

VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

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Message from the Chairman

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Council. Many major events War Plaque will take place that we have months. On Oct. 30, we will Day Parade 8 celebrate the dedication of our interim CBOC and ribbon cut- Your Veterans Council comcalendar to attend.

The following are the major events your Veterans Council have given much to defend and will be involved in:

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5 Nov. 8:30 AM Valley Ridge HS Veterans Day event The Nov. 8 K9's For Warriors

6 Nov. Pines HS Veterans Day event nentially. We are expecting

7 Nov. 1-4 PM Veterans Fund Raiser at Ancient City Brewing

Warriors Program at Anastasia city. Please plan to attend both

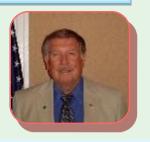
10 Nov. 9:30 AM COA River November will be a busy House Veterans Day Program month for your Veterans 10 Nov. 4:00 PM Vietnam

Church

been preparing for many 11 Nov. 10:30 AM Veterans

ting ceremony. This will take mittees and respective organiplace at 11 AM in front of the zations having been working new CBOC interim facility. diligently for many months to 16 Be sure you have this on your put these programs together to honor our veterans. Be sure you and your friends come out to help us honor those who protect our country.

> Program and the Veterans Day 8:30 AM Liberty Parade have both grown expolarge turnouts for both events. The K9's for Warriors is the fifth in a series of documentaries we have produced and the parade is the first military 1:30 PM K9s For parade ever conducted in our



events and bring your family and friends. Both events are

free. Parking in the downtown area will also be free on Veterans Day at all metered parking spots.

Our Wreaths Across America program only has about one month left to raise money for the 1218 wreaths needed to provide a wreath for each headstone in our St. Augustine National Cemetery. We still have to sell another 537 wreaths to make this year's goal. Please canvas your organizations for a donation. We have made a commitment to assure every headstone has a wreath each year. Please help us honor that commitment.

Bill Dudley Chairman Veterans Council o f St. Johns County



Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home Where Patriotism is our Motto









The Cookout



Pumpkin Time



Happy Birthday to the Navy

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 Monday,



JNC SC Chairman, Ray Quinn

December 7, 2015. 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

Assist Treasurer: Michael Rothfeld

Secretary: Kathy Church Chaplain: Michael Halvard

Master-At-Arms: Joe McDermott JAG Officer: Patrick Bennett Historian: Jody Raymond

VOLUNTEERS are needed! http://jacksonvilleladies.org

Membership in The Jacksonville Ladies/Gentlemen is strictly voluntary and is open to all Ladies and Gentlemen who have a sincere desire to pay final tribute to our Veterans. A Volunteer is there to attend every Service, not to "intrude" but to stand as a "silent witness" and give honor to the Veteran and condolences to their families. It is not a "typical" Volunteer position, it must come from the heart. It is an honor to be a part of these ceremonies that pay tribute to the everyday heroes that make up our armed forces. The Volunteers give back a little to those who have given so much for our great country.

How to Volunteer - http://jacksonvilleladies.org

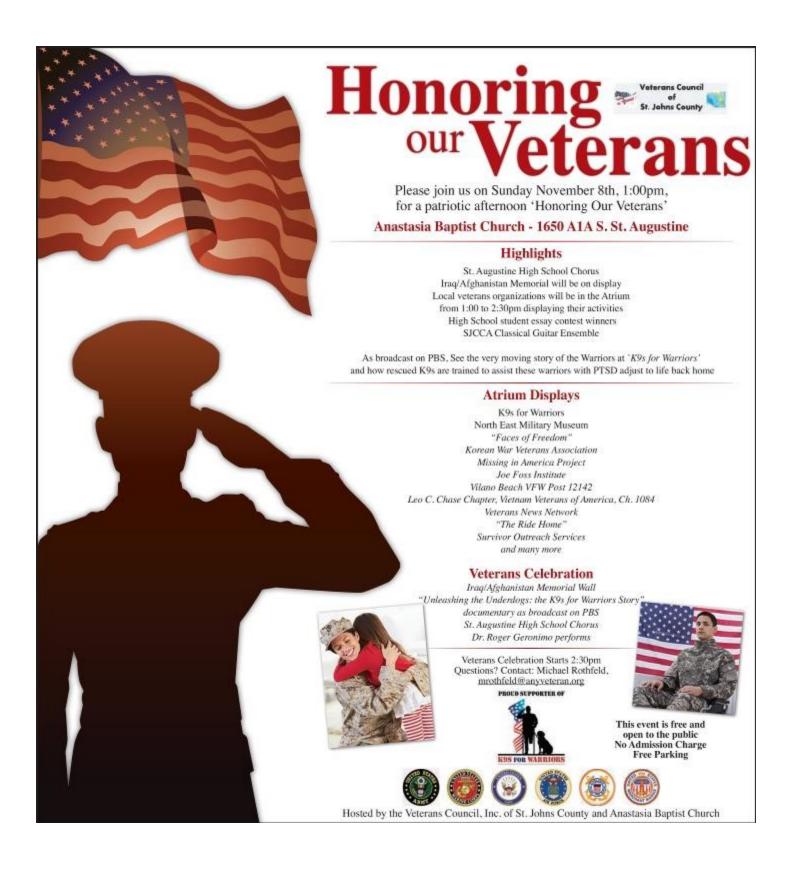
The Jacksonville Ladies/Gentlemen are a very special group of Volunteers dedicated to being the "Silent Witness" for the Service of a Veteran and/or their Spouse. Especially important are those with no family present so they are not laid to rest alone. We also hope to provide some comfort to the family.

