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Fellow Veterans:

I hope you are as glad as I am to see the hot days of summer fading behind us. It has certainly been a summer for the record books.

I would like to thank our veterans for the tremendous turnout we have had for our last two meetings. It reminds me of the meetings we have had in the past. Keep up the good work and continue attending and supporting our Veteran's needs.

There are two upcoming major events I want to highlight in my Chairman's letter this month:

November 8: On Sunday afternoon we will be showing another is a series of documentaries. This one is entitled.... " *Unleashing the Underdogs: The K9's for Warriors Story*" The program is the fifth in a series of documentaries produced to honor our veterans. The K9s for Warriors story is produced specifically to honor our Iraq and Afghanistan service men and women. It deals with the hardships they have endured since returning home from their combat tours of duty. It specifically relates to PTSD and other maladies that have prevented their

normal return to civilian life. The discovery of the important role dogs have played in their recovery has been nothing short of a miracle. One of the most significant benefits has been the rescue of the dogs...many selected for euthanasia, and the incredible impact they have had on the recovery of our warriors. The dogs and veterans come together at the K9s for Warriors center in Nocatee and are paired up for training. They spend week's together bonding, training, learning each other idiosyncrasies, and developing a lasting relationship that will last a lifetime. This is a **don't miss** program. Please plan to attend and bring your family and friends. It's a free event so please plan to spend a couple of hours with us on Sunday afternoon, Nov 8 . A flyer appears in the Patriot Reader with all the details.

November 11: This Veterans Day will be the biggest and best ceremony St. Augustine has ever had to honor our Veterans. The Ancient City MOAA and Veterans Council of St. Johns County are in final stages of planning and preparing for a military parade in downtown St. Augustine. This will be the culmination of the 450th Anni-

versary of the founding of St. Augustine. It honors all our veterans who have served since the city was founded 450 years ago. There will be marching military bands, high school bands, military marching units, ROTC / JROTC marching units, reenactors in period uniforms, military rolling stock, military helicopter and equipment displays, USCG ships riding anchor in Matanzas Bay, and a vintage aircraft formation flyover. Representatives from the British, Spanish, and French Consulates have been invited as well as General and Flag Officers and other dignitaries. The reviewing stand will be on the grounds of the Castillo de San Marcos. Be sure you have the date marked on your calendar and plan to be downtown to wave and cheer our military as they pass in review along San Marco and Menendez parade route.

Thanks for your service.

Bill Dudley, Chairman
Veterans Council of
St. Johns County, Inc.

Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home *Where Patriotism is our Motto*



Residents trying their hand at painting in the biweekly art class



A resident and a volunteer enjoying lunch at Red Lobster



Above and on the right: Sailors from NAS Jax provided a 9/11 remembrance ceremony for our veterans.



The Singing Colonels performed a phenomenal show of oldies, patriotic and gospel tunes



**The Jacksonville National Cemetery
Greetings from the Support Committee at
the Jacksonville National Cemetery!**



JNC SC Chairman,
Ray Quinn

The Support Committee invites everyone to attend its **next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 2016**. The meeting will be at **7:00pm**. The meeting will take place at Community Hospice, **4266 Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257 in Conference Room A**.

+++++2015 Officers of the SCJNC+++++

- Chairman: Ray Quinn
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- Secretary: Kathy Church
- Chaplain: Michael Halyard
- Master-At-Arms: Joe McDermott
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- Historian: Jody Raymond

VOLUNTEERS are needed! <http://jacksonvilleladies.org>

Membership in **The Jacksonville Ladies/Gentlemen** is strictly *voluntary* and is open to all Ladies and Gentlemen who have a sincere desire to pay final tribute to our Veterans. A Volunteer is there to attend every Service, not to "intrude" but to stand as a "silent witness" and give honor to the Veteran and condolences to their families. It is not a "typical" Volunteer position, it must come from the heart. It is an honor to be a part of these ceremonies that pay tribute to the everyday heroes that make up our armed forces. The Volunteers give back a little to those who have given so much for our great country.

How to Volunteer - <http://jacksonvilleladies.org>

The Jacksonville Ladies/Gentlemen are a very special group of *Volunteers* dedicated to being the "Silent Witness" for the Service of a Veteran and/or their Spouse. Especially important are those with no family present so they are not laid to rest alone. We also hope to provide some comfort to the family.

The only requirements are compassion, dedication and the sincere desire to honor our Veterans for their service to our country.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a Volunteer please contact Chair Gail Williams at 904-291-0604 or Vice Chair Kathy Cayton at 904-272-9489.

You can also fill out the form in the link below and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible.

<http://www.jacksonvilleladies.org/>

COMMUNITY AND VETERANS HELP FAMILY OF MARINE KILLED IN CHATTANOOGA

On Sept. 4, it was my honor and privilege to represent all the Veterans of St. Johns County at a ceremony to pay tribute to one of our fallen comrades, Sgt. David Wyatt. Sgt. Wyatt was a USMC recruiter who was brutally murdered along with three of his comrades by a terrorist in Chattanooga while at his assigned station at the local recruiting office. Sgt. Wyatt's parents reside here in St. Johns County and live in the Palencia community.



On Friday, 28 August, the St. Johns Sheriff's Office held a cookout fundraiser to raise money for Sgt. Wyatt's wife and two small children. The cookout was a huge success thanks to the leadership of Donna Hazel, Victim Advocate, SJSO and Angela George, friend of the Wyatts.

On 4 Sept, a ceremony was held at the Palencia Sales Office to present the funds raised to Sgt. Wyatt's parents, Allen and Michelle Wyatt on behalf of Sgt. Wyatt's widow and children. A little over \$13000 was raised thanks to the outpouring of generosity from our community. I am very appreciative of the generous giving of our veterans who attended the cookout and who helped to raise funds through their respective organizations. St. Johns County is one of the most generous and veteran friendly counties in the great State of Florida and this fund raiser certainly underscored that fact.



Thank you for all who participated or gave to this very worthwhile event to show our appreciation to Sgt. Wyatt for his service to our country and to his family who suffered the loss of a son, husband and father.

Bill Dudley

Sheriff

DAVID B SHOAR

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18 September 2015

Mr. Bill Dudley
Chairman, Veterans Council of St. Johns County
1072 Alcalá Drive
St. Augustine, Florida 32086

Dear Mr. Dudley,

I would like to express my gratitude to you for attending the recent hot dog and ice cream social fundraiser held at the Sheriff's Office in honor of U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant David Wyatt. As you well know, Sergeant Wyatt was one of four marines tragically killed during the shooting at the U.S. Navy Operations Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee this past July. All proceeds from the event were forwarded to the Wyatt Family in recognition of this fallen American hero.

I sincerely appreciate your kind generosity in orchestrating multiple donations from our local veterans groups in honor of Sergeant Wyatt's memory. The fundraiser was a tremendous success and I thank you for the benevolence the Veterans Council has bestowed in supporting this endeavor.

Please do not hesitate to call upon myself or this agency whenever we may be of service to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D Shoar".

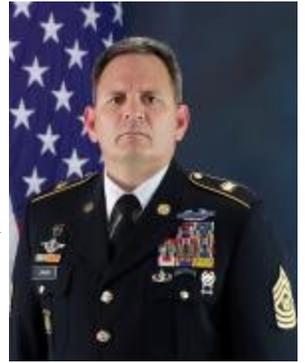
David B. Shoar
Sheriff

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Thank you Major Scott Tylor for providing the Patriot Reader with this biography of a local Hero

Command Sergeant Major David Lanham

Command Sergeant Major David Lanham is the Command Sergeant Major for the 83rd Troop Command, Florida Army National Guard, in Tallahassee, Florida. CSM Lanham was born in Hollywood and entered the service by enlisting in the United States Army in 1987 as an Infantryman.



After completion of Infantry Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Ft Benning, Georgia, he was assigned as an Infantryman in D Co 5/16 INF, 1st ID at Ft. Riley, KS where he served until leaving active service in 1990. In 1991, CSM Lanham was recalled from the Individual Ready Reserve for service in Germany during Operation Desert Shield / Desert Storm. CSM Lanham subsequently joined the Florida Army National Guard and has served as a Special Forces Communications Sergeant, Assistant Operations / Intelligence Sergeant, Detachment Senior Sergeant and Company Sergeant Major and Command Sergeant Major within 3/20th SFG(A). CSM Lanham has served on multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom as a Special Forces Senior Sergeant and Sergeant Major. In addition, CSM Lanham served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation from 2007 to 2010.

CSM Lanham's military education includes the Bradley Fighting Vehicle Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic and Advanced Airborne Courses, Advanced International Morse Code Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Special Forces Communications Sergeants Course, Spanish Language Course, Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape Course, Jumpmaster Course, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer / SF Assistant Operations & Intelligence Course, Anti-Terrorism Instructor Qualification Course, Military Mountaineering Course (Summer Phase), Joint Special Forces Operations Task Force Course, Peacetime Governmental Hostage Detention Course, Military Mobile Force Protection Course and the Sergeants Major Academy, among others.

CSM Lanham awards include Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device and four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Silver and Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass Device and "M" device with numeral "5", Iraq Campaign Medal with two service stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two service stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Florida Distinguished Service Medal, Louisiana Cross, Mississippi and Louisiana Emergency Service Medals, Special Forces Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Honduran Parachutist Badge, Ecuadorian Parachutist Badge, Guyana Parachutist Badge, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Special Forces Association Order of St. Neri and the National Infantry Association Order of St. Maurice, Centurion Award.

CSM Lanham graduated from American Military University with a Master's Degree in Military History. In his civilian capacity he serves as an Assistant G3 for the Department of the Army's Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation in Orlando, Florida.

CSM Lanham resides in Chuluota, Florida and is married to Kimberly Lanham and has one son, Logan.

JOHN R. “JACK” CAPRA

John R. “Jack” Capra received his undergraduate degree from Florida State University (B.S. 1989), his law degree from St. Thomas University College of Law (J.D. 1992), his Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Miami (LL.M. 1998), his Masters of Business Administration from City University (M.B.A. 2001), his Master of Arts in Religion from Liberty University (M.A.R. 2012), his Masters in Arts in History from the Sam Houston State University (M.A. 2013), and his Doctorate in Christian Studies from the Columbia Evangelical Seminary (D.C.S. 2014).

Capra was a direct appointment to the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps in September 1990. Upon graduation from law school and successful completion of the Florida Bar and Naval Justice School, Capra reported to Navy Legal Service Office, Pensacola in March 1993 where he served as a prosecutor and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney. Capra’s subsequently served as Assistant Force Judge Advocate at Fifth Fleet in Bahrain from 04/94 – 11/95 and as Force Judge Advocate for Operation Deep Freeze in Antarctica 11/95 – 11/97. Capra left active duty in 1997 and served with the Navy Reserves in support of the Office of Military Justice, Office of the Judge Advocate General.

After completion of his LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Miami in 1998, Capra served as the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Vero Beach, Florida. Subsequently, Capra served as a Taxation, Wills, Trusts & Estates attorney for the law firms Clem, Polackwich & Vocelle; Cummings & Lockwood; and Dean, Mead, Minton & Klein in the area of Vero Beach, Florida.

In March 2000, Capra was elected to the City Council of Vero Beach. He served on the Municipal Planning Organization, Recreation Committee and the Veterans Affairs Council. Capra was re-elected in March 2002 but declined his seat due to his return to active military service following the September 11th attacks.

In February 2002, Capra was mobilized in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. From February 2002 until January 2003, Capra served as Staff Judge Advocate for Mobile Security Group Two, Norfolk, VA. Upon returning to the active reserves, Capra has served as the Staff Judge Advocate for the Fifth Fleet reserve unit at McDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida, and later as Executive Officer for the Southeast Regional Legal Service Office. Capra served in the Navy Reserve VTU unit at NAS Jacksonville until his retirement in October 2014.

In April 2003 Capra was appointed an Assistant General Counsel with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. In this capacity Capra deals with a variety of juvenile delinquency and Children/Families In Need of Services (CINS/FINS) issues. Capra is currently still serving in that capacity.

Re-called to active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Capra again served on active duty from January to August 2004. Capra served as Assistant Force Judge Advocate, anti-smuggling legal officer and international legal liaison for Fifth Fleet to CJTF-7, Baghdad, Iraq. In March 2004 Capra was wounded in Basra, Iraq by enemy insurgents who detonated a radio controlled improvised explosive device under his military convoy. The U.S. Navy awarded Capra the Purple Heart and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Capra was mobilized to active duty for a third time in support of Operations Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom from January to June 2005. He served as Assistant Force Judge Advocate with Fifth Fleet in the King-

dom of Bahrain. In this capacity as an international operational lawyer Capra made several trips throughout the middle-east including Iraq and the Horn of Africa.

In July of 2006 Capra was mobilized for a fourth time in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO), Cuba as Deputy Director, Staff Judge Advocate, and then as the Executive Assistant to the JTF Command. JTF-GTMO maintains detention facilities to provide safe and humane treatment to enemy combatants.

In March 2008 Capra was mobilized for a fifth time to serve with Joint Task Force-134, Detainee Affairs in Baghdad, Iraq as the Rule of Law Strategic Operations Advisor and again for a sixth time in 2009 as Staff Judge Advocate for Naval and Marine Processing site, San Diego where he provided legal assistance for returning combat veterans. In 2010 Capra was mobilized to serve for a year as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for the U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany, where he was promoted to the rank of Captain in July 2011. Capra retired from the Navy Reserves in October 2014, after 22 years of honorable service.

Among other decorations, CAPT Capra, JAGC, USN is authorized to wear the following military decorations: The Purple Heart, Joint Meritorious Serve Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (5); Navy Achievement Medal (3); Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; and the Antarctica Service Medal.

Capra has been a member of the Florida Bar since 1992. Additionally he is licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court; the U.S. Court of Military Appeals; the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit; the United States Tax Court; and all three U.S. District Courts for the state of Florida. Capra is also a member of several local and national service organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars (life member); the American Legion; the Military Order of the Purple Heart (life member); Rotary International; Italian-American War Veterans; and the Italian-American Civic Association. Capra also served as a member of the Jacksonville Code Enforcement Board from 2004-2006. While serving on the Duval County Republican Executive Committee he was a delegate to the Republican Nation Convention in New York City in August 2004. In 2005 Capra was appointed by then Governor Jeb Bush to Florida's statewide Retirement Commission.

Capra is married to Sandi Capra and has worked at the Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice as Assistant General Counsel since 2003.



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MARINES REMAINS, FOUND IN STORAGE UNIT, NOW ON WAY TO JACKSONVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY.



A service is scheduled Friday to inter the unclaimed remains of veterans and spouses.

He joined the U.S. Marines in 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War. He was 18. He saw action in Vietnam, became a lance corporal, was wounded and awarded a Purple Heart. After he died at 62, in 2013, his cremated remains were put in a green marble urn and left in a storage unit in Jacksonville. That unit was later abandoned, its contents put up for auction.

That's when the Marine was found. And that's when volunteers stepped in to see that he found a fitting final resting place.

That place is Jacksonville National Cemetery, where at 1 p.m. Friday his remains will be placed, with full military honors, in the columbarium there.

The Marine is far from the only veteran whose remains have been unclaimed.

The Friday service — to which the public is invited — will honor five other veterans who served during World War II, the Korean War or the Vietnam War.

It will also include the interring of five spouses of veterans who served as long ago as World War I.

Their remains have been sitting, unclaimed, at a funeral home, often for years. Even decades — one set dates to 1971.

That breaks the heart of Kathy Church. She's Florida Coordinator for the Missing In America Project, a volunteer group whose mission is to find, identify and provide a proper burial for the unclaimed remains of American veterans and their spouses.

Church says she can't help but think about their lives.

"You wonder why any of them are sitting on a funeral home shelf. It's very emotional," she said.

Decades ago, some people didn't know you could claim cremated remains. Sometimes the vets are homeless when they die, their families far away. Some are estranged from their families. Sometimes everyone else is already gone.

"There are many reasons why this happens," she said.

Church, who's based in Jacksonville, has a father who's 87, a Navy vet. She's involved in several military organizations.

"This is my way of giving back to our veterans," she said. "It's in my blood. I have no children — these are my children."

Across the country, the Missing in America Project in the last few years has interred the unclaimed remains of 2,536 veterans. All got full military honors at their services.



Kathy Church

Many more are out there to be found, and more volunteers are needed to help the process along, Church said.

More information can be found at www.miap.us, Church's email is miap-jax@yahoo.com. She's happy to get emails.

"We don't want to miss any opportunities," she said.

Matt Soergel: [\(904\) 359-4082](tel:9043594082)

Sept. 24/25 the old CBOC will close. Sept. 28 the new temporary CBOC on Old Moultrie Rd will open for patients. The address is: 195 Southpark Blvd., St Augustine, 32086, 829-0814.





Missing in America Project Ceremony # 6

Roger Weeder, First Coast News September 25, 2015

The ceremony marks the sixth one held in Jacksonville since the Missing in America Project pushed to find unclaimed remains and give the veterans proper burials. (Photo: Roger Weeder, First Coast News)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Seven veterans whose remains were unclaimed and five military spouses were remembered with a special ceremony at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Friday, September 25th.

The ceremony marks the sixth one held in Jacksonville since the Missing in America Project pushed to find unclaimed remains and give the veterans proper burials.

"Five of the veterans and five spouses have sat on funeral home shelves dating back as [far as] 1971. One Vietnam veteran-Purple Heart recipient—his marble urn found in a storage unit," said Kathy Church, Florida's director of the Missing in America Project.

The ceremony is well attended with local American Legion posts represented as well as Boy Scouts in attendance with working roles.

Attempts are made to contact family of the veterans, but in many cases next of kin cannot be found or in some cases mail is returned undelivered.



Unclaimed vets & military spouses remembered WTLV

The next ceremony is set for Spring as the local effort now is branching off working with different funeral homes to find unclaimed veterans still waiting to be found.

The USS Indianapolis Second Watch

In honor of the 70th Anniversary of the Sinking of the USS Indianapolis, the Second Watch Organization has begun a program to honor the men Lost At Sea and their families.

The Second Watch, along with generous donations from many, has purchased flags and they are being flown with the help of the Indiana War Memorial Staff, over the USS Indianapolis Memorial in the memory of a Lost At Sea sailor for a day.

The flag flying over the Memorial today, Tuesday September 22nd, is in memory of Lost At Sea USS Indianapolis officer Kyle C Moore, Lt Cmdr.

Lt Cmdr Moore (known as Kasey) was born on Dec 9, 1908. He was a football and tennis star at Knoxville High School. He attended University of Tennessee as a pre-med student but when the Great Depression came and changed his plans, he used skills he had learned as the editor of his high school newspaper and went to work for The Knoxville Journal as a city reporter for the next 13 years. His career included being The Journal's only photographer and the southeastern representative for The New York Times and Hearst's International News Service. During his years as a reporter, he met Katherine Davis, the UT journalism student who became his wife.

Moore was commissioned Lieutenant (jg) in the Navy Reserve the day after Pearl Harbor and he was called immediately to active duty. He reported to the Navy's public relations office, where he then pushed hard for sea duty. He graduated from Northwestern University Midshipmen's School in July 1942 and was ordered to report to the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis.

For the next 3 years, Moore served aboard the USS Indianapolis, and in April 1943, he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander and named officer-in-charge



of the hull department (construction, repairs and damage control). After the kamikaze attack in March 1945, Moore was able to repair the ship in time to get it to San Francisco to take aboard the components and the uranium for the first atomic weapon, which was delivered to Tinian Island on July 26, 1945 by the USS Indianapolis.

At midnight on July 30 Lt Cmdr Moore was supervisor on the watch on the bridge. He survived the first explosion and went below deck twice to survey the damage. Being the Damage Control Officer, he almost immediately advised the Captain to abandon ship. First Lieutenant Moore and some of his men were still fighting fires when the ship capsized and slide beneath the waves. He lost his life in the sinking.

For his efforts to save his ship, Lt Cmdr Moore was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for heroism beyond the call of duty.

He was survived by his daughter Mary Moore who was 12 years old at the time, and his wife Katherine. Katherine Moore was once quoted as describing her husband as "the most interesting man I've ever known. He was smart, talented, skilled, creative, industrious, generous, sensitive, a true Scot in many way, unafraid, sincere, funny and loving. He never lost a friend or forgave an enemy. He was an athlete, an avid sportsman, a crack sit, and gentle with his hunting dogs. He was a good father, a compassionate son, a wonderful husband and a splendid naval officer."

Katherine Moore, Kasey's widow who never remarried, is now living in Tennessee surrounded by her family. She will celebrate her 100th Birthday on October 6th and on her birthday, her granddaughter will present her with Kasey's flag that is being flown today. She has lived her life remembering Kasey, and from the perspective of an officer's wife, wrote a book of her memoirs in 1991.

Gone but never forgotten....

(Information for this biography was obtained from Mrs Moore's granddaughter, the novel by Katherine Moore Goodbye Indy Maru and an article written by UT Knoxville Center for the Study of War and Society)

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TACTICAL BASE DAHLKE, Afghanistan, Aug. 29, 2015 -- Even though it's been six years since it happened, Spc. Kiersten Funcheon still remembers it like it was yesterday.

Funcheon, then a high school junior in Orlando, Fla., was spending her 16th birthday shopping for books in Barnes and Noble when she received the call.

"I could tell something was wrong immediately," she said. "My mom was on the phone and told me that Uncle Jason had been killed. I just broke down because I couldn't believe it."

Funcheon's "Uncle Jason" was Army Staff Sgt. Jason Sean Dahlke, a squad leader assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. who was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On Aug. 29, 2009, Dahlke was killed by enemy fire while conducting combat operations near Paktika Province, Afghanistan. This was Dahlke's sixth deployment in support of the 'War on Terror,' and because of his actions that day, Tactical Base Dahlke bears his name.

Today, Funcheon's an air defense battle management systems operator assigned to "C" Battery, 1st Battalion, 265th Air Defense Artillery Regiment deployed to Bagram Airfield. She's part of a specialized unit that operates the Counter-Rocket, Artillery and Mortar (C-RAM) system, intercepting incoming rockets and mortars aimed at Bagram Airfield.

This was Funcheon's first visit to the place where her uncle served. When her unit, based in Deland, Fla., deployed here in June, she said she wasn't sure if she'd get an opportunity to come here and see some of the things that were so important to him. The family knew he was an Army Ranger, but nothing about the work he did.

"When he'd come home on leave, he never talked about what he did, other than stories about the people he served with," she said. "They meant a lot to him, and just seeing this place gives me such a surreal feeling...it's pretty indescribable to say the least."

Dahlke, she remembered, was the fun-loving and joke-playing person in the family, and was always like a father-figure to her during the absence of her own father. She cherishes moments spent playing the video game "Halo" and just talking about growing up to be the best person she could be.

"He always helped me to stay focused on what was important," she said. "He wasn't afraid of anything, and always tried to inspire me to achieve just a little more, even when I didn't think I could." As tears welled in her eyes as she viewed the memorial plaques affixed to the wall of one of the buildings of this austere base in eastern Afghanistan, she described the experience as not only extremely humbling, but such an

honor for a person she remembers as low-key and never sought acclaim for anything he did, always trying to stay out of the spotlight.

"Uncle Jason wouldn't have wanted all this in his honor because he always felt that his work would speak for him and he didn't need individual recognition," she said. "He was such a daredevil and so fearless...never avoided a challenge, and taught me to always stand steadfast that way too."

As she traced the paths her uncle once walked, the hallways leading to places where he used to work, and ate in the dining hall that bears his name, she reminisced about the times they'd spent together, and how important he was in her becoming a Soldier.

"I have an older brother who's a Marine, a sister who's married to a Marine and my step dad was a Navy SEAL," Funcheon, who initially considered joining the Navy, said. "The military has always been a part of my life for as long as I can remember, but spending time with Uncle Jason swayed me toward the Army."

She said that she initially wanted to be a Special Operations Soldier like her uncle, but when she found out that it wasn't possible, she decided on another career field that would allow her to contribute in ways that made her work special.

"It was during the Thanksgiving holiday the year before his death that we really talked about what I wanted to do in the future," she said. "He was on leave from Fort Benning, and we spent some quality time at a local lake and talked about a lot of things that I remember to this day."

One of his sayings, she said, is that he felt fear should be embraced, not shied away from or avoided, and it just means that you're doing something that's worth remembering.

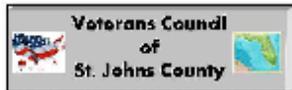
"I was watching him doing backflips into the lake like it was nothing," she said. "Regardless of what I decided, he taught me never to give up on a dream, or stop short on trying to achieve something I really wanted."

At his funeral, one of the senior noncommissioned officers he'd served with told us he had never seen someone like Dahlke come through the ranks.

"That really meant a lot to us to hear that from someone he'd served and spent so much time with," Funcheon said. "It just re-emphasized for us what we knew about him and really helped us get through a really tough moment."

A month after his death, Funcheon enlisted in the Florida Army National Guard.

"My uncle made us believe in true love, courage and strength by pushing us to never give up," she said. "He opened my eyes to the importance of laughter and not being ashamed to be yourself. He followed his heart, loved his country and his brothers more than anything...I'm thankful for the times I had with him."



HONORING OUR VETERANS

Please join us on Sunday November 8th, 1:00 pm,
for a patriotic afternoon 'Honoring Our Veterans'

Anastasia Baptist Church - 1650 A1A S. St. Augustine

Highlights

St. Augustine High School Chorus

Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial will be on display

**Local veterans organizations will be in the Atrium
from 1:00 to 2:30pm displaying their activities**

**As broadcast on PBS, See the very moving story of
the Warriors at 'K9s for Warriors' and how rescued
K9s are trained to assist these warriors with PTSD
adjust to life back home**

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K9S FOR WARRIORS

**Open To The Public
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Hosted by the Veterans Council, Inc. of St. Johns County and Anastasia Baptist Church

Vietnam War Plaque Dedication

CEREMONY AND RETREAT



Tuesday - November 10, 2015 at 4 p.m.

Patriot Field, St. Francis Barracks
82 Marine Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN ST. AUGUSTINE OFFICERS' CLUB

Fallen Heroes Military Tribute

November 8th-November 17th

5490 CR 210 St. Johns, FL 32259



VETERANS DAY



*You are cordially invited to attend the
Fallen Heroes Military Tribute Memorial Service
on Sunday, November 15th at 6:00pm*

The memorial service will feature speakers from each branch of the military as well as musical presentations to honor the fallen heroes.

The service will be emceed by Seargent Major (ret) Ray Quinn, Chairman of the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Committee and Vice Chairman of the St. Johns County Veteran's Council.

The 'Field of Crosses' individually names the fallen heroes of Florida from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, as well as dedicating larger crosses to heroes of all wars.

Please RSVP by November 7th, 2015 to fallenheroesofstjohns@gmail.com

Presented by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. There is no charge or requested donation.



va.gov



Thank you COL Jane Karp, USAF, ret for this information:

The VA handbook is online at the following link.

http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp

MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT - FLORIDA -CALL TO HONOR #6

On Friday, September 25, 2015 at 1:00pm - MIAP - Florida along with Hardage-Giddens Funeral Homes will be interring 7 veterans and 5 spouses of veterans at the Jacksonville National Cemetery located at 4083 Lannie Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32218. The longest that any of these being interred have sat unclaimed dating back to 1971.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE INTERRED:

ARMY: 2 veterans, 2 spouses

USMC: 1 veteran

NAVY: 3 veterans, 3 spouses

AIR FORCE: 1 veteran

WWII, 5 veterans, 4 spouse - Korea, 1 veteran, 1 spouse - VN, 2 veterans

*** 2 veterans served in two war periods**

*** 1 Vietnam veteran was a Purple Heart Recipient**

FROM Michael Isam, a report on the CBOC Flagpole move



This morning I spoke with Phillip Wall, COR for NF/SG Leased Properties, in Gainesville.

The existing flagpole will be coming down after the current clinic closes operation on 9/23/2015 possibly that evening.

I will coordinate with the security guard who raises and lowers the flag every day to be there for a photo-op of the last lowering in that location.

It would be nice for some folks to be there to render the proper respect as the flag of our county and the flag remembering our POW/MIA's is lowered.

The paperwork for the move of the flagpole is signed, sealed and delivered. A proper spot for the new location has yet to be determined.

The move for the clinic will take place on 9/24 and 9/25 with the official opening to occur on 9/28.

Phil is putting me in touch with Cindy Snook, the PR person for the VA in Gainesville.

I have been working in the background putting things together.

The VVA will be providing the main color guard, Ray Quinn will be doing the blessing and consecration of the ground.

I am asking all organizations who have a color guard to participate.

I have been in touch with Walter O'Kon to provide at least a piper and more if possible.

I have not yet asked Bill Dudley to officiate and say a few words, but as he and Jerry Cameron have been at the forefront in getting the VA off the dime, I feel it is most fitting.

I will be taking photos and I hope Michael Rothfeld will snap a few also.

I have not contacted the *Record* as no date has been decided.

I received an email from Ms. Cindy Snook, Office of Public Affairs, NF/SGVHS. Interesting turn of events.

The plan is for an official opening and ribbon cutting event on October 30, 2015 @ 1100.

They are planning their own hoopla with their own color guard and chaplain.

Personally, I do not feel comfortable having our veterans receiving care on unconsecrated ground period.

Of course this is all contingent of when the pole will be physically installed.

News from the Library of Congress

Contact: Megan Harris (202) 707-8205; Lisa Taylor (202) 707-2333

Website: [Experiencing War: End of WWII](#)



September 10, 2015

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT COMMEMORATES THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II WITH NEW WEB FEATURE

The Veterans History Project (VHP) today launched a new web presentation, "End of WWII: 70th Anniversary," the latest installment in its online Experiencing War website series. The feature highlights 15 digitized stories from the VHP collection that illustrate what the end of the war meant to those who were serving and what happened next. Shared through interviews, photographs and on film, these personal accounts encompass the jubilation and celebration that ensued, as well as the cost of war in terms of its lasting effects. These extraordinary personal accounts are digitized and accessible on VHP's website, loc.gov/vets/.

"VHP collects and makes accessible the human experiences of war," said Veterans History Project Director Robert Patrick. "For the millions of men and women who served in uniform in World War II, the final surrender brought relief, celebration and reunions with family and friends, along with vivid memories of wartime experiences that few would ever forget."

Featured collections include that of John Katsu, a Japanese-American who was interned with his family in Topaz, Utah, before serving in the United States Army with the occupying forces in Germany. There he conducted democracy education programs for German youth. The feature also profiles Evelyn Kowalchuk, who worked as an Army flight nurse caring for patients being evacuated from the Normandy beaches to England. Following the war, she suffered from nightmares about what she had witnessed. Complementing these collections are home movies shot by veterans Charles Marlatt and Robert Weisbard, depicting victory parades in both New York and Europe.

Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000 to collect, preserve and make accessible the first-hand remembrances of America's war veterans from WWI through the more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. For more information, visit loc.gov/vets/ or call the toll-free message line at (888) 371-5848. Subscribe to the VHP RSS to receive periodic updates of VHP news.

Founded in 1800, the Library of Congress is the nation's first federal cultural institution. The Library seeks to advance the knowledge and creativity of the American people through its collections, programs and services. Many of the Library's rich resources can be accessed through its website at loc.gov.

AMERICA'S ATLANTIC OCEAN V.F.W. DESTINATION on Veterans Island.

Come join Vilano Beach VFW Post 12142 ... Florida's newest VFW Post. We meet the First Monday of each month at the North Beach Community Center, 120 Meadow Ave, across from the Ocean, behind the old Fire House at 1900.

From St. Augustine, Come over the Intra Coastal Waterway (which was built in 1885) on the Vilano A1A Bridge. Travel 5 streets then turn Left (if you turn right, you will be in the Atlantic).

Both the Post and the Auxiliary meet in the same building.

We have your Application waiting....come join us!!

VilanoBeachVFW@att.net
(904) 669-1946



MILITARY REPORT THE MILITARY'S LARGEST BENEFITS UPDATE **Study Looks at Post-Traumatic Stress**

Forty years after the end of the Vietnam War, a new study has found that troops who served there continue to struggle with post-traumatic stress. The National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study concludes that 271,000 Vietnam War veterans suffer from varying levels of post-traumatic stress, and that one-third of that number have a major depressive disorder 40 years after the war. The study offers a close look at post-traumatic stress and what it might mean for future veterans. The study is available in the September 2015 issue of [JAMA Psychiatry](#).

For more on PTSD and treatment options, visit the [Military.com PTSD section](#).





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OCTOBER 10th 2015



COMBAT VETS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

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Rehab - Bayard Rooster

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Raffle Prizes

Live Music

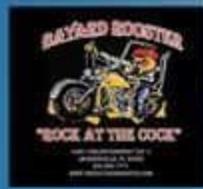
Food

Beer

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\$5.00 Passenger

\$5 Extra Score Card



<http://5starveteranscenter.org> <https://www.facebook.com/pages/5-star-veterans-center/53024255749>



Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

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 P.O. Box 2117
 St. Augustine, FL 32085-2117
 Checks payable to: Wreaths Across America TM

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
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Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths	\$1500.00		
Merchandise available on WAA Website			
		Grand Total	

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Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (if you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

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Mailing: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

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**1st Annual
George Holman
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WEEKEND**

AMERICAN LEGION POST 194

Golf Tournament
 Bid Whist/Spades Tournament
 Fri Fish Fry
 Sat BBQ Ribs Cook-Off
 Sat Nite 70s Party
 Sun AM Church Service

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND
 All Proceeds to Benefit the Kids Safe Zone Program

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 October 9 - 12 2015

We at Post 194 in St Augustine challenge all other Posts in the 5th District to join us for a weekend of fun, competition and just a plain ole American Legion good time on Columbus Day Wknd (9-11 Oct 2015). Please see attached and request you send a team to participate in each one of our competitions. It's all in fun and again, a good time to be had by all. www.falpost194.com

Derry (D.R.) Greene, Commander, Alton Green Memorial Post 194



Sunday, November 15th, 2015
at the St. Augustine Shores Golf Club
 Proceeds to benefit the
LEO C. CHASE JR. CHAPTER #1084
FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION INC.



Format

Four-Person Team/Captain's Choice/Best Ball Scramble
 Registration & Continental Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
 Shotgun Start 9:00 a.m. Tee Time
 Lunch will also be served.
Registration limited to 140 participants
*Rain Date: November 22, 2015 * No Refunds*

Corporate Sponsors - \$300

* Name on Hole * One FREE Team

Special Events

- *50/50 Drawing *Putting Contest* Prize Drawing
- * Mulligans \$\$\$*Landing on the Green for Par 3
- * "Most Creative" Attire Contest

Prizes

- *1st, 2nd & 3rd Teams Overall* Longest Drive for Men and Women
- * Straightest Drive
- * Closest to the Beer* Closest to the pin
- * Last Place

Special Prize

Hole-in-One **Hole TBD

Hole Sponsors - \$50

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Company: _____

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Address: _____

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Email: _____

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Early Registration: \$50 per player until Nov. 8 * After Nov. 8 \$55 per player

1 **Captain's Name** _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Address _____

3 **Name** _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Address _____

2 **Captain's Name** _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Address _____

4 **Name** _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Address _____

For more information, call George, 904-826-6098 or Bob, 904-540-1898
Make checks payable to: Leo C. Chase VVA Chapter 1084
PO Box 860151, St. Augustine, FL 32086

Sponsor/Donor Brief for Golf Tournament

VVA Chapter #1084 Community Outreach

A very significant part of VVA Chapter #1084's purpose is to give back to our community. We have several programs or projects to which our members are giving their time, talent and treasure. Some of these are ongoing and others are seasonal. Some are directly related to veterans while others such as the Education Committee are involved with mentoring and recognizing youth in our community. We are a 501c(3) organization.

Florida National Guard Foundation

The Florida National Guard Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides support to the men and women of the Florida National Guard in times of emergencies and deployments. Due to its low administrative costs, 95 percent of the donations to the Foundation go directly to assisting the men and women of the Florida National Guard. The Foundation is a 501c(3) organization.

In the past year, the Florida National Guard Foundation provided \$85,000 to support Soldiers and Airmen and their families by providing assistance with vehicle repairs, groceries, gas, medical expenses and household bills.

Regards, Bob Dinkins - President, Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1084, St. Johns County, FL, 904-540-1898, president@vva1084.org
"Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

Florida National Guard in the News

-- Veterans 2 Volunteers is an initiative that links Veterans (active, guard and retired) to our Guard members and Families that are currently serving. No one understands the life of the Military and their Families like our Veterans. Veterans know what it means to give all for all. They also know the cost and the benefits of volunteerism. Family Day events, welcome home ceremonies, departure ceremonies, or appointed positions in a Commander's Family Readiness Group are a few of the ways that our Veterans can assist the Florida National Guard Family Readiness Program. We are actively recruiting Veterans all over the State of Florida to assist our National Guard and their Families.

To get involved contact Veterans2volunteers@gmail.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/Veterans2Volunteers>

70th Anniversary – September 2nd marked the end of World War II.



Seventy years ago aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, the Japanese formally surrenders to the Allies, bringing an end to World War II.

More than 250 Allied warships lay at anchor in Tokyo Bay. The flags of the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, and China fluttered above the deck of the Missouri. Just after 9 a.m. Tokyo time, Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu signed on behalf of the Japanese government. General Yoshijiro Umezu then signed for the Japanese armed forces, and his aides wept as he made his signature.

If you or a family member served during World War II, thank you for your service and sacrifice to this great nation.

Source: The Greatest Generations Foundation

For several years, D.A.V. FI Chapter 6 has furnished the passenger vans for the delivery of Veterans between the St. Augustine Clinic and the Gainesville, V.A. Hospital, and back, Monday – Friday. The Van departs the Clinic every weekday at 0600. Phone (904) 209-3710 to schedule a ride. Drivers furnished by the COA are:

**Monday – Lonnie Woodard;
Tuesday – Jack LaLonde
Wednesday – Floyd Bubba;
Thursday – Bob Garlander
Friday – Robert “Butch” Harrison**





"I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of their humanity.

I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was a part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another.

As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades . . . Such good men."

George J. Marrett, from his book *Cheating Death: Combat Air Rescues in Vietnam and Laos*

Still Waiting to Come Home

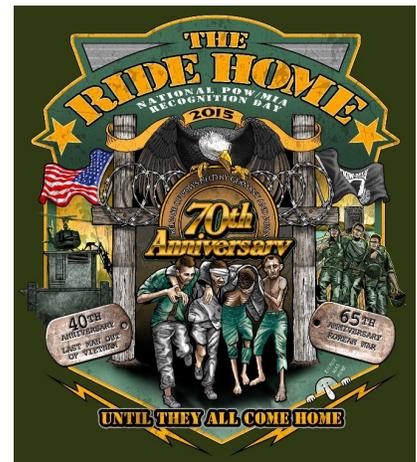


WWI 3,349	Cold War 126
WWII 73,515	Korea 7,852
Vietnam 1627	
Iraq & Afghanistan 6	

**Every Soldier Deserves To
Come Home!**



The Ride Home 2015



70th Anniversary WW II
62nd Anniversary Korea
42nd Anniversary Vietnam
12th Anniversary Iraq
150th Anniversary Civil War

WELCOME HOME!



Marine Corps League

Jacksonville Detachment



1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY JACKSONVILLE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 059

When: Friday October 2, 2015
 Where: Windy Harbor Golf Course
 Mayport Naval Base
 Format: Captain's Choice Shotgun Start
 At 12:30 pm.
 Cost: \$75.00 per golfer
 Includes: Greens Fees and Cart
 Dinner at club house
 Prize

Dinner Cost for Guest \$20.00

Please notify us if you need help to get on the base.

If you don't have a foursome, we will be happy to team you up

Captain _____ Phone _____

1st Player _____ Phone _____

2nd Player _____ Phone _____

3rd Player _____ Phone _____

For further information call : Joe Covella phone 955-5098 or 223-1002



Marine Corps League

Jacksonville Detachment



Marine Corps League
Jacksonville Detachment
C/O Joe Covella
12930 Rivermist Way
Jacksonville FL 32224
Phone 904 223 1002
Xguido83@yahoo.com

Dear Sir,

The First Annual Golf Tournament is just around the corner scheduled for October 2, 2015 at Mayport Naval Base Windy Harbor Golf course. The purpose of this letter is to offer your company an opportunity to participate via 3 levels of sponsorship or hole sponsor.

Different levels are:	Gold Sponsorship	\$2,000.00
	Silver Sponsorship	\$1,000.00
	Bronze Sponsorship	\$500.00
	Putting Contest	\$250.00
	Hole Sponsorship	\$150.00

We sincerely request your consideration in support of Marines Helping Marines. By your support of this tournament Marine Corps League Jacksonville Detachment 059 a 501(C)(3) charity can continue its mission of Marine Helping Local Marines. Your sponsorship pledge maybe mailed to the chairman of the tournament, Make check payable to "MCL Jacksonville Detachment 059". The mailing address is Marine Corps League Jacksonville Detachment, C/O Joe Covella, 12930 Rivermist Way, Jacksonville FL 32224 or call 904 223 1002 for any questions. Deadline for Hole sponsorship Sept 15, 2015 as we need time to prepare signage on the Golf course. Your company may also consider donating door prize, we will make a point to give your company recognition for it support. On behalf of Marine Corps League Jacksonville Detachment 059, we thank you for sponsorship consideration.

