



ELECTRIC CITY SHAG CLUB

"Best Little Shag Club in Dixie"

SHAG "N" TALES

Special Edition

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**Celebrating America's 250th
Birthday**

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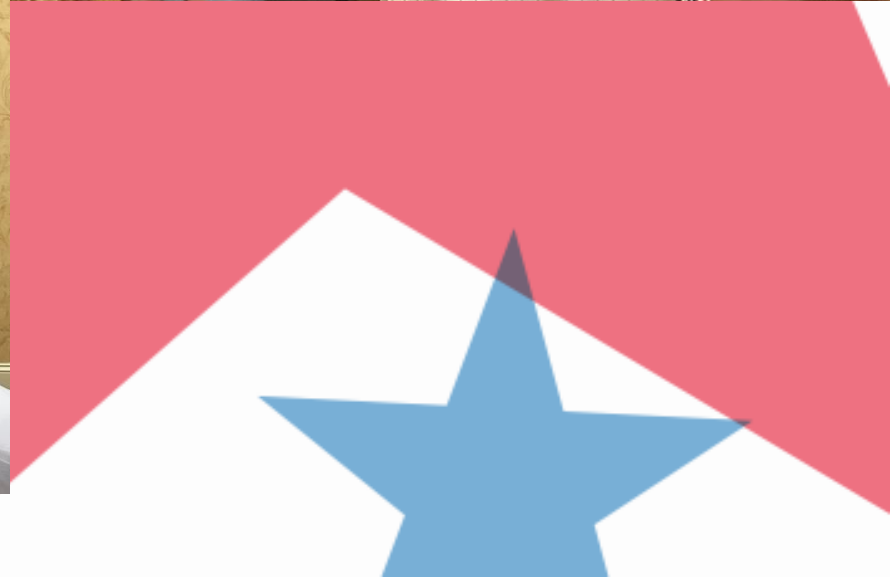




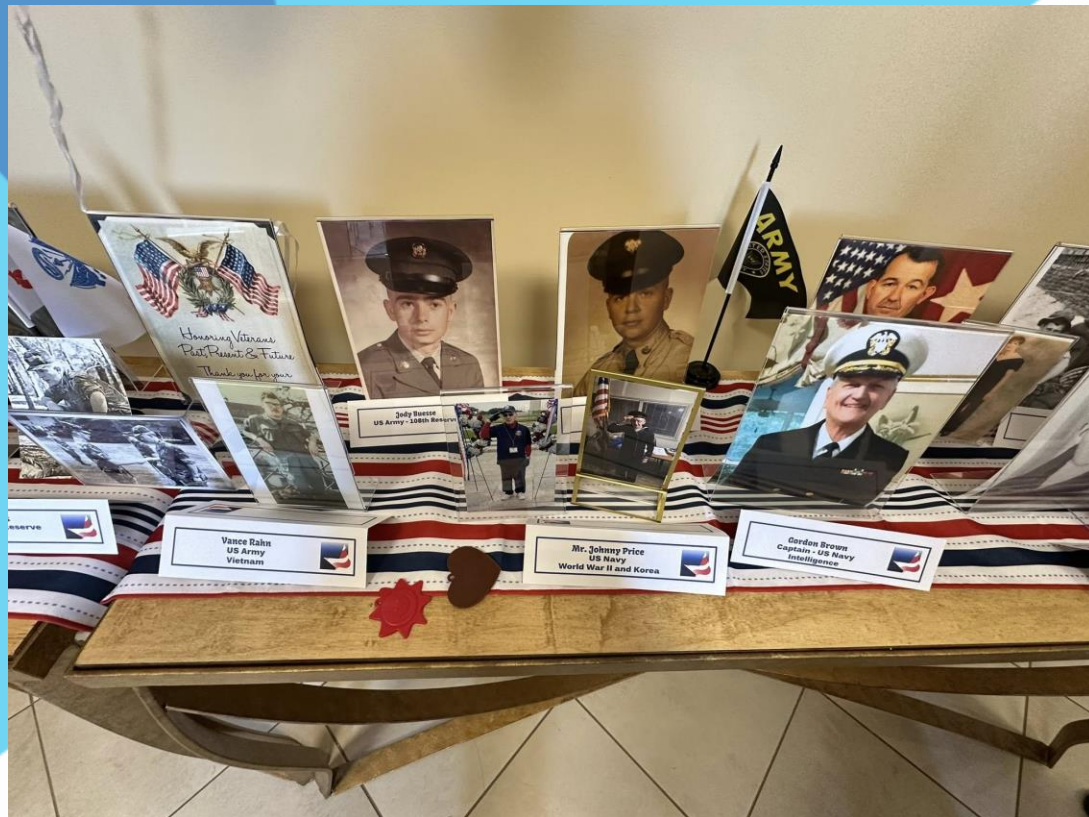
















The following slides are Lisa Caveny's Thank you that she read at our Membership Meeting prior to the Re Up Party on February 27.