The only requirements are compassion, dedication and the sincere desire to honor our Veterans for their service to our country.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a Volunteer please contact Chair Gail Williams at 904-291-0604 or Vice Chair Kathy Cayton at 904-272-9489.

You can also fill out the form in the link below and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible.

http://www.jacksonvilleladies.org/



FIRST MILITIA CHAPTER (FMC), AUSA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & DINNER

TUESDAY, 17 November 2015 (NOTE: NOT THURSDAY!) Social @ 6:00 p.m. followed by Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.

> LOCATION: Mark W. Lance Armory 190 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, Florida

> > Cost: \$14.00 Dress: Casual

Guest Speaker:

GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, USA Ret.

32nd Chief of Staff of the Army and AUSA President/CEO
Accompanied by SMA Kenneth O. Preston, USA Ret.

13th Sergeant Major of the Army and Director, NCO & Soldier Programs

Program: GEN Sullivan's Remarks Chapter Business Reports 50/50 Drawing

Menu: Fried Seafood Dinner

Fried Fish and Shrimp, Grits, Hush puppies, & green beans Iced tea, lemonade, and banana pudding [Alternate entrée item (grilled chicken breast) available]

DUE TO THE MENU "ADVANCED PAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED"

Please submit your reservations and payment to arrive no later than 12 November 2015 by completing the form below to: First Militia Chapter, AUSA P.O. Box 3883, St. Augustine, FL 32085-3883. (Make checks payable to: First Militia Chapter). You can also pay online at http://mkt.com/first-militia-chapter-ausa. For additional information, please call (904)823-0654 or email karen.m.smith1.mil@mail.mil.

Name:	Number of Reservations:
Guest:	Amount of Check:
Alternate entrée (Grilled Chic	ken) requested? How many?







WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1PM - 4PM

Where: Ancient City Brewing - 3420 Agricultural Center Dr #8, St Augustine, FL 32092

JOIN ANCIENT CITY BREWING AND FLORIDA SENATOR TRAVIS HUTSON IN SUPPORT OF THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY.

\$1 FROM EVERY BEER SOLD WILL BE DONATED TO THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF \$T. JOHNS COUNTY.
FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE ON SITE WITH COMPLIMENTARY FOOD FOR ALL WHO PURCHASE BEER.
FOOD WILL BE PAID FOR BY SENATOR HUTSON.

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND SHOW SUPPORT FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY'S VETERANS,

THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, INC. IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT FLORIDA CORPORATION, THEIR 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.

POC FOR QUESTIONS IS MARK P. MINER AT 904-230-9795 OR MARK.MINER@EDWARDJONES.COM.

For several years, D.A.V. FI Chapter 6 has furnished the passenger vans for the delivery of Veterans between the St. Augustine Clinic and the Gainesville, V.A. Hospital, and back, Monday – Friday. The Van departs the Clinic every weekday at 0600. Phone (904) 209-3710 to schedule a ride. Drivers furnished by the COA are:

Monday – Lonnie Woodard; Tuesday – Jack LaLonde Wednesday – Floyd Bubba; Thursday – Bob Garlander Friday – Robert "Butch" Harrison





Eight Inducted into 2015 Class of the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Gov. Rick Scott and the Cabinet today inducted eight individuals into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame. The unanimous vote for the Class of 2015 came during the Sept. 29 Cabinet Meeting at the Capitol.

