



CHAMPIONS CHATTER

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Early May, 2026

NEXT MEETING IS SET FOR May 4

Our next meeting is a 1st Monday meeting on **Monday May 4**, also our **Law Appreciation Dinner** night, 6:30 pm at the **Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center**. Come join us as we recognize our **Officer of the Year** and **Telecommunicator of the Year**. It's a great time to bring a new member candidate - forward this newsletter to them and invite them to join us – a membership form is included (hint, hint 😊)!

HANDING OUT SCHOLARSHIPS

Nine of our ten **scholarship** awards were handed out at Plant City High School on April 23 and we will wrap up the distribution at Strawberry Crest on May 7. We received a nice thank you email from PCHS, see page 2 for the letter and photo.

A BUSY SPRING IS WINDING DOWN

We had another busy spring season working three April events (**Easter Egg Hunt**, **Future Career Academy** Hiring Event, and **Soccer Skills Challenge**) with the **Law Appreciation Dinner** coming up May 4 followed by the **Memorial Day American Legion** event May 25. Thanks to all of the folks that came out to support these programs. Photos from the Future Career Academy Hiring Event and Soccer Skills Challenge are on pages 3-5.



LAW APPRECIATION DINNER - MONDAY MAY 4

Our **Law Appreciation Dinner** is set! Plan to be at the **Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center** on **Monday May 4 at 6:30 pm** as we invite Gentleman's Quest from Marshall Middle School and the afterschool program from the SGMCC to be a part of the estimated 70 attendees to recognize our **Plant City Police Department** Officer of the Year and our Telecommunicator of the Year. Johnson's BBQ is on the agenda, so you know it will be good. This is a great time to bring a guest to let them be a part of one of our fun and impactful events.

LOOKING AHEAD... MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ✓ **Monday, May 4:** Law Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 pm, **Sadye Gibbs Martin Comm. Center**, 302 S Maryland Ave.
- ✓ **Monday, May 18:** 3rd Monday Grill Night Meeting, 6:30 pm, **Gracepoint Church**, Installation Night.
- ✓ **Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day event, 11:00 am, **Norman McLeod Post 26, American Legion** (see page 7)
- ✓ **Monday, June 1:** 1st Monday Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm, **ABC Pizza**.
- ✓ **Monday, June 15:** No 3rd Monday regular meeting – enjoy the night off!
- ✓ **Monday, June 15:** Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Grace Manor Clubhouse.

2025-2026 OFFICERS

Jeff Arnold, President
Jeb Hicks, Vice President
Jack Holland, Secretary/Treasurer
Walt Arnold, Sergeant at Arms



2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS

Pat Stottlemeyer
Robert Olszewski
David Kinghorn
Jeb Hicks

2026 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM AWARDS



RECEIVED FROM PLANT CITY HIGH SCHOOL:

Thank you for making our awards night a success. Because of you we were able to award our students over 200,000 dollars in scholarships. The impact that you have made on their lives is undeniable. I know this impact, because my own children have been recipients of many of these scholarships.

I wanted to let you all know that last night was my last award's night at PCHS. I have begun a new role as the assistant principal at Cork Elementary School. I have worked with many of you for the last 11 years and it has been a pleasure! Please know that if you need anything or have any questions you are welcome to reach out to me at any time.

Going forward, your contact will be Aimee Solomon. Her email is aimee.solomon@hcps.net. Again, thank you for the support you continually show our students!

With Gratitude,

Jamie Stephens
Assistant Principal
Cork Elementary
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jamie.stephens@hcps.net

FUTURE CAREER ACADEMY HIRING EVENT – THURSDAY APRIL 23

Event photos are at <https://www.facebook.com/WorkforceDevelopmentPartners>



SOCCER SKILLS CHALLENGE - SATURDAY APRIL 25



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SPREAD THE WORD!



Plant City Parks & Recreation

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Our fan-favorite Reelin' with a Ranger Fishing Derby is making its return, and it's shaping up to be another great one! 🎣

Grab your crew (ages 3+) and join us for a laid-back morning of fishing, laughs, and some friendly competition. Whether you're going for biggest catch, smallest catch, or just casting for fun, it's all about making memories. No experience needed, just show up ready to enjoy the day!

Our McIntosh Preserve Rangers will be on-site to lend a hand and keep the good times rolling out on the water.



Saturday, June 13 | 8:00–11:00 AM



Plant City Stadium (back parking lot off Gordon Food Service Dr)



\$12 per team (up to 6 anglers)



Registration is OPEN!

<https://www.register.plantcitygov.com/plantcity> ✓

#ReelinWithARanger #PlantCity #FamilyFun #FishingDerby #ThingsToDoPC #PCEvents
#OutdoorFun #CatchOfTheDay

2026 MEMORIAL DAY EVENT – AMERICAN LEGION

We will participate with a representative and floral arrangement – come join us!



Norman McLeod American Legion Post 26

Fellow Citizens and Community Partners,

Norman McLeod American Legion Post 26 will again be hosting our annual Memorial Day Ceremony to honor our brave servicemembers that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We will be recognizing our veterans in the community that have passed this year as well. The ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 25, 2026, at 2207 West Baker Street, Plant City Fl. 33563 (Post 26). Following the ceremony lunch will be provided.

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the ceremony by placing a wreath or floral offering when you are called during the rollcall of clubs, organizations, or businesses.

If you desire to participate, please reply by email to info@alpost26fl.org or you may call/text our Adjutant Mark Conner at (813) 352-4891.

When you reply, please give the name of the person, club, organization, or business sponsoring the wreath or floral remembrance for the ceremony. We request that all wreaths or floral offerings arrive at the Post no later than 10:30 a.m. on Memorial Day.

After the ceremony you may take your wreath or floral offering; those that are left will be placed in memoriam at the Post flagpole.

We look forward to seeing you on Memorial Day and thank you for your continued support.

Please reply by Friday, May 22nd, if you plan to attend and participate in the ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry L. Harrold".

Jerry L. Harrold
Commander
American Legion Post 26
Plant City, FL



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Commander
Norman McLeod Post 26

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE*: _____

FIRST NAME*: _____ LAST NAME*: _____

MAILING ADDRESS*: _____

MAILING CITY AND STATE*: _____ ZIP*: _____

BIRTH MONTH*: _____ BIRTH DATE*: _____

MOBILE*: (_____) _____ HOME*: (_____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS*: _____

SPOUSE / SIGNIFICANT OTHER NAME: _____

SPOUSE / SIGNIFICANT OTHER TELEPHONE - MOBILE: _____

SPOUSE / SIGNIFICANT OTHER EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CURRENT / FORMER OCCUPATION: _____

PLANT CITY CHAMPIONS' MEMBER SPONSOR: _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT PC CHAMPIONS: _____

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES: _____

AREAS OF INTEREST (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)*:

☐	YOUTH PROGRAMS	☐	YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS
☐	MEMBERSHIP	☐	FUNDRAISING
☐	MARKETING	☐	WEB SITE / SOCIAL MEDIA
☐	CLUB LEADERSHIP (PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER)		

LOGO POLO
SHIRT SIZE:

* = REQUIRED

**PLEASE SAVE TO YOUR COMPUTER
AND EMAIL TO US AT:
PCCHAMPIONSFORYOUTH@OUTLOOK.COM**

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- ⇒ APPROVAL OF APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- ⇒ \$100 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (JULY 1 TO JUNE 30)
- ⇒ VOTING RIGHTS AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN GOOD STANDING
- ⇒ MEETING ATTENDANCE IS PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED
- ⇒ FOCUS IS ON ASSISTANCE AT ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS