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Your St. Johns County Veterans Council continues with its busy schedule and numerous involvements around the county with Veterans events. Our newsletter is a great means of communicating all that is happening in your community. I continue to encourage each of our member organization to contribute articles of interest to our newsletter, *The Patriot Reader*.

On December 10th, many of our local Veterans along with family members of deceased Veterans gathered at our local National Cemetery in St. Augustine for our annual Wreaths Across America ceremony. After a brief ceremony conducted by Master of Ceremonies Sgt. Major Ray Quinn, USA (Ret), 120 wreaths were placed at various headstone markers throughout the cemetery. The solemn occasion was done with the proper protocol due such an honorable event. Our St. Augustine National Cemetery has over 1200 grave sites. Next year, I would like to see every headstone with a Christmas wreath. All our Veterans are entitled to be remembered in such a way.

Put a place marker on **Feb. 16**. The St. Augustine 450th Military Commemoration Committee will be presenting a program that will give a historical accounting of the military presence in St. Augustine for the past 450 years. The free program will begin at 1900 (7 PM). The Flagler

Auditorium holds a capacity of 789 people. Let's fill the seats. Be sure and attend and bring your family, friends and neighbors.

Your Veterans Council was back at Wal-Mart shopping again this year with nearly 100 local needy children. On December 21st, members of the Veterans Council along with staff from Allied Veterans of America provided Holiday Cheer and an exciting afternoon for a lot of kids and their parents and grandparents. After filling their shopping carts from their Santa list, Allied Veterans were at the Wal-Mart registers to pick up the tab for the gifts. They continued their benevolence by hosting food and refreshments at their offices on SR-16 for everyone who attended the shopping extravaganza at Wal-Mart. Santa was on hand as was a magician to entertain the kids and a stocking and gift was given to every kid who was there. We can't say enough nice things about Jerry Bass and his Allied Veteran Team for their act of kindness in bringing such happiness to these kids at Christmas.

In case you haven't heard, our Veteran's Council has a new web site domain. The new web site address is.... www.veteranscouncilofstjohns.org. Our new webmaster is A.J. "Doc" Sartin. Doc has done an outstanding job of getting our new domain up and running and it looks great. Be sure to visit our site and keep up with upcoming events which will be updated on our events calendar. Also, if you have any special events you would like to share with your Veteran community, please let Doc know by contacting him at: FloridaDude@bellsouth.net.



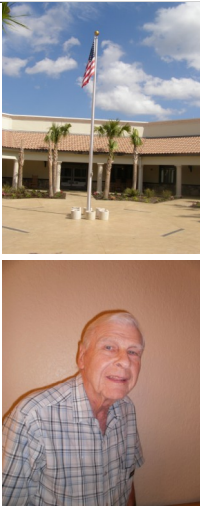
On Tuesday, January 10, I had the honor and privilege to be selected again this year to participate in the Veterans Honor Detail for the opening ceremony of the 2012 Legislature session in Tallahassee. The Honor Detail represented the 1.6 million Florida Veterans by opening the 2012 session with the Pledge of Allegiance before the joint House.

Afterwards, I was privileged to attend Governor Scott's State of the State address to the Joint House. The Governor is very supportive of our military and Veterans and mentioned them several times in his address.

In the afternoon, I attended the Florida Veterans Council meeting held in the FDVA offices of FDVA Executive Director Mike Prendergast. The meeting was attended by approximately 50 members from different Veteran organizations from around the State. A report was given by Jim Brodie, Director of Legislative and Cabinet Affairs about the many pending Veterans Bills before the House and Senate this session. The most interesting part of Jim's presentation is the number of Bills to be heard this Legislative session. A record 69 Veterans Bills are pending that directly affect our Florida Veterans.

Bill Dudley, Chairman, Veterans Council of St. Johns Co., Inc.

Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home



Al Swindle

While the current Sailors and Marines aboard the USS New Orleans paused for a moment of silence on December 7, 2011, Al Swindle was speaking to a group of fellow residents at Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home. Al was aboard the USS New Orleans on December 7, 1941 in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He was the guest speaker at the remembrance ceremony for the

70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Al Swindle (E-7) was a Boiler Tech Chief aboard the ship, which was docked at Pearl Harbor for repairs that day. The ship, with Al Swindle aboard, sustained minor damage with no casualties. He was overcome with emotion when recalling the event of that day. He remembers watching a ship bombed "clean in half" at one point. Al's ship

was immediately readied and sent to sea the next morning. The ceremony was conducted almost entirely by residents. Mr. Andrew Cain opened with prayer. Mr. Terry Tessier followed with a reading of a poem. Photographs of the attacks were shown as well as photos of ceremonies commemorating that day throughout the years since. The ceremony was well received by all attending.

Marine Corp. League

The Oldest City Detachment #383 Marine Corps League was chartered on February 28, 1977 in St. Augustine. Members join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interest of the United States Marine Corps.

In addition, this detachment promotes and supports the following programs in St. Johns County: Wounded Marines Program, Scholarship Program, Toys for Tots, furnish canes to any Veteran in St. Johns County free of charge, & we furnish

coffee and refreshments once a month at the Veterans Health Clinic. The Marine Corps Auxiliary mails packages to our Marines serving in foreign countries. We support the Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing home.

We welcome all Marines and FMF Corpsmen to join us in promoting the ideals of American freedom and democracy as well as serving our St. Johns County veterans.

Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Elks Lodge at 7 P.M.

For more information check our web site www.mclfl383.org or contact us at 904-461-0139

Semper Fi, Jim Bellamy, Commandant



450th Military Commemoration Committee Update

TO ARMS! FOUR AND A HALF CENTURIES OF MILITARY HISTORY IN ST. AUGUSTINE

On February 16, 2012, St. Augustine's 450th Military Commemoration Committee in conjunction with the St. Augustine Military Officers Association and the St. Johns County Veterans Council will bring to life 450 years of military history in our wonderful city. From its inception, St. Augustine has had a strong military presence, a presence that has provided security and protection from 1565 until this very day. The town has been shaped by wars, battles, and military campaigns for centuries. From the soldiers of Menendez and the Fort Mose Mil-

tia to the Revolutionary, Seminole and Civil Wars, and finally to the modern-day National Guard, 450 years of military history will be portrayed in 100 minutes.

The free program will be presented in the Flagler College Auditorium, beginning at 7pm.

This presentation is the inaugural event for the committee's 2012 program which will continue through 2015 in support of its overall vision to "Establish St. Augustine as the premier destination for learning about the vital role of the military, as demonstrated by 450 years of continuous protection of our city, our state and our nation". All veterans are encouraged to attend

this initial and key event for 2012.

For follow up events and actions the committee teams are actively working to develop historically accurate military re-enactments, video documentaries, academic symposia, educational outreach projects and permanent legacy sites. In support of these efforts the committee also has fund raising and advertising teams' actions underway. All veterans are also encouraged to participate on these teams. Contact Col Ron R. Radford USAF (Ret), ronrad267@aol.com, Col Rik Erkelens USA (Ret), 904-823-8643, or SGM Ray Quinn ARNG (Ret), renegade1@bellsouth.net.



Vets 4 Vets

Vets 4 Vets is a Not-for-Profit organization (501 C3) that began in 2008. Our mission and purpose is to provide for the immediate financial needs of honorably discharged Veterans that may be homeless or of lower income in St. Johns County. The requests for help we get come through the Veteran's Service Office and mostly are for utility assistance, transportation, rent or emergency shelter, medical needs and more.

The procedure we follow for those wanting assistance is generated from the VSO. They verify discharge is honorable, then we are notified of the need and depending on the request and

availability of funds, we take care of the need. All our funding is acquired from donations. We do not solicit funds with a bucket at a business entrance, but accept any donations from private citizens or others groups that are interested in supporting our cause. The bulk of our donations come from other Veteran organizations, namely the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 2391, Marine Corps League, Disabled Vets #6, Allied Veterans, Am Vets Post #45. Not all veteran organizations contribute to us. We also seek grants and have several private citizens that contribute monthly. We do not ask our potential clients about their

affiliation with military organizations. We are proud of our success, assisting over 272 Veterans to date at a cost in excess of \$103,534.00.