Inductees are:

- 1. Charles E. Bennett, U.S. Army veteran (deceased)
- 2. Laurence O. "Larry" Campbell, U.S. Marine Corps veteran (deceased)
 - 3. Chief Master Sgt. Charles E. LeCroy, U.S. Air Force (retired)
 - 4. Lawton M. Chiles, U.S. Army veteran (deceased)
 - 5. Col. Curtis V. "Curt" Ebitz, U.S. Army (retired)
 - 6. Col. Warren "Rocky" McPherson, U.S. Marine Corps (retired)
 - 7. Gerald V. Myers, U.S. Army veteran (deceased)
 - 8. Maj. Gen. Earl G. Peck, U.S. Air Force (retired)

The Florida Veterans' 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.

An induction ceremony to honor the eight inductees will be scheduled in the future.

For more information, visit http://www.floridaveteranshalloffame.org/index.asp

From BG Capps, USA, ret

On Friday October 9, 2015, I attended an **Army Viet Nam Bird Dog Unit Memorial Dedication at Ft. Rucker, AL**. This monument and memorial was dedicated in honor of those unit members that paid the supreme price while serving in the 11 company size units from 1963 till 1972. The ceremony was well attended by more than 400 veteran unit members, family and friends. The monument has 11 panels that recognizes each unit, its sector of responsibility and lists the names of those brave soldiers that died serving their country.

The Bird Dog is a small single engine plane made by Cessna and carried a pilot and observer. Its high wing, low speed maneuverability, tandem seating, long flight time, and all-around windows proved an ideal observation platform. Its adaptability, simplicity and ability to use short, rough airstrips allowed the aircraft to operate from many small outposts. Its mission was to find the enemy and direct combat forces to engage and destroy the targets. Usually two aircraft was assigned to each major combat command and they lived with the supported units. This provided direct support to the combat commander such as the surveillance, reconnaissance and communication over combat operations.

Easy to fly but hard to land, many were lost in accidents and combat. But many more Bird Dogs survived enemy fire to complete their missions and bring the crews home. Feared as an avenging angel by her enemies, this tough little airplane was a guardian angel over our ground forces.

BIRD Dog

Army Eyes Above The Battle





THE VETERAN'S DAY GRAND PARADE ST. AUGUSTINE, 11 NOVEMBER, 2015

An extraordinary parade will be held in St. Augustine this Veterans Day to celebrate the city's unique, 450 year long military heritage. Organized by the 450th Military Commemoration Committee, the Veterans Council of St. Johns County, and the Ancient City Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, the parade brings to a climax programs and events held in the city during 2015 that have underscored the close relationship the city has had with veterans and the military for centuries.



As a tribute to those who have secured the freedom we enjoy today, and a testament to the enduring need for such selfless service and sacrifice in the future, the marchers represent those who have gone before, those serving now, and those who will serve in the future. Featured will be re-enactors representing veterans from every era of St. Augustine's unique military history, Army Engineer troops from Fort Stewart, Color Guards representing the Florida National Guard and the military services, Junior ROTC drill teams and marching units from the three St. Johns County high schools. The Navy Region South East Band, the St. Augustine High School and Ponte Vedra High School combined marching bands, and massed pipes and drums will provide parade music. Prizes will be awarded to JROTC marching units, and the massed colors of over 30 veteran and civic organizations representing more than 23,000 veterans living in St. Johns County will form an

 impressive tableau in front of the Castillo de San Marcos.

The parade exits St. Francis Field at 10:50 AM, passes the reviewing stand of civic and international dignitaries the Castillo de San Marcos at 11:00, then proceeds to the town square. (map)

Throughout the day, static displays on the Castillo grounds and in the harbor will feature a Coast Guard helicopter, patrol boats, plus Army and National Guard vehicles and weapons. A fly over by modern and vintage planes will complete the tribute on air, land, and sea.

For more information, contact George Linardos at: gl@snowdogs.us or Bill Dudley at: anuday00@aol.com

The Grand Parade

Veterans Day - St. Augustine



"Honoring 450 Years of Service and Sacrifice"

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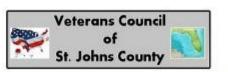


2015

Wednesday November 11th -10:30 AM. Reviewing Stand - Castillo de San Marcos Castillo Drive/San Marco Ave

450th Military Commemoration Committee
Military Officers Association of America- Ancient City Chapter
Veterans Council of St. Johns County







Jerry Domask, Vietnam Veteran, Artist, Friend

With the popularity of the war series, "Reflections – Vietnam War 45 Years Later", Jerry Domask has become a sought after speaker for veteran, civic, and community groups as well as high schools and universities. Jerry selects paintings tailored to an audience's specific interests and demographics.



