

Landing Zone X-Ray



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Florida 32086***

Meeting Info

***4th Tuesday of
Month
1130-1400
Jaybird's
Restaurant
2600 N US 1
St. Augustine, FL
32084***



Vietnam Veterans of America Leo C. Chase Chapter 1084 St. Johns County, Florida

"Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time flies! But where does it go? We have had a very busy year to date, and the pace quickens as we move ahead. Some of our May opportunities and activities follow:

May is "Mental Health Awareness Month." Refer to the flyer on page 6 on the topic of Mental Health First Aid. I've taken this day-long class twice, and I will be sure to pass on word of such courses in our area.

May is also the month we pay special homage to our Brothers and Sisters who have died while serving in uniform. Following is a list of activities of importance to us all:

- 13 May 2018 is Mother's Day – oh, so much to be celebrated!
- 15 May 2018 dual ceremonies at the county Admin building at 500 San Sebastian View – 0730 Dedication and raising of the POW/MIA Flag, followed at 0900 when the County Commissioners will proclaim St Johns County as a "Purple Heart County." More details on page 7.
- 17 May 2018 is a presentation on "The VA and Help at Home." It will be held at the Jacksonville VA Outpatient Clinic at 1536 Jefferson Street. See the flyer on page 8 for more details.
- 19 May is Armed Forces Day.
- 25 May 2018 is our VVA 1084 Golf Tournament at the Royal St Augustine Golf and Country Club. This is a major fund-raiser opportunity for helping our veterans most in need. We will need many volunteers to make it a success. See pages 9 and 10 for more details
- 26 May 2018 will feature a "Gold Star Day of Remembrance" beginning at 6:00 PM at Beaver Toyota in St Augustine. See page 11 for more details.
- 28 May 2018 is Memorial Day. See page 12 for an announcement of the St Augustine Memorial Day Ceremony

LANDING ZONE X-RAY

Our **Election of Officers** occurred at our 24 April 2018 Membership Meeting. The new Officers to welcome to the fold are Blair Craig, our new 2nd Vice President, and Joe Lennox taking on the responsibilities of Assistant Treasurer, a new officer position for us. John McGinty is no longer our 2nd Vice President but he remains on the Board of Directors as our “Immediate Past President,” a position we included in a recent change to our Chapter By-Laws.

**2018 Election**

From left to right:

George April

Joe Lennox

Shawn Prentiss

John Leslie

Ken Hahn

Not Shown:

Blair Craig

Judy Davis

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THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

02 May 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

04 May 1970 – Four Kent State College students were killed by National Guardsmen who opened fire on a crowd of 1,000 students protesting President Richard Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia. Eleven others were wounded.

07 May 1954 - The French Indochina War ended with the fall of Dien Bien Phu, in a stunning victory by the Vietnamese over French colonial forces in northern Vietnam. The country was then divided in half at the 17th parallel, with South Vietnam created in 1955.

07 May 1975 - President Gerald R. Ford marked this date as the end of the Vietnam Era, officially ending the Vietnam War.

08 May 1942 - The Battle of the Coral Sea began in which Japan would suffer its first defeat of World War II. The battle marked the first time in history that two opposing naval forces fought by only using aircraft without the opposing ships ever sighting each other.

11 May 1969 - The Vietnam Battle of "Hamburger Hill" began. Attempting to seize the Dong Ap Bia Mountain, U.S. troops repeatedly scaled the hill over a 10-day period and engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the North Vietnamese. After finally securing the objective, American military staff decided to abandon the position, which the North Vietnamese retook shortly thereafter.

23 May 1986, Congress grants VVA its Charter.

TRACY'S 3184 MILE TREK FOR THE GARY SINISE FOUNDATION

Tracy Sefcik, an 11-year Navy Vet, arrived at the St. Augustine pier on 3 May at 10:30am following a two-month 3184-mile bicycle ride originating from the USS Midway in San Diego.

