



# The Patriot Reader Newsletter

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## Message from the Chairman

Fellow Veterans:

I hope life is somewhat back to normal for you after the ravages of Hurricane Matthew. I know some of us suffered severe damage as a result of the storm that paid a punishing blow to our area. I was very impressed with the way our City, County, and State leaders stepped up very quickly to provide help to those in need in our community. Vets 4 Vets was able to provide some assistance to some of our Veterans in critical need. I was also pleased at the quick response of some of our Veteran organizations who stepped up to provide manpower to help veterans who were forced from their homes. The rebuilding will be a slow process as we deal with insurance settlements and FEMA but this is a caring community of

neighbor helping neighbor and veterans helping veterans.

In an effort to get our lives back together as quickly as possible, we are focusing on our upcoming Veterans Day Weekend. In this edition of the Patriot Reader, there are several flyers about events on November 11-13. Starting with our Grand Parade on Nov. 11 we will have many activities throughout the weekend all to honor our Veterans. Please plan to participate by bringing your family and friends to all of the activities and help us honor the service and sacrifices of those who have worn the cloth of this nation.

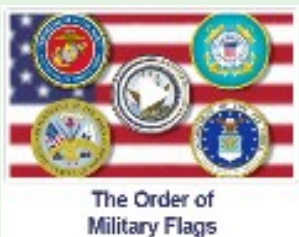
Our Wreaths Across America program is still lagging behind our goal for this year. The cutoff date for buying a wreath is fast approaching and program chairman Sgt. Major Ray



Quinn is encouraging each of us to step forward now and purchase a wreath. Our commitment to place a wreath on every headstone in our St. Augustine National Cemetery must be met and we can do it with the help of our community. A \$15 donation to purchase a wreath is a small price to pay to honor those who paid the supreme price with their life.

Just a reminder that our November meeting will be moved forward one week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Our meeting date is Nov. 17, Elks Lodge at 1900 hours. I look forward to seeing you there.

Bill Dudley, Chairman  
Veterans Council of  
St. Johns County



## Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home



Congratulations to the staff at the Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Augustine. The 120-bed home has been notified by the American College of Health Care Administrators that it will receive the Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award, recognizing high performing skilled nursing facilities. Fewer than 9% of facilities nationwide qualify.



Thank you to the Clay County Community Band for another wonderful performance!



Cook Outs on the back porch



Pumpkin Decorating.....



Our veterans have voted for President!



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



JNC SC Chairman,  
Ray Quinn

The Support Committee invites everyone to attend its **next scheduled meeting, on Monday, January 9, 2017**. The meeting will be at **7:00pm**. The meeting will take place at Community Hospice, **4266 Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257 in Conference Room A**.

**+++++2015/2016 Officers of the SCJNC+++++**

Chairman: Ray Quinn

Vice Chairman: Bill Dudley, Treasurer: John Mountcastle

Assistant Treasurer: Michael Rothfeld, Secretary: Kathy Church

Chaplain: Michael Halyard, Master-At-Arms: Joe McDermott

JAG Officer: Patrick Bennett, Historian: Jody Raymond



**MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT -  
NATIONWIDE STATISTICS AS OF 9/15/2016**

**Our Progress to Date**

Total Funeral Homes Visited - 2,013

Cremains Found - 13,848

Veterans Cremains Identified - 3,149

Veterans Interred - 2,878

Please go to [www.miap.us](http://www.miap.us) and read all about this project. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for MIAP please let me know.

**IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO!!!!**



# Saluting All Who Served

## Veterans Day Weekend

November 11 - 12 - 13, 2016  
St. Augustine, Florida



The weekend is a tribute to all veterans who have secured the freedom we enjoy today, and a testament to the enduring need for such selfless service. The festivities are dedicated to our patriotic service members who have served before, those serving now, and those who will serve in the future.

## The Grand Parade Fri. Nov. 11- 11:00 AM - see map



Parade Route Map

The spectacular, nationally one of a kind, strictly Military 'Grand Parade' will have over 1,500 marchers: units from all the military services, 13th Army Field Band, re-enactor units representing every period from the founding of St. Augustine, St. Johns County ROTC / JROTC units, Generals and Admirals representing U.S. and foreign military, Consul Generals representing Spain, Great Britain and France. The U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Policy, James J. Townsend, Jr., will be our honored Grand Marshal.

The lead unit will arrive at the Reviewing Stand in front of the Castillo de Marcos at 11:00 AM. Church bells will ring and there will be a cannon salute from the fort officially starting the 'Grand Parade'. There will also be a flyover by vintage WW2 planes and current military aircraft.

## Veterans Film Festival Corazon Cinema

36 Granada Street 32084



No Admission Fee  
Public Welcome

### FRIDAY November 11

1:00 pm The K9s For Warriors Story: Unleashing the Underdogs  
1:30 pm Serve and Protect: Stories from WW II  
3:00 pm Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom

### SATURDAY November 12

Noon K9s For Warriors Story: Unleashing the Underdogs  
2:00 pm Serve and Protect: Stories from WW II  
4:00 pm Korea: Forgotten War, Remembered Heroes  
6:00 pm Vietnam: Service, Sacrifice and Courage  
7:00 pm Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom

### SUNDAY November 13

1:00 pm Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom  
1:30 pm Vietnam: Service, Sacrifice and Courage  
2:00 pm Korea: Forgotten War, Remembered Heroes

## Lee Greenwood - 'God Bless The USA'

Veterans Benefit Concert St. Augustine Amphitheatre

Sun. Nov. 13 - 4:00 PM - Family Friendly Event



At 4:00 pm Sunday Lee Greenwood, Top of the "Country Charts" performer, will close the weekend with a spectacular patriotic benefit concert. Greenwood says of "God Bless the USA", "I wanted to write something that would unite Americans from coast to coast and to instill pride back in the United States. The song represents my family, my community and those men and women who have paid the price for the freedoms we all love and enjoy."

The net proceeds will be distributed to various veterans' organizations to assist our needy heroes through MOAA's 501(c)(3).

Tickets are available through St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Box Offices. 904-209-0367 Tickets will also be available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), all Ticketmaster outlets, or by phone at 800-745-3000

Military Officers Association of America - Ancient City Chapter - 501(C)(3)  
Veterans Council of St. Johns County - 501(C)(3)



For additional information contact George Linardos CPT (USA-Fmr) at (904) 495-6111 or Bill Dudley LTC (USAF-Ret) at (904) 806-4712



**From the Marsh Creek Journal, please Join us in Saluting Our Veterans**

## SALUTING ALL WHO SERVED

The Military Officers Association of America - Ancient City Chapter and the Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Florida invite you to the extraordinary Veterans Day Weekend in St. Augustine, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday -- **November 11th, 12th, and 13th**. Multiple events during the entire weekend will honor all United States Military Veterans. \*\* On Friday, the Grand Parade of over 1,500 marchers -- including reenactors representing every period of St. Augustine's history -- begins at 11:00 AM when it passes the reviewing stand at the Castillo de San Marco, and then proceeds through the city. Diplomats from Spain, the United Kingdom, and France will be in the reviewing stand as WWII and modern military aircraft fly over, church bells ring, and the Castillo's cannons fire salutes. \*\* In a first for St. Augustine, a free military film festival will run Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons at the Corazon Theater, with five documentary films highlighting the service and sacrifice of local veterans during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, as well as the impressive story of our local K-9 for Warriors program. For information on these films, and times of showing, contact Michael Rothfeld at [mrothfeld@anyveteran.org](mailto:mrothfeld@anyveteran.org). \*\* A very special concert in the St. Augustine Amphitheater, starring Lee Greenwood -- "God Bless the USA," will close the weekend on Sunday the 13th. Starting at 4:00 pm, this concert is a tribute to, and benefit for, our St. Johns County area veterans. A celebratory event for the whole family, tickets for two children (10 or under) are free when accompanied by a paying adult family member 21 or over. Tickets are available at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Box Offices, (904) 209-0376, and from Ticket Master at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or (800) 745-3000. For additional information on any of these events please contact either George Lenardos, CPT (USA-Fmr) at (904) 495-6111, or Bill Dudley, LTC (USAF-Ret) at (904) 806-4712.

**LEE GREENWOOD IN CONCERT**  
**"God Bless the USA"**





**MOAA Presents Lee Greenwood in concert on November 13 at the St. Augustine Amphitheater. This is a Veterans Benefit Performance, tickets now on sale at the Amphitheater and Ticketmaster.**

# Lee Greenwood 'God Bless The USA'

**Saluting All Who Served**  
Veterans Day Weekend  
November 11 - 12 - 13, 2016  
**The Grand Parade**  
Fri. Nov. 11 - 11:00 AM  
Castillo de San Marcos  
**Veterans Film Festival**  
Fri. - Sat. - Sun.  
Corazon Theatre  
**Lee Greenwood - Concert**  
Sun. Nov. 13 - 4:00 PM  
St. Augustine Amphitheatre  
Family Friendly Event

**Veterans Benefit Concert St. Augustine Amphitheatre**  
**Sunday Nov. 13 - 4:00 PM - Family Friendly Event**  
Tickets available through St. Augustine Amphitheatre or Ticketmaster

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Veterans Council of St. Johns County- 504(G)(E)



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**THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, ANCIENT CITY CHAPTER  
AND THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY FLORIDA PRESENT  
"TOP OF THE COUNTRY CHARTS" PERFORMER LEE GREENWOOD WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATRE NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

**ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla.** (August 24, 2016) – The Military Officers Association of America, Ancient City Chapter (MOAA) and the Veterans Council of St. Johns County (VCSJC) are pleased to announce that "Top of the Country charts" performer Lee Greenwood will perform a patriotic, family-oriented benefit concert on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. All net proceeds will be distributed to various veterans' organizations to assist our needy heroes through MOAA's 501(c)(3). Tickets for Lee Greenwood will go on sale to the general public Friday, August 26 at 10 a.m.