Joe Covella
Tournament Chairman
USMC RET

Mission Statement

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Navy Chaplains and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Navy Chaplains and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

PROGRAMS OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

MARINES HELPING MARINES - WOUNDED MARINES PROGRAM

The program was created to support injured Marine Corps personnel located at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, DC, San Antonio Military Medical Center in Texas, as well as the Naval Hospitals at Balboa, Camp Pendleton, Camp Lejeune and elsewhere. The Wounded Marines Program works closely with the Wounded Warrior Regiment. The scope of support encompasses; financial support, visits from Marine Corps League members, off site day trips to include family outings, dinners, short trips in support of the individual Marines' needs and professional sporting events as tickets and opportunities present themselves.

TOYS-FOR-TOTS

Marine Corps League Detachments in nearly every community take part annually in the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys-For-Tots campaign to raise funds and collect and distribute toys to needy children. In communities where there is an existing Marine Corps Reserve Unit, the League works hand in hand supporting their campaign. In other communities, the Marine Corps League takes the lead, ensuring a successful campaign

YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

The mission of the Young Marines is to positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls that nurtures and develops its members into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAM (VAVS)

Marine Corps League members contribute thousands of man-hours each year supplementing staffs at VA Hospitals and facilities in providing morale, comfort and assistance to institutionalized veterans.



Vilano Beach VFW now has 3 Wheelchairs available for St. Johns County Veterans



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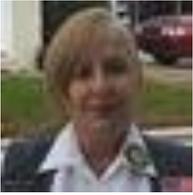
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1 – Pride Jazzy Jet 2 – Heavy Duty Electric Wheelchair with on-board Charger & Manual.

2 – Pride Jazzy Select – Electric Wheelchair with Charger & Manual.

3 – Pride Jazzy 1120 – Electric Wheelchair with on-board Charger & Manual.

Any St. Johns County Veteran needing a chair, contact Vilano Beach VFW @ (904) 669-1946



Missing In America Project



SAVE THE DATE -SAVE THE DATE - SAVE THE DATE

Our numbers keep increasing on a daily basis. As of 6/03/2015 here is our Nationwide Progress to Date

Total Funeral Homes Visited - 1,777
Cremains Found - 11,269
Veterans Cremains Identified - 2,597
Veterans Interred - 2,360.

If you want more info on MIAP go to www.miap.us. Please feel free to also contact me @ miapjax@yahoo.com. There are many ways you can become involved with our Project.

MIAP - FL will be holding the following services on the dates listed.
Details will be published as it gets closer to the date.

November 05, 2015 @ 1:00pm (Thursday)
Sarasota National Cemetery

December 05, 2015 @ 10:00am (Saturday)
South Florida National Cemetery



Do you or someone you know suffer with *Psoriasis?*

We need your help, we are conducting a clinical trial with an investigational topical medication for those with moderate to severe **Plaque Psoriasis.**

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“Honoring the Dead by Helping the Living”

For more information,
contact A. J. Sartin (904) 669-1946

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Vilano Beach VFW Post 12142 collects Walkers, Wheel Chairs, and Power
Wheel Chairs for distribution to other Veterans in need.

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

The P320 Travel-Ease Regal has an 18"W x 16"D swivel seat, flip up armrests, headrest and flip-up footboard. The Travel-Ease comes with batteries and runs up to 4.5 mph.

The small footprint is perfect for getting around indoors, but don't be fooled, it's outdoor performance is second to none. The P320 has an excellent torque-range for consistent pulling no matter what the terrain does.



The Merits P320 Travel-Ease Regal is stylish and compact. Its low center of gravity, tight turning radius of 23" and excellent maneuverability makes it extra stable and gives you a high level of freedom.

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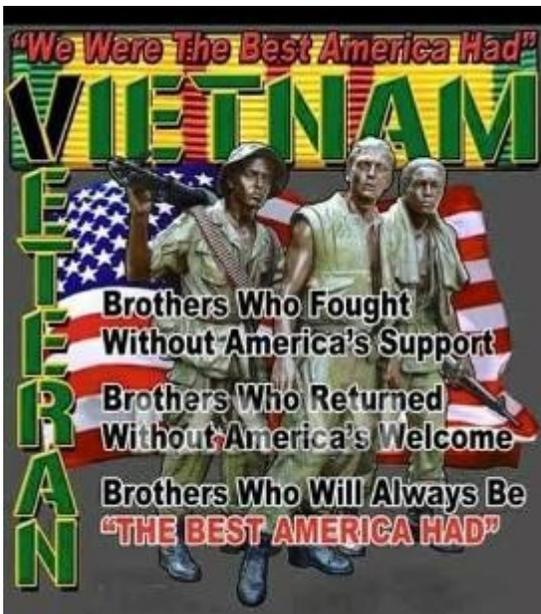
*Veterans Council of St. Johns County,
"Helping All Veterans"*

The Veterans Council of St. Johns County welcomes article submissions from all County Veterans & organizations. Articles should be of interest to all and veterans related. Submissions may be edited &/or shortened and used if space permits.

Send to: mrothfeld@anyveteran.org



The new Veterans Service Office is now open and ready to serve you.



The views expressed in The Patriot Reader Newsletter articles, submissions and spotlights are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the Veterans Council of St. Johns County or the editors of The Patriot Reader. It is the purpose of this periodical to share a variety of information that pertain to local veterans and their organizations.

The Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Inc. is a Not For Profit Florida Corporation.

Our formation date was July 4, 2001 in a proclamation issued by the St. Johns County Commissioners. It is composed of representatives of the various veterans' organizations within St. Johns County.

The Veteran's Council will work with city and county governments and other local organizations to achieve the mutual goal to provide a central agency to assist in the coordination and presentation of matters concerning veterans and veterans activities in St. Johns County.

The Veteran's Council will endeavor to precipitate, stimulate and assist various organizations as they perform patriotic events. One of the major purposes is the promotion and education of national patriotic matters.

**The St. Johns County Veterans Council meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Elks Lodge,
1420 A1A So., St. Augustine.**

Visit our Website: www.veteranscouncilofstjohns.org

**Veterans Service Office
200 San Sebastian View, Suite 1400
St. Augustine, FL 32084**

(physical location)

The VSO Office is located in the new St. Johns County Health and Human Services Building.

*The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily,
Monday through Friday excluding holidays.
Closed for lunch daily from 11:30 am 12:30 pm*

Service is by appointment.

Phone: 904-209-6160 Fax: 904-209-6161

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