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# The Patriot Reader

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Marine Corps Birthday Ball

### Message from the Chairman

Final preparation for our Commitment to Honor Program at Anastasia Baptist Church is nearing completion. We are very excited about this documentary and the message we hope to bring to our community. The men and women of our armed forces, especially those who fought in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan deserve our unmeasured support for their service and sacrifice. These Veterans paid the immeasurable price to step up to the call to protect our country allowing us the freedoms we enjoy in this great Nation. I hope all of you who read this newsletter will plan to join us on Nov. 3 to help us pay tribute to

these Veterans as we hear their story through the documentary that has been produced by the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.

Nov. 11 we will once again be honoring our Veterans from all wars who have served this nation. This year we will be specifically paying tribute to our Korean War Veterans from the Forgotten War. Our guest speaker will be Rear Admiral Rick Williamson, Commander, Navy Southeast Region, NAS Jacksonville. The program is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM at St. Augustine Special Events Field (Francis Field) in downtown St. Augustine. In addi-



tion to the massing of the colors, we will also be honoring soldiers from our First Muster who formed the militia that helped protect this city in the days it was first being formed. Please plan to join us on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 as we once again assemble to pay tribute to all who wore the cloth of our nation.

Hope to see you at both of these events to help salute our Veterans.

Bill Dudley,  
Chairman  
Veterans Council of  
St. Johns Co

# Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home

*Patriotism is our motto*



The Clay County Band performing at Clyde E. Lassen



Thank you to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for providing ice cream and cupcakes!



Country/Western Day with Chili Cook-off



Family Council



Team Spirit Day and Cook

From AJ Sartin

**It is my goal, to put the Flag of the Veteran's Branch of Service, on their hospital door, to indicate that a **United States Military Veteran** is in that particular hospital room.**

**Talk to the hospital in your area for approval to put a Veteran Flag on their hospital doors.**

**NOW**

**Join the Crusade !!**

**NOW**

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



## The Jacksonville National Cemetery

### Greetings from the Support Committee at the Jacksonville National Cemetery!

The Support Committee invites everyone to attend its next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 5th, at 7:00pm. The meeting will take place at Community Hospice, 4266 Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257 in Conference Room A

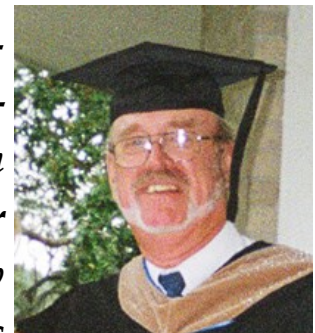


Chairman Howard McGillin, COL US Army ret.

***Veterans Day Celebration: On Friday, Nov. 8th at 11 am, join in the celebration at the Council on Aging to honor veterans of all wars, their spouses and caregivers. A free lunch at the River House café will be provided by Vitas Hospice to veterans. If you are a veteran planning to attend, call Martha at 209-3643 to include your name in the program and personally honor you on this day. Your call will reserve your lunch.***



*The Friends of the Main Library are pleased to announce that Terry Allan, a retired Army First Sergeant and a three tour Veteran of the Vietnam war, will present a program titled, "Is Your Neighbor a Veteran and Why You Should Know That" on the fifth of November 2013 at 1830 hours in the Main Library events room. This presenta-*



Terry Allan

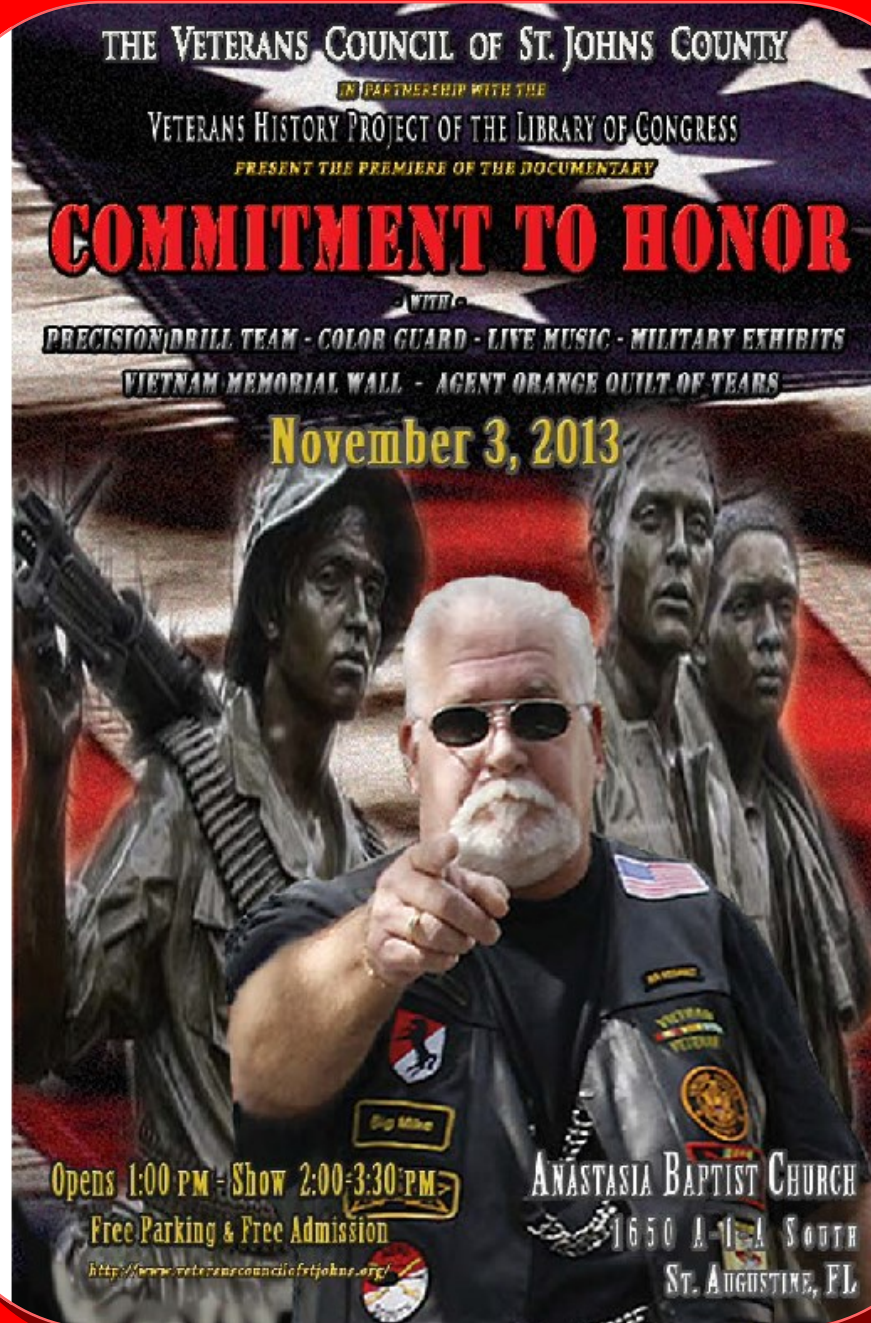
*tion will highlight how Veterans adjust to their return home from service, how they tell non Veterans their story, and why they sometimes don't. In addition Mr. Allan will focus on the ongoing*