**Lee Greenwood** is an icon in country music, with more than 30 albums to his credit. In fact, MCA released an album in 2013 called *Icon*.

With 7 number one songs and 25 charted singles, his hits include: "It Turns Me Inside Out", "Ring on Her Finger Time on Her Hands", "She's Lyin'", "I don't Mind the Thorns if you're the Rose", "Dixie Road", "Somebody's Gonna Love You", "Going Going Gone", "You Got a Good Love Comin'", "Fools Gold" and "Mornin Ride". Several crossover hits include "Touch & Go Crazy", "IOU" and the duet with Barbara Mandrell, "To Me". An additional duet with Suzie Boggus, "Hopelessly Yours", was nominated for a GRAMMY. The album *American Patriot*, recorded and released in 1992, went platinum in 3 months.

Lee Greenwood has won numerous industry awards including, Male Vocalist of the year for the Academy of Country Music in 1983, two Male Vocalist of the Year awards from the Country Music Association, 1983 and 1984 and a GRAMMY for Top Male Vocal Performance in 1985 for "IOU". He also won CMA Song of the Year in 1985 for writing "God Bless the USA." The song, "God Bless the USA" has been voted the most recognizable patriotic song in America. The singer knows first-hand what it's like to have loved ones fighting for the freedom of all Americans as his father served in the Navy & Merchant Marine in World War II. "USA" is now part of the film for Homeland Security shown when swearing in new citizens to the United States.

"God Bless the USA" went far beyond what Greenwood expected when he wrote it in the back of his tour bus in 1983. The song has been in the top five on the country singles charts three times (1991, 2001 and 2003), giving it the distinction of being the only song in any genre of music to achieve that feat. It was also number 1 on the pop charts after 9/11/01.

Greenwood says; "'USA' is the song I always felt the need to write. I wanted to have something that would unite Americans from coast to coast and to instill pride back in the United States. The song represents my family, my community and those men and women who have paid the price for the freedoms we all love and enjoy."

Greenwood performs for many charitable events and gives his time and name to numerous organizations and fundraisers. He is the National spokesperson for "Products of Good", the Honor 1 Campaign, and on the advisory board of the "Challenger Commission". The singer is also a member of the National Endowment for the arts Council, a Presidential appointment.

Tickets for **MOAA Presents Lee Greenwood w/special guest** will go on sale Friday, August 26 at 10 a.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Box Offices. Tickets also will be available at ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, or by phone at 800-745-3000.

**EVENT:** MOAA Presents Lee Greenwood w/special guest  
**DATE:** Sunday, November 13, 2016  
**TIME:** Doors 3:00 pm / Show 4:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** St. Augustine Amphitheatre  
1340C A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080  
**ADMISSION:** \$75.00 – Golden Circle  
\$55.00 – Seated Pit  
\$45.00 – Level 100  
\$35.00 – Level 200  
**WEBSITES:** www.leegreenwood.com; www.staugamphitheatre.com  
**CONTACTS:** George Linardos, CPT (USA – Fmr)  
(904) 495-6111  
Bill Dudley, LTC (USAF – Ret)  
(904) 806-4712

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## MILITARY FILM FESTIVAL FEATURED

### VETERANS DAY WEEKEND, NOVEMBER, 11, 12, AND 13.

In a remarkable first for St. Augustine, this year's Veterans Day Weekend activities in the city will feature a three day festival of films highlighting the service and sacrifice of local veterans during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. The film, "The K9s for Warriors Story: Unleashing the Underdogs," and "Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom," will complete the film line-up scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. The showing of these unique films will link the Grand Veteran's Parade through the city at 11:00 AM on Friday, and the blockbuster Lee Greenwood concert scheduled for the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 4:00 PM Sunday. Hosted and organized by the Veterans Council of St. Johns County and the Military Officers Association of America ~ Ancient City Chapter, each film showing will be introduced by one or more speakers who are either in the documentary or from a national veteran's organization, and who will answer questions afterwards. These films were produced by Michael Rothfeld and Bill Dudley for the Veterans Council and, impressively, all the veterans featured in them are your St. Johns County neighbors. A brief summary of the films and show times is below.

#### THE FILMS

***SERVE AND PROTECT: STORIES FROM WWII.*** Fri. 1:30 PM, Sat. 2:00 PM.

"From one senior community near St. Augustine, over 30 WWII veterans came together to share their stories." Filmed by WJCT TV, the Jacksonville PBS affiliate produced by Flagler College TV Workshop Students. Directed and produced by Michael Rothfeld.

***KOREA: FORGOTTEN WAR, REMEMBERED HEROES.*** Sat. 4:00 PM, Sun. 2:00 PM.

"A special documentary spotting the stories of five First Coast Korean War Veterans." Created by Jacksonville Art Institute University students. Directed by Dr. Nadia Ramoutar and produced by Michael Rothfeld.

***VIETNAM: SERVICE, SACRIFICE, AND COURAGE.*** Sat. 6:00 PM, Sun. 1:30 PM.

"North East Florida Vietnam Veterans who fought in an unpopular war and returned home to lead normal, successful lives tell us their true stories. They are you neighbors, friends, and relatives." Filmed and edited by Flagler College Communications Department students, with Josh Wallace director and Michael Rothfeld producer.

***PRISONERS OF WAR: STOLEN FREEDOM.*** Fri. 3:00 PM, Sat. 7:00 PM, Sun. 2:00 PM.

"Compares the stories of four American service men who became prisoners during the Second World War, and Korean and Vietnam wars. Supported by archival footage, photos, and personal sketches and memorabilia. A remarkable film, less about atrocity than survival of the human spirit." Directed by Eric Flagg. Michael Rothfeld producer.

***UNLEASHING THE UNDER DOGS: THE K9 FOR WARRIORS STORY.*** Fri. 1:00 PM, Sat. 12:00 PM.

"A documentary highlighting a unique, local program that pairs dogs and veterans of today's conflicts in a training program that produces companions to assist in the healing of PTSD." Directed by Dr. Nadia Ramoutar and produced by Michael Rothfeld.



2016 VETERANS DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**Thursday - November 10**

*Veterans Commemoration Ceremony*  
7:00 pm - Trinity Episcopal Church

**Friday - November 11**

*Parade*  
11:00 am - Parade lead unit arrives at reviewing stand - bids, Church bells ring, cannon salute from Castillo de San Marcos.  
11:05 am - Parade commences, flyovers

*Castillo de San Marcos*  
8-45 am - Castillo de San Marcos National Monument opens.  
11:00 am - Cannon salute to start parade.  
11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm - Historic weapons firing demonstrations.

The Castillo de San Marcos will be open free to the public. The Castillo's military history, represented by park volunteers will include representatives of the First and Second Spanish periods, the British period, the Civil War period, and World War II.

*Military Film Festival - Corazon Cinema*  
1:00 pm - The K9s For Warriors Story: Unleashing the Underdogs.  
3:30 pm - Serve and Protect: Stories from WWII.  
4:00 pm - Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom.

*St. Augustine Beach Veterans Day Ceremony*  
4:00 pm - St. Augustine Beach Veterans Park (behind - South of Police Department)

**Saturday - November 12**

*Military Film Festival - Corazon Cinema*  
12:00 pm - K9s For Warriors Story: Unleashing the Underdogs.  
2:00 pm - Serve and Protect: Stories from WW II.  
4:00 pm - Korea: Forgotten War, Remembered Heroes.  
6:00 pm - Vietnam: Service, Sacrifice and Courage.  
7:00 pm - Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom.

**Sunday - November 13**

*Military Film Festival - Corazon Cinema*  
1:00 pm - Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom.  
3:30 pm - Vietnam: Service, Sacrifice and Courage.  
2:00 pm - Korea: Forgotten War, Remembered Heroes.