Lisa Caveny and Wanda Robertson

Special Thanks to Wanda for serving as my Co-Chair. We have both enjoyed many years of heading up this party and are proud of our contributions to this club. From themes like “Boots, Beer & Beach Music”, when Micky Medlin took a photo I found on Pinterest of a real looking chuck wagon and he built one even better for us to use as a serving line...to “Beach & Flamingos”, to the 50’s with poodle skirts, bobbie socks and saddle oxfords and rolled up t-shirt sleeves, slicked back hair and loafers for the men...to a setting like a real Storm with thunder provided by our DJs and huge clouds with gold lightning bolts and bubble umbrellas that I handmade and sold every single one the first night of the party...We have certainly poured heart & soul into our volunteer work. Wanda & I buy our party ticket, just like each of you. We also pay for our hotel room, if we elect to stay. Wanda is so creative and always add a flair to everything she touches.

Wanda had 3 great vendors and selected a delicious food selection for the weekend.

I want to especially Thank Norman Mills for having the confidence in my abilities when you approached me in 2024 requesting that I help get the Storm party started back up for 2025. And I did, and we did and we were successful. I want to also Thank the Board members in 2025 for your support and this year’s Board for continuing with interest and offers of help.

Special Thanks to the Sponsors of our Veterans Program and Recognition Gifts...each person giving a \$100 donation, over and above paying for their party tickets. These generous donations were given by Paul McDonnell & Pam Skelton, Terri Anderson & Bill Culler, Mary Ann McBride, Gordon Brown & Phyllis Walters, Vance & Janine Rahn, Bobby & Joy Skelton, Elliott Holman, Terry & Mark Gordon, Lorraine & Dell Jones, Rose Ann Stamey & Lisa Caveny. Each of you are critical to the success of our party...You are Unsung Heroes and each year that I have my hand held out...some of the same friends step forward willing to give above and beyond.

ECSC member Gary Hinton needs Thanked because he put me in touch with the American Legion Post 52 Honor Guard, who did an outstanding job presenting the Flags with pomp & circumstance setting the tone in the ballroom for a memorable patriotic experience. ECSC gave a \$100 donation to the Honor Guard for their participation.

Thanks to ECSC Gordon Brown, who offered his military uniform to be on display in the ballroom...certainly added a very nice touch...and he also went to his church, Concord Baptist and they allowed Gordon to borrow the beautiful Military Branch flags and brass stands that were displayed on either side of the DJs. Gordon also had to return to the hotel on Monday after the party...to load the flags and stands and return them safely to his church. Thank you Gordon for your extra time and effort and especially for your years of friendship with my Daddy. There's a very tender story I'd like to share that is very personal....When Gordon came through the receiving line at my precious Daddy's funeral service back in September....Gordon was the one person who came back and said to me, "Lisa.....I see what you've done and it's very special." What Gordon had noticed was that I had tucked in my Daddy's hands one of the Challenge Coins that went to the grave with him. I knew how much the faces of this club, especially all the ladies who gave my daddy hugs brightened his week and I wanted him to have his coin...

And then there's a funny little story.....I brought from my hoarders stash the mannequins that were used by Lilly and by Gordon.....Gordon's very dignified uniform hung all weekend on a female mannequin form...with boobs....because that's all I had to offer!! I couldn't help but see humor in that knowing our Gordon!!

Our guests were Welcomed by a Statue of Liberty, which was brought and setup by Bobby & Joy Skelton. She was a great addition to our decorations and a great photo prop!

I can't leave out Thanking Steve Jackson and wife, Karen, for passing on to me the black wrought iron shag silhouette some two years ago....I painted it and put it in a large planter to use as a display piece for our events. Thanks Steve for knowing that I do use the things that are passed along to me! My hoarder's stash pays off again!!

Next, I'd like to Thank Mary Ann McBride for connecting me with the Mayor of Anderson, Terance Roberts...who is a personal friend to her. Mayor Roberts agreed to come to our dinner largely in part to their friendship...Once I contacted the Mayor, he had me write the wording for the Proclamation that he presented to Cheryl on Saturday night honoring our shag club and our Veterans. Mary Ann also helped me in preparation for our event by cutting all Dance Cards & Party Release of Liability Forms. I do all the printing of the Party flyers, Dance Cards, Release Forms and Table of 10 forms from my office to save the club on printing costs.

Thank you to Pam Skelton who keeps our financials in order. I write a spreadsheet that I use all year as I'm planning, ordering and buying...but the week after a Storm event...Pam and I must balance with all my receipts and the receipts that anyone else has submitted. I'm happy to report...we Balanced!

Pam also donated all the yummy tootsie rolls for the weekend. Did you know that the tootsie roll had it's place In WWII?? While WWII economy forced many candy companies to halt their production, the Tootsie Roll expanded. Because it was considered as "quick energy" and had an ability to withstand heat and humidity for long period of time...Tootsie Rolls were included in GI rations. This helped make the Totsie Roll an American Icon. Thank you Pam for this sweet treat! I've brought all the left overs to share tonight on the tables.