His art reinforces the narrative and brings to life the tragedies of war. People suffer, property is destroyed. The paintings, sometimes symbolic, other times realistic, send a clear message. There is no "good" war.

Jerry also mentions it is his opinion that a few wars may have been necessary for America's participation. Examples offered are the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, plus WWI and WWII.

Everyone suffers; the combatants, their families, loved ones, neighbors, the population! War raises havoc and destruction on people, property and public infrastructure without discrimination. All suffer! Each commentary is summarized by thoughts on how to avoid, prevent and limit future conflicts.

http://jeromedomaskfineart.com

The next V4V is **JANUARY 16th**...Pass the word and let's have a good turnout from all the counties.



Check out the V4V FaceBook page for updates ...Like the page so we can keep you informed and share the page with others, we need to get more Veterans involved...

www.facebook.com/Vets4VetsNJax

V4V is not political, we are all about taking care of Veterans.. We are a movement that believes "Where there is no vision the people perish". If veterans see "vision" they will attend and we will flourish and make a difference.

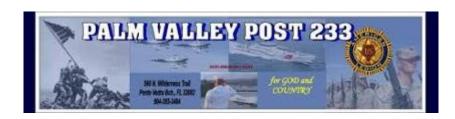
Inform, Connect, Grow and Organize/Unite.

Veteran issues are better addressed by another Veteran

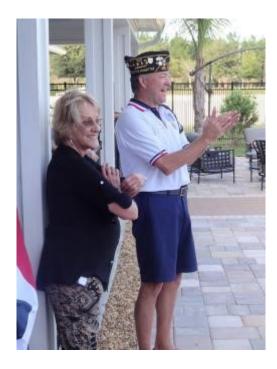


JANUARY16TH VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA

Pass the Word



K-9 for Warriors held its graduation on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at Camp K9, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Post 233 members and volunteers were invited to share in the graduation of eight Veterans and their k9 companions. Post 233 Commander Sonny Kirkwood presented personalized Letters of Appreciation and Gratitude to each warrior and was assisted by Post 233 Sergeant-at-Arms, J. R. Mathis, Jr., at the ceremony. Congratulations to the eight warriors and their K-9 companions!





Vietnam War Plaque Dedication

CEREMONY AND RETREAT



Tuesday - November 10, 2015 at 4 p.m.

Patriot Field, St. Francis Barracks
82 Marine Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN ST. AUGUSTINE OFFICERS' CLUB



You are cordially invited to attend the Fallen Heroes Military Tribute Memorial Service on Sunday, November 15th at 6:00pm

The memorial service will feature speakers from each branch of the military as well as musical presentations to honor the fallen heroes.

The service will be emceed by Seargent Major (ret) Ray Quinn,

Chairman of the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Committee and

Vice Chairman of the St. Johns County Veteran's Council.

The 'Field of Crosses' individually names the fallen heroes of Florida from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, as well as dedicating larger crosses to heroes of all wars.

Please RSVP by November 7th, 2015 to fallenheroesofstjohns@gmail.com

Presented by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. There is no charge or requested donation.











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	Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00				
	Small Business- 10 Wreaths	\$16	5D.QD			
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Format

Four-Person Team/Captain's Choice/Best Ball Scramble
Registration & Continental Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start 9:00 a.m. Tee Time
Lunch will also be served.

Registration limited to 140 participants Rain Date: November 22, 2015 * No Refunds

Corporate Sponsors - \$300

* Name on Hole * One FREE Team

Sunday, November 15th, 2015
at the St. Augustine Shores Golf Club
Proceeds to benefit the
LEO C. CHASE JR. CHAPTER #1084
FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION INC.





Special Events

*50/50 Drawing *Putting Contest* Prize Drawing
* Mulligans \$\$\$*Landing on the Green for Par 3
* "Most Creative" Attire Contest

Prizes

1st, 2nd & 3rd Teams Overall Longest Drive for Men and Women * Straightest Drive * Closest to the Beer* Closest to the pin * Last Place

Special Prize
Hole-in-One **Hole TBD

Hole Sponsors - \$50

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	Phone
Captain's Name Email Phone Address	EmailPhone

Sponsor/Donor Brief for Golf Tournament

VVA Chapter #1084 Community Outreach

A very significant part of VVA Chapter #1084's purpose is to give back to our conity. We have several programs or projects to which our members are giving the time, talent and treasure. Some of these are ongoing and others are seasonal. are directly related to veterans while others such as the Education Committee a volved with mentoring and recognizing youth in our community. We are a 501c(ganization.