*Lee Greenwood Concert - Amphitheater*  
3:00 pm - Pre concert reception with Greenwood and VIPs.  
4:00 pm - Opening remarks, Military Hymn Medley, Patriotic Songs.  
5:00 pm - Greenwood Concert

**Veterans Day Weekend  
Military Film Festival  
November 11, 12, 13, 2016  
Corazon Cinema, 36 Cordova St.**

**Hosted by  
Veterans Council of St Johns County and  
The Military Officers Association  
of America - Ancient City Chapter**



**Saluting All Who Served**  
Veterans Day Weekend  
November 11 - 12 - 13, 2016  
St. Augustine, Florida

**"Public Welcome"**

**The Grand Parade** Fri. Nov. 11 - 11:00 AM  
Castillo de San Marcos  
St. Augustine

**Veterans Film Festival** Fri. - Sun. - Sun.  
Corazon Theatre  
St. Augustine

**Lee Greenwood - "God Bless The USA"**  
Veterans Benefit Concert - St. Augustine Amphitheatre  
Show Time: 5:30 - 4:00 PM - Family Friendly Event  
Tickets available through St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ticketmaster

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Veterans Council of St. Johns County - 9912 21st

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**Veterans Council of St. Johns County**

Bill Dudley, Chairman, LTC (USAF-Ret)  
**Military Officers Association of America - Ancient City Chapter**  
George Linardis, President/Director, CPT (USA Emr)

*Military Film Festival, Corazon Cinema, 36 Cordova St., St. Augustine*  
*This is a free event and open to the Public*

**Serve and Protect: Stories From WWII:** "From a small senior community near St. Augustine, Florida over 30 WW II veterans came together to share their stories. Produced by Flagler College TV Workshop Students and directed by Michael Rothfeld".  
Times Nov. 11 @ 1:30 pm, and Nov. 12 @ 2:00 pm

**Vietnam: Service, Sacrifice, and Courage:** "NE Florida Vietnam veterans contributed their tender, often hurt feelings to shape this project. They could be and are your neighbors, friends and relatives. This documentary was produced by Michael Rothfeld & the Veterans Council of St. Johns County & directed by Josh Wallace and filmed and edited by the students in the Flagler College Communications Department."  
Times Nov. 12 @ 6:00 pm, Nov. 13 @ 1:30 pm

**Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom:** "Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom compares the stories of four American servicemen through their time as prisoners of war in three major 20th century conflicts; World War II, Korea and the Vietnam war. Produced by Michael Rothfeld and the Veterans Council of St. Johns County, directed by Eric Hagg".  
Times Nov. 11 @ 3 pm, Nov. 12 @ 7 pm, Nov. 13 @ 1 pm

**Korea: Forgotten War, Remembered Heroes:** "This special documentary created by the students of the Art Institute of Jacksonville, who filmed and edited it, spotlights the stories of five First Coast Korean War Veterans. Directed by Dr. Nadia Ramoutar, produced by Michael Rothfeld and the Veterans Council of St. Johns County".  
Times Nov. 12 @ 4 pm, Nov. 13 @ 2 pm

**Unleashing the Underdogs: The K9s For Warriors Story:** "This documentary highlights a unique program that pairs dogs and veterans as companions, and to assist in healing of PTSD. Directed by Dr. Nadia Ramoutar, produced by Michael Rothfeld, Dr. Nadia Ramoutar, Bill Dudley and the Veterans Council of St. Johns County".  
Times Nov. 11 @ 1 pm, Nov. 12 @ Noon

**A Special Thank you to Karla Wagner, owner of the Corazon Cinema for partnering with us in the Military Film Festival.**

**Featured veterans in the documentaries**



Bob Ong, WW II veteran, standing in front of the Enola Gay



WW II veterans Wally Czechowicz and Bob Ong



Mario Patrucco, waving, second from the left, D Day Paratrooper



Vietnam veteran, Green Beret, Tom Waskovich receiving ribbon



WW II veteran, ex POW, Bill Ingram



Vietnam veteran, ex POW, Giles Norrington



Vietnam veteran, ex POW, Hal Kushner returns home



# *Celebrate America!*

**An Evening of Patriotic Songs and Hymns of Praise.**

**Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7 pm**

**Join us as we form a mighty chorus to give thanks to  
God for our Nation, our Heritage, and for all those  
Men and Women, past and present,  
who have served our country.**

**Jon Gates at the Organ.**

**Trinity Episcopal Parish  
215 St. George Street, St. Augustine  
(904) 824-2876**

*Free Admission*

*Root beer floats for all!*

*Parking Available*



Dear Patriot Readers,

I am writing to invite you to be part of something very special. For several years a group of local citizens who are part of an organization by the name of Forward March, Inc. have been working to raise funds for the renovation and upgrade of the Charles F. Hamblen House, home of American Legion Post 37. The Hamblen House is an architecturally beautiful, unique building located on One Anderson Circle in what is certainly one of the loveliest settings in all of Florida. The east side of the facility fronts along Matanzas Bay at the foot of the Bridge of Lions, while the south side looks across Anderson Circle toward the Plaza. Since its construction in 1904 as the family home of C.F. Hamblen, the building has undergone a series of architectural changes while amassing an interesting history including serving as a sales office in the 1920's during the development of Davis Shores.

In January of 2014, Forward March, Inc. launched the inaugural St. Augustine Military Ball as its major fundraiser to support this project. The third edition of this "Ball" is now being planned for January 14, 2017. It will be another truly gala event with lots of great fun and surprises. Each year we honor a military leader in our community to be the recipient of Forward March's "Outstanding Military Achievement Award." This year we will be honoring a man who has made an incredible contribution to the welfare of active duty and retired military personnel and their families throughout the State of Florida, Lt. Col. (Ret) William Dudley. One of the major fundraising goals for the January 2017 Ball will be to raise \$200,000, designated for meeting the required match of the \$500,000 Florida Historic Preservation Grant applied for in August 2016.

2017 Military Ball sponsorships begin at \$1000 and come with benefits, including tickets to the event. We have included in your packet a list of the sponsorship levels, including a new category "Friends of the Hamblen House." Of course the greatest benefit is having contributed to a project that will become a wonderful asset to our active duty military and their families, veterans, local youth, visitors, and the community at large.

Donations for the restoration of the Hamblen House/American Legion are tax deductible and all contributing will receive a gift acknowledgement from Forward March, Inc. 100% of your donation will be used to complete the "Legion Legacy Project" because Forward March, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization. Please visit our website at [www.4wardmarch.org](http://www.4wardmarch.org) and support this worthy endeavor. We are truly appreciative and thank you for your contribution.

For God and Country,

Ronald E. Birchall, LTC(P), USA, (Ret), President, Forward March, Inc.

**The Third Annual St. Augustine Military Ball January 14, 2017**

**Presented by Forward March, Inc.**

**Military Ball Sponsors**

**Ponce de Leon - \$25,000**

\*Includes up to two tables for sixteen guests, special recognition at the Ball, plaque at the Hamblen House (American Legion), recognition in the Military Ball Program, inclusion in print media promoting event, and being featured on the 4wardmarch.org website.

**Menendez - \$10,000**

\*Includes admission for eight guests, recognition at the Hamblen House, recognition at the Ball, recognition in the Military Ball Program, inclusion in print media promoting event, and being featured on the 4wardmarch.org website.

**Five Star - \$5,000**

\*Includes admission for six guests, recognition at the Hamblen House, recognition in our Military Ball Program, inclusion in print media promoting event, and being featured on the 4wardmarch.org website.

**Three Star - \$3,000**

\* Includes admission for four guests, recognition at the Hamblen House, recognition in our Military Ball Program, and being featured on the 4wardmarch.org website.

**One Star - \$1,000**

\*Includes admission for two guests, recognition at the Hamblen House, recognition in our Military Ball Program and on the 4wardmarch.org website.

**Friend(s) of The Hamblen House/American Legion Post #37 - \$500.00**

Website recognition.

Individual/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations for #\_\_\_\_\_. Please reply by January 8, 2017, checks made payable to Forward March, Inc. Please contact Dan Sullivan, 904-824-6060, with any question, or visit 4wardmarch.org.

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free 800-435-7352 within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state. 100% of each contribution is received by Forward March, Inc. Registration #CH38284.



## Lt. Colonel William E. Dudley

Bill Dudley joined the Air Force in January of 1955. After attending the Air Force Officer Candidate School and being commissioned a Second Lieutenant, he completed flight training and was transferred to Misawa AFB in Japan. He flew various aircraft while being stationed there for three years.



His next assignment was to the U.S. with an Air Force Reserve unit as a flight instructor in various types of military aircraft including C-119, C-124, and C-130. During his 10 years on active duty, he was deployed during several world crisis events including the Berlin Crisis and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

After 10 years of active duty, Bill was relieved from active service and transferred to the Air Force Reserves until retiring in 1975 with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Pursuing a career in the aerospace industry, he was employed by several major aerospace companies in mid-management and executive level management positions. Among those were Fairchild Industries, PTC Aerospace, Dowty Aerospace, and B/E Aerospace. He held positions as President/CEO of several in the U.S., United Kingdom, and Singapore.

Retiring from the corporate life in 2000, he started a consulting business with emphasis in the aerospace market and continued consulting until retirement in 2005. Since retiring, he has been very active in doing volunteer work in many organizations.

Currently he has been the Chairman of the Veterans Council of St. Johns County for the past 5 years. He is also an active member of the Navy League of the United States holding positions of Council President, Area President, Florida Region President, National Vice President and National Director.

He serves on the Jacksonville National Cemetery Support Committee as Vice Chairman, RSVP Community Advisory Council, Senator Marco Rubio's Military Academy Selection Board, Board of Director's for Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, and as a senior Deacon of Anastasia Baptist Church.