*Library of Congress oral history project for Veterans all wars which is sponsored in part by the St Johns County Library system.*



The St. Johns County Veterans Council invites everyone to our annual Veterans Show. Please join us on Sunday, November 3rd, 1:00 pm at Anastasia Baptist Church. This is a free event and there is plenty of free parking.



For additional information please contact:

Michael Rothfeld: [mrothfeld@anyveteran.org](mailto:mrothfeld@anyveteran.org) or

Gary Bruce: [garyeburce@gmail.com](mailto:garyeburce@gmail.com)

## FEATURED PARTICIPANTS



**COLONEL MIKE PRENDERGAST (US ARMY RET) OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER** was appointed Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs by Governor Scott on June 22, 2011. A highly decorated U.S. veterans, Colonel Prendergast's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with 2 oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 OLCs, Army Commendation Medal with 1 silver OLC, Army Achievement Medal with 1 OLC, National Defense Service Medal with 1 bronze service star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal with one bronze service star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Iraq Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with 1 OLC, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NATO Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 5, and the Army Service Ribbon. Colonel Prendergast is an outstanding public speaker who will share what commitment to honor means to him.



**RON DESANTIS - U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FLORIDA 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT** and a distinguished military veteran who was sworn into the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Navy while a student at the Harvard Law School. He received orders from Trial Service Office Command South East at the Naval Station Mayport, Florida as a military prosecutor. He worked for the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Commander working directly with incarcerated terrorists at the Guantanamo Bay Joint Detention Facility. In 2007, Lt. DeSantis reported to the Naval Special Warfare Command Group and was assigned to SEAL Team One and deployed to Iraq. He earned an appointment with the U.S. Department of Justice to serve as a federal prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Middle District of Florida. Lt. DeSantis was assigned as a Trial Defense Counsel. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Iraq Campaign Medal. Congressman DeSantis is passionate about promoting participation in the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress and will speak about the project and the importance for veterans, community groups and individuals to become involved in recording and preserving the experiences of our service men and women for both researchers and for future generations.



**DR. JOSEPH JOYNER, SUPERINTENDENT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOLS** is an outstanding educator and administrator who truly exemplifies and lives the philosophy of being a servant leader in his community. Through his efforts, vision and leadership, St. Johns County schools have consistently ranked highest in the state of Florida and gained national recognition for providing outstanding student education and high graduation rates for high school seniors. We are pleased and honored to have Dr. Joyner announce and recognize the winners of our Ben Meggitt Scholarship Award Essay Contest. This year's essay contest theme is "Commitment To Honor" and three St. Johns County High School students will be selected as First, Second and Third Place winners. No one could be more appropriate to recognize the academic achievements and writing ability of our St. Johns County students than Dr. Joyner.



*All motorcyclists are invited to join the escort of the Vietnam Wall and the Agent Orange Quilt of Tears. We will be meeting between 9am and 10am on Saturday November 2 at Rossmeyer's Destination Daytona. Kickstands up at 10am. We will have a Sheriff's escort in Volusia, Flagler and St. Johns Counties. We will arrive at the St. Augustine Elks Lodge between 11:30 and 12 noon where we will have a pizza and beer lunch provided by the Elks Lodge. At 1:30 pm we will move 1/4 mile south to Anastasia Baptist Church where veterans will set up the Vietnam Wall and the Quilt. Contact is Heather Andrews, SJC VSO at: 904-209-6160.*





Join Us  
November 3, 2013



COMMITMENT  
TO HONOR





The Wreath Across America project for the St. Augustine VA National Cemetery is a Community based project lead by community members and veterans of St. Johns County.

Our mission is to remember, honor and teach families of the sacrifices our fallen veterans made who are buried at this location. This project is a coordinated event conducted annually for the community and is scheduled this year on December 14, 2013 at noon nationwide.

The Wreaths Across America project is a 501 (c) (3) project with a goal to place an Evergreen Wreath on the grave of every veteran throughout the United States and especially at The St. Augustine VA National Cemetery.

Our project is in jeopardy of not providing 100% coverage without additional community support this year. For those that have donated we can't thank you enough, and for those that would like to ensure we provide 100% coverage again this year please print the below form mail it in or go on line and make your donation at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org). We are told that we need approximately **269 Wreaths** at this time to complete this year's project. The cemetery has 1218 graves and markers and buried there are Soldiers from the Dade Battle, Civil War, Buffalo Soldiers and many others.

The project is headed by the Veterans Council of St. Johns County Inc. The Project Coordinator is SGM (Ret) Daniel Blackman. Dan Blackman may be reached at (904) 669-6423. Evergreen Wreaths are \$15.00 each. Help us reach our target... ask everyone you know to assist.

We invite the business community and citizens to assist in reaching our goal so that a wreath may be placed on every grave and marker on 14 December 2013 at noon. Your tax deductible donation may be made at [www.wreathacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathacrossamerica.org) and select St. Augustine VA National Cemetery ID #FLSNSA and Sponsoring Group ID #FLVCSJC01 or contact me for a Sponsorship form for a direct donation by making your check payable to Wreaths Across America. Thanks for all of your support.

Daniel Blackman (904) 669-6423





## Wreath Sponsorship Form

\*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org)

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

**Wreaths Across America Day Saturday 14 December 2013**

Name:		<b>Cemetery ID Number</b>  <b>FLNSA</b>
Address:		
City:		
State:	Zip :	<b>Sponsoring Group ID Number</b>  <b>FLVCSJC01</b>
Phone: (     )		
Email:		

**Cemetery Designation:** **St. Augustine National Cemetery**

**Sponsoring Group Contact:** Daniel Blackman [sgm500@gmail.com](mailto:sgm500@gmail.com) or 904-669-6423

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
<b>Individual</b> = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
<b>Family</b> = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
<b>Small Business</b> = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
<b>Corporate</b> = 100 Wreaths or more	\$15.00 each wreath		
		<b>Grand Total</b>	

**\*\*WE REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT GRAVE-SPECIFIC REQUESTS\*\***

Please make checks payable to: **Wreaths Across America™**

Mail check and form to:  
c/o Daniel Blackman (WAA)  
The Veterans Council of St. Johns County Inc.  
P.O. Box 2117  
St. Augustine, FL 32085-2117  
Questions? Call (904) 669-6423

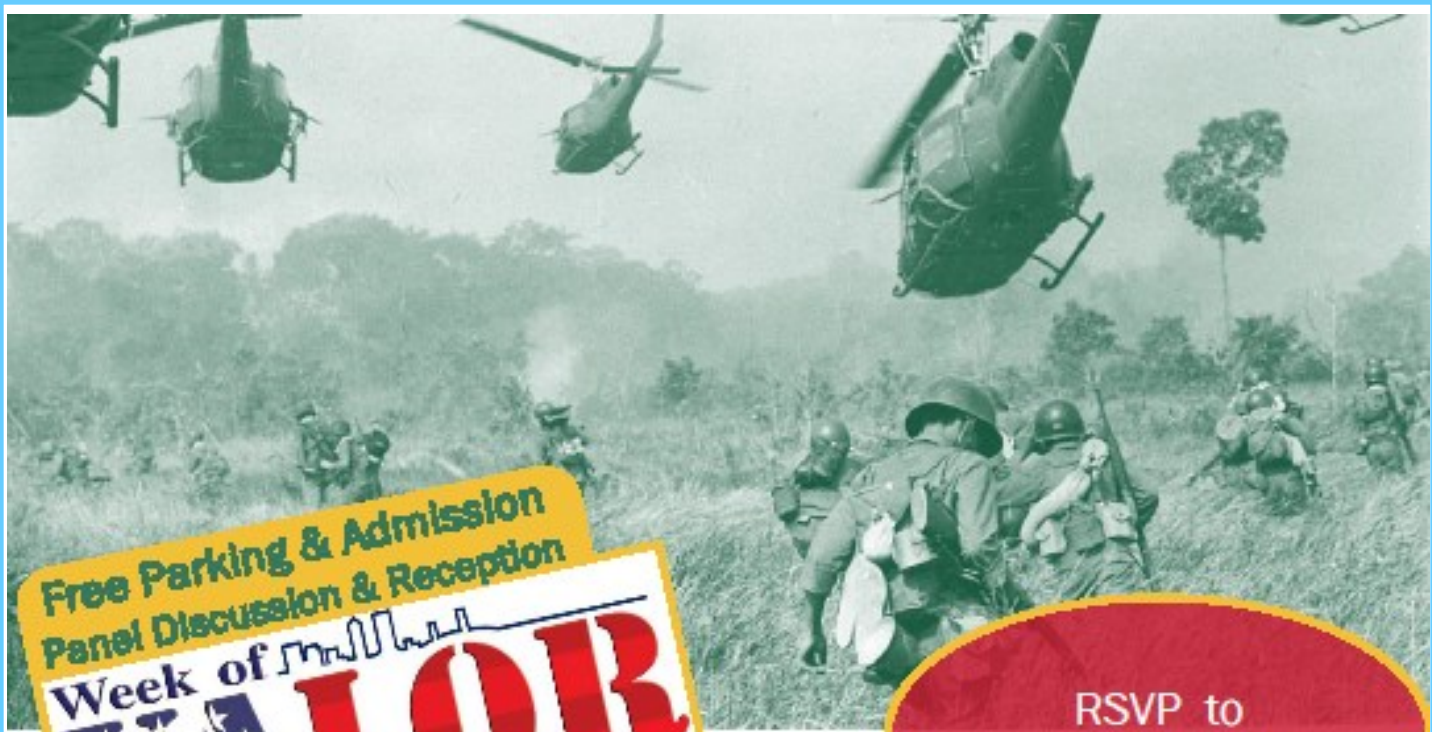
**Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!**

**Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and  
no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.**

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA is an IRC§501(c)(3) exempt non-profit Maine corporation, FEIN 20-8362270, registered (# CH34722) with the Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Contributions are deductible from taxable federal income as charitable donations under IRC§170 and/or IRC§6115. Wreaths Across America™ does not use professional solicitors. 100% of funds received benefit the mission: to purchase wreaths to lay at the gravestones of Veterans. More information may be obtained from our website <http://www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org>.

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# Vietnam: Service, Sacrifice, and Courage



Film by Michael Rothfeld  
Florida Veterans Programs & Projects, Inc.



Friday, November 15 @ 5:30 p.m.  
University of North Florida  
Student Union Auditorium

## A Veterans Day Invitation



The 2013 Veterans' Day ceremony will be held Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in downtown St. Augustine at the Francis Field, just east of the intersection of North Ponce de Leon Blvd. (US 1) and West Castillo Drive (near the City's parking garage facility). On behalf of all Veterans, it is my pleasure to invite you and your family to attend, particularly those veterans of the Korean War, whom we will recognize and honor. The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. and we ask that all attending be seated by 9:45 a.m.

Our Master of Ceremony is Lt. Col. William Dudley, USAFR (retired). The keynote speaker will be Rear Admiral Rick Williamson, USN, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, NAS Jacksonville.

This is one of the many events to be organized and conducted by the Veterans' Council of St. Johns County, Inc and its' St. Augustine 450<sup>th</sup> Military Commemoration Committee.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & HISTORY

## SENIORS ON THE GO

SENIORS ON THE GO IS A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN COMMUNITY THAT INCLUDES A COOKIE AND COFFEE RECEPTION, A SPECIAL PROGRAM, AND FREE TIME TO EXPLORE THE MUSEUM.

*Seniors on the Go* begins at 9:45 a.m. and is \$6 per senior citizen. Advanced registration is required. For more information, call 904.396.MOSH (6674), ext. 225.



Bill Ingram

This month, seniors will watch the WWII documentary *Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom* and will meet one of the featured veterans in the film, Bill Ingram, and producer, Michael Rothfeld.

Join us **November 6 at 9:45 a.m.** for this *Seniors on the Go* program.



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To Honor our Veterans,  
Servicemen and Servicewomen,  
We cordially invite you to the  
Annual Liberty Parade & Celebration

November 8, 2013

9:00 AM

Liberty Pines Academy

10901 Russell Sampson Road

St. Johns, FL 32259

Continental Breakfast Reception

at 8:15 AM

RSVP by October 21<sup>st</sup> to

Mrs. Kim Martin- 547-7900

**The mission of the National Vietnam Museum is: To promote  
an understanding of the of the Vietnam era  
while honoring those who served.**

**[www.NationalVNWarMuseum.org](http://www.NationalVNWarMuseum.org)**





My name is Michael Isam. I served in the United States Air Force from March 1966 to June 1973. I served in Vietnam from December 1969 to December 1970

I am a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 6, where I served 2 years as Commander and 9 years as Adjutant. I was the founding Secretary of the not-for-profit organization VETS4VETS. and the Veterans Council of St. Johns County. I am a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

I offer to you a history of Veterans Day.

The beginning: The memories of a grandfather.

The pre-dawn hours were cold! So cold the breath of the men walking toward the railroad car could be seen almost a foot in front of them. Of course, it was November and we were in the Forest of Compiègne (COM PIN YEAH) in Northern France.

The men were stopped and searched when reached the pre-determined spot. Even in the dim light from my vantage point of a rail carriage, I could see the look of resignation on some faces, and on others I saw disgust and even haughtiness. These would never admit defeat.

As a young man, I expected the leaders of the German army to look like giant ogres, but to my surprise, the men entering the rail car looked just like ordinary humans, some short, and some tall.

However, their purpose for being here was historic. They were to sign a declaration of armistice putting an end to "The War to end all Wars". The anticipation I felt was mounting so that my heart felt as if it would leap from my chest at any moment. "The world would never see another war" was running thru my mind.

Shortly after 5 am, November 11, 1918, my eyes witnessed the application of signatures to the document. Now, it was only 6 hours until the fighting completely stopped.

Far away, the artillery could be heard, as they used up rounds so munitions would not have to be packed up and shipped back to the depot. Somehow, knowing what was to come, it seemed the noise was louder.

On the final stroke of eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year 1918 the guns of Europe fell silent; and that silence that was deafening. After four years of the most bitter and devastating fighting, "The Great War" was finally over.

The noise of the cannons, rifles and grenades was quickly replaced by the blowing of whistles, the pealing of church bells and the voices of people holding impromptu parades in the nearby village. All over the globe there were demonstrations celebrating peace. It is fitting to note that Adolf Hitler demanded that the same rail carriage from the German surrender in World War I be used for the formal surrender of France in World War II on June 22, 1940.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as Armistice Day, but it was not until 1938 that Congress passed a bill that each November 11 "shall be dedicated to the cause of world peace and ...hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day."





In many communities, the American Legion was in charge of the observance, which included pa

rades and religious services. At 11 a.m. all traffic stopped, in tribute to the dead, volleys were fired and taps sounded.

If the realization of the idealistic hope that World War I was “the War to end all Wars,” November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. Only a few years after the proclaiming of the holiday, war broke out in Europe again. World War II was upon us and my father became an active participant in the

second hope that this would really end all wars. However, it was not to be.

The Korean War followed closely behind and introduced my youngest uncle to war. The Vietnam War, followed in 1961 where my turn in the family rotation came. There have been so many more since then.

Two of my grandsons served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

My Memories:

Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of WW II and Korea, Congress made an occasion to honor those who had served America in all wars. In 1954, when I was just beginning 2nd grade, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Leading up to that point were several events:

After World War II, there were many new veterans who had little or no association with World War I. The word, "armistice," means simply a truce; therefore as years passed, the significance of the name of this holiday changed. Leaders of Veterans' groups decided to try to correct this and make November 11 the time to honor everyone who had fought in all American wars, not just in World War I.

In Emporia, Kansas, on November 11, 1953, instead of an Armistice Day program, there was a Veterans' Day observance. Ed Rees, of Emporia, was so impressed that he introduced a bill into the Kansas House to change the name to Veterans Day. After this passed, Mr. Rees wrote to all state governors and asked for their approval and cooperation in observing the changed holiday.

I was 7 years old when the name was changed to Veterans Day by Act of Congress on May 24, 1954. President Eisenhower referred to the change of name to Veterans Day in honor of the service men and women of all America's wars.

In 1968, well into my first enlistment in the Air Force, a law passed changing the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens. It was 1978, 10 years later, that the observance of this special day returned to its traditional date by enacted legislation (Public Law 94-97), which brings us to today.

Knowing what you know now, who among you will stop at 11am on November 11 with a moment of silence to thank those young soldiers who gave up their lives? Who will remember the graves of 400 Americans buried in Flanders Fields and at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier?

I will. My children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will. Will you?

# New VFW Post seeks Members & Community Support

Post organizer, A. J. Sartin said, starting a VFW Post means making it relevant to the new generation of War Veterans, Armed Services personnel, their families and the Community. It means correcting misconceptions and breathing life into an organization, that some still view as a place where old men wear special caps and gather just to trade war stories.

Furthermore, it means having a permanent place for Veterans to go to on Veterans Island. There's a severe lack of facilities to meet the needs of local Veterans. A lot of the Veterans can't drive 20 or 40 miles to another Post on the mainland, especially at night.

For decades, Veterans' Organizations have supported Armed Services Personnel before, during and after deployments, lobbied government officials on their behalf, as well as promoted civic education and community service — all of which is still vital today, Sartin said.

With roots tracing back to 1899, the VFW has a history of serving as a strong voice for Veterans, helping them access services and benefits promised by the government. Sartin envisions the same at the local level for the Post. He said support for a VFW Post can be especially helpful to returning Veterans, who may have to deal with problems, such as recovering from battle injuries and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, depression, thoughts of suicide, permanent injuries and/or loss of limbs. They must also readjust to being with their families and readapting into civilian life, finding employment in a bleak economic situation, filing for disability compensation, and getting the rehabilitation, education and training programs needed.

The Post is aimed at the tens of thousands of new Veterans minted in Iraq and Afghanistan during the last decade, as well as the many more Active-Duty service members currently stationed and fighting overseas, and those have fought in past wars. He listed several challenges faced, including the erosion of medical benefits, overhauling of retirement and a 20 percent workforce reduction. Besides helping members get what they've earned and cut through the bureaucratic tape, the Post provides endless support and camaraderie.

Sartin believes the experience of serving in the Military is a unique one, with commonalities that cross time and generations. What makes the VFW different from some other Military Organizations is all of its members have served in harm's way to protect and defend the Country and have a special bond of experience forged in sacrifice and danger.

The fundamental difference between the VFW and other Veterans Organizations, and one in which we take great pride, is our eligibility qualifications. Membership in the VFW is limited to those on active duty or honorably discharged who have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in a War, Insurrection, or Expedition, or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay, Sartin added.

Membership in the VFW is available as Annual Membership with annual dues or as Life Membership with a one-time membership fee (calculated by your age). Annual membership dues are currently \$45.00.

For more information, visit [www.VeteransIslandVFW.org](http://www.VeteransIslandVFW.org)



A.J. Sartin





# SEA'S 2nd Annual Rails to Trails Festival

**Honoring our Military Veterans Past & Present  
Pearl Harbor - World War II**

**December 7th, 2013 10:00am to 4:00pm  
Armstrong Park 4950 Harvey Ave. Elkton, FL 32033**



**MUSIC**

**ARTS & CRAFTS**



**COUNTRY COOKING**



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SEA's (Spuds, Elkton, Armstrong, Community Help Resource Center, Inc) solicits your financial support to develop a community center and to promote programs which serve the needs of rural and at-risk children and families experiencing crisis.

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**MARGARET MURRAY 904-692-3561**



Housing & Community  
Development

**To All Veterans Groups please distribute this to your members:**

BikesAndRides.com, the original founder and promoter of the Jacksonville Landing monthly bike night wants to invite everyone to the BikesAndRides.com's 7th annual New Years Day Ride/ Blessing of the Bikes. "THIS IS A FREE RIDE" All bikes welcome. Rain or Shine.

This years event will be bigger and better than ever. After the Blessing of the Bikes we will ride from the American Legion Post 283 on Ft. Caroline rd. onto the 295 loop and ending back at the American Legion Post 283 on Ft. Caroline rd.



This year we have two bands, door prizes, vendors, a full liquor bar, food available, and a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to the 5 Star Veterans Center, (a homeless veterans center here in Jacksonville Florida). Learn more at [www.5starveteranscenter.org](http://www.5starveteranscenter.org). Their mission is to ensure a positive impact in North Florida by offering safe / secure transitional housing to displaced veterans, in an attempt to alleviate veteran homelessness. Our military residents are treated with the dignity, compassion and respect they deserve, while providing a structured "Passport to Independence" [program.to](http://program.to) re-integrate these heroes back into the society, whose freedoms they fought to protect.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1046 of Duval County have been and will be selling tickets for 3 drawings, 1st prize is a Honda VTX Trike, 2nd prize is an AR 15 rifle and the third prize is a \$500.00 gift card. They will be calling the winner of those prizes on site during a band break. Let there be no misunderstandings about this drawing. The Vietnam Veterans are doing this drawing. They have been selling tickets for a while now and the winner need not be present. BikesAndRides.com has nothing to do with this drawing other than letting them do it at the New Years Day Ride/ Blessing of the Bikes event. The money they raise from their drawing will be to help pay for the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Monument to be placed at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. The cost of the ticket is a \$20.00 donation. If you can not make the ride you can purchase your ticket from members of V.V.A 1046 or online at [www.VVA1046.com/trike](http://www.VVA1046.com/trike).

We are very happy to announce that the Patriot Guard and will be riding with us

The American Legion offers a fantastic Bloody Mary Breakfast starting at and ending at and the cost is only

Blessing of the Bikes is at 11:00 a.m. and Kick Stands up for the ride at 11:30.

For those of you who would like to donate money for the 5 Star Veterans Center weather you ride a motorcycle or not and can't make this event can send a check made out to 5 Star Veterans Center and mail it to Tim Robbins 9411 Osprey Branch Trail #8 Jacksonville Fl. 32257

If you would like to be a vendor at this event, there is no charge, contact [tim@bikesandrides.com](mailto:tim@bikesandrides.com)

I am looking for volunteers for parking bikes and selling raffle tickets. Hot chicks hardly dressed to sell tickets usually works well. Also needed is people to be along the road side and on bridges to take pictures of the bikes as they pass by.

Semper Fi

Anthony(Tony)D'Aleo, Nicholas J Cutinha Chapter 1046

President, Vietnam Veterans of America, In Service of America

[www.VVA1046.com](http://www.VVA1046.com), Cell # [904-910-2386](tel:904-910-2386)

Fax # [904-551-2886](tel:904-551-2886)



## *Home Depot volunteers, center residents give Five Star Veterans Center a face lift*

*by Clifford Davis, used with the author's and the Jacksonville Times Union's permission*



Bob.Self@jacksonville.com  
Home Depot employee and volunteer Matt Grunik from the Yulee store dumps bags of mulch around the front entrance of the Five Star Veterans Center Thursday in Jacksonville

Dozens of workers and Home Depot volunteers scurried about the Jacksonville grounds of the Five Star Veterans Center Thursday painting, sanding and landscaping.

Television cameras intermingled with guests and onlookers who came by to witness the commotion at Five Star, a veterans meeting place and group home at 40 Acme St. that focuses on rehabilitating post-9/11 veterans.

The scene is a welcome site to those within the center's walls who, just a few months ago, were facing being put out on the street.

"I'm overwhelmed to be honest with you," said Col. Len Loving, the center's CEO. "I'm totally amazed at all the activity. I have to get out of the way to avoid getting painted."