Florida National Guard Foundation

The Florida National Guard Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides support to the men and women of the Florida National Guard in times of emergencies and deployments. Due to its low administrative costs, 95 percent of the donations to the Foundation go directly to assisting the men and women of the Florida National Guard. The Foundation is a 501c(3) organization.

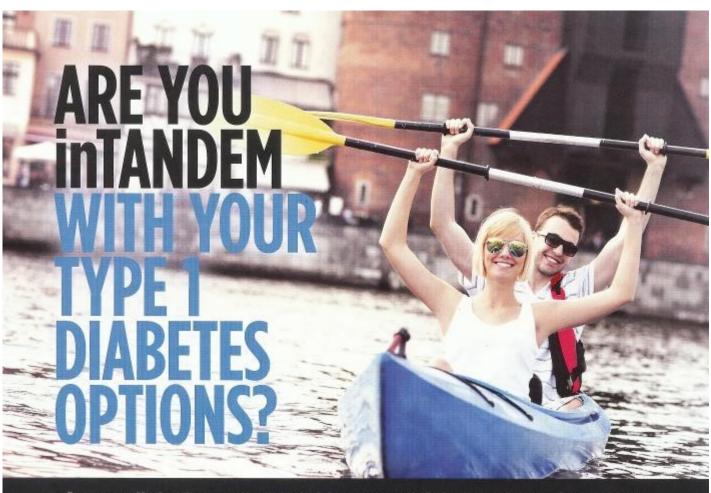
In the past year, the Florida National Guard Foundation provided \$85,000 to sup Soldiers and Airmen and their families by providing assistance with vehicle repa groceries, gas, medical expenses and household bills.

Regards, Bob Dinkins - President, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1084, St. Johns County, Fl, 904-540-1898, president@vva1084.org "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

Florida National Guard in the News

-- Veterans 2 Volunteers is an initiative that links Veterans (active, guard and retired) to our Guard members and Families that are currently serving. No one understands the life of the Military and their Families like our Veterans. Veterans know what it means to give all for all. They also know the cost and the benefits of volunteerism. Family Day events, welcome home ceremonies, departure ceremonies, or appointed positions in a Commander's Family Readiness Group are a few of the ways that our Veterans can assist the Florida National Guard Family Readiness Program. We are actively recruiting Veterans all over the State of Florida to assist our National Guard and their Families.

To get involved contact <u>Veterans2volunteers@gmail.com</u> or visit <u>https://www.facebook.com/Veterans2Volunteers</u>



A new clinical research trial is now studying an investigational oral product inTANDEM with your current insulin regimen.

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- Are 18 years old or older
- · Have a confirmed diagnosis of Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
 - Have A1C levels 7 10%



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Vilano Beach VFW now has 3 Wheelchairs available for St. Johns County Veterans



- 1. 2. 3.
- 1 Pride Jazzy Jet 2 Heavy Duty Electric Wheelchair with on-board Charger & Manual.
- 2 Pride Jazzy Select Electric Wheelchair with Charger & Manual.
- 3 Pride Jazzy 1120 Electric Wheelchair with on-board Charger & Manual.

Any St. Johns County Veteran needing a chair, contact Vilano Beach VFW @ (904) 669-1946



Missing In America Project



SAVE THE DATE -SAVE THE DATE - SAVE THE DATE

Our numbers keep increasing on a daily basis. As of 6/03/2015 here is our Nationwide Progress to Date

Total Funeral Homes Visited - 1,777 Cremains Found - 11,269 Veterans Cremains Identified - 2,597 Veterans Interred - 2,360.