Married for 55 years to Nancy Dudley, they have one son, Troy Dudley, who resides in St. Augustine with his family.

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**November 11<sup>th</sup> 3-4:00PM**



# *Veterans Day*

**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**

**CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH  
INVITES YOU TO OUR VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY**

- Special Guest Speakers
- Veteran Benefits info
- Bagpipe Band
- Music
- Food
- Free Event

**November 11, 2016  
3:00-4:00 pm  
City of St. Augustine Beach  
2200 A1A South  
For more information go to:  
[www.sabevents.com](http://www.sabevents.com)**



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## Press Release ST. JOHNS, FLORIDA

On Friday, September 30th, the Creekside High School Athletics Department, in conjunction with the Bartram Trail Athletics Department, will be hosting a Military Appreciation Event. This event will be held during the annual rivalry football game and will take place at Creekside's Freedom Fields.

The theme is Red, White, and Blue in honor of the men and women who have fought for our country and those who continue to sacrifice for us. All active, reserve, and military veterans are invited to attend and will be admitted FREE with a valid military ID.



Prior to the football game, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Creekside will host a community tailgate and festival event. This event will be held on campus (south of the portables) and will include music, food, and games with activities featuring the Armed Forces and area businesses. Additionally, both schools will be collecting donations for the USO in order to prepare care packages for our deployed military.

Following the tailgate event, fans will move into the stadium where there will be a special recognition of our military guests, including our official game honoree, WWII veteran, Mr. Jim Snellen. In addition, Mr. Brennan Asplen, Deputy Superintendent of St. Johns County School District, will participate in the coin toss ceremony. The "Power of Creekside Band" combined with the "Spirit of Bartram Band" will perform the National Anthem while the BTHS Air Force JROTC presents the flag and colors. The two bands feature nearly 500 members and will put on a show you will not want to miss! During the game, concessions will be available with hamburgers, hotdogs, nachos, Chick-fil-A sandwiches, and more.

Creekside will host a Military VIP area in the east end-zone where refreshments will be served, compliments of our local Chick-fil-A. All Military guests and their families are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating closest to the action!

Attending and participating in the tailgate festivities is FREE. Tickets to the game are \$7.00/under 6 are free. Active military and veterans with military ID will be admitted FREE into the game and into the VIP area.

Tailgate festivities are from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM and kickoff is 7:00 PM. All District rules apply. No alcohol, weapons, or tobacco will be permitted on campus.



# Saluting All Who Served

## Veterans Day Weekend

November 11 - 12 - 13, 2016

St. Augustine, Florida



**“ Public Welcome ”**

### **The Grand Parade**

Fri. Nov. 11 - 11:00 AM  
Castillo de San Marcos  
St. Augustine

### **Veterans Film Festival**

Fri. - Sat. - Sun.  
Corazon Theatre  
St. Augustine

### **Lee Greenwood - ‘God Bless The USA’**

**Veterans Benefit Concert** St. Augustine Amphitheatre

Sun. Nov. 13 - 4:00 PM - Family Friendly Event

Tickets available through St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ticketmaster

Military Officers Association of America- Ancient City Chapter - 501(C)(3)  
Veterans Council of St. Johns County- 501(C)(3)



For additional information contact George Linardos CPT (USA-Fmr) at (904) 495-6111  
or Bill Dudley LTC (USAF-Ret) at (904) 806-4712



## Vilano Beach VFW Post 12142

Vilano Beach VFW Post 12142 now has a Hoveround, a Pride Lift-Recliner, and a Pride Jazzy Jet HD. All pictured below.

A. J. Sartin, Commander - VFW [VilanoBeachVFW@att.net](mailto:VilanoBeachVFW@att.net) (904) 669-1946



*Veterans Of Foreign Wars*  
*" No One Does More For Veterans "*

Lejeune and Agent Orange web sites

Updated information about water contamination at Camp Lejeune; <http://go.usa.gov/cuxEA>

Same updates with Agent Orange go to; <http://go.usa.gov/cuxfz>

Web site for all updates; [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposuresagentorange/publications/index.asp](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposuresagentorange/publications/index.asp)



It is the VC policy that NO veteran will ever be buried without “family” in attendance. To this end, Chairman Dudley, Vice Chairman Ray Quinn and VSO Joe McDermott have attended such burials representing the veterans’ community family. JNC Director Alphaeus Richburg presented Chairman Dudley a Certificate of Appreciation for donating the American flags used in the burials to the JNC as well as a letter commending him for donating flags used in the burials of two deceased veterans, Donald E. Chadden and Russell Matthew Holley.

The flags will be used on the cemeteries Avenue of Flags that line the entrance road within the cemetery. The avenue consists of burial flags donated by the families of deceased veterans and provides a unique visible tribute to all of our Nation’s veterans. The Avenue of Flags is typically displayed on patriotic holidays to include Memorial Day and Veterans Day.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Jacksonville National Cemetery  
4383 Laverne Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32218  
904-756-6222

September 28, 2016

Bill Dudley  
P.O. Box 2117  
St. Augustine, FL 32085

Dear Mr. Dudley:

I would like to thank you for donating the burial flag of Veteran Russell Matthew Holley to Jacksonville National Cemetery.

The flag will be used on our Avenue of Flags that line the entrance road within the cemetery. The avenue consists of burial flags donated by the families of deceased veterans and provides a unique visible tribute to all of our Nation's Veterans. The Avenue of Flags is typically displayed on patriotic holidays to include Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful donation. If I or my staff can be of service, please feel free to contact us at 904-795-5222 or email me at [alphaeus.richburg@dva.gov](mailto:alphaeus.richburg@dva.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Alphaeus L. Richburg  
Director

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Certificate of Appreciation

*A Grateful Nation Remembers*

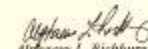
**Russell Matthew Holley**

*Presented to*

**Bill Dudley**

*Your generous contribution to the  
Avenue of Flags Program symbolizes the spirit  
of Patriotism and love of country that will preserve  
America as a great nation and perpetuate  
our cherished heritage.*



  
Alphaeus L. Richburg  
Director  
Jacksonville National Cemetery

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Reserve these dates, watch here for more information.

*The Ancient City Chapter, Military Officers Association of America,  
and The Veterans Council of St. Johns County,*

*Cordially invite you to join in celebrating*

## **VETERANS DAY WEEKEND**



*In St. Augustine, Florida,  
November 11th, 12th, 13th.*

### **The Grand Parade**

*Friday, downtown, see reverse*

### **Military Film Festival**

*Friday, Saturday, Sunday,  
at the Corazon Theater\**

### **Patriotic Concert**

*Sunday, St. Augustine Amphitheater\**

*\*Times and details to be announced*

### **The Grand Parade**

### **"SALUTING ALL WHO SERVED"**

#### **Route**



#### **Schedule**

**9:30 AM**

*Parade participants assemble on Orange St.,  
vicinity Visitors Center.\**

**10:00 AM**

*Non-parading color guards assemble at the  
Castillo de San Marcos.\**

*\*Participants MUST report on time.*

**11:00 AM**

*Parade starts, column passes reviewing stand at  
the Castillo de San Marcos, fly over.*



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



We are inviting all veterans to visit our website at:  
<http://www.veteranscouncilofstjohns.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:  
**VeteransCouncilofStJohnsCounty,FL**

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 and his web design company PageAuthors. The VC strongly recommends that you contact Roy, 904-287-6909, if you or your vet group wants to create a website or Facebook page.*



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**VETERANS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES**  
**WREATH CAMPAIGN**

Chairman Bill Dudley of the Veterans Council of St. Johns County has announced the annual drive for Wreaths Across America has begun.

The council is dedicated to ensuring that every headstone in the St. Augustine National Cemetery is adorned with a live holiday wreath this year. The council has successfully sponsored the drive for several years.

The community is invited to send donations to purchase the wreaths. Individual wreaths are \$15.00. If two wreaths are purchased at \$30.00 the council receives a free wreath (3 for cost of 2). Corporate sponsorships are available and greatly appreciated.

The community is invited to the St. Augustine National Cemetery on December 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. for a ceremony followed by placement of the wreaths. Youth organizations are encouraged to participate to learn and honor our veterans.

Checks made payable to Wreaths Across America may be sent to: Veterans Council of St. Johns County, P. O. Box 2117, St. Augustine, FL 32085-2117.

For any additional information please contact the campaign chair, SGM (Ret) Ray Quinn at 904.797.5622.





**We are searching for any businesses or nonprofits or VFW's or American Legions/Veteran oriented businesses who might want to set up their information at the wonderful Veteran's Day Service and Presentation at the St Augustine Beach Veteran's Memorial located at the Lakeside Park next to the St Augustine Beach Police Department.**

**Date: November 11, 2016 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Time: Ceremony start - 3:00 pm Table set up by 2:00 pm please**

**Table will be provided**

**Please contact Hala Laquidara at 904-669-5670 to reserve space or email her at: [hlaquidara@cityofsab.org](mailto:hlaquidara@cityofsab.org) or John Reardon at 904-982-2210 or email John at: [staugman1@yahoo.com](mailto:staugman1@yahoo.com)**

**Thank you, John Reardon 904-982-2210**



## **NAVY BASE BIRTHDAY BALL**

Back in the days of old, when ships were made of Wood, and Sailors were made of steel, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo Zumwalt authorized recognition of 13 Oct as the Navy birthday. Unlike other Navy celebrations, the Navy Birthday is intended to be an internal activity for members of the active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents. Since 1972, each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion “to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service”. This year’s theme is “America’s Sailor. For 241 Years:Tough, Bold and Ready.”