I am sorry to say that 2012 may be an even more critical year for our Vets; with the economy in the shape it is in. However, we at Vets 4 Vets will continue to do our very best to assist, as long as the donations continue to come in. **If you care to help our disadvantaged Veterans, we welcome your donations! Mail to Vets 4 Vets, PO Box 144, St. Augustine, FL 32085 or drop it off at the Veteran's Service Office.**



St. Augustine Elks Lodge #829

Veterans Activities of St. Augustine Lodge #829

St. Augustine Elks Lodge #829 is very involved with local veterans. As a member of the St. Johns County Veterans Council, we believe like all Elks that, "As long as there are veterans they will not be forgotten".

In addition to our 900 members that stand ready to volunteer in this effort, we are fortunate in that we have a 10,000 square foot facility that we regularly provide free of charge for many veterans activities. Annually we host the St. Johns County Homeless Veteran Stand down, the

USO PAL Day Luncheon, and the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. We provide monthly meeting space for the Veterans Council, the Marine Corps League, and the Fleet Reserve Association. This year we were pleased to host a luncheon for over 200 escorts to the Vietnam Wall that was brought here in support of the Councils Veterans Day salute to POWs.

From our charity fund we have donated to the USO Phone-Home Program and Vets-For-Vets. We have partnered with the Green Cove Springs and Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodges to form a

VAVS Fund that receives matching donations from the Grand Lodge in Chicago to support the Clyde E. Lassen State Nursing Home. We also contribute to the Florida State Elks Association's Army of Hope Charity that supports the families of deployed members of the military from the state of Florida. From that charity, the Elks sponsor the children of those families for a week long stay at the Florida State Elks Association's Youth Camp in Umatilla.

Fred DuPont, PER



Fred Dupont, Elks Grand Past Exalted Ruler, Vietnam Veteran



ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN MARK P. MINER

Mark was elected to the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners in August of 2008 and assumed office representing District 3 on November 17, 2008 for a four year term.

Prior to his election, Mark was a manager with CSX Transportation where he created and then managed CSX's Military & Diversity Recruiting Program covering twenty-three states and the District of Columbia. When he left to serve the people of St. Johns County, CSX was ranked #8 in the nation by GI Jobs Magazine. While there his team earned CSX's highest honor, the Chairman's Award of Excellence.

While on the Commission, Mark has fought for job creation and business development in hopes of lessening the tax burden and expanding opportunities for our residents. Mark's wife Cheryl is a small business owner. He understands the value of private sector efficiency and the significant role businesses play in our communities. He believes government should work to support and encourage business, not inhibit private sector progress.

Mark has championed local laws protecting our children, such as the Kid Safe Zone Ordinance, which bans sex offenders and sexual predators from handing out candy on Halloween, wearing costumes on holidays and loitering around our children.

He has worked with our first responders to ensure that our law enforcement and fire rescue have the tools and resources they need to keep our communities safe.

Mark is a two time veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and has been a member of the Florida Army National Guard since 2002. He is currently an Asst. Operations NCO with the 2-124th Infantry Battalion. On Mark's first deployment in 2004-2005 as a volunteer with the Louisiana National Guard, Mark served as an Infantry rifleman on Task Force Baghdad with the 256 Brigade Combat Team.



Throughout his service he has served as a Rifleman, Grenadier, Radio Telephone Operator, Team Leader, Battalion Battle NCO and Assistant Operations NCO. Some of his awards consist of the Combat Infantry Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the NCO Professional Development Ribbon. Mark understands the sacrifices our veterans make every day and is passionate about our responsibility to honor and care for veterans and their families.

Mark was the founding Chairman of his High School Teenage Republican Club and assisted in starting the St. Johns County Young Republicans. He serves on the St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee and has previously served as Corresponding Secretary on the Executive Board of the REC. He has volunteered on several local, state and federal campaigns and is proud to have earned the Florida Federation of Young Republicans Mary Brogan Courage Award.



Mark is a 2002 graduate of Bartram Trail High School. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Management from the Florida Institute of Technology and is currently working toward his MBA in Finance. Mark and his wife Cheryl live in St. Augustine South and enjoy running, boating, fishing and shooting sports.