Tracy had a motorcycle (AmVets Riders Chapter 113, Bunnell, FL) and police escort (SJC Sheriff's Office) as she rode the last 5 miles of her long journey, raising over \$25000 for the Gary Sinise



Bill Dudley welcomes Tracy to St Augustine

Foundation along the way. We were there to see Bill Dudley greet Tracy on behalf of all SJC Veterans and to present a \$500 donation for the Gary Sinise Foundation, an Honorary Veterans Council of St Johns County polo shirt, and a Navy League membership replete with a Navy League Ballcap. The AmVets Riders presented a \$250 donation. I met her in private and gave her one of our "Never Leave a Veteran Behind" tee-shirts – She loved it!

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ANYONE WITNESSING OR EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

How Can We Help?

24-Hour Veteran Crisis Hotline	1-800-273-8255 Option 1
Veteran Crisis Chat	VeteransCrisisLine.net
Veteran Crisis Text	838255
24-Hour Homeless Vets Hotline	1-877-424-3838
White House VA Hotline	1-855-948-2311
VA Health Care Info	1-877-222-8387
VA Benefits Info	1-800-827-1000
Veteran (Vet) Center Info	1-877-927-8387
Women Veteran Support	1-855-829-6636
Al-Anon	www.al-anon.org
alateen	www.alateen.org
Alcoholics Anonymous	www.aa.org
Narcotics Anonymous	www.na.org

FLAGLER MILITARY VETERANS CLUB

The Flagler Military Veterans Club extended an invitation to VVA 1084 to participate in a Vietnam War Panel on 10 April 2018. This event was “co-curricular,” which allowed students to earn credit for attending. The event consisted of approximately 45 minutes with an emphasis on the Panel’s personal and historical experiences and concluding with 15 minutes of Q&A from the audience. The event was moderated by Dr. Michael Butler, Professor of History. John Leslie, Ken Weaver, and Paul Heagy formed the Panel and addressed approximately 40 students in their auditorium in the Student Center. This was a worthy exchange, crossing a span of generations with similar experiences but in completely different surroundings and circumstances. The audience was attentive, interested, and had some good questions for the Panel. We welcome further such exchanges with Flagler College and their Veterans.



John, Ken
and Paul
sharing their
experiences
and “take-
away”
lessons from
their time in
Southeast
Asia.

"NEVER LEAVE A VETERAN BEHIND" TEE-SHIRTS & VVA-1084 BALL CAPS FOR SALE

The T-Shirts come in Medium, Large, XL, and 2XL. The Medium to XL are \$15, and the 2XL are \$17. The logo is a single-color screen application.

The Chapter Ballcap sells for \$20. There was not enough room on the front side to include our Chapter name and number, but they will be embroidered in a double arc, in yellow, on the back side. These hats will only be sold to members of VVA-1084 and our affiliated AVVA members.

Please make your orders by emailing John Leslie at john_leslie15@yahoo.com or bring cash or check to our next breakfast gatherings (every Monday morning!) or to our next membership meeting.





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Get Trained | Win Big.

For Mental Health Month, Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation wants you to get trained in Mental Health First Aid. Take the pledge for a chance to win two tickets to Broadway musical, *Dear Evan Hansen*, a meet-and-greet with the cast, and a VIP dinner with Cynthia Germanotta.

#BeKindBeTheDifference



ENTER:
[Secure.BornThisWayFoundation/MayCompetition](https://secure.bornthiswayfoundation.com/maycompetition)

BORN THIS WAY FOUNDATION
EMPOWERING YOUTH • INSPIRING BRAVERY



For Mental Health Month, #BeKindBeTheDifference

In honor of May – Mental Health Awareness Month – Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation is partnering with Mental Health First Aid USA to Launch #BeKindBeTheDifference – a contest to encourage people to get trained in Mental Health First Aid.