The 241st Navy Tri-Base Birthday Ball will be held on October 1, 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel in the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL. The keynote speaker will be Admiral Kurt Tidd, Commander, United States Southern Command. The public is welcome to attend and celebrate with our brave men and women who serve this great country. Attire: Civilian: Black tie or coat and tie. Military: Mess Dress with mini medals or Service dress blues with large medals.

Please join us as we celebrate 241 years of Honor, Courage and Commitment. The Cocktail Reception will begin at 6PM, the dinner and Official Program will start at 7 PM. Dancing will begin at the completion of the program.

Individual ticket prices are: E1-E6: \$25, E7-04: \$45 and 05-Civilian (including Retired): \$65.

Tickets can either be purchased through your Command or Base representative or online at [www.tribasenavyball.com](http://www.tribasenavyball.com). A special hotel reservation link can be found on this website.

Don’t delay as tickets are limited and a sellout is expected.





## MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT

On Saturday, October 22, 2016 MIAP held it's 10<sup>th</sup> CALL TO HONOR Service at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, FL.

Honored and interred for this service were 16 veterans and 6 spouses of veterans. The longest that any of these sat unclaimed on a crematorium shelf dated back to 2003.

We were able to contact family members for two of the veterans that attended the service to honor their loved ones.

The good Lord graced us with a picture perfect weather day as over 200 members from the community attended the service.

MIAP would like thank ALL who participated in this service. There are too many to mention by name.

Now we can say "You Are Not Forgotten".

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with MIAP please go to our website at [www.miap.us](http://www.miap.us). You can also contact me at [miapjax@yahoo.com](mailto:miapjax@yahoo.com). We will continue to work this project until we locate every unclaimed veteran that are on funeral home shelves, hospital basements, medical examiners offices, etc. This means we will be working in Florida for a very long time.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Church, MIAP, FL State Coordinator



Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Inc. Minutes of September 29, 2016

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Officers present: Chairman Bill Dudley; Vice Chairman Ray Quinn, Secretary Michael Rothfeld, Treasurer John Mountcastle

Chairman Dudley called the meeting to order at 1900 hours

Chairman Dudley led the Pledge to the Flag

Vice Chairman Quinn gave the Invocation

Last month's Minutes were approved as presented at the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented at the meeting.

Visitors:

Adele Griffin from Senator Rubio's office. Presented Ray & Addrenne Quinn a certificate of congratulations for 50 years of marriage.

Sarah Turlington and Amy Horn and their families

Special recognition by Chairman Bill Dudley: Sarah and Amy, both Middle School students raised \$ 120. for needy Veterans by selling donuts during their free time. Chairman Dudley "these young girls are great young Americans who gave up their spare time to help veterans".

Speakers:

Frank Bailey, Veterans Treatment Court, a new one year program to start soon to help local veterans. Frank showed a Youtube and CBS 60 Minutes video explaining what and how VTC works. Frank is looking for 10 mentors to volunteer to assist the veterans. If veterans successfully complete the program there will be no record of their incarceration. This program has a 98% success rate, it saves the veterans, their families and their futures.

Committee Reports:

Joe McDermott, SJC VSO: Mac spoke about the new VA Health Care program for first time users who can now enroll via phone- 1-877-222-8387. Mac expects VA St Johns County claims to reach between 6 and 7 million dollars.

Ray Quinn: Chairman Dudley presented the SGM with donations received, more money is urgently needed to place wreaths on every tombstone. Please ask your organizations to donate to this very worthy cause.

George Linardos: George Linardos: George distributed Veterans Day Weekend posters, flyers and programs to all veterans groups. 2000 American flags were ordered for youngsters watching the parade. Over 1000 are expected to be marching. Ft. Stewart is sending 3 units. 8 JROTC High School units will be marching. Also 4 Stearman vintage planes as well as a fly over by 2 F15s (tentative) At 11am ,cannon firing and several local Churches will ring their bells to honor local veterans.



**MOAA President, George Linardos presented Ray Quinn with a check for \$ 500 for Wreaths Across America.**

**Michael Rothfeld:** Michael spoke about the dates, times, location of the Military Film Festival as well as who the speakers for each documentary would be. The VC Facebook page is extremely successful and all are invited to be part of this growing online veterans site. The VC website has over 8900 viewers and all should visit it to see what is happening: <http://www.veteranscouncilofstjohns.org/>

**Chairman Dudley:** spoke in detail about the Veterans Day Parade. It is the VC policy that NO veteran will ever be buried without “family” in attendance. To this end, Chairman Dudley, Vice Chairman Ray Quinn and VSO Joe McDermott have attended such burials as part of the veterans community family. JNC Director Alphaeus Richburg presented Chairman Dudley a Certificate of Appreciation for donating the American flags used in the burials to the JNC.

**New Business:** Mark Miner announced a new veterans fundraiser hosted by FL State Representative Travis Hutson at the Ancient City Brewery in November, date to be announced.

**Combat Veterans Assoc. Commander Gary “Cleave”** raised money from a Ride in Honor of Rocket man and presented George McCrae a check for \$ 2000. For Vets 4 Vets in honor of them helping a member with home and truck payments.

**Meeting ended at 2012**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 27th, 7 pm, Elks Lodge # 829, 1420 A1A S., St. Augustine**

**Respectfully submitted by Michael Rothfeld, Secretary, Veterans Council SJC**



To: All veterans who served our country  
From: Amy Horn and Sarah Turlington

As a thanks for all brave veterans who served this country to protect our rights and freedom, my friend and I decided to sell cupcakes while camping on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and donate all money we collected to the wounded veterans. We thought it could be the least we could do for the people who proudly served our country, fighting for the freedoms we have today. In the end, we gathered \$ 100.00, which is so much more than we planned on making. Me and my friend both now go to Sebastian Middle School, one grade a part from each other.

We hope that we will be able to do it the next 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and make a tradition out of it, to always remember the brave soldiers who fought for not only us, but all of America.

Sincerely,  
Amy and Sarah





## Honor Flights for Veterans Take Off Nationwide

As temperatures begin to rise in Washington, D.C., planeloads full of veterans are starting to arrive at the city's airports.

These trips, dubbed “honor flights,” are for American veterans who want to visit the nation’s war memorials. With generous community funding, each trip is free of charge.



The honor flight is a relatively new concept; the first flight took off in 2005. Each one is organized and executed by the Honor Flight Network, which is an umbrella organization that boasted 130 honor flight hubs in 44 states in 2015. Each hub works with communities and nonprofit organizations to raise money for the flights. The organization also accepts individual donations through its website.

Honor flights are directed primarily at World War II veterans, but many also include veterans of other wars and younger veterans who are suffering from terminal illnesses. Each trip is completely free of charge, so participants can enjoy the experience without financial worries. The trips make a number of stops, including the World War II Memorial and the Washington Monument; others also include a trip to the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial.

Because honor flights are designed to thank veterans for their service, they often involve a great deal of celebration. An honor flight departing from Tallahassee in May 2016 was sent off with local music acts. In Washington, D.C., the group was welcomed at different stops by current service members, cheering crowds and even Governor Rick Scott.

Honor flights depart from cities around the country. In April of 2016, flights left from Utah, Colorado, California, Missouri, Kansas and Arizona, as well as many more. The tour schedule is packed, and flights are expected to leave every week until the end of November.

Honor flights are a great way to thank veterans for their invaluable service to the country. Ponder our freedom and honor our veterans over a cup of coffee with this beautifully designed mug.

## Leo C Chase Chapter 1084 VVA meeting

On September 27th I attended a meeting of the Vietnam Veterans of America Leo C Chase Chapter 1084 meeting at the invitation of its President John McGinty. VVA 1084 invited the 167th Signal Brigade to its meeting. The 167 was in St. Augustine for its 50th reunion. There was a very large turnout, with over 19 states and there was abundant food and drink.



President McGinty and Chaplain Bob Dinkins presented all 167th Brigade members with a Proclamation from the President of the United States as well as a Vietnam pin.

The 167th Signal Brigade was activated on 1 April 1966 in the Republic of Vietnam. The brigade's mission in Vietnam was to originate, install, operate, and maintain a complex communication system that fused tactical and strategic communications in Southeast Asia under a single, unified command. The formation of the brigade brought together three signal groups that were already in South Vietnam.

At the peak of the Vietnam War the brigade consisted of more than 21,000 soldiers, in six Signal groups (including the 160th Signal Group), 22 signal battalions and several communications agencies.





# The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration



## Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin



*"A Lasting Memento of the Nation's Thanks!"*

Front



Back



**Purpose:** To recognize, thank and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

**Eligibility:** Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

**Presentation:** These lapel pins will be presented in a dignified manner to each Vietnam veteran during public events held in their communities by Commemorative Partners. Accompanying remarks should reflect the nation's thanks for their service and sacrifice. In the rare instance when an honoree cannot attend a public event, the pin may be presented during a private ceremony.