The noticeably upbeat Loving credited Home Depot with sticking by the center throughout its funding struggles in an effort to be legally separated from its former largest donor, the embattled Allied Veterans of the World.

"Home Depot stayed with us," he said. "They were with us to begin with. Helena [Mitrovich] has been a dynamo."

Mitrovich is the head of the Southside Boulevard Home Depot's volunteer wing, Team Depot. She heard about Five Star Veterans Center through her husband who, along with her son, serve with Jacksonville's 489th Transportation Battalion of the Army Reserves.

"One of the first sergeants was telling my husband about this place and the hard times they had with the whole [Allied Veterans] situation," Mitrovich said. "So I just took the initiative and called them up and asked what Home Depot could do for them."

The relationship began with simple things: donating batteries, toilet paper and garbage bags.

Then she heard about Home Depot's Celebration of Service initiative that the company issued with the aim of completing 350 service projects to benefit veterans and their families.

Immediately, Mitrovich thought of Five Star.

The project is focused on renovating a whole wing of the former nursing home, as well as the grounds. The new wing will add about 20 beds to the center that, if demand dictates, can be used as a women's wing.

"This is just outstanding," said Patrick Petty, 30, who as a Marine infantryman served tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. "I was at rock bottom and this place has opened up a whole new world for me. It's great to see this."



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*The St. Augustine Navy League Mixer took place on Thursday evening October 10th at the St. Francis Barracks Officer's Club.*



*President Mike Zollar and Commander Stephen Burdain presented Sailor of the Quarter Award to SN Joseph Lambert. In attendance were: CDR Stephen Burdian (Commanding Officer), LT Justin Smith (Engineer Officer), LT Taylor Kellogg (Operations Officer), Brenda Kellogg (spouse of Ops), SN Joseph Lambert (Sailor of the Quarter) and his wife Jeanne Lambert.*

*Navy League Historian Jana Teehan wowed everyone with her slide presentation of her recent Stephen Ambrose Band of Brothers Tour of Europe. We were all treated to a history lesson about D Day, General Eisenhower, General Patton, Omaha Beach and Dachau.*

*We also were introduced to local WW II Veteran, Mario Patrino, in full uniform, who was one of the original Band of Brothers and parachuted into Normandy on June 6th 1944. Mario was in the 101st Airborne.*

*Everyone enjoyed an outstanding meal prepared by Donna Ponce and her capable kitchen staff.*



Jeanne Lambert, Joseph Lambert,  
SANL Mike Zollar and Commander  
Stephen Burdain, USCG



Jana Teehan presenting her Band  
of Brothers Tour slides



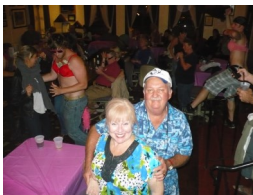
Jana Teehan with Band of  
Brothers Mario Patrino

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## American Legion Post 37, information provided by Adjutant Kevin McKeefery

The American Legion Auxiliary 37 had its annual "Men in Bras" fight for breast cancer event at the post home and donated the proceeds from this event. Auxiliary President Debbie Absher and her officers had a very eventful evening.



Bob and Victoria Kita had a wonderful time and donated several dollars to the event.

The Junior Girls Auxiliary of 37 had its Halloween party at Miss Joany's house and had a great time.



Members of Post 392 of Panama City Legion Riders enjoyed themselves during the annual ride to Saint Augustine and had prime roast dinner. There was over 43 riders and wives participating and donated over 90 dinners that night. Thank you Post 392 for having a great time.

Also the Legion Riders Chapter 37 had served and participated in the event.







## MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT – FLORIDA

### MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Missing in America Project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations. To provide honor, respect and dignity to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes.

### CALL TO HONOR

On Friday, November 08, 2013 at 1:00pm MIAP along with AB Coleman Mortuary will be interring 13 veterans and 1 spouse of a veteran that were located through the work of our dedicated volunteers. This ceremony will be held at the Jacksonville National Cemetery located at 4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218.

You are cordially invited to attend this service in which we will honor these veterans with full military honors.

RSVP by Nov. 04, 2013

Kathy Church

MIAP – FL State Coordinator

(904) 219-3035

[miapjax@yahoo.com](mailto:miapjax@yahoo.com)



Please go to our website @ [www.miap.us](http://www.miap.us) for more info on MIAP

Mark your calendars and plan on attending this event. Please forward this email on to all of your friends as well.

Terry Smith and the Green Turtle Tavern in Fernandina is hosting a benefit for MIAP - FL.



**DATE: VETERANS DAY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013**

**TIME: 5:00pm - 9:00pm**

**LOCATION: GREEN TURTLE TAVERN**

**14 SOUTH 3RD STREET**

**FERANDINA BEACH, FL**

Terry Smith is a local musician and every year he and fellow musicians pick an organization to do benefit for and this year they have chosen MIAP - FL. How fortunate our we? American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54 member, Marge Brewer, gave details about MIAP to Terry and he immediately chose us for their yearly benefit.

Below is a list of things that MIAP needs funds for:

Public "Notices of Intended Action" in newspapers

Postage ofr registered letters to Next of Kin

Copies of Death Certificates

Burial Permits

Accounting

Expenses including insurance to MIAP - National

Office supplies, paper, postal stamps, toners, gloves (to work in files),etc

MIAP will have a table with a display and brochures for this event.

I would like to thank Marge Brewer, Terry Smith and The Green Turtle Tavern in advance,

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***On Saturday, November 9, at 2 PM in the Jacksonville Maritime Heritage Center (JMHC), a special program will be given by Ed Trester. Ed served almost nine years in the U. S. Merchant Marine beginning with his enlistment at age 17 in Sheepshead Bay, NY in 1944.***

As the photographer, Ed recently collaborated with fellow Merchant Marine veteran Gerry Starnes who authored the book, **World War II Combat Veterans of the U. S. Merchant Marine: TORPEDOED for LIFE**. In this newly published book, Gerry and Ed tell the real story of the all volunteer U. S. combat veterans of the Merchant Marine in WWII and (how) the injustice and denial shown to these veterans by the U. S. Congress after the war extends to this day. Ed will also recount some of his harrowing experiences during the war.



Ed will be available after the program to sign copies of this book which will be on sale at the museum gift shop at a price of \$24.95.



