

SOLAR SALUTES A FALLEN HERO



WILLIAM R. GAINES JR. VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

20499 Edgewater Drive, Port Charlotte

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

The sun continues to rise on the community that fallen marine William R. Gaines Jr. called home. We pay tribute to his sacrifice for freedom at this park — and now, the sunshine is building a better tomorrow through solar energy. You can see it up close with two solar trees and two parking canopies, which provide shaded parking and put clean energy into the community.

VISIT WILLIAM R. GAINES JR. VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOR:



Shaded Benches



Scenic Water Views

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE PARK:

- **40,000** annual visitors
- **3,100** FPL SolarNow participants in Charlotte County supported this installation

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FROM OUR COMMUNITY:






“We hope these solar trees and solar canopies help to honor the legacy of fallen marine William R. Gaines Jr. They are a fitting tribute to a true military hero, because the SolarNow program has made an investment in our community’s future. These structures will make clean energy accessible to those who visit the park and will be an inspiring part of the area.”

— Wendie Vestfall
Tourism Director
Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach
Visitor & Convention Bureau

PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

FPL SolarNow solar trees and canopies are innovative solar structures created by the community for the community. They provide shade and harness the power of the sun to generate emissions-free energy that benefits all of us while encouraging future generations to learn more about solar energy.

About the FPL SolarNow Program

-  **70+** Locations at parks, zoos and museums
-  **50 million** Annual visitors to SolarNow locations
-  **100** Solar trees and canopies around Florida
-  **2,281 MWh** Energy generated through solar trees and canopies
-  **52 thousand** Total number of participants

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