ORGANIZATIONS

- United Way of St. Johns
- Sons of the American Revolution
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2391
- American Legion Post 194
- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
- Association of the United States Army
- Non-Commissioned Officers Association
- National Rifle Association

BOARDS & COMMITTEES 2012

- North Florida Transportation Planning Organization
- Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Study Commission
- St. Johns County Veterans Council
- Early Learning Coalition of Putnam and St. Johns
- Legislative Liaison
- Recreation Advisory Board
- St. Johns County School Board (Liaison)
- St. Johns County Adult Drug Court



NEWS RELEASE



TALLAHASSEE -- The 2012 edition of the *Florida Veterans' Benefits Guide* has been released by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. The 24-page guide, sponsored by the Florida Veterans Foundation, provides information about federal and state veterans' benefits and how to obtain them. "As we strive to expand our outreach efforts, this guide becomes a primary tool in our arsenal to advocate for our state's veteran population," said Mike Prendergast, FDVA Executive Director. Copies of the guide are being distributed to county veteran service offices, VA facilities and state colleges and universities. An interactive version is available online at www.FloridaVets.org. For more information or to request a guide, call (850) 487-1533

Diploma Program Honors Veterans

Courtesy of the Florida Department of Education

TALLAHASSEE -- Eligible Florida veterans who joined the military before completing high school can obtain their high school diploma thanks to the Florida Veteran Diploma Program sponsored by the Florida Department of Education in partnership with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. Veterans who were honorably discharged, are current residents of Florida, were inducted into military service prior to completing graduation requirements and meet the additional criteria below are eligible for their high school diploma.

World War II veterans:

- Inducted into military service between Sept. 16, 1940, and Dec. 31, 1946.
- Started high school between 1937 – 1946.
- Scheduled to graduate between 1941 – 1950.

Korean War veterans:

- Inducted into military service between June 27, 1950 and Jan. 31, 1955.
- Started high school between 1946 – 1950.
- Scheduled to graduate between 1950 – 1954.

Vietnam War veterans:

- Inducted into military service during the Vietnam Era between Feb. 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975.

For more information, call (850) 245-9057 or go online at www.fldoe.org/workforce/veteran-diploma.asp.

VA Reminds Combat Veterans of Combat Call Center

Courtesy of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON -- 1-877-WAR-VETS is an around the clock confidential call center where combat veterans and their families can call to talk about their military experience or any other issue they are facing in their readjustment to civilian life. The staff is comprised of combat veterans from several eras as well as families members of combat veterans. The call center is one of many initiatives of the VA's Vet Center program, which offer a wide range of services to help veterans make a successful transition from military to civilian life. For locations of Vet Centers nearest you, visit <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

For more information on FDVA, visit www.FloridaVets.org



Salute to Veterans Dance

In honor of all veterans, the St. Johns County Public Library System invites everyone to a Veterans Salute Dance! On Sunday, February 26, from 2:00pm-5:00pm, veterans, their families, and all members of the community are invited to the Council on Aging River House, located on the Matanzas River at 180 Marine Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Enjoy light refreshments, a cash bar, and dancing to WW II-era music provided by *E.T. Swings the Thing* live band. Generously sponsored by all St. Johns County Public Library Branch Friends of the Library groups, we invite you to kick up your heels at this event honoring all United States veterans! Questions? Call 904-827-6925.





MG Mark Lance

Mark W. Lance: Major General, United States Army

Born: 27 April 1898, Marshall, North Carolina

Died: 17 June 1966, St. Augustine, Florida

Entered Florida Service: 1927, Retired: 27 April 1962



MG Mark Lance

Although Mark Lance entered the Florida National Guard in 1927 as a Captain of Infantry, this was not the beginning of his military service. He had joined the U.S. Naval Reserve during the First World War, rising to chief machinist's mate by the time he was released from active and reserve duty in 1921. As an officer of the Florida National Guard, he was mobilized for active federal duty in 1940. He later saw combat service with the 31st (Dixie) Division in the

New Guinea and Mindanao Campaigns of World War II.