### **Symbolism:**

- **Eagle** - The eagle represents courage, honor, and dedicated service to our nation. As one of the most recognizable and notable American symbols, it is emblazoned with distinction on numerous military insignia.
- **Blue Circle** - The color blue matches the canton of the American flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The circle shape and blue color also match the official seal of the Commemoration.
- **Laurel Wreath** - A time-honored symbol representing victory, integrity, and strength.
- **Stripes** - The stripes behind the eagle represent the American flag.
- **Stars** - The six stars represent the six allies who served, sacrificed, and fought alongside one another: Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and the United States.
- **Message** - "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer. Also, the official name of the Commemoration is included to remind each veteran that this is a national initiative, and this lapel pin is the nation's lasting memento of thanks.

Published: August 2016

[www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com)





U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration

## VA Announces Several Caregiver Partnerships

*Announcement Made During Caregiver Summit*

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced several new and expanded partnerships to support the [VA Caregiver Support Program](#). The VA Caregiver Support Program supports the-often unsung heroes of wounded or ill Veterans – the ones who take care of them. Announcement of the partnerships, made during a summit co-hosted by VA and the [Elizabeth Dole Foundation](#). The daylong event, [Empowering Hidden Heroes: Pathways to InnoVAtion](#), attracted 400 leaders from government, the non-profit sector, private industry, academic and stakeholders from the Veteran and caregiver community.

“VA knows that without family caregivers, many Veterans would not be able to remain in their communities,” said VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald, a speaker during the event. “Caregivers are a force multiplier. They support Veterans in ways that VA cannot—they are essential to the health and well-being of Veterans. We can never thank them enough for what they do, and we will continue to find innovative avenues of support and foster strategic partnerships that provide them with the resources they need to keep doing what they do so well.”

### The following partnerships were announced:

**Amazon:** Together with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, Amazon has curated a bookshelf of titles recommended by experts and caregivers. Titles reflect the most current and useful information to support military and Veteran caregivers and their families. Amazon also provided free Kindles to military and Veteran caregivers in attendance. Titles are available for preview [here](#). Caregivers and consumers can [download Kindle software](#) to enjoy these books on any mobile device.

- **Coursera:** In 2014, Coursera, an online education platform, teamed up with VA to provide one free education certification to every Veteran and transitioning service member. In 2015, that offer was extended to spouses, and this year, they are expanding the eligibility further to caregivers.

**PsychArmor Institute:** A longstanding collaborator with VA, PsychArmor Institute works with nationally recognized subject matter experts to create and deliver online courses tailored to issues related to military and Veteran communities. In conjunction with today’s event, PsychArmor released a suite of new free training resources for caregivers of Veterans. ([www.PsychArmor.org](http://www.PsychArmor.org))

- **VetTix:** VA has partnered with Veteran Tickets Foundation (Vet Tix), a nonprofit organization that provides free tickets to events for current serving military, Veterans and Gold Star families. Vet Tix has provided more than 2.3 million tickets for current serving military, Veterans and Gold Star families to attend nearly 40,000 events valued at over \$87 million since 2008. They currently serve approximately 450,000 Vet Tixers and their families. Through these events, VA and VetTix are exploring ways to encourage service members, families, and friends stay engaged with local communities and reduce stress by attending fun events that everyone can enjoy for a very low delivery fee.

- **National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH):** VA’s Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence Assistance program has formed a partnership with The Hotline to provide cross-training resources to Veterans. The Hotline provides 24/7/365 support and referrals for people impacted by domestic violence/intimate partner violence. Through this partnership NDVH will also provide the VA with Veteran-specific usage data from the hotline that will be used to inform VA programs and policies.

VA’s Caregiver Support Program began in 2007 and expanded in 2010 to offer a variety of local and national programs including, Building Better Caregivers™; Peer Support Mentoring; Caregiver Self-Care Courses; a national Caregiver Support Line; targeted programs for dementia, stroke and spinal cord injury; Respite; and Home and Community Based Care programs.

For more information about VA Caregiver support programs, visit: <http://www.caregiver.va.gov>.



## State Veterans' Homes

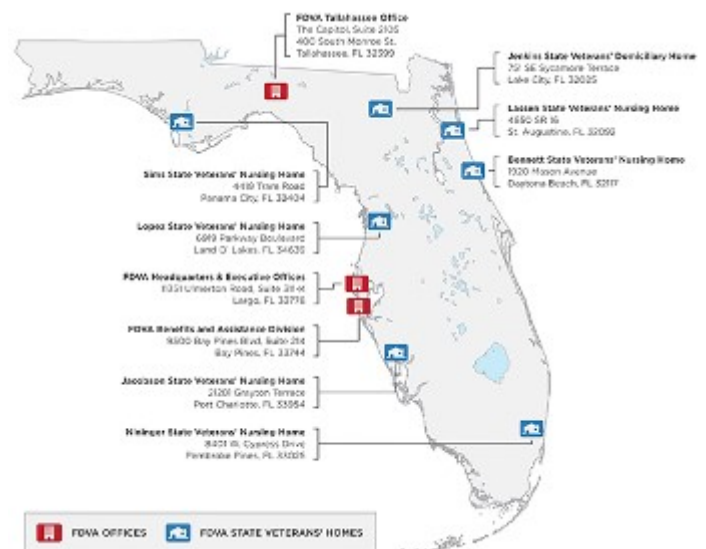
Florida's network of six state veterans' nursing homes has garnered the notable distinction of having all of its skilled nursing facilities rated at five stars by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. CMS created the Five-Star Quality Rating System in 2008 to help residents, their families and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and to help make meaningful distinctions between high and low performing nursing homes. According to CMS, nursing homes with five stars are considered to be in the top 20 percent and have above average quality compared to other nursing homes in the state.

### Nursing Homes

Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Augustine – The Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Augustine (St. Johns County) opened to residents in 2010. The 120-bed facility offers skilled nursing care and can accommodate 60 residents with dementia/Alzheimer's disease. Call (904) 940-2193 for more information. Address: 4650 State Road 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092.

Resident Admission: Basic admission requirements for all state veterans' homes include an honorable discharge, state residency prior to admission, and certification of need of assisted living or skilled nursing care as determined by a VA physician. For more information, call (727) 518-3202 Ext. 5562.

Employment: For employment opportunities at the homes, call the FDVA Human Resources Office at (727) 518-3202, Ext. 5615 or visit the People First Website at <https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com>



## FALLEN HEROES MILITARY TRIBUTE – NOVEMBER 6 to 16, 2016


A Fallen Heroes Military Tribute occurs in Saint Johns' County every Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. This semi-annual event honors Floridian military service members who perished in Iraq and Afghanistan. Helping Hands of St John's County is a nondenominational volunteer group that sponsors this program with the hands-on assistance of different church congregations every six months. Our Lady of Good Counsel church at 5950 State Road 16 in Saint Augustine will stage the **4<sup>th</sup> Fallen Heroes Military Tribute** on church property. The remembrance event includes **Opening (Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>)** and **Closing (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>)** ceremonies comprised of patriotic songs, a blessing of the Field of Crosses, distinguished speakers with military member talks, Honor Guard gun salutes and buglers rendering Taps. The keynote speaker for the Opening Ceremony (November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.) is Ray Quinn, our Veterans Council Vice Chairman. At the Closing Ceremony there will be a reading of the deceased service member's names with a Ship's Bell rung for each name. A bagpiper will accompany the reading with "Amazing Grace." A gun salute and a bugler playing Taps at sundown will complete the tribute. The ceremonies are reverent and honor the ultimate sacrifice of Floridians.

The "Field of Crosses" memorial consists of 360+ four-foot white crosses to represent the Floridians who died in the subject wars. Each cross has a placard affixed to it with the service person's photo, name, rank, branch of service, birthplace, age, date and place of death. Eight larger white crosses are presented to honor all other American servicemen and women casualties from WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Beirut, Iraq and Afghanistan. The total number of troops deceased in each of these wars is on each respective cross. A stroll through the "Field of Crosses" can be sobering.

The "Field of Crosses" will remain open to the public daily from November 6<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. Each evening at 7:00 p.m. "Taps" will be performed. Visitors to the site are asked to be respectful and to refrain from bringing pets into the "Field of Crosses." This is an opportunity for families to pay respect to these "Fallen Heroes" during the time of Veteran's Day. No admission fee; no expected donation.

