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SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

A Season to be Thankful!

Fall represents a season of showing thanks, and after some of the trials Collier County and Southwest Florida has been through this fall, I am so thankful for the wonderful community we are blessed to be a part of! When Hurricane Irma gave us her worst, Collier County gave it their best!

Moving onwards, we are looking forward to the City of Everglades City Election which will be held on November 28. Our staff continues to work with the Everglades City Clerk, our voters and the candidates to ensure they have a smooth Election Day. Even with the relief from Hurricane Irma continuing, democracy waits for no one!

Also on the horizon is the long awaited upgrade to our ADA-compliant voting system. This quarter, our office will finally replace our iVotronics with ExpressVotes! This is a very exciting time for us as we continue to move forward with technology to help serve the voters of Collier County! More information on demonstrations for the ExpressVote machines and their launch date will follow in the coming months.

Read more about our new equipment and our community activities in this edition of News & Views!



Thank you to the Board of County Commissioners who designated September 26, 2017 as National Voter Registration Day!

OUT & ABOUT



ExpressVote

We have been anticipating an upgrade to our ADA-compliant voting equipment for years, and the time is nearly here!

Out with the iVotronic and in with ExpressVote! Over the next few months, our office is upgrading all of our iVotronic ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) voting machines to comply with state law, which requires all voting machines to have a paper trail by the year 2020. We are staying with our current voting system vendor, Election Systems & Software (ES&S), and will be implementing the ExpressVote voting system for voters who may have a disability. The ExpressVote system utilizes touch-screen technology that produces a paper-based record for tabulation. In other words, the voter will make their choices on the ExpressVote screen and once done, it will print a ballot card reflecting their choices. The voter will then bring the ballot card to the DS200 where the ballot will be inserted and recorded.

Stay tuned for additional information related to this upgrade in the coming months!

VOTER EDUCATION

National Voter Registration Day



HEATHER DOANE

VOTER EDUCATION COORDINATOR

The goal of National Voter Registration Day is to bring awareness to the importance of voting, and to make sure voters across the U.S. are ready for their next election.

This year, Diplomats represented us at seven locations across the county registering voters and educating patrons about the importance of voting. We also tapped into a new location at Crunch Fitness – Naples. We are excited to partner with Crunch, opening new registration possibilities to voters outside of our traditional locations.

We have also collaborated with organizations such as the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Young Professionals of Naples to spread the word about National Voter Registration Day via newsletters and social media posts.

While National Voter Registration Day was a great time to register new voters, it also provided an opportunity to remind voters that it's a "S.N.A.P" to prepare for the 2018 Election Cycle. "S.N.A.P." stands for Signature, Name, Address, and Political Party – four very important parts of your voter record that should be up-to-date prior to each election.

Visit www.CollierVotes.com to learn more about registering, updating your information, and the 2018 Election Cycle.

CUSTOMER SERVICE



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Online Voter Registration

As of October 1, the Florida Department of State launched online voter registration. Voters can now securely register to vote by visiting: www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov. This secure website provides you with a convenient way to register to vote or update your existing voter record.

The online registration application is available in English and in Spanish, and is also ADA-compliant. To complete and submit the voter registration application electronically, you will need your Florida Driver License or Florida identification number and the last four digits of your social security number.

If the information is not validated, you will be prompted to print out the application, fill it out, and sign it. You can then either mail the voter registration application or hand-deliver it to one of our offices. If you have any questions about online voter registration or about your voter registration status, please contact us at (239) 252-VOTE!



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CANDIDATE QUALIFYING

Getting Issues on the Florida Ballot

Florida voters – despite party affiliation – may see new amendments to the Florida Constitution in 2018. There are three ways in which an amendment to Florida's Constitution may be placed on the ballot: by petition of the electors, by the Florida Legislature, or by presentation from a 37-member Constitutional Revision Commission, which is established every 20 years.

In order for an amendment to appear on a ballot by petition, the committee backing the amendment must secure 766,200 valid petition signatures. This method is certainly no easy task, but it was used by the Medical Marijuana Amendment backers to gain ballot position in 2016. This year, an amendment calling for the automatic restoration of voting rights for felons (exempting murderers and sex offenders) appears to be the only measure with potential to make the ballot by petition with approximately 178,000 petitions already obtained.

Amendments being added by the Florida legislature is the most often used method of securing ballot position. In order for this to occur, a 60% vote of each house of legislature must be obtained.

When amendments are added through the Constitutional Revision Commission, it's after several meetings of the 37 members who are appointed by the Governor, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, President of the State Senate and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. The current Commission is holding meetings now and should have its proposed amendments ready by May. In 1998, the Commission placed nine amendments on the ballot – eight of which were passed by Florida voters.



