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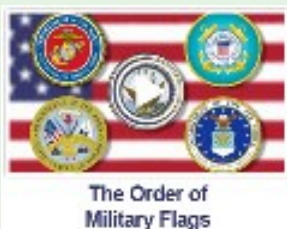
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From Veterans Council Chairman Bill Dudley

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Fellow Veterans,
 Our recent USCG Band concert was a huge success. Although we did not draw the attendance we had hoped for, the turnout was nevertheless impressive with over 450 people attending. Considering some people are still not participating in large crowd events, this was a very impressive turnout. Those who attended were delightfully entertained for the evening with a superb performance and several encores were the result of their musical performance. The USCG Band last performed in St. Augustine at the same venue at Anastasia Baptist Church in Feb. 2008, fourteen years ago. Let's hope we will be honored by a return

performance within a lesser timeframe. Our next major event will be the honoring of our veterans who are buried at our St. Augustine National Cemetery and all those veterans who gave their lives in the service of our country this Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. Our program begins at 10 AM. Flags will be placed at all the gravesites on Friday, May 27 at 10 AM. Volunteers are needed to help place flags on the gravesites. Please be available by 0945 if you would like to help. Our guest speaker for this year's ceremony will be Command Sgt. Major David Lanham, Florida National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor. This year with our ceremony outside, we will once again have the massing of



the colors. All Veterans Organizations and organizations that support veterans are encouraged to participate in the massing of the colors. If your organization would like to carry your group flag or the American flag during this event, please contact CW4 George McCrea at 904-669-3305 or email him at: gmccrea1935@gmail.com
 The Veterans Council thanks you for your service.

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



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

The Support Committee invites everyone to attend its **next scheduled meeting**. The meeting will be at **7:00pm on Monday June 13**. The meeting will take place at Community Hospice, **4266 Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257 in Conference Room A**.

Jacksonville National Cemetery Support Committee Meetings for 2022
At Hadlow Community Hospice of NE FL.
4266 Sunbeam Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257
Hadlow Bldg – Conference Room A 7:00 pm

+++++2022 Officers of the SCJNC+++++

Chairman: Padraic Mulvihill
Vice Chairman: Bill Dudley Treasurer: Pat Welch
Secretary: Kathy Church, Judge Advocate: Don Guthrie
Master-At-Arms: Mike Smith, Historian: Win Delpizzo
Chaplain: Pat Archuleta, Public Affairs: Pat Mulvihill

The Veterans Council of St. Johns County meets on the last Thursday of the month, all are invited to attend. We meet at the

**County Health & Human Services Building,
200 San Sebastian View, at 7 pm**

Please stay safe, Bill Dudley, Chairman, VC of SJC



Upcoming Veterans Council Meetings Speakers

April 28, Selena Hernandez-Haines, First Coast Honor Flight
Donna Boyce, St. Joseph’s Academy with students speaking about their
Veterans Heritage Project

May 26, Bill Lazar, Patriot’s Pl. Veterans Housing
Dee Quaranta, Pres/CEO NE FL Women Veterans

June 30, Officer Kelly Kemp, Chaplain, SJSO, “Community Involvement”
Kathy Church, MIAP Update

July 28, Andrew Stack, FL State Coord for DoD Program
“Building Healthy Military Communities”

CHRISTOPHER L. MORRIS

DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY

JACKSONVILLE, FL



Christopher Morris was named Director of Jacksonville National Cemetery effective January 31, 2022. He is responsible for all administrative, maintenance, and burial operations at the facility. He also oversees St. Augustine National Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida.

Prior to this position, Mr. Morris served as the Chief of Interment Operations of Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia where he led a team of 64 personnel from June 2021. He also served as Director of the Salisbury National Cemetery Complex in Salisbury, North Carolina where he oversaw Salisbury Historic/Annex, Raleigh, New Bern and Wilmington National Cemeteries in North Carolina and Danville National Cemetery in Virginia from June 2020, Director of Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan from October 2018 where his team earned the Organizational Excellence Award, and as Assistant Director of Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle, Virginia from Aug 2017.

He is a 2017 graduate of the National Cemetery Administration's (NCA) comprehensive year-long Cemetery Director Intern Program.

Mr. Morris' NCA career began in 2015 at Louisiana National Cemetery as a Program Support Assistant. In this position he also served veterans and their families at both Baton Rouge and Port Hudson National Cemeteries. Mr. Morris was responsible for the management of the cemetery's budget, contracting, and administrative operations. He was also the facility's Veterans Outreach Manager and Minority Veterans Program Coordinator.

Before joining the NCA, he served in the U.S. Air Force. He managed personnel readiness divisions for contingency operations and deployment related systems. His final assignment was at Louisiana State University, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, where he served as an Aerospace Studies Instructor/Advisor. Mr. Morris taught the introduction to air power, advanced skills, leadership and management to over 200 cadets.

Mr. Morris earned a Bachelor of Science degree in human resource management from Park University and an Associate of Applied Science degree in human resource management from the Community College of the Air Force.

VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

31 MARCH 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dudley

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS: Chairman Dudley

PLEDGE: Chairman Dudley

INVOCATION: Vice Chairman Quinn

Point of Order called to recognized Vice Chairman Quinn as the “Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Sgt. Major Quinn”

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman Dudley

- Jim & Donna Boyce, next month’s guest speaker, St. Joseph Academy
- Sharon Unger, Veterans Village of NE Florida (daughter Samantha, Dir. Of Donations)
- Dr. Matthew Burke, 10 CAN, Inc.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of last meeting conducted on 24 February 2022 were presented by Chairman Dudley. Copies of Minutes and Agenda are available on the sign-in table and were set to members electronically by the Secretary. The minutes were approved by voice vote with no changes.

Vice Chairman Quinn took the opportunity to recognize the new Recording Secretary, Donna Pullium.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer John Mountcastle provided a detailed report that as of February 24, 2022, there was a balance of \$115,76.75 and on March 30, 2022, there was a balance of \$112,427.02. There is an outstanding credit card balance of \$1,075.98. Leaving a balance of \$111,351.04, with 1/3 of the net funds restricted to specific programs. Donations to the Council and withdraws for the different programs and organizations were discussed. Motion for the approval of the Treasurer’s Report was made and approval was obtained.

PRESENTATIONS:

SHARON UNGER, HOMELESS VETERANS STAND DOWN, CLAY COUNTY

Discussed the Stand Down representing 6 counties in NE Florida for homeless Veterans (200 total with 150 men and 50 women) to be held at the Clay County Fairground September 29th – October 2nd. Packet of the event with schedules were provided. Discussion held of the different organizations that will be



assisting and services that will be available, including the Veterans Court and Veterans Administration helping with paperwork process. Security and guest services will be provided for the Veterans. Ms. Unger took questions about the event and how help can be provided to assist the homeless Veterans.

Dr. Matthew Burke, 10 CAN, INC., HELPING VETERANS

Dr. Burke, a “spiritual combat trainer,” discussed problems associated with PTSD and its effect on our Veterans. Dr. Burke’s organization has teamed with others to obtain a 100% success rate in suicide prevention in their 9 years. They teach other organizations how to implement their strategies. To understand and know the formula that 10 CAN, Inc. uses, order the book, “Saving Heroes.” Dr. Burke offered 10 tickets to the event “American Heroes Bash” to be held on May 7th and left them with Chairman Dudley for distribution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Veterans Service Officer Joseph McDermott

An email was received that the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis was fully staffed on February 9, 2022. Although fully staffed, they are still very far behind with over 500,000 requests for records, claims, DD214’s, etc. and will get them out as soon as possible. Three presumptives have been added on and you hear it referred to as “Particular Matter” but is well known as “Burn Pit:”

- Asthma, Rhinitis and Sinusitis

They are proposing to add 9 more presumptives to bring the total to 12. There has to be a diagnosis within 10 years of leaving country to apply these disability claims.

Stand Down for St. Johns County is tentatively set for October 8th at the Elk’s Lodge. The Veteran Service Officers are going to be going out to homeless camps to let the homeless Veterans know of the Stand Down and hopefully draw more in for assistance this year.

The Board of Veteran Appeals (BVA) has changed their criteria. They are no longer sending a “Law Judge” for in-person meetings. To appear before the Judge in person, you must go to Washington DC and the VA will no longer reimburse for charges. BVA is also utilizing a video conference hearing (held in VA Regional Office) and virtual tele hearing in the Veteran Service Office.

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT, JOHN LESLIE

John Leslie spoke of attending the celebrations regarding National Vietnam Veterans Day. He attended ceremonies in Union and Clay Counties presented by the incarcerated VVA Chapter 1080.

Next treatment court date will be held on April 8th at the SJC Courthouse. There have been 98 that entered the program since inception, 54 have graduated and 13 left the program without graduation due to probation ending. Trying to bring in more mentors to help with the program. Spoke of Duval County’s

program and their success rate. John took questions regarding the VTC. Chairman Dudley said next session will be in the Annex and not the Courthouse.

CHAIRMAN DUDLEY REMARKS:

Discussed the amount of money that is being spent by the Veterans Council on housing our homeless Veterans here in SJC. Some of these Veterans are also accompanied by their families, including children. Talked of other organizations that help, but their process is time consuming. The need for a place in SJC to house homeless Veterans was also brought to discussion. There are numerous requests for assistance. The Veterans Council is blessed to be able to assist even though not required, but it's "what we do."

The Chairman announced the US Coast Guard Band would be performing on April 4, 2022, at Anastasia Baptist Church. The concert will start at 7 pm and all are invited to attend.

Observance of Memorial Day on May 30, 2022, will be conducted at the St. Augustine National Cemetery. There will be no restrictions, and everyone is urged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Mike Fleming, Operation Firewatch, discussed an article that was published by Folio Weekly, proclaiming that Firewatch was failing in their attempt to prevent Veteran suicide. General Fleming is submitting an argument to Folio Weekly to dispute this claim in hopes they will print.

Joe Snowberger, Liberty Life, spoke of his publication and support of all Veteran issues that they support and will help with any publication on Veteran matters. Also, his joining of Mission United and how they can assist.

Chairman Dudley acknowledged Sgt. Major Ray Quinn's nomination and acceptance into the Veteran's Hall of Fame along with 15 others throughout the State of Florida.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Dudley, Chairman

Ray A. Quinn, Vice Chairman

The Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Inductees

Chairman Bill Dudley and the Veterans Council Congratulates all the 2021 Inductees.

Veterans Council Vice Chairman is among those to be Honored and recognized for all the work he has done over the years to assist and support all veterans in their needs,

The Class of 2021 has been selected by the Hall of Fame Counsel. The final Counsel meeting and final voting are completed. There are 15 nominations approved for the Class of 2021.



- Robert P. Adelhelm
- Douglas Alexander, Sr.
- Thomas G. Bowman
- Robert D. Chelberg
- William “Billy” Francis
- Michael W. Hartford
 - Daniel V. Hughes
 - Stan Jordan
- Ray Arthur Quinn
 - Darryl J. Reyes
- Frederick Robinson
- Gill Harry Ruderman
- William Donald Salter
- Harry Orvil “Skip” Taylor
 - William David Wilson

ST. JOHNS COUNTY 2022 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE RETURNS TO THE ST. AUGUSTINE NATIONAL CEMETERY



After a Covid induced displacement to the welcoming Anastasia Baptist Church in 2021, we are happy to announce that this year's observance carries on our tradition and will be held in the St. Augustine National Cemetery on Monday, May 30th at 10:00 AM. Command Sergeant Major David Lanham, Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) of the Florida National Guard, will keynote the event which begins with appropriate music and the march-on of massed flags from local Veterans organizations. St. Johns County veterans who have died in the past year will be recognized and honored with the traditional wreath laying and "Fallen Comrade Tribute."

Located at 82 Marine Street, near the Florida Guard's St. Francis Barracks Hqs., the serene National Cemetery is on the nation's Register of Historic Places and one of the oldest military cemeteries in the country. Its tombstones bear witness to veterans from all armed services who fought the nation's wars, from the early republic to current conflicts in the Middle East. The unique monuments are iconic testament to the military service and sacrifice of our fellow citizens. All are invited to join us as we honor them on this special day of remembrance. Public parking is available across from and behind the St. Francis barracks.



Organized by the Ancient City Chapter, Military Officers Association of America, in conjunction with the Veterans Council of St. Johns County and the National Cemetery Administration. Images courtesy of Ted Pappas.

Please join us on Monday, May 30th at 10am at the St. Augustine National Cemetery for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

The Keynote speaker will be Command Sergeant Major, David Lanham, Command Senior Enlisted Advisor, FL National Guard.

If your Veterans Organization would like to fly its Colors at the ceremony, please contact George McCrea: gmccrea1935@gmail.com

This ceremony is open to the public.



Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association-reg TM Chapter 20-2

Great visit at the Clyde Lassen Veterans Home. Great turn out. Had the honor of hearing several stories from the various residents.



As reported in *February's Patriot Reader*, virtually all exempt organizations (i.e., Public Charities, Veterans' organizations, etc.), must file their information reporting for tax (fiscal) years ending after July 31, 2021 **electronically**. For organizations using the calendar-year ending Dec. 31, 2021, the filing deadline for forms in the 990 series is May 16, 2022 and forms must be filed electronically.

If your exempt organization does not file the free [IRS Form 990-N](#), aka "e-Postcard Form", your tax preparer must use software to prepare and file your exempt organization's return electronically. This not only entails a learning curve for most organizations, but also a longer timeline to file (i.e., once the return is finalized, the exempt organization must provide a signed IRS Form 8453-TE. This form will be generated by the software, must be printed and signed by an authorized individual, then provided to the software vendor for verification before the software vendor will electronically transmit the return to the IRS. Depending upon timing, this could entail several days delay, so it may be advisable to file IRS Form 8868 well before May 16.

Mail the completed Form 8868, no later than May 16 (for calendar-year returns) to:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service Center
Ogden, UT 84201-0045

May 1 is the deadline by which all Florida corporations (including not-for-profit entities) must file their 2022 Annual Report, which may be filed on-line at <https://www.sunbiz.org>. ONLY not-for-profit entities are exempt from late filing penalties, but a well-run organization should be able to comply with little effort.

Most exempt organizations (except for Veterans' posts recognized under IRS §501(c)(19)) must also file a report with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, under the **Florida Solicitation of Contributions Act**. The registration form for 2022 has been simplified. Filing deadlines depend upon each exempt organization's original application date, and can be checked at <https://csapp.fdacs.gov/CSPublicApp/CheckACharity/CheckACharity.aspx>

Jacksonville Naval Museum

It's been several two weeks since the USS Orleck arrived in Jacksonville. The crew has been on board daily with 4 to 24 volunteers showing up daily. We have scrapped loose paint, wire brushed rust, covered all equipment and began blowing down overheads in the following areas: bridge, CIC, Captain's at sea cabin, 02 level passageway, Unit Commander's State-room, chart room, 01 level passageway, ASROC launcher control entrance, Captain's in port cabin, wardroom, wardroom pantry, galley, laundry, and ship's office. We have a former signalman who has taken over the signal shack to restore it back to its former days. Leaks coming from the DASH Deck are now under control with new patching material until we can remove all the bad pad eyes and replace them with aluminum plating. All goes well and we should have all the above areas wiped down with disinfecting cleaner this week and then we will be ready to paint all these spaces.

The photos show the ships office now staged for viewing once the ship is open for the public. To date we have hauled off almost 10 pick up loads of debris from cleaning and other trash while preserving all historical items.

Big shout out to all of our volunteers who are coming out to assist. Many of these folks are from our active duty folks stationed at Mayport Naval Base or NAS Jax.

If you can volunteer, please sign up on our website. Help support the volunteers with needed tools, paint, and other materials by donating at www.jaxnavalmuseum.org/donate



It is with much sadness that I announce the passing of Col. Boyd Guttery on Sunday morning at 7:30 AM. Boyd had been in declining health over the past two years and had been stricken with Covid on two occasions in the past year. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.



**Bill Dudley, Chairman, Veterans Council of St. Johns County,
anuday00@aol.com**

Retired US Army Colonel Boyd Morrison Guttery of St. Augustine, FL; and formerly of Dunwoody, GA; died peacefully on April 10, 2022. A memorial service will be held April 22, 2022 at 2:30pm at Roswell Funeral Home, 950 Mansell Rd, Alpharetta, GA with a graveside service and burial immediately following. A second memorial service will take place at Marsh Creek Country Club, St. Augustine, FL at a later date.

Mr. Guttery is survived by his children, Cynthia Kravitch of Lantana, FL; Laura Guttery of Palm Harbor, FL; Sarah Guttery (John Garrett) of Titusville, FL; and Stephen Guttery (Michele) of Atlanta, GA. He is predeceased in death by his wife, Sadie Smith Guttery; his oldest son, Darryl Guttery (Jane); and his brother Frederick Guttery (Dorothy). His remaining siblings include Thomas Guttery (Charlotte), Janice Sinclair, and Frank Guttery. His twelve adoring grandchildren are Mattie Guttery, US Army Captain Kyle Kravitch (Alex), Eric Snyder (Erica), Emily Snyder, Boyd Thomas Guttery (Olivia), Wesley Garrett (Bria), Claire Snyder, Ryan Garrett, Jason Garrett, Sutter Guttery, Hunter Guttery, and Reiner Guttery. He has one great grandson, Nathaniel Darryl Boyd Guttery.

Mr. Guttery was born on Feb. 1, 1928 in Carbon Hill, AL to parents Edith and Hobson Guttery. He left Alabama to attend Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal, VA. From there Mr. Guttery went on to attend Virginia Military Institute. Nine months later he enlisted in the US Army and served in the Army Occupation in Japan during the end of WWII. Following his return, he continued his college studies at VMI, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Immediately upon graduation he was commissioned into the US Army and served as an Infantry Platoon Leader in the Korean War. Mr. Guttery continued to serve through the Army Reserves for many years. He earned many awards of recognition

and medals of honor during his military career and he retired from service as a US Army Colonel.

After returning home from war, Mr. Guttery began his working career with Southern Bell in Atlanta, GA. He and his family relocated several times before returning to Dunwoody, GA, where he later retired as Vice President of Marketing with AT&T. Mr. Guttery has contributed both monetarily and with his time to many organizations through the years including his churches, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Association of US Army. He served as Treasurer of the Gator Bowl while living in Jacksonville, FL and he was active with the Navy League while living in St. Augustine.

Mr. Guttery will be remembered by the tremendous contributions he made in the lives of many. He loved, guided, and supported all of his children and grandchildren and was blessed to have met his first great grandson born just five months ago. He proudly expressed that his grave marker should read "He loved his family." Mr. Guttery was also known for his love for books and for being an avid Green Bay Packers fan. His family dearly loves him and will miss him greatly.

Dr. Sarah E. Guttery



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF POW/MIA FAMILIES

ITS IMPACT YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Submitted by Pam Cain, Daughter of Oscar Mauterer, USAF, MIA Laos 2/15/66

Board member, National League of POW/MIA Families

When the National League of POW/MIA Families (League) was incorporated in May 1970, it had a single, threefold mission: the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing, and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War. The League planned to disband when that mission was realized. Sadly, over 50 years later, this organization is steadfast, vigilant and persistent as the mission continues.

We still advocate for intensifying our government's efforts, providing input and guidance from our 50+ years of involvement with this issue and assuring that our country's sacred obligation to those who serve will be respected and carried out seriously. The League affirms that the POW/MIA issue is humanitarian. Our history includes being a watchdog, as we are today! Circumstances at the federal level resulted in the League urging reorganization of the agencies responsible for achieving the fullest possible accounting due to inefficiencies, political disputes and the need to put forth a realistic road map as an effective tool for the accounting mission.

The League takes positions on legislation that relates to the mission and renders resolutions to the federal government and Congress. League officials have been asked and do testify before federal committees on the Hill. The National League of POW/MIA Families serves the families of those unaccounted for, providing information and connecting them with appropriate resources. The League conducts an annual meeting for all to hear briefings from US government agencies, VSOs and other mission-related groups. This meeting continues to draw new family members and concerned citizens, both essential for moving forward as long as the mission exists. From its origin, these meetings encourage associations and friendships among families and opportunities to network. The League promotes education-based programs and curriculum, and there is an ongoing effort to archive organizational documents and artifacts for preservation of the actions and legacy of the League.

In recent years, the League's Archival Research Team (ART) has reviewed hard-to-resolve cases of those still missing. These specialists have provided new evidence and analysis to families and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the federal agency responsible for providing the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to the families and our nation. This team is a vital component of our organization and a unique resource with invaluable contributions to the mission.

Throughout the League's history, there have been successes. Bringing our missing home, identifying them and providing answers for families as well as a proper burial for those who sacrificed all for their country's freedom is first and foremost!

The POW/MIA flag, conceptualized and driven by local Jacksonville area resident and MIA wife, Mary Hoff, was adopted by the League in early 1972. It has become a symbol of losses from all wars and reassures today's armed services and government civilians that should they be captured or become missing, our nation will do all it can to bring them home. As most know, it flies 24/7 over the White House, below the American flag, and at government, public and residential locations around the world.

Veteran service organizations are essential partners in realizing the fullest possible accounting and the League is proud of its ongoing relationships with VFW, VVA, DAV, American Legion, SOA, SFA, AmVets and Jewish War Veterans. To fulfill the POW/MIA mission, our voices need to be united and plentiful! The League and the families it represents must depend on help from others - all veterans, concerned citizens, and the general public - to join our efforts! Our missing deserve no less than to be repatriated to the country they served.

The League values its long-standing relationships with officials of the Southeast Asian countries that were part of the Vietnam War. League delegations visit our government officials in the field, defense attaché offices, Embassies and counterpart leaders in each country. Specific talking points are presented. I was part of a unique family delegation in 2007 and noteworthy is that we put faces to the mission as we represented all families of all who were still missing from the Vietnam War at that time. High level meetings and discussions, experiencing the beauty of the countries, sensing the hearts of the people and visiting excavation sites were extraordinary.

Many within the League travel at their own expense to speak, engage with groups as those mentioned above and participate in events that seek answers, honor, remember and educate the public about POWs and MIAs. Publicizing the mission is necessary: many in our country don't even know or understand that so many are still unaccounted for.

Finally, though the League's mission focuses on our country's unreturned veterans from the Vietnam War, it supports the renewed efforts of our government to recover those unaccounted-for from our nation's past wars and conflicts. Learning the fate of our missing and ending of uncertainty for families of Vietnam War POWs and MIAs is our government's noble obligation; the League, with your support, will continue to persist and be responsible to its mission!

For information on becoming an associate member or discovering ways to help, please visit our website: <https://www.pow-miafamilies.org/>.

You can also follow the League on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



2021 National POW/MIA Recognition Day - Pentagon Ceremony. L to R: RADM Jon Kreitz, USN (Ret), then League CEO; Bruce Hallberg, League Board Member, MIA brother; Ann Mills Griffiths, League Chair of the Board, MIA sister, RR; Sue Scott, League Board Member, MIA sister, RR; Colleen Shine, MIA daughter, RR; Mr. Kelly McKeague, Director, DPAA



USAF Memorial - Wreath-laying & Ceremony. L to R: Pam Cain, League Board Member, MIA daughter; Ann Mills Griffiths, League Chair of the Board, MIA sister, now-RR



Laos Team Photo - Family Delegation, Joint Field Activity in Laos. Center: Wade Owens, then CDR, Detachment III; Pam Cain, League Board Member, MIA daughter; Sue Scott, League Board Member, MIA sister, now-RR



League & SOA Delegates: League officials, SOA rep, DPAA Detachment III Team, 2018 (most recent delegation due to the pandemic)

New VA Outpatient Clinic taking shape in North Jacksonville will have range of medical, social services

The two facilities totaling 185,500 square feet will serve an estimated 23,346 veterans annually from Northeast Florida and South Georgia when completed.

Author: Florida Times-Union, Teresa Stepzinski

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The steel structural beams forming the shell are up as construction moves ahead briskly on the new Jacksonville Outpatient Clinic and a 30-bed domiciliary the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is building near Jacksonville International Airport. The two facilities totaling 185,500 square feet will serve an estimated 23,346 veterans annually from Northeast Florida and South Georgia when completed, Cindy Snook, a spokeswoman for North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, told the Times-Union. "The anticipated completion is in early 2024," she said.



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will lease the facilities as part of its North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System. Estimated at a combined total of \$64.2 million, the outpatient clinic and domiciliary — essentially a dormitory that can be used for residential care — are being built on 26 acres at 145 Heron Bay Road off Max Leggett Parkway near Interstate 95.

Jacksonville VA OPC LLC purchased the property for \$8.24 million in a sale recorded Dec. 22, 2020, according to Duval County property and court records. Snook said overall, construction is at least 21 percent completed, after beginning in October 2021. So far, the work completed includes site work, structural steel and concrete slab on the deck. Walls on the second floor of the outpatient clinic have been laid out. In addition, underground mechanical, electrical and plumbing has been roughed-in, she said. Services to be provided include primary care, audiology, an eye clinic, multi-specialties, physical medicine and rehabilitation, prosthetics, radiology, specimen collection and telehealth.

The domiciliary, which will connect to the clinic via a covered walkway canopy, will provide rehabilitation and treatment for homeless veterans, Snook said. The clinic will replace the Jacksonville VA Southpoint clinic at 6900 Southpoint Drive N. and the Jacksonville VA University clinic at 3901 Memorial Health Plaza on the Southside. Remaining open is the Jacksonville 1 VA Clinic at 1536 N. Jefferson St.

North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System currently offers residential treatment in Lake City and Gainesville. The North Jacksonville beds "will provide a substantial opportunity to treat veterans with intensive mental health needs, those who may be dealing with substance use disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, homelessness and more," agency officials said in a news release announcing the project.

Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic and Domiciliary

Address: 145 Heron Bay Road

Location: Off Interstate 95 near Jacksonville International Airport and River City Marketplace

Property size: 26 acres

Project overview: Construction of a two-story Veterans Administration Outpatient clinic and a 30-bed domiciliary

Construction began: Oct. 5, 2021

Projected completion: Early 2024

Estimated initial cost: \$64.2

Villager gives update on quest to find photos of fallen Florida Vietnam veterans

The woman who has made it her mission to find photos of Florida veterans killed in the Vietnam War gave an update on the Virtual Wall of Faces Project to the John Bartram Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution at the group's latest meeting.

The Virtual Wall of Faces Project is dedicated to honoring and remembering each of the 58,000-plus fallen veterans whose name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Beth Braun, a resident of The Villages and the DAR chapter's 2019 Community Service Award winner, has been actively searching throughout Florida and neighboring states to obtain photos of the young soldiers from that war. She has located the photos of 777 of the 1,857 Florida victims of the war.

Braun shared some of her experiences in contacting relatives some 50 years after their loved ones had died. Some of the relatives searched for photos and provided them. Many photos were received from newspaper obituaries, and many more came from high school yearbooks. She worked with school librarians, newspapers and, in many cases, cemeteries to find family members who might have a photo to add to the collection.

By 2012, 30 percent of those named on the wall had been located and photos obtained. By 2016, 50,000 had been found. Today, some 58,301 have been located and there are only 17 photos not identified. The Virtual Wall of Faces website was interested in 2019.

Braun has worked with members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1036 here in The Villages during her quest. The John Bartram Chapter will be working with members of Chapter 1036 on various commemorative services in the future, Regent Cindy Kolevar and Post President Rich Rademacher announced.



Cindy Kolevar, Regent of John Bartram, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Beth Braun of the "Virtual Wall of Faces Project" after Braun's presentation at the DAR chapter's latest meeting.

The Army Nurse Corps

The great majority of the military women who served in Vietnam were nurses. All were volunteers, and they ranged from recent college graduates in their early 20s to seasoned career women in their 40s. Members of the Army Nurse Corps arrived in Vietnam as early as 1956, when they were tasked with training the South Vietnamese in nursing skills. As the American military presence in South Vietnam increased beginning in the early 1960s, so did that of the Army Nurse Corps. From March 1962 to March 1973, when the last Army nurses left Vietnam, some 5,000 would serve in the conflict.

