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Day of Honor Edition



Upcoming events



Lois Pope & the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation cordially invite you to

THE 2ND ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF HONOR FOR AMERICAN VETERANS DISABLED FOR LIFE

A concert starring music legend **Tony Orlando** and featuring the Palm Beach Symphony Orchestra

Friday, October 5, 2018 | 2:00pm
West Palm Beach VA Medical Center
7305 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

Lois Pope, one of our nation's foremost advocates for disabled veterans, conceived and spearheaded the building of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, as well as marking October 5th as an appropriate day to recognize American Veterans Disabled for Life, which was authorized through a Congressional resolution introduced by Lois Frankel and contained in the Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Improvement Act of 2016.

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Saturday, September 29, 2018
8th Annual Hero Dog Awards Gala
Platinum Presenting Sponsor,
The Lois Pope LIFE Foundation, Inc.
The Beverly Hilton Hotel

Friday, October 5, 2018
The 2nd Annual National Day of Honor for American Veterans Disabled for Life
West Palm Beach VA Medical Center

Wednesday, December 12, 2018
Pre-Gala Reception
at the Home of Jan & Chip Malley
By Invitation

Friday, January 4, 2019
LIFE's 25th Silver Jubilee Lady in Red Gala
Starring Diana Ross
The Breakers, Palm Beach
6:00 PM

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Dear Friends,

Women and men who served and sacrificed to protect America's freedoms and ideals won't have to "knock three times" on any door to hear music legend Tony Orlando perform on October 5. That's because iconic singer, songwriter, and music executive will headline a special veterans-only concert that I'm sponsoring in conjunction with The Lois Pope LIFE Foundation for those who receive healthcare and other services and participate in programs at the VA Medical Center in West Palm Beach. The occasion is the 2nd Annual National Day of Honor for American Veterans Disabled for Life.

I'm delighted to say that The Palm Beach Symphony Orchestra and the USO Show Troupe will also perform at the free concert, which begins at 2 p.m. at the Medical Center, 7305 North Military Trail.

As you all know, October 5 date has special meaning for disabled veterans in America, as it was on that day in 2014 that we dedicated American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington DC. I conceived and spearheaded the building of this memorial, our nation's first and only permanent public tribute to the four million-plus living American disabled veterans and those who have died.

Once the Memorial was dedicated, I knew there was more work to be done, so I spent the next two years championing the creation of the National Day of Honor for American Veterans Disabled for Life, which will now be held every October 5. Thanks my friend, U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL, 21st District), whose son served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and who introduced a resolution into Congress to officially designate the day. The resolution was contained in the U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Improvement Act of 2016. We held Inaugural National Day of Honor last year at the Memorial.

This year, I thought it would be truly meaningful to do something closer to home, and the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center is the perfect place. The center annually provides patient-centered, evidence-based services at its main facility and six community outpatient clinics to more than 60,000 veterans, from those who served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam to those who fought in the current war on terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan and other conflicts in between.

Tony Orlando is the ideal entertainer to headline the Oct. 5 concert for veterans. We all know him as the owner of some two dozen Top 40 hits, from 'Candida' and 'Knock Three Times' to 'He Don't Love You Like I Love You' and 'Tie A Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Ole Oak Tree,' which is one of the top selling singles of all-time. He also wrote and produced hits for Barry Manilow, James Taylor, the Grateful Dead and many other superstars."

What you may not know is that he is one of the nation's most ardent supporters of those who have served in our nation's military. Indeed, he has been honored with the prestigious Bob Hope Award for excellence in entertainment from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society in tribute to his efforts on behalf of veterans. His commitment to veterans led to his being named Honorary Chairman of the 40th Anniversary at the NAM-POW's Homecoming Celebration at the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library in 2014. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Eisenhower Foundation as well as Honorary Chairman of Snowball Express, an organization that serves the children of fallen military heroes. Orlando also hosts the Congressional Medal of Honor dinner every year in Dallas, Texas, to honor our Medal of Honor recipients.

October 5 is the ideal day to demonstrate our gratitude, our respect and our appreciation for veterans who have sacrificed so much in our defense and who continue to bear the scars of war. Our National Day of Honor concert at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center featuring Tony Orlando - as well as the Palm Beach Symphony and the USO Show Troupe - is a wonderful way to say to veterans and disabled veterans, 'thank you for your service.' I look forward to seeing you all there.

Love,

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature of the name "Lois" in dark ink.

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