Following the war, he returned to duty with the Florida National Guard and was appointed Adjutant General in 1947. During his tenure the Guard went through many changes. There were the manpower demands of the Korean War, and the substantial changes in Guard policy and organization consequent to the passage of the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952 and its various modifications. Under his direction and in spite of the changes in national law, the Florida Guard retained its position as one of the ten best state Guard formations in the country.

General Lance received the following medals and decorations:

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal

Air Medal

World War I Victory Medal (Bars Unknown)

American Defense Service Medal

American Campaign Medal

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with Bronze Arrowhead)

World War II Victory Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with two Hourglass Devices)

Philippine Liberation Ribbon

Florida Cross

Florida Distinguished Service Medal

Florida Service Medal

Florida Active State Service Medal (with Bronze Cluster)



Legion of Merit



Air Medal

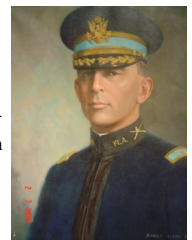


Blanding at Camp Logan in [Houston, Texas](#), 1918

Albert Hazen Blanding: Lt. General, United States Army

Blanding was born in Lyons, Iowa, but his family moved to Florida when he was two years old. Blanding attended East Florida Seminary in Gainesville, graduating in 1894. He was commissioned a captain in the Florida National Guard in 1899. At the time, he was a phosphate company executive.

Blanding was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1909 or 1910 and ran a turpentine, sawmill, and lumber business from 1910 to 1914 while active on the National Guard roster. In the 1916-1917 Pancho Villa Expedition, Blanding, then ranking Florida National Guard officer, led the Second Florida Infantry.



Lt. Gen. Blanding

On August 5, 1917, Blanding was called up to serve in World War I, where he commanded the 53rd Brigade, 27th Division, as a Brigadier General. After hostilities ceased, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and was discharged from the Army on March 1, 1919, after which he resumed his service to the Florida National Guard.

Blanding served as State of Florida Chairman for the American Legion for a time and was a member of the Florida Board of Control from 1922 to 1936. From 1936-1940, Blanding was Chief of the National Guard of the United States by appointment of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1939, he was honored by the establishment of a military station, Camp Blanding, in his name; this would become the primary military reservation and training station for the Florida National Guard. He was also recognized by the bestowal of the honorary rank of Lieutenant General before his retirement in 1940.

The University of Florida awarded him Doctor of Laws in May 1942. During World War II he served on the Florida Board of the Selective Service System and helped found Everglades National Park.

***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, veterans related and 250 words or less. Submissions may be edited &/or shortened and used if space permits.

Send to: mrothfeld@anyveteran.org



St. Augustine National Cemetery

Important Online Veterans Links:

Veterans Today: <http://s11.zetaboards.com/CFLNewsChat/forum/27519/>

North Florida Veterans Forum:
<http://anyveteran.org/smf/index.php>

FL Jobs for Veterans:
<http://s11.zetaboards.com/CFLNewsChat/forum/3008165/>

Veterans Forms: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>

**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 at the Elks Lodge,
1420 A1A So., St. Augustine.**

**Visit our Website: www.veteranscouncilofstjohns.org
(please note the NEW web address)**

Veterans Service Office
1955 US 1 South, Suite 550
St. Augustine, FL 32086

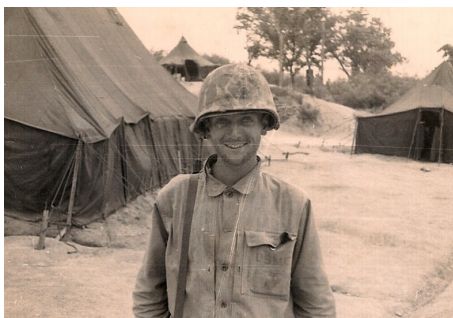
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The VSO Office is located in the St. Johns County Health and Human Services complex, behind the VA Clinic.