Five female Army nurses died over the course of the war, including 52-year-old Lieutenant Colonel Annie Ruth Graham, who served as a military nurse in both World War II and Korea before Vietnam and suffered a stroke in August 1968; and First Lieutenant Sharon Ann Lane, who died from shrapnel wounds suffered in an attack on the hospital where she was working in June 1969. Lane was posthumously awarded the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm and the Bronze Star for Heroism. Colonel Graham is one of eight women whose names are listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, a monument designed by 21-year-old female college student Maya Lin. Did you know? In November 1993, the Vietnam Women's Memorial was dedicated at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. in front of a crowd of some 25,000 people. The centerpiece of the memorial is a bronze statue by Glenna Goodacre, which depicts three female nurses assisting a wounded soldier.

Early on, the U.S. Army resisted sending women other than nurses to Vietnam. The Women's Army Corps (WAC), established during World War II, had a presence in Vietnam beginning in 1964, when General William Westmoreland asked the Pentagon to provide a WAC officer and non-commissioned officer to help the South Vietnamese train their own women's army corps. At its peak in 1970, WAC presence in Vietnam numbered some 20 officers and 130 enlisted women.



THE WATCH STANDER

BONFIRE & BBQ

APPRECIATION EVENT

2022



FREE FOR ALL WATCH
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Hanna Park pavilions 1, 2, & 3

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Friday 6 MAY, 2022
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POW/MIA update

March 7, 2022

- Solider accounted for from World War II (Lobacz, C.)

March 8, 2022

- Pilot accounted for from World War II (Mills, N.)

March 9, 2022

- USS Oklahoma sailor accounted for from World War II (Burger, O.)

March 10, 2022

- Airman accounted for from World War II (Benson, E.)
- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Ryan, E.)

March 11, 2022

- Solider accounted for from World War II (Canup, G.)
- Airman accounted for from World War II (Salsbury, R.)

Flying Boats: The Great Clippers Go to War

If you go to Miami, I hope you get out on the water of Biscayne Bay and see the city from that vantage point. It is stunningly beautiful, with a shining skyline rising above sparkling waters under a tropical sun. At the north end of the bay, across from Key Biscayne, Miami City Hall sits right on the water. It is famous for its 1930's-era, Art Deco design, but the building was not built as a city hall. It was built as the Miami Terminal for Pan American Airlines, known simply as "Pan Am," and its famous flying boats.



Photos Above and Below: Pan Am's Miami Terminal (terminal interior in 1940, below), departure point for the Caribbean, South America, and Europe aboard their massive sea-going planes.



The company was originally founded in 1927 by U.S. Army Air Corps officers Henry "Hap" Arnold, John Jouett, and Carl Spaatz. They intended to compete with a German-owned company flying out of Columbia, South America, and the growing German influence in the western and southern hemisphere. Of particular concern was German interest in landing rights in the Panama Canal region which could be a direct threat to America's interests and security. The red flags really went up when the German airline applied for contracts with the U.S. Postal service to deliver mail from Key West to Havana, Cuba. Enough was enough, as they say, and contracts were awarded to Pan American Airlines from a pack of several bidders. However, Pan American didn't have landing rights in Cuba, nor did they have any aircraft to do the job. Out of their tiny, original office in Key West, they quickly partnered with two of the other bidders and obtained a Fairchild FC-2 float plane to do the job.

Pan Am was off and running and, over the next decade, established routes to multiple destinations in the Caribbean, Central and South America, and eventually to Europe. They also expanded into the Pacific when Juan Trippe, one of the partners, decided to expand service from San Francisco to Honolulu, Hawaii, and then on to Hong Kong, China and Auckland, New Zealand. By this time, ten years had passed, and the aircraft that the company used had evolved. All of the destinations were located by the sea and so it made sense to use sea-going aircraft that were large, heavy, and could take advantage of the long stretches of water required to get airborne and to land. The primary aircraft used to reach the world by air were dubbed “Clippers” after the famous and very fast sailing ships. The earliest clipper was a Sikorsky S-38 Flying Boat.



Photos Above: Fairchild FC-2 Float Plane, 1927 (left), and a Sikorsky S-42, one of Pan Am’s early large Clippers (right).

As the years rolled on and the distances became greater, American aviation companies led the way in designing some of the largest and most comfortable Clippers the world had ever seen. They crossed vast oceans carrying the wealthy and most affluent tourists, businessmen, and ambassadors in the highest level of luxury and comfort the world had ever seen. Later destinations that connected the entire Pacific Theater were Guam, Wake Island, Midway Island, and Subic Bay in the Philippines. Pan Am had connected the entire world by air, just as everyone sat on the brink of the largest and most devastating conflict the world had ever seen.

For the most part, America’s military aircraft remained from a previous era where landing gear consisted of two wheels under the wings with a tail skid in the rear. Almost all airfields were grass or dirt and were not designed to handle heavy aircraft. Only one hard-runway for heavy aircraft existed in New York in the lower forty-eight states. This would change with the outbreak of the war as the Seabees and other military engineers began to build hard runways for heavy aircraft for warfronts on every continent. Until those were completed, it would be the Pan Am Clippers, and their crews, who would do most of the heavy lifting in the early years of the war, flying high above Nazi U-boats, and out of range of Japanese Zeros. They delivered personnel and equipment wherever it was needed after donning U.S. Navy insignias and paint.



Photos Above: Pan Am Martin M-130 “China Clipper” (left) and Pan Am Boeing 314 “Yankee Clipper” (right).

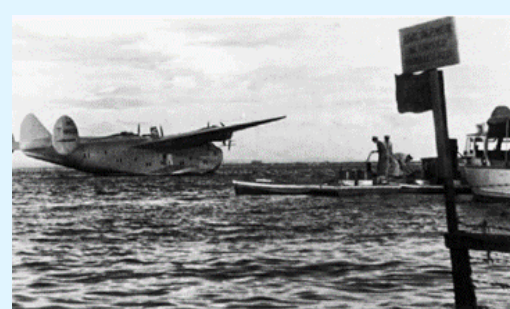
Pan Am answered the call in a big way along with the rest of the country. Interestingly, there is not a lot of photographic documentation of their efforts, but it worked so well that the British obtained some of these large flying boats from Pan American for their war efforts in North Africa.



WAR TIME: A BOEING B-314 AT FISHERMAN'S LAKE, LIBERIA, APRIL 1, 1942



Photos Above: U.S. Navy Clipper in Liberia 1942 (left) and a Pan Am 314 delivered to England (right).



Photos Above: WWII Colors: Boeing 314 (far left), Martin M-130 (center), and another 314 in the Philippines (far right).

While American factories re-fitted to start cranking out large numbers of medium and heavy bombers, the Allies were busy building airfields to handle them all over the U.S. and England. Eventually, they spread across Europe and the Pacific islands, as Allied forces liberated lands previously held by Axis forces. Allied bombers and supply planes were soon conducting missions and bombing runs out of Allied airfields in France and North Africa in the European theater. Guam, Midway, the Philippines, and multiple other Pacific islands received their own airfields. Eventually, B-29 Stratofortress's were bombing the Japanese homeland from an airbase on Tinian Island in the Marianas, just 100 miles north of Guam. All of this new asphalt would unfortunately be a death knell for the sleek and romantic flying boats. The last Pan Am 314, the "California Clipper," NC18602, was retired in 1946 after flying over one million flight miles. The golden age of the flying boat was over.



Photos Above: WWII Pan Am 314 takes off at dawn (left) and inside the spacious "Bridge" of a Boeing 314 (right).

Pan Am, like many great American companies, answered their country's call. They handed their vast resources to the U.S. military in time of need, and their fliers and crews put on the uniform along with so many of their brothers and sisters who gave themselves in service to our country, and helped win a world war.



Photo Above: President Roosevelt (back left) celebrates his 61st birthday aboard Pan Am's "Dixie Clipper," a Boeing 314 on return from a meeting with Winston Churchill in Morocco, North Africa, 1943. This Pan Am 314 became the first Air Force One used during war time by a U.S. President.

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Please visit their website at <https://www.panam.org/>



About the Author: Rick Cain

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Inaugural St. Augustine History Festival slated for May 11-15

Festival will feature new research on St. Augustine families and art from one of the "most extensive" Florida-themed collections

Sheldon Gardner, St. Augustine Record

Art, historical re-enactments and research on early St. Augustine families will be part of the inaugural St. Augustine History Festival, which takes place from May 11-15 at multiple venues in the city.

The University of Florida Historic St. Augustine Board, which cares for state-owned historic properties in the city, and the Lastinger Family Foundation started the event to create interest and celebrate the city's history, according to the event website, staugustinehistoryfestival.com.

"I think a lot of people in St. Augustine worry some about St. Augustine becoming more focused on food and beverage and less on our past, which is history," said Ed Poppell, liaison to the board. "We hope to help with that."

Details are still being added to the website, Poppell said.

"Our goal is to showcase every era of St. Augustine's long and storied past, from our founding in 1565 to the most advanced technology available in 2022 to research and study every year in-between," according to the site.

The festival will feature free events that will take place at multiple venues. Some of what's scheduled:

Governor's Cultural Center and Museum will host a gallery with pieces from the Vickers Collection, "one of the world's most extensive collections of Florida-themed art," according to the event site. The gallery will include St. Augustine-focused pieces and will be on display for several months, Poppell said.

Professor Michael Francis will talk about colonial St. Augustine and records in the city from events such as marriages, baptisms and deaths from as early as 1594. He will also discuss a digital archive that the public can use to access historical documents.

A re-enactment of the raid of St. Augustine by Sir Francis Drake in 1586.