Those who [take the pledge](#) – and [register for an upcoming training](#) – will be entered to win. We will select one pledge taker who will receive a pair of tickets to the hit Broadway musical, "Dear Evan Hansen," a VIP meet-and-greet with the cast backstage following the show and dinner with Cynthia Germanotta, president of Born This Way Foundation, which she co-founded winner and their guest will also be covered.

To help make #BeKindBeTheDifference a nationwide movement, we encourage each and every one of you to spread the word to your networks using this [graphic](#) and [video](#). Each person who enters the contest is one more person who will have the power to change – or even save – a life with Mental Health First Aid.

Thank you for being kind and being the difference in your communities every day.

Sincerely,
Mental Health First Aid USA

[Learn More](#)

The National Council for Behavioral Health was instrumental in bringing Mental Health First Aid to the United States. To learn more about Mental Health First Aid USA, visit www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org.



IN REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL OF OUR POW'S & PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS & FAMILIES

Fellow Veterans

The Raising of the POW/MIA Flag Will take place in front of the County
Administration Building on:
Tuesday May 15, 2018 at 7:30 A.M.

The St. Johns County Commissioners will issue a
Proclamation designating the county as a

PURPLE HEART COUNTY

A Purple Heart County Designates Our County as one that
recognizes those in our community who gave their
lives or were wounded in combat defending
our American Freedoms

Date & Time: May 15, 2018 at 9:00A.M.

Location: SJC County Commission Meeting at the
SJC Auditorium, County Administration Building,
500 San Sebastian View St. Augustine, Florida 32084

We would like to have every veteran who has received a Purple Heart while serving in any military branch of the Armed Forces to join us at the County Commission meeting when the proclamation is presented to the Veterans Council. The County Commissioners and Veterans Council would like to recognize you on that day and thank you for your service to our country.

Jacksonville VA Outpatient Clinic
Social Work Service *presents*

the **VA** and **Help at Home** What Are My Benefits?



Programs Discussed:

- Skilled Home Health
- Home Health Aide
- Home Transitional Care
- Home Based Primary Care
- Home Hospice Services
- GAP Services

May 17, 2018 at 1:00 pm

FREE for all to attend!

Jacksonville VA Outpatient Clinic

2nd Floor Conference Room 2L104/2L106
1536 Jefferson Street

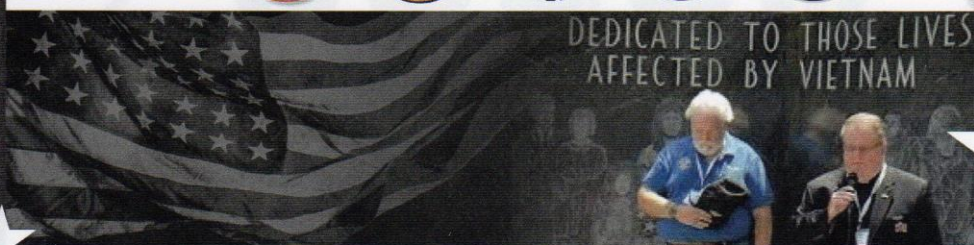
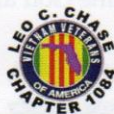
For More Information, call (904) 475-5882

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 25, 2018

Royal St. Augustine Golf and Country Club



JOIN US FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL
Vietnam Veterans of America Golf Tournament
to support the Vietnam Veterans of America Leo C. Chase Jr. Chapter 1084

- \$100 per player, \$400 per team
- Limited to 112 Players
- 8:30 am Shotgun Start