The JMHC is proud to host a significant museum display featuring the U. S. Merchant Marine in peace and war and especially the losses it suffered

For Jacksonville Maritime Museum Society (JMMS) members and VIP guests, beverages and light snacks will be served in the Library space beginning at 1:30 PM.

The JMHC is open from 11 AM to 5 PM Tuesday through Saturday. Admission to the museum on Saturday the 19th is **FREE!** As always, donations in the rum barrel out front are welcome to help pay the JMHC light and rent bill!

Ed Trester stayed in the U. S. Merchant Marine until 1954. He moved to Jacksonville after his service and worked for Met Life as an insurance agent until 1983 when he retired and moved to St. Augustine where he still lives today with his wife Maggie.

A few years later, he helped start the St. Augustine Jazz Society, which has grown from a handful of people to more than 350 members. He continues to stay active by speaking about the Merchant Marines and plays the drums in his jazz band, **E.T. Swings**.



*Florida Veterans Programs & Projects, Inc. and the Veterans Council of St. Johns County are working on a new documentary to premiere in November 2014. In order to complete this important documentary about how wounded warriors are able to succeed in today's society with the aid of K9s, we are asking for your help. Please look at the short trailer of what we have done so far and please consider contributing: <http://vimeo.com/71966728>*

*All contributions are tax deductible. Please make checks out to Florida Veterans Programs & Projects, Inc. and mail to 4905 Los Altos Circle, Elkton, FL 32033. Thank you.*



### **Short Summary**

**This documentary tells the story of the K9 For Warriors Program which month after month is radically changing the lives of Post-9/11 veterans who are suffering with PTSD and pairing them with rescued dogs trained to be service dogs. Veterans have described the success of the story as "waking up from a nightmare".**

- **This short documentary is intended to promote the efforts of K9 for Warriors and recruit more donors and veterans**
- **It is important to educate the public about PTSD and how rescued dogs are being used to heal and comfort veterans who thought life for them was over**

**This documentary will allow us to take the inspiring and positive message of K9 for Warriors global letting the world know that healing is not just possible, it's happening.**

**We want to share this uplifting and positive message in a sea of bad news and difficulty that will create a greater audience for the program and it's possibilities.**

### **What We Need & What You Get**

**We need your help. There are production expenses involved in making any film. Please support us to make this film a reality!**

- **Post 9/11 Veterans are suffering in unacceptably high rates and need relief beyond the medication and services that are being offered to them at no avail**

**This project is being sponsored by FVPPI and the Veterans Council of St. Johns County.**

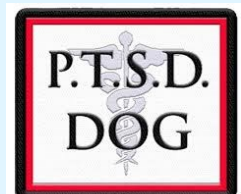
### **Other Ways You Can Help**

- **Please help us spread the word about this film and fundraising.**
- **Forward the trailer on your social media.**

**Email people or even call folks to help us make this happen**



**THANK YOU for being part of this important film about Veterans, rescued dogs and miraculous healing.**



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Tuesday November 12, 2013  
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## **FIRST MILITIA CHAPTER (FMC), AUSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & DINNER**

**THURSDAY, 14 November 2013**

**Social @ 6:00 p.m. followed by Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Officers' Club, Saint Francis Barracks  
82 Marine St., St. Augustine, Florida**

**Cost: \$14.00      Dress: Casual**

**Guest Speaker:**

**LTG (Ret) Roger Thompson**

**AUSA National Vice President, Membership & Meetings**

**Program: AUSA National Update**

**Chapter Business Reports**

**50/50 Drawing**

**"Fish and Grits Dinner"**

**Dinner Menu: Fried Fish\*,**

**Grits, Hush Puppies, Baked Beans, Iced tea & Lemonade**

**Dessert: Homemade Blueberry Cobbler**

**DUE TO THE MENU ADVANCED PAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED"**

**The Veterans Council wants to thank AJ Sartin for being the VC website administrator. John Mountcastle has set-up a guide for all veterans/not for profit groups on what you need to know to stay in compliance with IRS regulations.**



**The IRS info page has been added to the WebSite under the IRS & Charities button.**

**[www.VeteransCouncilOfStJohns.org](http://www.VeteransCouncilOfStJohns.org) or**  
**[www.StJohnsVetsCouncil.org](http://www.StJohnsVetsCouncil.org)**

**If you click on them, the .pdf file opens. If the file does not open you can get Adobe Reader here, just click on <http://get.adobe.com/reader/> and you can download the file.**

**If you still cannot open this link contact Michael at:**  
**[mrothfeld@anyveteran.org](mailto:mrothfeld@anyveteran.org)**

**The Military Museum of North Florida is a non profit organization dedicated the honoring those men and women that have served their country in the armed forces via artifacts, displays and military memorabilia. Admission is free but donations are welcome.**



**The museum is located on Rt 16 in Green Cove Springs FL 1 1/2 miles East of US 17 and 1 1/2 miles West of the Shands Bridge.**

**The Museums' hours are: 10:00 to 3:00  
Thursday through Saturday and 12:00 to 4:00 on Sundays.**

**Call (904) 584-8719 for more information Herb Steigelman,  
Curator**

**Liz Peak, Project Manager**  
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[www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com)



To: supporters of our veterans, military service members, and those that are transportation disadvantaged due to age, ability or income

You are invited to participate in the Regional Mobility Workshop hosted by the Jacksonville Transportation Authority on behalf of the Northeast Florida Mobility Coalition. This workshop is part of a series of workshops that have identified the transportation needs, services available and the gaps in transportation service in our region.

An analysis of the transportation need of our area's veterans, military service members, and those that are transportation disadvantaged has been completed and will be provided to you at the workshop. Preliminary strategies and action steps have been drafted to expand the coordination of transportation services and the availability of information on the diverse transportation options available.

The upcoming workshop will focus on finalizing these strategies and developing an action plan to implement them. Your participation will be appreciated by your colleagues, constituents and customers.

The Regional Mobility Workshop will be held on:

November 5, 2013

1400 to 1600 (2pm to 4pm)

FSCJ Kent Campus Auditorium

3939 Roosevelt Boulevard

Please forward this invitation to your colleagues who may also be able to provide valuable input to improve the coordination of transportation options in our region. Please also send your RSVP to me at [lpeak@jtafla.com](mailto:lpeak@jtafla.com).