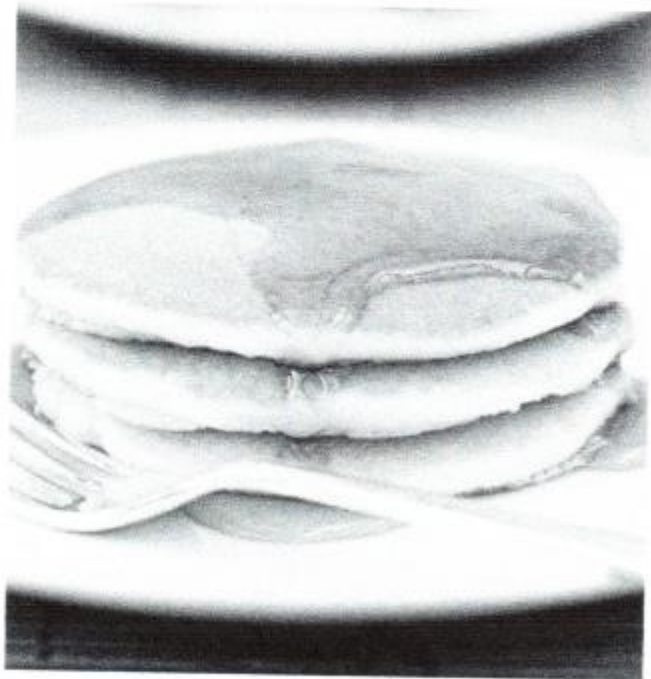
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**War of 1812 (1812-1815)**

Total U.S. Servicemembers	286,730
Battle Deaths	2,260
Non-mortal Woundings	4,505

**Indian Wars (approx. 1817-1898)**

Total U.S. Servicemembers (VA estimate)	106,000
Battle Deaths (VA estimate)	1,000

**Mexican War (1846-1848)**

Total U.S. Servicemembers	78,718
Battle Deaths	1,733
Other Deaths (In Theater)	11,550
Non-mortal Woundings	4,152

**Civil War (1861-1865)**

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Union)	2,213,363
Battle Deaths (Union)	140,414
Other Deaths (In Theater) (Union)	224,097
Non-mortal Woundings (Union)	281,881
Total Servicemembers (Conf.) <sup>2</sup>	1,050,000
Battle Deaths (Confederate) <sup>3</sup>	74,524
Other Deaths (In Theater) (Confederate) <sup>3,4</sup>	59,297
Non-mortal Woundings (Confederate)	Unknown

**Spanish-American War (1898-1902)**

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	306,760
Battle Deaths	385
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	2,061
Non-mortal Woundings	1,662

**World War I (1917-1918)**

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	4,734,991
Battle Deaths	53,402
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	63,114
Non-mortal Woundings	204,002

**World War II (1941 -1945)**

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	16,112,566
Battle Deaths	291,557
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	113,842
Non-mortal Woundings	670,846
Living Veterans <sup>5</sup>	1,711,000

**NOTES:**

1. Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is the median of estimated range from 184,000 – 250,000.
2. Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is median of estimated range from 600,000 – 1,500,000.
3. Death figures are based on incomplete returns.
4. Does not include 26,000 to 31,000 who died in Union prisons.
5. Estimate based upon new population projection methodology.

**Korean War (1950-1953)**

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	5,720,000
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Total Serving (In Theater)	1,789,000
Battle Deaths	33,739
Other Deaths (In Theater)	2,835
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	17,672
Non-mortal Woundings	103,284
Living Veterans	2,275,000

**Vietnam War (1964-1975)**

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) <sup>6</sup>	8,744,000
Deployed to Southeast Asia <sup>7</sup>	3,403,000
Battle Deaths <sup>8</sup>	47,434
Other Deaths (In Theater) <sup>8</sup>	10,786
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) <sup>8</sup>	32,000
Non-mortal Woundings <sup>9</sup>	153,303
Living Veterans <sup>5,10</sup>	7,391,000

**Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)**

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	2,322,000
Deployed to Gulf	694,550
Battle Deaths	148
Other Deaths (In Theater)	235
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	1,565
Non-mortal Woundings	467
Living Veterans <sup>5,10</sup>	2,244,583

**America's Wars Total (1775 -1991)**

U.S. Military Service during Wartime	41,892,128
Battle Deaths	651,031
Other Deaths (In Theater)	308,800
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	230,254
Non-mortal Woundings	1,430,290
Living War Veterans <sup>11</sup>	16,962,000
Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)	23,234,000

**Global War on Terror (Oct 2001 - )**

The Global War on Terror (GWOT), including Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), are ongoing conflicts. For the most current GWOT statistics visit the following Department of Defense Website: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/casualties.xhtml>

6. Covers the period 8/5/64 - 1/27/73 (date of cease fire)
  7. Department of Defense estimate
  8. Covers period 11/1/55 – 5/15/75
  9. Excludes 150,341 not requiring hospital care
  10. Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) estimate, as of 4/09, does not include those still on active duty and may include veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.
  11. Total will be more than sum of conflicts due to no "end date" established for Persian Gulf War.
- Source:** Department of Defense (DOD), except living veterans, which are VA estimates as of Sep 2010.



# Florida Veterans Hall of Fame inducts Proctor

Posted on [October 1, 2016](#) by [CJRedd](#)

Historic City News was informed that former president and chancellor of Flagler College, Dr. William L. Proctor, was one of 11 individuals inducted into the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame by Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet. The unanimous vote for the Class of 2016 came during the September 20th Cabinet Meeting at the Capitol.

The Hall of Fame recognizes and honors those military veterans who, through their works and lives during or after military service, have made a significant contribution to the state of Florida through civic, business, public service or other pursuits. It is not a traditional military hall of fame, as it focuses on post-military contributions to the state of Florida.

Proctor served in the United States Army Reserve from 1954 to 1964 and as president of Flagler College between 1971 and 2001. In addition, he has served on Florida's State Board of Education, as a state representative for the Florida legislature, as a chairman of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida association, as a member of the board of trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind and as a vice-chairman of the Florida Education Standards Commission. He is currently chancellor of Flagler College.

*Other inductees to the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame include:*

- *Reubin O. Askew, U.S. Air Force veteran (deceased)*
- *LeRoy Collins, U.S. Navy veteran (deceased)*
- *Jordon J. "J.J." Corbett, U.S. Army veteran*
- *Rear Adm. Kevin Delaney, U.S. Navy, retired (deceased)*
- *Lt. Col. Dennis O. Freytes, U.S. Army, retired*
- *David L. Goetsch, U.S. Marine Corps veteran*
- *Spessard L. Holland, U.S. Airman veteran (deceased)*
- *Col. Washington J. Sanchez Jr., U.S. Army, retired*
- *CMSgt. Johnny E. Stewart, U.S. Air Force, retired*
- *Frederick A. Taylor Jr., U.S. Army veteran*

**An induction ceremony to honor the eleven inductees will be held November 9th at the Florida Capitol.**



Dr. William L.  
Proctor



## Group of veterans urge city to change criteria for Veterans Memorial Wall names; PTSD victims denied

By Joe Daraskevich joe.daraskevich@jacksonville.com , FL Times Union  
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Bob Adelhelm believes each person whose name is etched on the Duval County Veterans Memorial Wall deserves to be honored for making the ultimate sacrifice to their country.

His issue is that one local Marine's name isn't on the wall, and the people with the power to make that decision aren't willing to reconsider their criteria.

Adelhelm also wants more transparency from the city.

The man he wants to honor is Sgt. Randall Hansen, a Marine who graduated from Fletcher High School and went on two deployments before eventually killing himself after a struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder.



Adelhelm and others want Hansen's family to feel the pride that comes when a loved one is recognized on the wall, but they're also trying to raise awareness for something that is plaguing the veteran community across the world.

"The reason why we want Hansen on the wall is because we want to bring attention to PTSD," Adelhelm said. "PTSD is just as deadly as a sniper on the battlefield; it just takes a little longer for the death to happen."

Bill Spann is the director of the Military Affairs and Veterans Department for the city of Jacksonville, and he said he understands veterans who ask what Adelhelm is asking.

But he said the criteria has been in place since the wall was built over 20 years ago, and allowing one exception would open the door for thousands of other local veterans who died under similar circumstances. The wall currently has about 1,700 names engraved.

"If we make this exception, that granite wall could encircle EverBank Field," Spann said of the monument located near the football stadium.

There also would be no way to know who else may have died with the disorder.

Spann said the current criteria is pretty clear. A veteran must have either attended high school in Duval or have Duval listed as their official home of record. The veteran also must have died during a time of war and been active military at the time.

The problem is Hansen wasn't enlisted in the military when he took his life, so he doesn't fit the criteria to get his name added on the wall.

Spann said he's never been directly contacted by any members of Hansen's family, but through others, he's offered them the chance to have a ceremony in their son's honor or the option to lay a wreath at the wall on Memorial Day.

Adelhelm said those are nice, but there is something special about having someone's name on a memorial wall. He said it would make a bigger impact on people to see Hansen's name with the letters PTSD inscribed next to it.

He said he and other veterans are advocating for Hansen's family because they shouldn't be forced to beg for their son's honor. Adelhelm never met Hansen, but he met the Marine's parents at his funeral. As a retired Marine, he was asked to be a part the service; since then he's been trying to get the fallen soldier's name on the Jacksonville wall.

Adelhelm and other veterans have been circulating petitions for months in hopes that the city will take their concerns seriously, and he said this week was the first time he's felt like his voice has been heard.

Adelhelm and three other veterans met Tuesday with Kerri Stewart, Mayor Lenny Curry's chief of staff.

The meeting did not include Spann. Fred Blaz, 25, was in the Marines for six years and was in the meeting with Stewart. He said it was the first time the group has felt like things were moving in the right direction.

