Saluting All Veterans

THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL

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.

THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, INC

Chairman William Dudley, LTC USAF, (ret)

Vice Chairman Ray Quinn, SGM USA, (ret)

Treasurer John Mountcastle, CMD USCG, (former)

Secretary Michael Rothfeld

The Veterans Council hosts and supportd many Patriotic events during the year

MISSION STATEMENT:

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA IS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO ALL VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN ANY OF THE MILITARY BRANCHES OF SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE COUNCIL IS PROUD OF OUR PAST SUCCESSES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS TO COME.

EACH DECEMBER ON NATIONAL **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**, THE VETERAN COUNCILS MISSION IS TO REMEMBER, HONOR AND TEACH IS CARRIED OUT BY COORDINATING WREATH-LAYING CEREMONIES AT ST. AUGUSTINE NATIONAL CEMETERY

THE **HOMELESS VETERANS STANDDOWN** IS HELD EVERY YEAR AND PROVIDES LOCAL HOMELESS VETERANS WITH CLOTHES, HAIR CUTS, FOOD, SHOWERS, COUNSELING AND DENTAL CHECK UPS

THE VERY SUCCESSFUL **VETERANS DAY PARADE** IS AN ANNUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE VETERANS COUNCIL
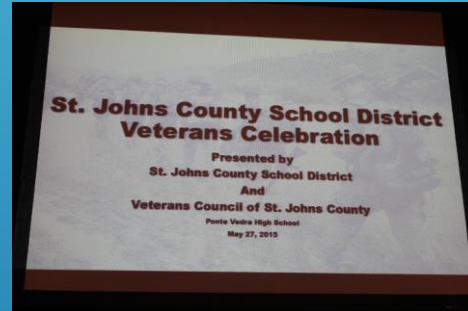
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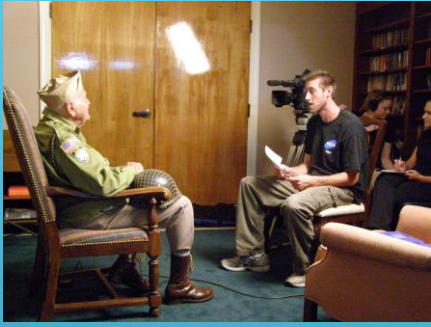
Valley Ridge Academy
meeting Vietnam Veterans

Fostering Patriotism through
song and essay contests

11th graders from 5 St Johns County High Schools interact with local Vietnam Veterans

THE **VETERANS COUNCIL** WORKS WITH STUDENTS TO FOSTER PATRIOTISM AND TO HONOR THE SACRIFICES VETERANS HAVE MADE FOR THEIR FREEDOMS

THE **VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST JOHNS COUNTY** CONTINUALLY HONORS VETERANS FROM ALL WARS BY RECORDING, PRESERVING AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC AND YOUTH THROUGH ITS DOCUMENTARIES AND PRESENTATIONS.

THE VETERANS COUNCIL HAS CONTINUALLY SUPPORTED THE **CLYDE LASSEN STATE VETERANS NURSING HOME** SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND HAS HOSTED COUNCIL MEMBERS GREETING THE RESIDENTS

ON **MEMORIAL DAY** EACH YEAR THE VETERANS COUNCIL HONORS FALLEN VETERANS IN A CEREMONY AT ST. AUGUSTINE NATIONAL CEMETERY.

FROM ITS INCEPTION IN 2008 THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY HAS SUPPORTED THE **JACKSONVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY**

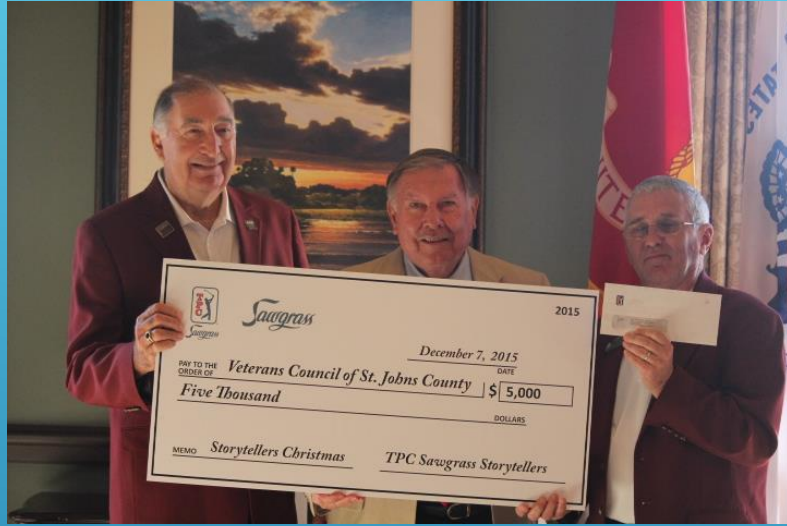Veterans Treatment Court presiding Judge Howard McGillin

Veterans Council of St Johns County Chairman Bill Dudley

JUDGE HOWARD MCGILLIN, JR. COL USA (RET) CREDITED THE EFFORT OF VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY **CHAIRMAN BILL DUDLEY**, AND THE VISION OF SENIOR JUDGE DAVID B. BECK, WHO STARTED THE 7TH CIRCUIT'S FIRST VETERANS COURT IN VOLUSIA COUNTY FOR STARTING THE **ST JOHNS COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT.**

VETS 4 COPS IS A JOINT INITIATIVE WHERE THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST JOHNS COUNTY WILL SUPPORT AND WORK WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND PROGRAMS

THE VETERANS COUNCIL APPLIED FOR AND WAS AWARDED A $ 5,000 GRANT WHICH IT DONATED TO THE LOCAL DAV CHAPTER FOR ITS PURCHASE OF A NEW DAV VAN TO TAKE VETERANS ROUND TRIP DAILY TO THE GAINESVILLE VA HOSPITAL.

THE VETERANS COUNCIL DONATES ITS DOCUMENTARY SERIES TO ALL NE FL PUBLIC LIBRARIES, HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, MUSEUMS, UNIVERSITIES AND VETERANS GROUPS.

THE DOCUMENTARIES ARE IN THE PENTAGON, THE WORLD WAR 2 MUSEUM IN NOLA, THE VIETNAM MUSEUM IN TX AND NJ, THE NATIONAL POW MUSEUM IN ANDERSONVILLE, THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & HISTORY, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER AND THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

The Veterans Council of St. Johns County is a 501 C3 Not for Profit corporation that relies on donations to continue its Mission of Helping Veterans.

Tax Deductible Donations may be mailed to:

Veterans Council of St Johns County

PO Box 2117

St. Augustine, FL 32085

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http://www.veteranscouncilsjc.org/newsletter.htm

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