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Honorary Chairman,  
Bo Bozard

## Forward March

Forward March INC. is a non-profit, 501(C)3 created for the specific purpose of supporting the increasing public awareness of and the growing interest in the historic heritage of the greater St. Augustine, FL area, through educational programs and charitable activities. The organizational purpose will be fulfilled through the creation, development, and presentation of educational programs, activities and displays, as well as support of archeological and restoration projects that promote the education of the public regarding the many significant historic and military events that have occurred in N.E. Florida. These educational activities will be funded through grants, donations and public fundraising events.



Honorary Chairman,  
SGM Ray Quinn  
(FLARNG), Ret.)

### The Legion Legacy Will:

Establish a welcome center for civilian and military visitors to St. Augustine

Create an educational environment displaying art and artifacts representing 450 years of military history in St. Augustine

Expand scholarship programs for youth that encourage patriotic services and historical research

***100% of your donation will be used to complete the Legion Legacy Project, please send your tax deductible contributions to:***

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### AUSA First Militia Chapter 4th Annual Corporate Member Mixer

AUSA's Corporate Members are local businesses, large corporations, civic groups, veteran's organizations, social and local community groups.



Chapter President  
COL Lisa Craig

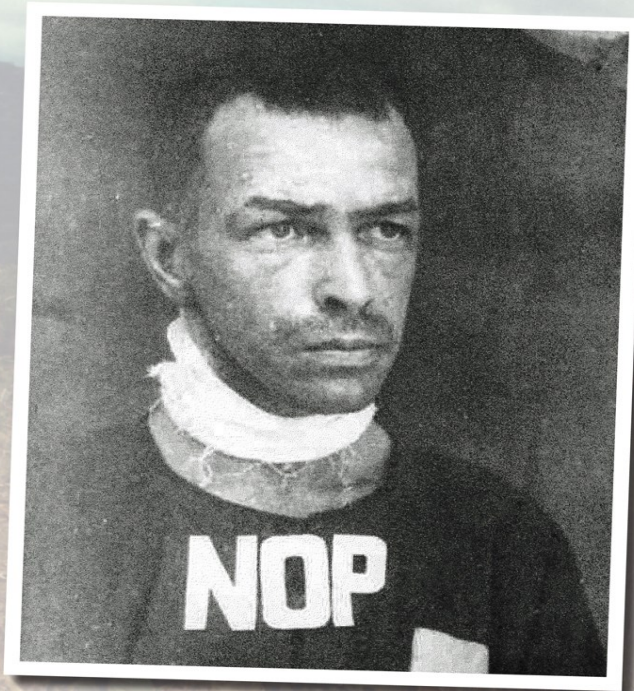
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## NEASE NJROTC RECOGNIZED BY NAVY LEAGUE AS NUMBER TWO MOST OUTSTANDING NAVY JROTC UNIT IN THE NATION

Nease Navy Junior ROTC cadets earned the distinction as the number two Most Outstanding Unit in the nation (#2 of 583 units)! This distinction is a result of the incredible involvement and dedication of the cadets, parents and instructors. This award is based on a number of statistics. The six page spreadsheet of data reviewed for this prestigious award includes in part: Cadet Awards presented from outside agencies, Freshman Orientation, SAT/ACT testing, Average GPA of cadets, College Campus Visits, Day and Overnight Orientation Field Trips, Scholarships Awarded, Community Service Hours, Hosting of JROTC events and Participation in Various JROTC Competitions and placement within them.

Nease NJROTC accumulated over 4,200 hours of community service last school year, had over 22 cadets receive outside end-of-year awards for leadership and scholarship, completed eight one-day field trips and three overnight field trips, had 82 cadets on the Nease honor roll (28 with a 3.5 or higher), hosted four major events at their unit and participated within sixteen competitive events.

The unit has been chosen as the Number One Most Outstanding NJROTC unit in this area of the country six of the last ten years. For School Year 2012/13 they were again the number one unit in Area-12. Each Area sent information about their #1 unit to Commander Naval Service Training Command and that staff chose the top three in the country.

The consistent hard work and community involvement of the cadets of Nease NJROTC were recognized by their Headquarters, resulting in this much deserved and prestigious award. Nease NJROTC once again proved their motto of "A Cut Above" is more than a motto!!! Congratulations to the cadets, parents and instructors!!

NOTE: picture on right are members of the Navy League presenting the trophy for #2 Most Outstanding NJROTC Unit in the Nation to the cadet staff of Nease NJROTC. Pictured left to right are: Cadet Ensign Jack Kahlbaugh (Charlie Company Commander), Cadet Ensign Connor Russell (Academic Team Commander), Cadet Commander Will Duncan (Battalion Commander), Mr. Bill Hamm (St Augustine Navy League VP of Youth Programs), Mr. Mike Zollar (St. Augustine Navy League Council President), Mr. Bill Dudley (National Navy League Vice President) and Mr. Lee Spancake (St. Augustine Navy League Assistant for Youth Programs).



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This fundraiser is by The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1046, Jacksonville, FL

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Winners will be responsible for all taxes, fees and picking up or transporting their prize. The gift card can be mailed. The rifle winner must be of legal age.

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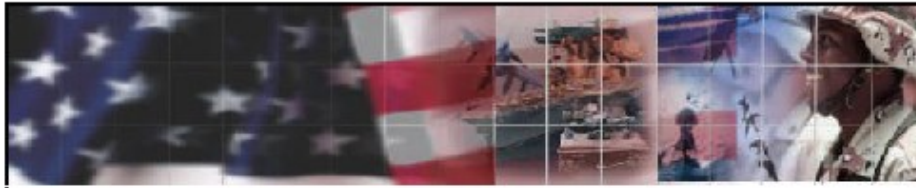


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# Vets 4 Vets

Gathering of Veterans  
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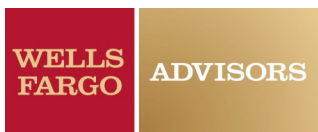
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Ceremony at Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home

**The Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Inc. is a  
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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 at the Elks Lodge,  
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We want to tell everyone about where you served, who you served with, any interesting or exciting battles you were in, etc. We also want to know what you are doing now, what veterans groups you belong to, how to join, when they meet and what they do.

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