Thank you to our Awesome DJs for keeping the dance floor full of happy people. Mike, Norman & Becky played awesome music...Riki, you were certainly missed, but your health comes first. Loved

having Gene Sistre with us from Lancaster...He certainly had nice things to say about his time with our club and hopes he sees many of you during DJ Throw Down and Spring SOS.

Same can be said for our guest dance Instructors, Ashley & Tobitha Stewart from North Carolina...They spent time with Scotty & Cheryl sharing about teaching and showing a few dance steps...and they had actually requested after last year's party for us to invite them back to Anderson. Our very own, Maggie, Dionne & Cheryl did a great job teaching the line dance class. Fireball is still an all time favorite!! Your class was full and every one was having fun!

On to Scotty & Cheryl, along with their volunteers who worked the 50/50 both nights. Great results! I really liked your idea of displaying the tickets on the wall....

Lilly Blue & Leona Hurley headed up our Lucky Draw Raffle, so much help from husband Danny, Lilly's daughter Dawn & son in law, Matt and Leona's husband Dennis. The raffle area was so nicely organized and kudos for all your hard work. It really showed. Thank you for inviting me to draw the winning tickets on Saturday night...I really didn't think anyone could out do last year's raffle room, because it was organized with a lot of work and effort....but I will certainly say that much time and attention to detail went into moving the raffle area into the ballroom. We gave up 4 tables for the needed space, our numbers were down slightly due to sickness, and the beach music cruise took some of our regulars...but we gained a very inviting area that had people buying tickets and wishing to win many of the prizes. To each person who contributed to our prize table...do you see how you make a difference?? If that raffle area only had 10 prizes displayed...well Lilly and Leona would have been hard pressed to surpass last year's numbers...but I'm happy to report the total raffle sales were a little over \$2300. Lilly, Lenora and all your wonderful volunteers made this year's raffle area an example to strive for.

We had a few folks who even came and requested to send Venmo to purchase raffle cards because they had not brought cash and they were excited for the selection of prizes. Please remember that when you are asked to donate in the future...Know that each item counts to make us successful as a club.

One week prior to the Storm party...a group of our ECSC ladies met at the hotel to stuff our Welcome Bags....Thank you to each one who came....the laughter, the dinner afterwards....it really made work so much fun.

Thank you to everyone that showed up Thursday night saying “what can I do?” There are no words to say Thank you enough to see the party take life and everyone’s ideas were appreciated. I have heard nothing but rave reviews of the entire weekend...Our out of town shaggers were impressed. I am most proud of how our club members know how to make others feel welcome...

Most people see everything once they arrive on Thursday night, but all that you see had to be planned, purchased, packed, hauled and unloaded prior to everyone’s arrival. I want to say that I appreciated my brother, Mark’s help in making numerous trips to and from the hotel with my “party trailer” loaded down. I couldn’t do this without your help!

Special Thanks to Terri, Lorraine and Dell, Patsy for helping me organize & pack up the boxes and to all who chipped in to put something up and take it back down....You are appreciated beyond the expression of words. It takes a wonderful village of friends who pull together...ECSC knows how to come together...work together, pray together and play together...Because of your involvement, I’m pleased to say that we retained in the storm account a little over \$8000 for seed money for future endeavors.

Any coins or flags sold from this point...all monies will go to the Storm Account. I am reaching out to other shag clubs to see if they would like to honor their Veterans and I will try my best to sell any

extras that we have. My brother actually took a few coins to show to his friends, and he sold \$40 last week. This entire year is an opportunity to sell...If any of you know of a selling opportunity, please let me know.

How can I not say Thank You to our Veterans...You were my motivation and my inspiration as I was planning the theme for this year...I was so proud to hear your personal stories and I so respect each of you who have served to protect our freedoms and our County. I'm proud to be your friend! Special blessings that our club has a 100 years old WWII Veteran who dances up a STORM like Mr. Johnny Price...Mr. Johnny, on my recent visit to the WWII Museum in New Orleans, I couldn't help but think of you. I bought you a pair of socks and a lanyard for you to enjoy and a complete book on the Museum.

How can I not Thank Cheryl...our lovely President for your leadership and for your desire to be a positive person and live your life by example. Cheryl, I found for your home, a 250th commemorative bell for your Christmas tree this year. I hope it reminds you of our Storm weekend!

The last thing I'd like to share is that I've been contacted and asked to write a short article about our special storm party this year honoring our Veterans and our wonderful shag club. This article will appear in the SOS Carefree Magazine for Spring SOS in April. To receive that call was an honor...as I used to be featured in the Magazine regularly when I served on the National Board. Can't wait to share about our beloved Storm party and the members of this shag club!!

