

SUMMARY OF VETERANS COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR 2021:

THE VCSJC HAD ANOTHER STELLAR YEAR IN SUPPORT OF OUR VETERANS. WE CONTINUED TO HONOR OUR VETERANS AS WE HAVE DONE EACH YEAR IN THE PAST ON VETERANS DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, WITH OUR HOMELESS VETERANS STAND DOWN, POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY, AND WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA JUST TO NAME A FEW.

THE VETERANS COUNCIL CONTINUED ITS SUPPORT OF THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT IN A VERY PROLIFIC WAY. OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS WE WERE ABLE TO HELP MANY OF OUR VTC VETERANS WITH UTILITY BILLS, HOUSE REPAIRS, CAR REPAIRS, LODGING, INSURANCE PAYMENTS, TRANSPORTATION COSTS, COURT FEES, GIFT CARDS FOR FOOD AND GAS, AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT CHRISTMAS, JUST TO NAME A FEW OF THE WAYS WE ASSISTED OUR VETERANS.

WE PRODUCED ANOTHER DOCUMENTARY THIS PAST YEAR, "KOREA, THE FORGOTTEN WAR, REMEMBERED", THE 6TH IN A SERIES OF DOCUMENTARIES BY INTERVIEWING 5 KOREAN WAR VETERANS WHO SAW COMBAT IN KOREA EITHER ON THE GROUND OR AT SEA. SEVERAL OF OUR DOCUMENTARIES WERE ACCEPTED FOR PERMANENT ARCHIVES INTO THE RONALD REAGAN AND HARRY TRUMAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES THIS YEAR.



WE REMEMBERED OUR VIETNAM VETERANS ON VIETNAM REMEMBRANCE DAY AT ST. AUGUSTINE NATIONAL CEMETERY AND ON VETERANS DAY AT ANASTASIA BAPTIST CHURCH. THIS WAS A VERY MOVING AND EMOTIONAL EVENT AS OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, DR. HAL KUSHNER, A 6 YEAR POW GAVE AN ACCOUNTING OF HIS TIME IN CAPTIVITY. WE ALSO HONORED OUR FALLEN SONS FROM ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND THE GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS OF THESE FALLEN HEROES.



OUR ANNUAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS THIS YEAR WITH NEARLY 400 ATTENDING FOR THE CEREMONY AND TO HELP PLACE WREATHS ON ALL THE GRAVESITES AT THE SANC.



AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, OUR SIGNATURE EVENT EACH YEAR IS OUR VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AND THIS YEAR WAS NO EXCEPTION. WITH NEAR-

LY 1000 ATTENDING AND OVER 40 EXHIBITORS IN THE ATRIUM AREA AT ANASTASIA CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY TURNED OUT IN HUGE NUMBERS TO HONOR OUR VETERANS. THE VETERANS COUNCIL IS PROUD OF OUR LOCAL CITIZENS, OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, OUR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO TURN OUT EACH YEAR TO HONOR OUR VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE.



THE VETERANS COUNCIL ALSO SUPPORTED OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS DURING THE YEAR SUCH AS THE VETERANS ART EXHIBIT, LASSEN STATE VETERANS HOME, FIRST COAST HONOR FLIGHT, JACKSONVILLE AND ST. AUGUSTINE NATIONAL CEMETERIES, FLAGLER COLLEGE WW II EXHIBIT, CECIL FIELD POW-MIA MEMORIAL & MUSEUM, ST AUGUSTINE LIGHTHOUSE, MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT, VETS FOR VETS, WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT, COL. DAVID PARRAMORE CROSS COUNTRY BIKE RIDE, MOAA, FMC/AUSA, FIRE



WATCH PROGRAM, SALVATION ARMY HOMELESS VETERANS FROM PALM BEACH, SJC 200 YEAR TIME CAPSULE PROJECT, GOLD STAR PARKWAY AT JAX NATIONAL CEMETERY AND SEVERAL HOMELESS VETERANS HOUSING PROJECTS SUCH AS PATRIOT PLACE, SAN MARCO HEIGHTS AND VICTORIA CROSSING.



Patriot's Place

THE VETERANS COUNCIL WAS HONORED THAT THE CHAIRMAN WAS RECOGNIZED THIS YEAR BY ST JOHNS COUNTY FOR DESIGNATING NOV. 2 AS BILL DUDLEY DAY, AND BY THE JAX. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTING THE RADM KEVIN DELANEY MILITARY HALL OF FAME AWARD IN RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS SERVICE TO ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND NORTHEAST FLORIDA AND TO AUSA FOR THE FIRST MILITIA CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD. THESE AWARDS RECOGNIZE THE HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT OF ALL THE TEAM MEMBERS OF THE VETERANS



Chairman Dudley receives
AUSA Service Award



COUNCIL

During Calendar Year 2021, the Veterans' Council of St. Johns County, Inc. received more than \$40,500 in cash donations to support our missions.

This year, the Veterans' Council also created a semi-permanent endowment in the name of our Chairman, William Dudley; \$1,500 was donated specifically for this purpose. Grants would be made from income derived by this endowment; at the discretion of trustees, grants may also be made from principal invested.

In addition to the above cash transactions, the Veterans' Council received donated goods and services valued at more than \$4,700, in furnishings reserved to assist deserving Veterans who will move into Veterans-dedicated housing provided by the St. Johns Housing Partnership this year.

During 2021, the Veterans' Council expended approximately \$39,500 in support of the missions of the Veterans' Council; summarized by program expenses:

	Cash Expense	As pct of \$46,000	As pct of \$ 41,300
Assistance to Veterans in Need	\$ 16,660	36.2%	40.3%
Flags (US, POW/MIA, Services)	\$ 1,801	3.9%	4.4%
Nov. 11 Veterans' Day	\$ 7,132	15.5%	17.3%
Other Restricted	\$ 2,020	4.4%	4.9%
Stand Down	\$ 1,500	3.3%	3.6%
Veterans Treatment Court	\$ 7,127	15.5%	17.3%
Wreaths Across America	688	1.5%	1.7%
Programs Tools	\$ 36,928	80.3%	89.5%
General & Administrative	\$ 2,216	4.8%	5.4%
Fund Raising	\$ 360	0.8%	0.9%
	\$ 39,504		

Assistance to Veterans in Need aided more than ten families with temporary lodging, replacement of HVAC, car repairs, funeral expenses and emergency assistance. None of these were included in the Veterans' Treatment Court, which had more than thirty participants who received assistance with court fees, gas and food cards, lodging assistance, vehicle repairs; at year-end, fourteen deserving participants identified by the Court each received \$200 checks as holiday gifts in recognition of their rehabilitation efforts.

Public Charities are evaluated by their ability to focus upon their missions, manage their expenses and be good stewards of the assets entrusted to them. With more than 80% of gross receipts expended on programs, less than 6% spent on overhead, and less than 1% spent on fund-raising, the Veterans' Council compares quite favorably.

Guidestar reports the Veterans' Council has a gold rating.