Thanks to Our Sponsor

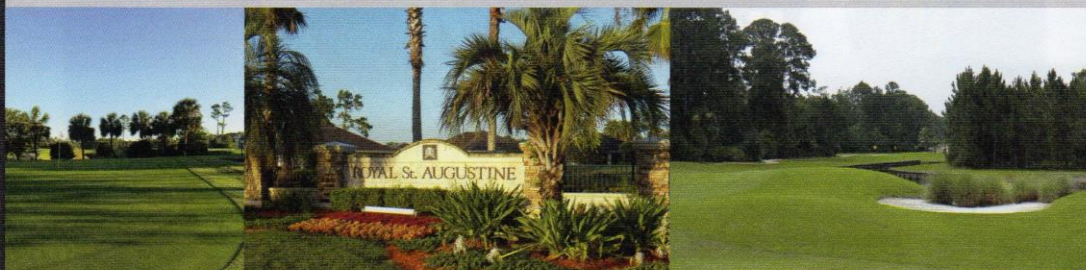
Format

- 4-person scramble
- 9 Par 3 and 9 Regulation Holes
- 9 Golfer Closest to Pin on Par 3 Hole
Qualify for \$10k Shootout

Hole in One Prizes include

- \$10k Cash, TV, Golf Clubs
and Gift Cards

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT OUR VETERANS MOST IN NEED.



To register go to LandingZoneXrayGolfTournament.com

The Vietnam of America (VVA) Chapter 1084 is a 501(c) (19) Corporation with 86 members, a subset of the Florida State Council (4,500 members), under the umbrella of the National VVA with a membership of 82,000.

An important part of VVA Chapter 1084's purpose is to give back to our veterans and our community. We are involved in many ongoing, seasonal and special programs that our VVA and AVVA members give their time, talent and treasure. Although we are all Vietnam Veterans, we do not limit our volunteer time and available funds to our own generation of veterans. The guiding principle of the VVA is "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another".

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May 25, 2018

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PIN FLAG OR HOLE SPONSORSHIP

Registration Form

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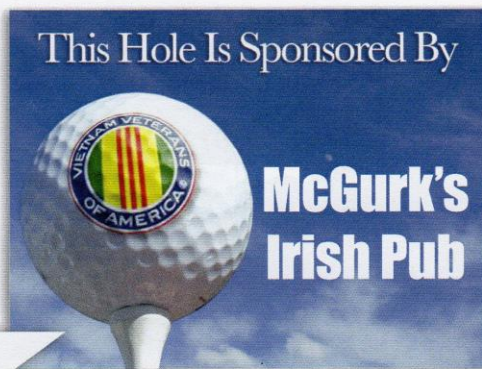
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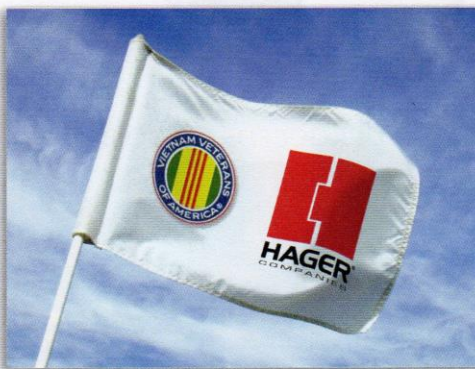
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Check Sponsorship ☐ Hole Sponsor - \$100.00 ☐ Pin Flag Sponsor - \$150.00



Sample Hole Sponsor Sign



Sample Pin Flag Sponsor

**Imprint Information for Sponsorship Sign/Flag
or E-mail Logo to bogie710@gmail.com**

Line One (Company, Organization or Name) _____

Register for Golf at **LandingZoneXRayGolfTournament.com**
Additional Sponsorships Available

JOIN US



in honoring Fallen Heroes
at a
**Gold Star Day
of Remembrance**

SATURDAY
May 26th
SIX O'CLOCK

live music,
echo taps,
Color Guard
and more!

BEAVER TOYOTA

2995 US 1 S, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL. 32086

RSVP

at BeaverToyotaStAugustine.com/goldstar

Memorial Day

Honoring All Who Sacrificed

St. Augustine National Cemetery

Monday May 28th 2018

104 Marine Street

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Public Invited

Military Officers Association of America, Ancient City Chapter
Veteran's Council of St. Johns County - Florida National Guard

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