ALL are invited to attend



Veterans Council Upcoming Meeting Change

**ALL Meetings in 2022 will be back at
200 San Sebastian View where the Veterans Service
Office (VSO) is located.**

Upcoming Veterans Council Meetings Speakers

April 28:

Selena Hernandez-Haines, First Coast Honor Flight

Donna Boyce, Principal, St. Joseph's Academy with students
speaking about their Veterans Interview Program

May 26, Dee Quaranta, Pres/CEO NE FL Women Veterans

Bill Lazar, SJC Veterans Housing

June 30, Officer Kelly Kemp, Chaplain, SJSO, "Community
Involvement"

Kathy Church, Update on MIAP

July 28, Andrew Stack, FL State Coord for DoD Program

"Building Healthy Military Communities"



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- Recognize the Problem of Veteran Suicide
- 20-22 Veterans Take Their Own Lives Each Day

#2

- Take 30-45 mins and Train to be a Watch Stander
- Explore Resource Guide
- Stand Vigilant to Concerns of Veterans and Direct Them to Needed Assistance

#3

- End the Tragedy of Veteran Suicide

#YourTurnToStand

DING! DING!

THE TRADITION OF A SHIP'S BELL



www.history.navy.mil

From the first recorded mention of a shipboard bell in 1485 on the British ship *Grace Dieu*, to modern-day baptismal ceremonies aboard U.S. naval vessels, the ship's bell has long been a part of U.S. Navy tradition.

Inset photo: USS Ohio (1838-1883) crewmen with bell, circa 1870.

TIMEKEEPING



Before the chronometer came along, time was kept on the ship with a half-hour glass and a bell. One of the ship's boys would strike a bell every time he turned the half-hour glass over. This practice evolved into the tradition of striking the bell at every half-hour during watch. Refer to the chart to see how bell ringing corresponds with timekeeping in the U.S. Navy.

TIME	NUMBER OF BELLS
0030, 0430, 0830, 1230, 1630, 2030	1
0100, 0500, 0900, 1300, 1700, 2100	2
0130, 0530, 0930, 1330, 1730, 2130	3
0200, 0600, 1000, 1400, 1800, 2200	4
0230, 0630, 1030, 1430, 1830, 2230	5
0300, 0700, 1100, 1500, 1900, 2300	6
0330, 0730, 1130, 1530, 1930, 2330	7
0400, 0800, 1200, 1600, 2000, 2400	8

'EIGHT BELLS AND ALL IS WELL.'



A standard four hour watch ends at eight bells, hence the phrase "Eight bells and all is well," when referring to completing a watch with no incident.

EMERGENCIES

Bells are sounded in emergency situations. In the event of a fire, the bell is rung rapidly for at least five seconds followed by one (forward), two (amidship), or three (aft) rings to indicate where the fire is located.

SIGNALING

A ship sounds her bell in poor visibility as a signal to other vessels. In 1858, British naval regulations made it mandatory to ring a ship's bell in foggy conditions.



CEREMONIES & EVENTS



During naval ceremonies and events, the bell is used to signal the arrival and departure of a ship's captain, a flag officer, and other dignitaries.

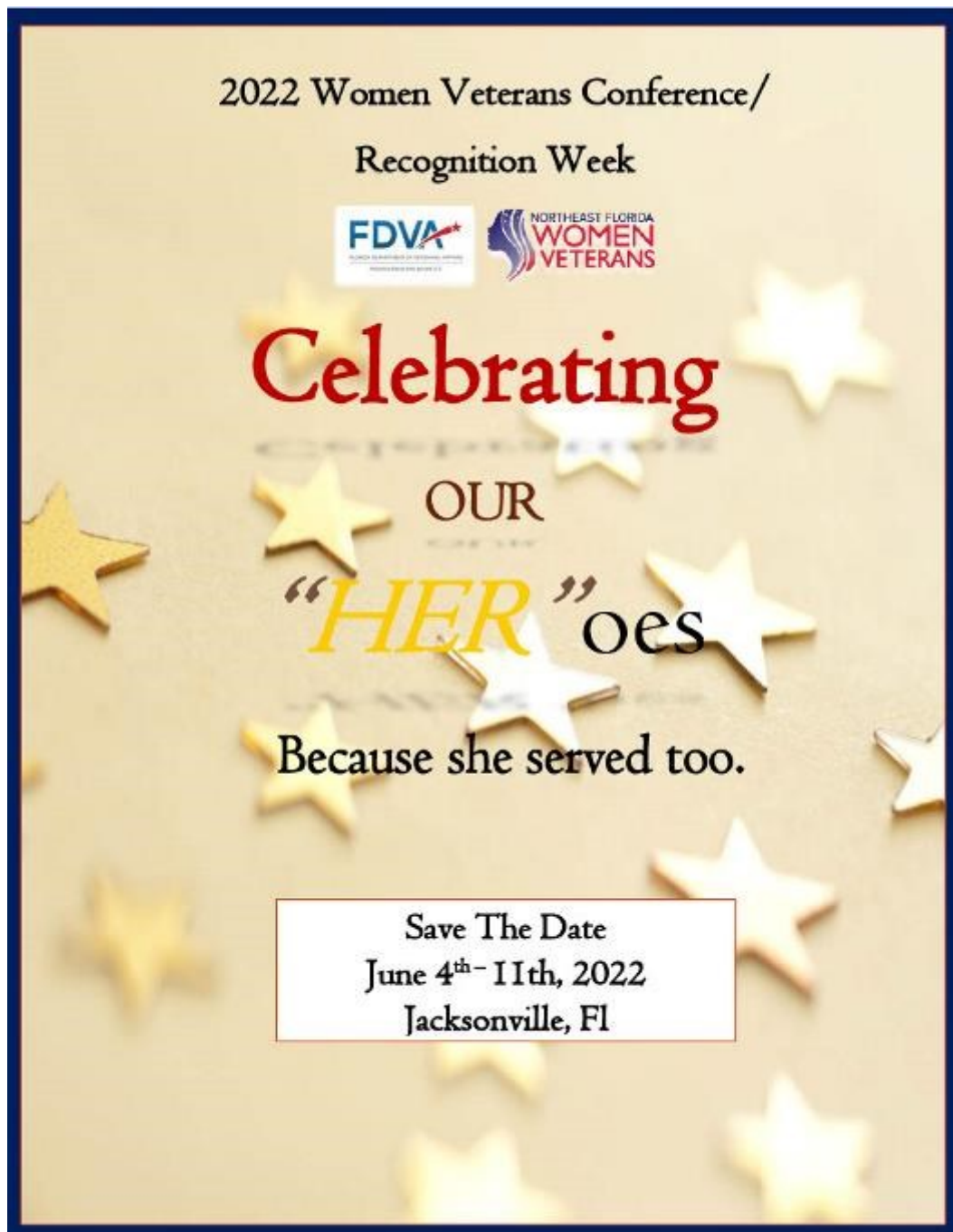
BAPTISMS



The British Royal Navy began the custom of baptizing children under the ship's bell. In some ceremonies, the bell is filled with water and used as the christening bowl. The child's name is sometimes inscribed inside the bell.

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

Save the Date! Women Veterans' Recognition Week is June 4 – 11. FDVA, in partnership with Northeast Florida Women Veterans, Wounded Warriors, First Watch, Steven A Cohen Military Family Clinic, and the Florida Veterans Foundation, will host a Women Veterans' Conference in Jacksonville. Please stay tuned for more information about this exciting opportunity!



2022 Women Veterans Conference/
Recognition Week

FDVA NORTHEAST FLORIDA
WOMEN VETERANS

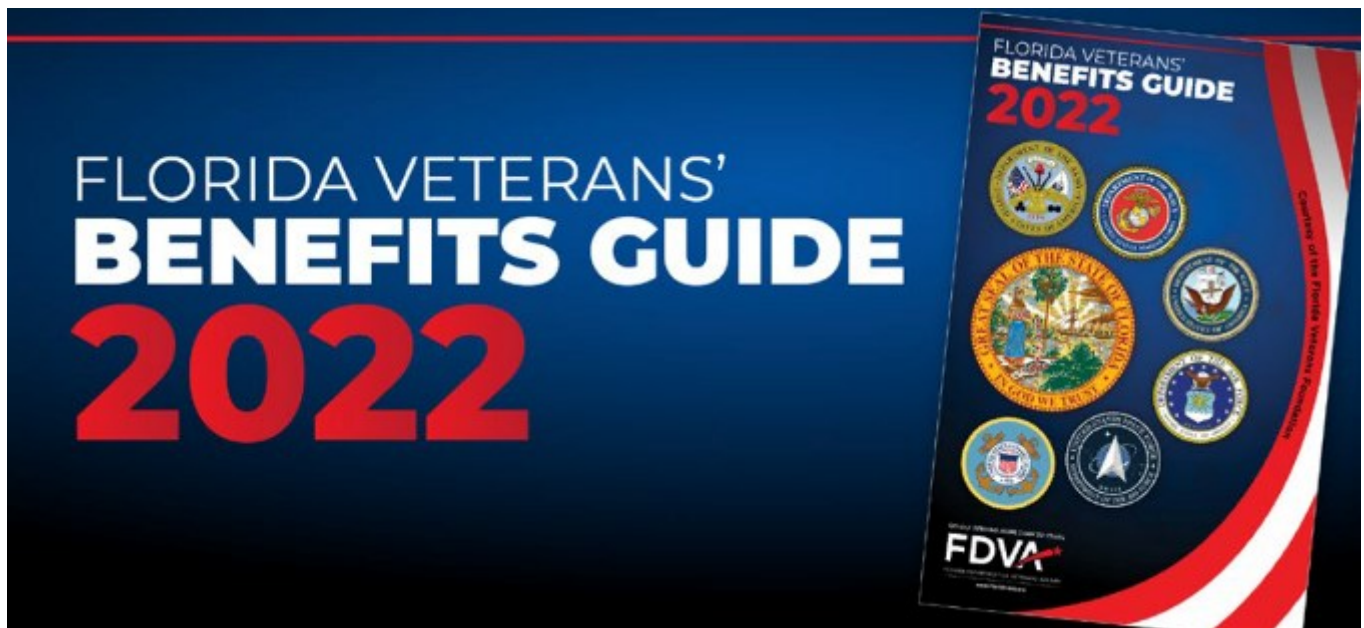
Celebrating
OUR
"HER"oes
Because she served too.