"She really seemed to understand where we were coming from," Blaz said. "My takeaway is we should get a fair reaction from the mayor based on our interaction with her."

One of the things the group presented to Stewart was the need for a committee of local veterans to organize the selection process. Blaz said the group complained about the lack of transparency with the process. He said the group asked about creating a committee of veterans who would deliberate on each entry.

Adelhelm said a board of five veterans would work, one from each branch of the military — Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Spann said it's always been a system where the final say is approved by a veteran, and right now he is the veteran with that power.

He gets most of the names in consideration from a man he refers to as "The Father of the Wall."

That man is Ray Moore, and he was the one with the original idea for the wall in the early 1990s.

Moore laboriously combed through newspaper archives to find each veteran who fit the criteria set for the wall. It was a lot harder before the internet, Moore said, but he still selects each potential name in the same way.

Blaz, Adelhelm and the other two veterans who met with Stewart on Tuesday are grateful Moore helped create the wall, but they have one major issue with his reputation as the expert on whose name is inscribed.

Adelhelm said it's obvious Moore is passionate about the tribute to fallen veterans, but it would be ideal if a panel of actual veterans — Moore never served in the military — had some say or at least an open policy to know what was being discussed.

"Having some type of official guidelines in place and being transparent to the public would be great," Blaz said.

Spann said there's always going to be someone who wants to add a name to the wall, so one of the toughest parts of his job is telling people that certain veterans don't qualify.

He said he's happy this dialogue is picking up speed because he's willing to work with groups in favor of raising awareness for PTSD.

Moore said he's willing to help with a new monument. He said he's open to anything outside of a marking names on bricks, because he feels it isn't a tribute to walk on someone's name.

Spann said there are plenty of parks in Jacksonville where a monument could be constructed, but it would take a private organization approaching him to assist with the project. But as far as Hansen, Spann said he is not going to budge on changing the criteria.

"We have a standard, and we should respect the standard we have on the wall," Spann said.

Blaz said the group wasn't getting anywhere talking with Spann, so members were happy they got the opportunity to meet with Stewart.

He said he's happy with the way the meeting went with Stewart and is encouraged to hear a reaction from Curry.





From George Milroy, Adjutant, Coquina Veterans

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## Fewer Than 10,000 Photos Needed to Honor Every Name on The Wall

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is pleased to announce that more than 48,000 photos have been collected for the nationwide Wall of Faces effort. The Wall of Faces effort aims to put a face to the more than 58,000 names inscribed on The Wall in Washington, D.C.



To date, 48,289 photos have been collected. Fewer than 10,000 photos are still missing.

Part of VVMF's mission is to preserve the legacy of those who served and sacrificed in Vietnam, and this is one way to ensure these veterans are remembered for generations to come.

Collected photos are currently displayed on VVMF's virtual Wall of Faces. The Wall of Faces is an online memorial dedicated to honoring, remembering and sharing the legacies of all those who died in the Vietnam War. Visitors can go beyond the names on The Wall to see the faces, share the stories and read the remembrances posted by friends, neighbors, classmates and family members.

To date, 17 states have found every photo for their fallen. The completed states include: Maryland, Nebraska, Washington, Colorado, Alaska, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Hawaii, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, New Mexico, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

VVMF is enlisting in the help of volunteers and supporters across the country to find the remaining photos.

"Behind every name is a story," said Jim Knotts, CEO of VVMF. "We're calling upon everyone to help us remember the service and sacrifice by doing a little detective work. We can't let these service members be forgotten."

If you have a picture of a loved one or fellow veteran whose name is on The Wall, please help VVMF honor these individuals by putting a face with a name. VVMF encourages the public to submit as many photos of each individual as possible.

Along with the virtual Wall of Faces, photos and stories of the more than 58,000 veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War will also be displayed at the future Education Center at The Wall.

To submit a photo or to learn more on how-to submit a photo, click the following link:

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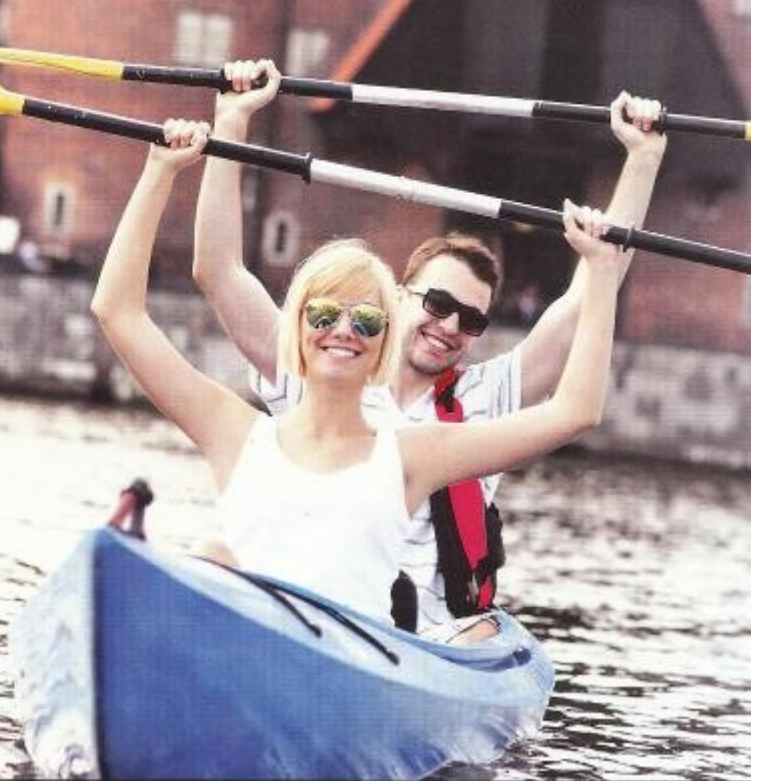
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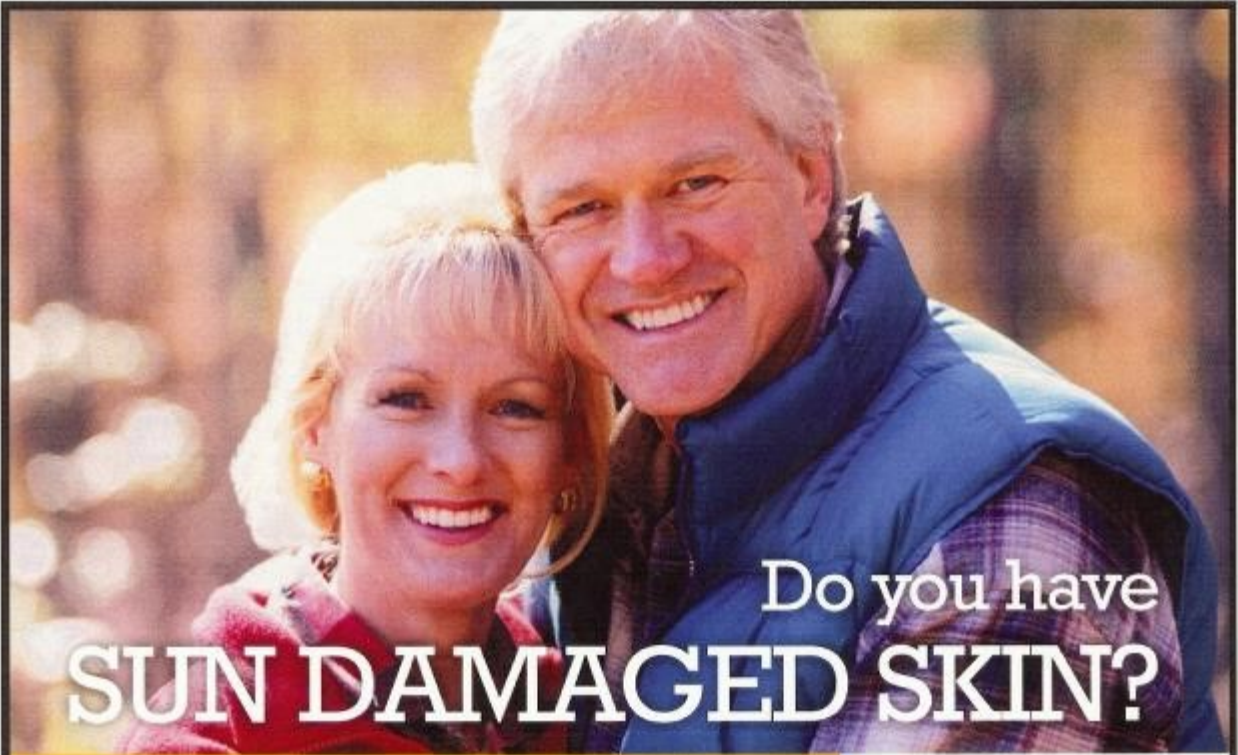
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Our formation date was July 4, 2001 in a proclamation issued by the St. Johns County Commissioners. It is composed of representatives of the various veterans' organizations within St. Johns County.

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 meetings are  
conducted at the the Elks Lodge  
# 829, 1420 A1A S., St. Augustine.***



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

*(physical location)*

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

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

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