee Meeting
- November 9** Bingo
- November 10** Ribs
- November 12** Elks Family Picnic
- November 16** General Meeting - Initiation
- November 17** Open Mike Jam Session (see ad)
- November 19** Brunch
- November 20** Vicki's Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
- November 21** Plantation
- November 23** Bingo
- November 24** Lodge Decorating Party
- November 30** Bingo

## **SUNDAY BRUNCH**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Every Month • 10:00-Noon



Bloody Mary's 1.00

Screwdriver's 1.00

Donation:

6.00 All U Can Eat

2.50 Under 12 Years

Omelets & Eggs made to order  
Pancakes • Sausage Gravy • Biscuits  
Sausage • Bacon • Sweet Rolls  
Orange Juice • Tomato Juice • Coffee • Tea  
Brunch Volunteers needed

## *From the Secretary's Office*

### **Time of Sorrow for the Death of Don L. Boyd ~ 1923 - 2006**

#### **Applications on Re-Instatement**

Gene C Wachter will be voted on Nov. 2

#### **Voted New Members**

The following listed were voted at meeting October 5 to become members. Mary Orfino, Edward J. Zablocki. Voting was favorable.

#### **Voted on Transfer For Demit**

The following was voted on Demit from #2383 at meeting October 5, Charles Coyfe. Voting was favorable.

#### **Voted For Reinstatement**

The following listed were voted for Reinstatement at meeting October 5 to become members. William F. Sharrett, William G. DeFeo Jr. Voting was favorable.

#### **ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 2006 AT REGULAR MEETING**

On November 10th, Friday night, our monthly "Rib Night", the lodge has invited ten veterans from the Pembroke Pines Nursing Home to join us to celebrate veterans month and to show them a good time. We also have "Silver Wings" band that nite for your entertainment and dancing.

On November 4th, our drug awareness trailer will be at Boulevard Heights Elementary School Carnival (Johnson St. & 72nd Ave) to hand out literature and help do karaoke (compliments of PER Art Hill) Please come by and say hello.

Commin in January, February, and March on the third friday of those months we will have Fish Friday. In January the menu will be seafood scampi over linguini. Chef Dale and his sons will be cooking for us. Get your reservations in early. Call Jeanne @ 954-610-8316

On another note, Nominations for Officers for 2007-2008 will be on February 1, 2007. If you are interested in becoming an officer of the lodge, let one of the officers know. I know its a big part out of your life to go through the Chairs, especially young married couples, but we need to get some young blood into the working of the lodge, or it will fold.

Since my coming back as Secretary, we have a cove of senior citizens working around the lodge, and these old bones don't work like they used to. We have x number of people keeping functions running and they are getting tired. I have heard people respond, "I will support your lounge/functions" but keep in mind, if we don't have a Lodge, you don't have a Lounge.

Anyway, elections are coming up so keep some of this in mind.  
Jessie

Any information that needs to go in our bulletin has a deadline of the 10th of each month. Please contact Art Hill or secretary Jesse with any items for the bulletin so we can go to press On Time to get it out to our members. Office 954-963-6714.

## *Around the House*

Well, we made it through another scary season, Fred and I are another year older and all the ghosts, ghouls and goblins have gone to ground for another year. Arthur is anxiously awaiting his birthday on the second, but I guess he's still our youngest Elk. All in all, November promises to be an event filled and memorable month.

We are celebrating veterans with our Rib Dinner. A number of vet's from the living facility in Pembroke Pines will join us for dinner and the exciting sounds of Silver Wings band. Come by and represent your branch of the service.

Speaking of coming by we all need to remember that OUR lodge—that was lodge not bar—survives on the support that we all give to the functions which are planned and prepared by our brothers and sisters. A lot of work goes into each and every function, and all we have to do is attend. Our dues taken together barely pays the light bill so we really do rely on members support throughout the year. Let's not have any more functions like Oktoberfest, cancelled for lack of support.

November 12, will be the day for our Elks Picnic. Vicki will have her annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner the Monday before Turkey Day. Friday is the annual decorating party. Don't forget that Dinty Moore is coming December 2, and Elks Memorial Day Service on Sunday, Dec. 3.

Beginning in November, we will feature a reason to hang out at the lodge on Tuesdays—BUCK-A-BEER. That's right draft or bottle domestics 1.00 —that's like two for one for us bottle babies. That's every Tuesday night—it's even worth missing "House" for.

Speaking of good deals, don't forget New Year's Eve—great dinner, great band, great open bar, great friends and a great time, all for 45.00 per person. This year New Year's Eve falls on December 31, so make your plans and get your tickets early.

**See you, around the house—**

**Art**

Birthday Drink: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Pledge of Allegiance

By Senator John McCain

As you may know, I spend five and one half years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the NVA kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into larger rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room.

This was, as you imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POW's 10,000 miles from home.

One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer training School. then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provided for people who want to work and want to succeed. As a part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing. Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed on the inside of his shirt. Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most im-

portant part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event. One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewen inside, and removed it. That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple fo hours. Then they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as well as we could. The cell in which we lived had a concret slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room.

As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend Mike Christian. He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag. He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to pledge our allegiance to our flage and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world.

You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country.

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH HIT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."