Save The Date
June 4th- 11th, 2022
Jacksonville, FL

The poster features a light beige background with scattered gold stars. At the top, the text reads "2022 Women Veterans Conference/ Recognition Week". Below this are the logos for FDVA (Florida Department of Veterans Affairs) and Northeast Florida Women Veterans. The main title "Celebrating OUR 'HER'oes" is prominently displayed in red and gold, with "HER" in a larger, stylized font. Below the title is the tagline "Because she served too." At the bottom, a white box with a red border contains the "Save The Date" information: "Save The Date June 4th- 11th, 2022 Jacksonville, FL".

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

Have you checked out the new 2022 Florida Veterans' Benefits Guide? It is now available for download. The annual guide helps connect Florida's Veterans and their families with earned federal and state benefits, services and support. It also contains helpful phone numbers and website addresses for additional information. To view online, click here: <https://bit.ly/3BovveB>. To download a copy for your records, click here: <https://bit.ly/3HYgTF0>.



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First Coast Honor Flight

Director of Marketing

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Here are the 2022 Honor Flight Dates



2022 FCHF Flight Dates

EVENT	DATE
Orientation	Saturday, April 30, 2022
FLIGHT	Saturday, May 21, 2022
Reunion	Saturday, June 11, 2022

EVENT	DATE
Orientation	Saturday, October 1, 2022
FLIGHT	Saturday, October 15, 2022
Reunion	Saturday, November 5, 2022

Dates are subject to change due to airline schedule adjustments and other factors beyond First Coast Honor Flight's control

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2022

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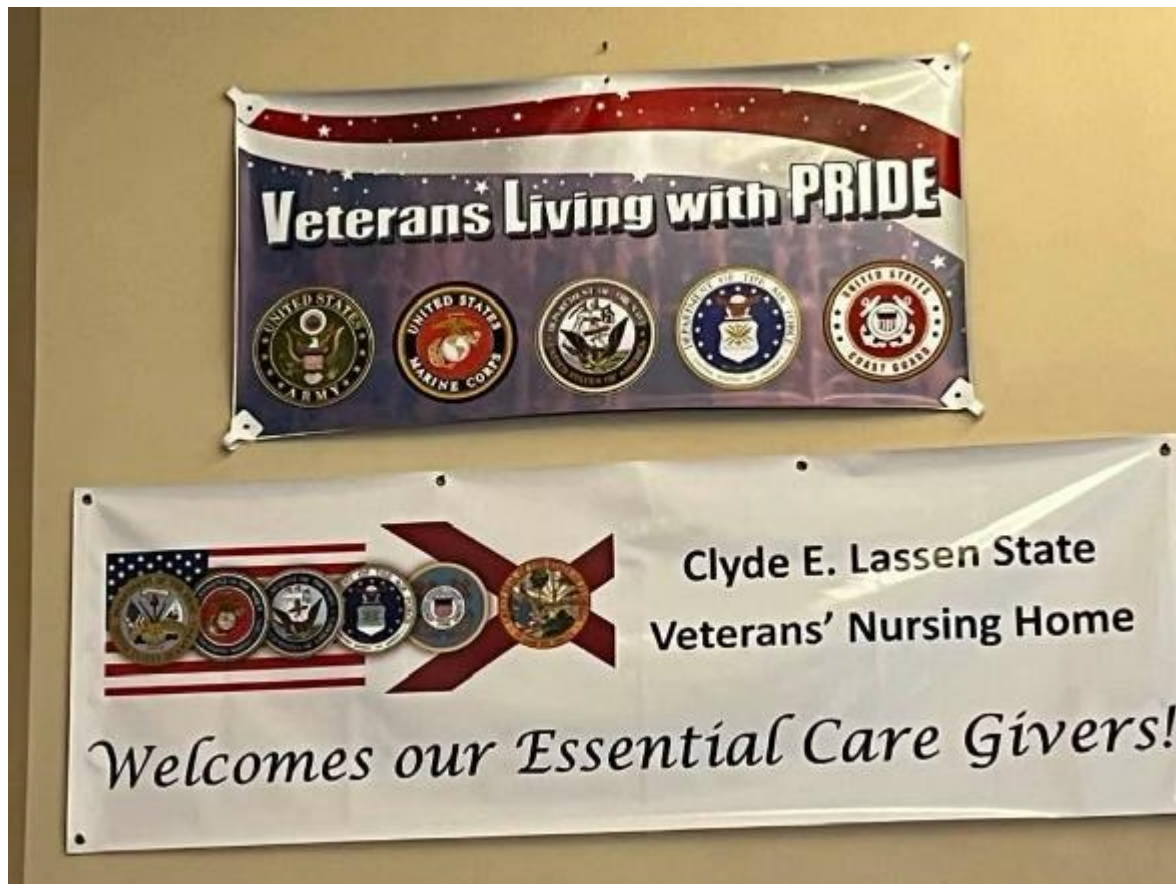
Couple 1-2min intro videos below:

HHF Intro Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgEv-df0q74>

Why is HHF happening: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oo-RPxKyBY0>

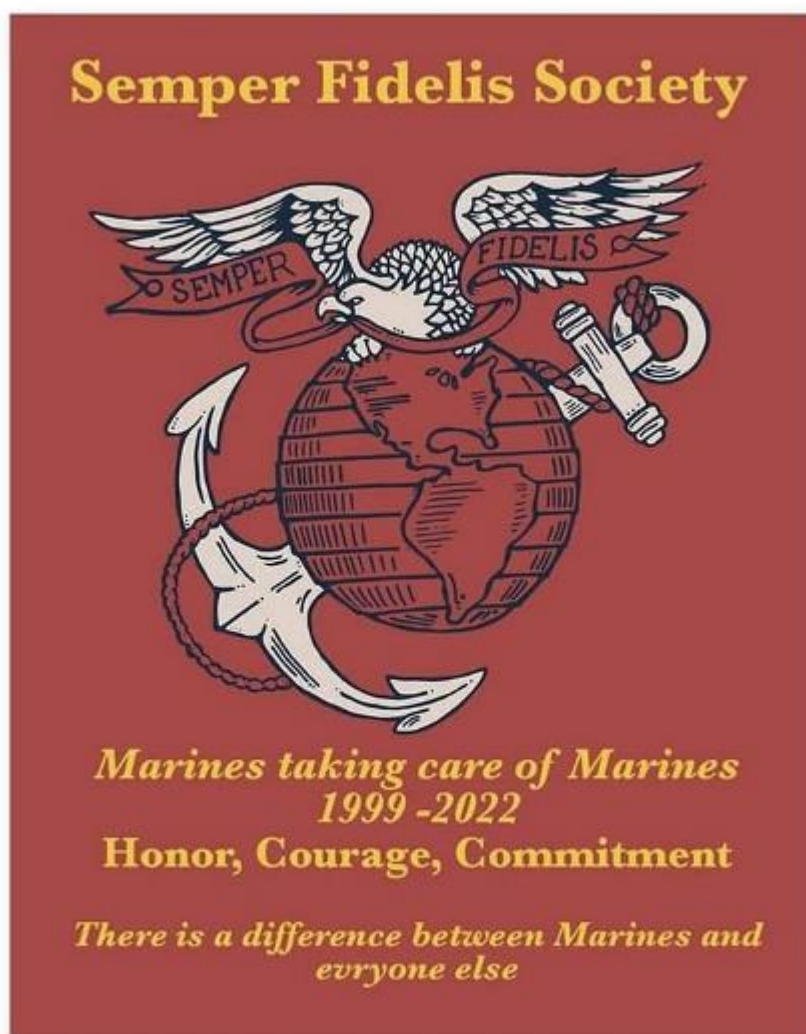
HHF Website: <https://www.heroeshonorfestival.com>

Clyde Lassen Veterans Nursing Home is looking for essential care givers including CNA, LPN, RN's. A shortage of staff has resulted in a significant waiting list-even though beds are available. We have some incredible veterans here in SJC being cared for at Lassen. If you or someone you know have these qualifications and would be interested in serving those who have defended our freedoms, please call Clyde Lassen for details.



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3d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division



173d Airborne Brigade



196th Infantry Brigade (Light)



198th Infantry Brigade (Light)



199th Infantry Brigade (Light)



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- NATIONAL CEMETERIES** (Gravestone icon): Burial benefits, interment scheduling and headstone/Veteran marker
- VETERANS CRISIS LINE** (Star and speech bubbles icon): Immediate connection to caring, qualified responders
- DEBT MANAGEMENT** (Stack of money icon): Debt details, payment options and debtor rights
- FACILITY LOCATOR** (Location pin icon): Locations of medical centers, benefits offices or cemeteries
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- HOMELESS VETERANS LINE** (House icon): Information and support for homeless and at-risk callers
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Please note: the Vietnam and War on Terror Walls will be in St. Augustine on display on Veterans Day, November 11, 2022 at Anastasia Baptist Church in St. Augustine.