JULIO VIGIL
ELECTION SERVICES
DIRECTOR

ELECTION SERVICES

Everglades City Election Day

Although Hurricane Irma left a mark of destruction in Collier County, the City of Everglades City Election will move forward! Our office has been closely working with Everglades City

officials to ensure that their Election Day runs smoothly. Due to the hurricane, the Everglades City Hall sustained damage and there is now a temporary City Hall set up which will also house our polling room on November 28. The temporary City Hall is located at 205 Buckner Avenue in Everglades City.

With approximately 260 active voters within the Everglades City limits, we will stage two EViDs to check in voters, three voting booths, an iVotronic ADA-compliant voting system, and two DS200s for tabulation. We will also be using wireless technology to check in voters – a new practice we are looking forward to carrying over in the 2018 Election Cycle.

Our team is ensuring that the City of Everglades City Election kicks off smoothly without a hitch.

TRAINING NEWS

Gearing Up for 2018

This has certainly been a very unusual quarter for everyone! We hope everyone was safe and did not sustain too much damage from Hurricane Irma. The September orientations were re-scheduled for October and we will continue to host additional orientations as we dive into 2018.

We will be receiving our new ADA-compliant voting equipment this quarter. ExpressVotes will make their debut during the City of Naples Election in February, replacing the iVotronics.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the 2018 Election Cycle including the Primary Election on August 28 and the General Election on November 6. Also, please keep your contact information up-to-date! Just like we remind our voters, updating your information can be done in a S.N.A.P.! Keep our office updated on any changes to your address so we can make sure our voter rolls are up-to-date.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon!



ROGER MUNZ
TRAINING DIRECTOR

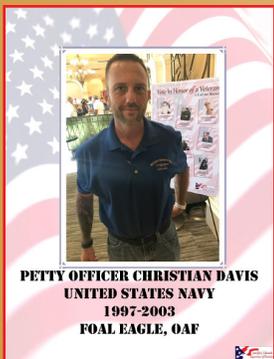


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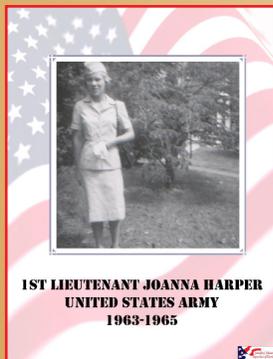
Reasons to be Thankful

The sacrifices our veterans have made protecting our rights and freedoms stand as examples that emphasize the importance of taking our responsibilities as Americans seriously, including the right to vote. As we approach the holiday season, our Vote in Honor of a Veteran program reminds us of all the reasons to be thankful.

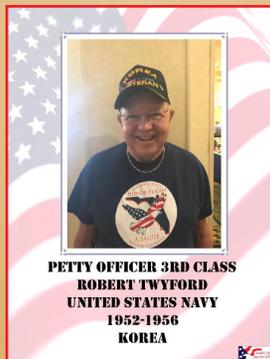
If you know a veteran or someone actively serving in the military, please contact our office to honor them through our Vote in Honor of a Veteran program. The next time you vote, Vote in Honor of a Veteran!



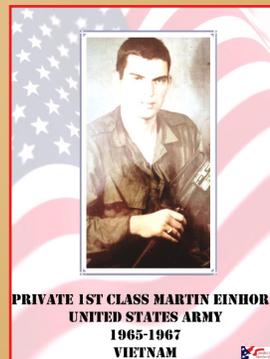
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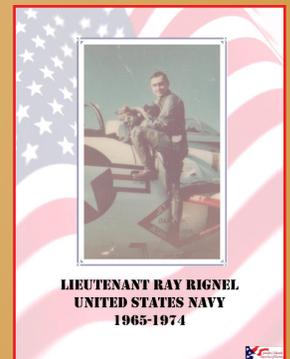
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UNITED STATES ARMY
1963-1965



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ROBERT TWYFORD
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1952-1956
KOREA



PRIVATE 1ST CLASS MARTIN EINHORN
UNITED STATES ARMY
1965-1967
VIETNAM



LIEUTENANT RAY RIGNEL
UNITED STATES NAVY
1965-1974

Follow us on Facebook where we will be showing our thanks to our honored veterans: @CollierVotes



SPOTLIGHT: NEW STAFF!

Justin Vacca, Vote-by-Mail Coordinator

Justin Vacca joined the Supervisor of Elections office on May 8, 2017. A native New Jerseyan, Justin spent most of his childhood in Naples before graduating from Barron Collier High School.

He went on to attend the University of Florida in Gainesville (Go Gators!) and received a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology. He spent the next 10 years in management at Sam's Club before joining our team as the Vote-by-Mail Coordinator.

Justin spends most of his free time riding or repairing his motorcycle. He is also a saltwater aquarist and certified S.C.U.B.A. diver.

Justin is looking forward to making a positive impact on our community while working in elections.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

City of Everglades City Election: November 28, 2017

City of Naples Municipal: February 6, 2018

Primary Election: August 28, 2018

General Election: November 6, 2018

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