*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, CVSO
Rick Rees, Assistant VSO
Heather Andrews, Assistant VSO
Tammy Shirley, Office Specialist*

Then and Now, 1952 and 2011

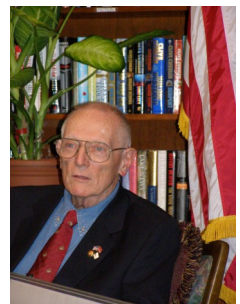


2nd Lt. Jim Vanairsdale, USMC

Jim Vanairsdale in Korea, May 17, 1952 at the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Command Post after a raid on Hill 67. The 1st Marine Division's area of operations was north of Seoul and north of the Imjin River. It ran from the coast near Inchon

westward for about 35 miles. Our raid was about a mile west of Panmunjom. The Battalion Command Post was about 5 miles south of Hill 67, between the front lines and Imjin river.

“Col.” Jim giving a talk about his Marines for a locally produced documentary.





2nd Annual Poker Run May 12, 2012, for the Residents of the Clyde E Lassen State Veteran's Nursing Home!!!



Registration begins at
the VFW Post 2391 at
0930, KSU at 1100.

\$10.00 per rider or \$15.00 per rider and passenger

Breakfast will be offered at \$5.00 a plate.
(Pancakes, scrambled eggs, w/choice of sausage or bacon)
50/50, Raffle, and Music

Poker Cards will be given out at:

- VFW Post 2391, 6184 US-1 South, St Augustine, FL 32086 (904) 797-5267
- AMVETS #45, 1030 East SR206 St. Augustine, FL 32086 (904) 217-4848
- AMVETS Post #59, 5959 North Oceanshore Blvd Palm Coast, FL 32137 (386) 597-2917
- VFW Post 8696, 47 Old Kings Road North Palm Coast, FL 32137 (386) 446-8696
- AMVETS #113, 2525 N US Highway 1 Suite A Bunnell, FL 32110 (386) 263-2972

!!!This event is open to all riders!!!

~NO ATTITUDES~NO DRAMA~
~NO MISBEHAVING~



We are an Association of Combat Veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles as a hobby. Our mission now is to support and defend those who have defended our country and our freedoms. Our focus is to help veteran care facilities provide a warm meal, clothing, shelter, and guidance, or simply to say "Thank You." and "Welcome Home."

Our membership is comprised of Full Members (those with verified combat service) and Supporter Members (those who have non-combat military service, and have a sincere dedication to helping veterans). We have members from nearly all 50 states and living abroad. Many members continue to serve in our Armed Forces, with several serving in combat areas now.

We sponsor and/or participate in many motorcycle-related charity events each year, and as a non-profit organization, donate to various veteran care facilities and veteran charities.

It was a busy year for the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 20-2. We have donated to or participated in many programs including the Florida Veterans Programs and Projects, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Clyde E. Lassen Veterans Nursing Home, and the St. Augustine Homeless Veterans Stand-Down.

We also donated to the Healing Heroes Network, Joe's Sock Fund for Homeless Veterans, VFW Post 54 and VFW Post 4833. For 2012, we have already donated to the USO of North Carolina for the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home which will be on March 31, 2012.

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association – Veterans Helping Veterans.



The **first 200** riders/passengers receive a ride T-Shirt with paid registration

5th Annual

POW/MIA Remembrance Ride

- A JSO escorted event

March 31, 2012

Location: ADAMEC Harley Davidson, Baymeadows Location, Jacksonville, FL.

Cost: \$25.00 donation per rider / \$10.00 donation per passenger.

Registration: 08:30 or pre-register via our website at

www.rollingthunderjax.org - click on "Ride Registration" link.

POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony: 10:00 with special guest speakers:

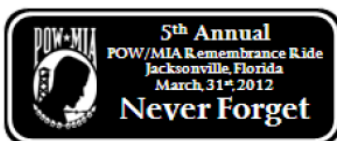
Pam Cain, Karoni Forrester, and Jo Anne Shirley – National League of POW/MIA Families.

Activities: 50/50 raffle, various prize giveaways, lots of good food and drink , and an auction for an original painting by artist, Duffy Soto of Lake City. View some of his work:

http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2008-12-05/lake_city_man_learns_to_soar_with_his_art

Ride: Kick Stands Up at 12:00.

Entertainment: Live Music.



Ride Patch



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