Here is the Florida 2022 schedule

FL PGR Vietnam & WoT Wall Schedule

To request one or both of the walls for display, contact FL State Captain

Email: fisc@patriotguard.org / 321-689-4699

Updated as of:

01/17/22

Date	Time	Duration	Wall(s)	Location	Comments	
02/19/22	Info forthcoming		WoT	Eustis Area		
02/26/22	0800 - 0830 hrs 0830 - 1100 hrs 1200 - 1600 hrs	Escort Set-up Walls Display & Take-Down	1 day	Vietnam / WoT	The Casements Ormond Beach 25 Riverside Dr. Ormond Beach, FL 32174	Military & First Responder Family Appreciation Expect to escort The Walls to the event from Holly Hill DAV at 0800 hrs.
03/25/22 03/26/22	1400 hrs 0800 hrs	Set up Walls Display Walls	2 Days	Vietnam / WoT	Gator Harley Davidson 1745 US 441 Leesburg, FL 34778	Benefit Active Duty Care Package Program JOBH - Just Our Soldier's Helpers Former USO Ride Overnight secretly provided by Gator Harley
03/28/22 03/31/22	0800 hrs	Set up Vietnam Wall Display & Take Down	3 days	Vietnam	Cape Canaveral National Cemetery 5525 US-1 Mims, FL 32754	National Vietnam War Veterans Day
05/21/22	0900 hrs	Set-UP & Display	1 day	Vietnam / WoT	American Legion Post 10 205 Lake View Dr. Kissimmee, FL 34741	Armed Forces Day Celebration
05/27/22 05/28/22	1400 hrs 1000 - 1600 hrs	Set-Up Display & Take Down	2 days	Vietnam / WoT	Daytona International Speedway 1801 W. International Speedway Blvd Daytona Beach, FL 32114	Heroes Honor Festival Memorial Day Event Vietnam Welcome Home
09/17/22	TBD	Info forthcoming		American Legion Jacksonville, FL.	American Legion Veteran Event	
09/24/22	TBD	Info forthcoming		Remembering Vets Inc. Palm Coast, FL.	Fall Festival	
11/10/22 11/11/22	TBD 0800 - 1100 hrs	Set-up Display	2 Days	Vietnam / WoT	Anastasia Baptist Church 1650 A1A S St. Augustine, FL 32080	Veteran's Day Ceremony Escort from Daytona to St. Augustine



Safekeeping your military separation records is secure, fast and free of charge and easy to access with the St. Johns County Clerk of Courts.

Bring your original DD-214 to the St. Johns County Veterans Council's Veterans Day Celebration where Clerk staff will officially record it:

- 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Nov. 11
- Anastasia Baptist Church, 1650 A1A S., St. Augustine
- Your record will be returned to you immediately.

Recording your DD-214 maintains a permanent digital copy on file for safekeeping. Your record is **protected** – it doesn't become a public record for 62 years after separation, per the National Archives.

Can't make it on Nov. 11? Record your discharge papers at the St. Johns County Courthouse, 4010 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine. Call the Recording division at 904 819 3632 for details.

File your DD-214 with your
St. Johns County Clerk of Courts



FLORIDA CLERK OF COURTS WILL "LOCK IT UP" FOR FREE

Do you have your DD-214? That is the first question Veterans are asked when engaging in almost every benefits or Veteran-status related process. Often, it is the first question Veteran widows and widowers are asked after hearing "I'm sorry for your loss."

Each of Florida's county Clerk of Courts knows how valuable it is having a copy of your DD-214 safely and privately stored, with easy access. Click and read how you can record your DD-214 for free, year-round, regardless of what county you live in.

BONUS- St Johns County Clerk of the Circuit Courts is providing complimentary passport photos and notary services for military and Veterans through November 30th. Click below for the details.

From Liberty Life Media

Are You eligible to file for benefits based on Presumptive Exposure?

Were you exposed to hazardous materials while serving in the military, such as from Agent Orange or burn pits? Did you serve in Vietnam, Thailand or Southwest Asia? If so, you may be eligible to file for service-connected benefits based on presumptive exposure.

Over the course of the last six months, VA has begun processing service-connected disability claims for six new presumptive conditions related to exposure to hazardous materials.

In May 2021, VA started implementing provisions of the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (NDAA), adding bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism to the list of medical conditions presumptively associated with exposure to Agent Orange. A few months later, VA added asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis (to include rhinosinusitis) on a presumptive basis based on particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas.

Any Veteran who was previously denied service-connection for any of these six conditions but had symptoms manifest within 10 years of military service would need to file another claim. Be sure to use VA Form 20-0995, "Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim" when filing. The claim form should include the name of the medical condition and also specify that the medical condition is being claimed due to in-service exposure to environmental hazards.

VA is committed to assisting Veterans who may have been exposed to hazardous materials during their military service.

Be sure to stay plugged in to www.va.gov for the most recent developments around environmental hazards; VA is constantly conducting research and surveillance, as well as reviewing scientific literature for conditions that may be related to exposure during military service.

If you feel you have a chronic condition attributed to an in-service exposure, we highly encourage you to file a claim. For more information about VA benefits and eligibility, or how to file a claim, Veterans and survivors can visit VA's website at www.va.gov or call toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.





2022 VA DISABILITY PAY RATES



ANNOUNCED 2022 COLA OF 5.9%	DISABILITY RATING									
	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Veteran Alone	152.50	301.82	467.02	673.52	958.40	1,213.61	1,530.26	1,778.06	1,998.33	3,331.61
Veteran with Spouse	N/A	N/A	522.46	747.41	1,050.57	1,325.22	1,609.15	1,926.69	2,164.79	3,517.84
Veteran with 1 child only	N/A	N/A	504.45	721.99	1,019.86	1,288.16	1,616.79	1,876.92	2,109.72	3,456.30
Veteran with 1 child and spouse	N/A	N/A	563.76	801.42	1,118.35	1,406.77	1,754.46	2,035.77	2,287.63	3,653.89

ADDITIONAL										
Parent 1 only (not in VA)	N/A	N/A	44.48	59.30	74.13	88.96	103.78	118.71	133.43	149.10
Each additional child under age 18	N/A	N/A	27.53	36.01	45.54	55.07	64.60	73.07	82.60	92.31
Each additional child over age 18 (not in VA)	N/A	N/A	88.96	118.61	148.26	177.91	208.62	238.28	267.93	298.18
Spouse (not in VA) with Aid and Attendance	N/A	N/A	50.83	67.78	85.78	101.66	119.67	136.61	153.56	170.38

"Use the compensation rates table to find your monthly payment amount. The monthly payment amounts are based on your disability rating and your eligible dependent family members."

The **Fire Watch** is Northeast Florida's fight to end veteran suicide. Over 6,000 U.S. military veterans die by suicide each year, including 500 annually here in Florida. But suicide is preventable. And everyone can help. **Join us as a Watch Stander today.** Learn how to identify the risk signs of veterans in crisis and to direct them to the help they need.

3 minutes to enroll. 30 minutes to train. A lifetime of saving lives.

Visit: www.thefirewatch.org/watch-standers to learn more.

Thanks!

Nick Howland

Executive Director, The Fire Watch

www.thefirewatch.org

904.525.1761



From Veterans Council Chairman Bill Dudley

Subject: VA Transportation Assistance

I received the email below from Dr. McKenzie. If any of our veterans require transportation assistance to any VA medical centers, have them call our CBOC at 904- 829-0814 and ask for the primary social worker for help with transportation.

We recently found that we are able to assist with patients who have significant issues with transportation to VA medical centers. Our primary care social worker can assist with this problem. Patient can call here and ask that she be notified of problem. She will be able to contact them and attempt to provide assistance.

From Michael Isam

DAV van service to Gainesville returning on a limited basis.

Begins on Monday, 23 March 2021

The van will run on Monday and Wednesday ONLY

3 passenger limit

Masks are required to and from VAMC





Legal Aid for Veterans

The Florida Veterans Legal Helpline is a project of the Major General Ernest A. and Marilyn Bedke Veterans Law Center at Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. The helpline is a free service for eligible Florida veterans and their family members.

When you call, you will speak to a screener who will determine your eligibility and set your appointment with an attorney.

1.866.486.6161

Call Today!

Hours: Monday – Friday
9 AM to 4:30 PM



We Can Help With

- Landlord-Tenant Matters
- Consumer Credit Issues
- Foreclosure
- Divorce + Child Support
- Drivers Licenses/ID cards
- Social Security + Public Benefits
- Discharge Upgrades
- VA Benefits
- And Other Civil Legal Matters
(No Criminal or Traffic Matters)

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Become a Watch Stander with The Fire Watch



You sacrificed for our country.

**AT SILVER CREEK,
FREEDOM IS YOURS.**

Because of your commitment, you helped us achieve the American Dream. At Silver Creek, we want to return the favor – by providing the freedom, independence and personal attention you deserve. Since 2016, Silver Creek has served the St. Augustine community, offering military retirees and seniors at large a vibrant, community lifestyle complete with everything except the burdens of home maintenance. Impeccably-appointed independent concierge living, assisted living and memory care apartments homes, first-class amenities, holistic wellness programming, gourmet, all-day dining and abounding opportunities for enrichment are just a few of the many options you'll find.

Silver Creek provides residents the perfect balance of elegant, upscale living with the warmth and intimacy of home – inspiring socialization and fellowship within a close-knit community.

Call **800-665-9492** to schedule a tour and learn more.

SILVER CREEK

THE FUTURE OF SENIOR LIVING

165 Silver Lane | St. Augustine, FL 32084 | SilverCreekRetirement.com



**Independent Concierge Living – Assisted Living
Memory Care – Short-Term Stays**

Assisted Living Facility #12928

Vietnam Veterans of America



If you are a Vietnam Era Veteran and live in one of these counties, please contact the President for information as to how to join

Chapter/President/email/Location

1046	Tony D'Aleo	adaleo5579@gmail.com; Duval
1048	Bob Adkins	adk123robert@outlook.com
1059	David Treffinger	dtreffinger433@msn.com; Clay
1084	Joan Whitfield	jlwbeach@bellsouth.net
1088	Roy (Corky) Rudd	corkstopper50@yahoo.com; Nassau
1092	Forest Hope	foresthope@usa.net; Gainesville
1134	Marvin Lagle	mdlagle@gmail.com; Baker



REMEMBER WHAT OUR MEDAL STANDS FOR:

- RED:** REPRESENTS THE THREE ANCIENT VIETNAMESE EMPIRES OF TONKIN, ANNAM AND COCHIN.
- YELLOW:** THE IMPERIAL COLOR OF VIET NAM.
- GREEN:** SURROUNDED BY EXPANSIVE JUNGLE.

TED PIECKO, The NAM.



PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO MEET VETERANS' UNIQUE NEEDS

Advance Care Planning

Community Hospice & Palliative Care offers Honoring Choices® Florida, a program to help you document your health care wishes in advance, so that, in the event you become ill and cannot speak for yourself, your wishes are known and can be followed.

Palliative Care

Our palliative care services can help people with serious illnesses get relief from physical, emotional, and spiritual pain, symptoms, and stress while seeking curative treatment.

Hospice Care

We also provide support during the final phase of advanced illness, with a focus on comfort and quality of life.

- ★ **Team Approach:** Trained clinicians identify and address the psychological, physical, spiritual and emotional needs of veterans and their caregivers.
- ★ **Pinning Ceremony:** We provide a veteran-to-veteran pinning ceremony to honor the service of our nation's bravest.
- ★ **Service Branch Flags:** For veterans who receive care at our inpatient centers, we fly the flag of their service branch outside their room and entrust the flag to the family following death.
- ★ **Veterans History Project:** Members of our Community Hospice Veterans Partnership (CHVP) record veterans' stories and share them online and with the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.
- ★ **Community Hospice Veterans Partnership:** A select group of veteran leaders serving as brand ambassadors throughout Northeast and North Central Florida bringing awareness to, and providing access for, veterans and their caregivers facing advanced illness and end-of-life care.

Complementary Therapies

In addition to routine home care, respite care, continuous care and inpatient hospice, we also provide the following services to patients and their families:

- ★ **Grief and Loss Support**
- ★ **Certified Music Therapy**
- ★ **Certified Pet Therapy**
- ★ **Pet Promises**

We Need Volunteers

Whether you offer companionship and a listening ear or assist at fundraising events, there's a volunteer role for everyone. Opportunities include pinning ceremonies, Veterans History Project recordings, CHVP membership and other special programs.



WE HONOR VETERANS
Partner

Community Hospice & Palliative Care participates in We Honor Veterans, a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization program that honors veterans for their service and sacrifices.

For more information or to volunteer, call toll free **866.253.6681** or visit **CommunityHospice.com**.



Along with traditional reimbursement for hospice services, we offer payment options to veterans with TRICARE. As with all Community Hospice & Palliative Care patients, we provide care and support to all who need it, regardless of their ability to pay.

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SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

Strength
built on
Sacrifice

Your Florida SOS Team

St. Augustine Area

Keith Ham
Support Coordinator
310 Charlotte Street
St. Augustine, FL 32085
(904) 823-0157 (desk)
(904) 472-7689 (cell)
keith.c.ham.ctr@mail.mil

Tallahassee Area

Matthew Reeves
Support Coordinator
1225 Easterwood Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32311-3599
(850) 617-0192 (desk)
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matthew.p.reeves.ctr@mail.mil

Orlando Area

Shinekqua Baines
Support Coordinator
9500 Armed Forces Reserve Drive
Orlando, FL 32827
(407) 240-5939 ext. 1743
shinekqua.l.baines.ctr@mail.mil

Tampa Bay Area

LaShawnda S. Strother
Support Coordinator
2801 Grand Avenue
Pinellas Park, FL 33782
(727)-563-3647
lashawnda.s.strother.ctr@mail.mil

Miami Area

Support Coordinator
9301 NW 33rd Street
Doral, FL 33172-1202
(305) 437-2178

Scholarships & Application Deadlines

There are two primary VA Programs offering educational assistance. While federal benefits do not technically have a due date, it is important to apply as early as possible.

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) is currently available for children of those who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Beginning January 1, 2015, Fry Scholarship will also be available for surviving spouses of those who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001.

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

Application Deadlines for surviving children

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation

No set amount, available for children of those who died in the line of duty or of a service-connected disability. No application due date.

Freedom Alliance

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 for children of those who died in the line of duty. No application due date.

Fisher House Foundation/ Heroes Legacy Scholarship

Amount varies, for children of those who died while on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. Applications available from early December to March 14.

Special Ops Warrior Foundation

Amount varies, for surviving children of Special Operations Service Members who died in the line of duty. Applications due at least sixty days prior to the start of the semester.

Deadline for multiple relationships

Army Emergency Relief Fund

Amount varies, for surviving spouses and children of soldiers who die while on active duty or in retiree status. Applications available from January 2 to May 1, 2015.

Application Deadlines: For surviving spouses

Aspire

\$3,000 scholarships per semester for spouses of those who died on active duty. Applications due by October 31 for spring semester and June 30 for fall semester each year.

National Military Family Association

\$500 to \$2,500 scholarships for surviving spouses of those who died while on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. Applications available from December 1 to January 31.

Pat Tillman Foundation

Amount varies, scholarships for surviving spouses of those who died on active duty, in veteran status, or in retiree status. Applications available from February 1 to March 6.

Application Deadlines: For surviving siblings

Matthew Freeman Project

\$1,000 scholarships for siblings of those who have died in the line of duty. No application due date

Deadline for multiple relationships

Folds of Honor

\$5,000 scholarships for surviving spouses and children of service members who die in the line of duty or from a service-connected disability. Applications available from January 15 to March 15.

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FLORIDA SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY



Survivor Outreach Services provides long-term support and advocacy for families of the fallen. Our support coordinators and financial counselors are dedicated to helping survivors from all eras understand and apply for benefits as well as stay connected to the Army family for as long as they desire.

Although Survivor Outreach Services is the focus of this newsletter, please know that all branches of the Armed Forces are equally committed to taking care of surviving military families. Please contact us, and we will connect you with additional resources that may be available for your branch of service. To find the Survivor Outreach Services location nearest you, check out the map on this page, or visit www.sos.army.mil.



Mission Statement:

The Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Inc. is a 501 C3 Not-For-Profit Florida Corporation.



The Veterans Council of St. Johns County is comprised of representatives from various veterans' organizations that work with city and county governments and organizations to assist with matters concerning veterans and veterans' activities.

What the Council has done:

- The Veterans Treatment Court
 - Wreaths Across America
 - Homeless Veterans Standdown
 - Veterans Day Parade
 - Vets 4 Vets
- And so much more...

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Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

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STAND BY THEM
Confidential help for Veterans and their families

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

..... Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255

Military/Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

Confidential chat at MilitaryCrisisLine.net or text 838255

Veterans Councils of Northeast Florida



BAKER COUNTY

President: Larry Porterfield

Meetings:

Second Thursday of each month

Location:

MacClenny Primitive Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall on North Boulevard

Time : 1800 (6pm)

CLAY COUNTY

President: Harry Silvers

Meetings:

First Wednesday of each month

Location:

American Legion Post 250
3939 County Rd 218
Middleburg, FL 32068

Time: 1400 (2pm)

DUVAL COUNTY

President Steve Spickelmier

Meetings:

Third Tuesday of each month

Location:

American Legion Post 37
Main Building
San Juan Avenue

Tome: 1900 (7 pm)

NASSAU COUNTY

President: Mike Doran

Meetings:

First Thursday of each month

Location:

American Legion Post 54
626 South 3rd St
Fernandina Beach fit 32034

Time: 1900 (7pm)

St. Johns County

President: Bill Dudley

Meetings:

Last Thursday of each month

Location:

Health & Human Services building
Muscovy room, 1st floor
200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine

Time: 1900 (7pm)

The Veterans Council of St. Johns County is proud to announce that it has modernized its website and created a Facebook page.



We are inviting all veterans to visit our website at:

NEW <http://www.veteranscouncilsjc.org>

The Veterans Council will post items of interest to all veterans, post pictures, articles, flyers, events, etc. We will post our meetings dates and keep you informed about events at the Jacksonville and St. Augustine National Cemeteries.

Please join our group on Facebook at:

<http://veteranscouncilsjc.org>

Please select **Join the Group** to become a member

Once you have joined the Veterans Council Facebook group you will be able to post your meetings, pictures, articles, fund raisers, etc. It will be your common site to go to and see what's happening.

The website and Facebook page were updated and created so that there would be a central place to list all veterans activities in NE FL.

You may have noticed the Veterans Council's new logo, it was created by Roy Havekost.

He can be contacted at webmaster@veteranscouncilsjc.org

*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: rothfeldm@gmail.com



**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.**

***The Veterans Council will meet at the Coun-
ty Health & Human Services Building,
200 San Sebastian View
Auditorium, 1st floor***

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

(physical location)

*The VSO Office is located in the 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.*

*Service is by appointment.
Phone: 904-209-6160 Fax: 904-209-6161
Joseph McDermott, SR VSO
Travis Neidig, Assistant VSO
Angela McKenzie, Assistant VSO*

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.