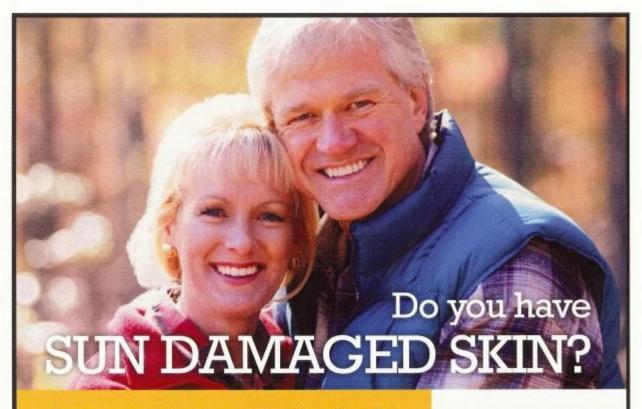
If you want more info on MIAP go to www.miap.us. Please feel free to also contact me @ miapjax@yahoo.com. There are many ways you can become involved with our Project.

MIAP - FL will be holding the following services on the dates listed.

Details will be published as it gets closer to the date.

November 05, 2015 @ 1:00pm (Thursday) Sarasota National Cemetery

December 05, 2015 @ 10:00am (Saturday) South Florida National Cemetery



Are you in the SUN a lot?

We are now conducting a clinical research study to evaluate an investigational cream and its effect on sun damaged skin (Actinic Keratosis).

Do you have scaly or rough lesions on your face or scalp?

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

Qualifying participants will receive financial compensation for their time and travel.

You may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study if you:

- Are you 18 years or age or older
- Have scaly or rough lesions on your face or scalp
- Can visit our office 4 times in 20 weeks

For more information, or to schedule a screening, please contact us at :

Solutions Through Advanced Research, Inc. 12086 Fort Caroline Road Jacksonville, FL 32225 904-619-8157



"Honoring the Dead by Helping the Living"

For more information, contact A. J. Sartin (904) 669-1946

Offered by the Vilano Beach VFW Post 12142, VilanoBeachVFW@att.net

Vilano Beach VFW Post 12142 collects Walkers, Wheel Chairs, and Power Wheel Chairs for distribution to other Veterans in need.

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

The P320 Travel-Ease Regal has an 18"W x 16"D swivel seat, flip up armrests, headrest and flip-up footboard. The Travel-Ease comes with batteries and runs up to 4.5 mph.

The small footprint is perfect for getting around indoors, but don't be fooled, it's out-door performance is second to none. The P320 has an excellent torque-range for consistent pulling no matter what the terrain does.



The Merits P320 Travel-Ease Regal is stylish and compact. Its low center of gravity, tight turning radius of 23" and excellent maneuverability makes it extra stable and gives you a high level of freedom.

The P320's 9" Foam-Filled Drive wheels and 8" front casters can take you just about anywhere.

Work great indoors and outdoors. The P320 has a maximum speed of 4.5 mph and a range of about 15 miles.

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Lightweight, agile, the Elite Traveller.

18AH battery option for extended drive range

Comes with blue, and red shroud covers

Front frame-mounted seat post offers maximum stability

Key Specs

Top Speed: 4.25 mph

Drive Range: 10.00 miles (this may vary, depending on charge and life of battery)

Heaviest Piece: 28 lbs., Rider Weight capacity: 300 lbs., Weight: 96 lbs.

Wheelchair Walker Folding Combination, without basket (pictured on left)









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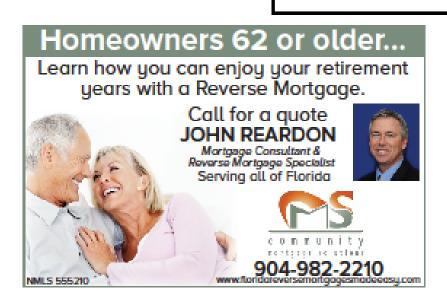
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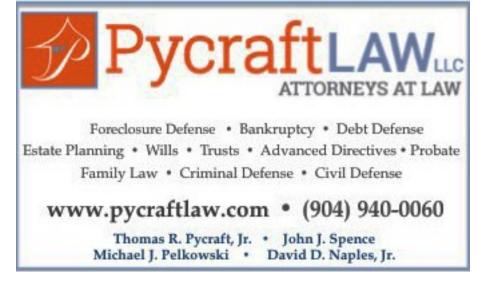
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Veterans Council of St. Johns County, "Helping All Veterans"

The Veterans Council of St. Johns County welcomes article submissions from all County Veterans & organizations. Articles should be of interest to all and veterans related. Submissions may be edited &/or shortened and used if space permits.

Send to: mrothfeld@anyveteran.org



The new Veterans Service Office is now open and ready to serve you.



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

Veterans Service Office 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

Service is by appointment.
Phone: 904-209-6160 Fax: 904-209-6161
Joseph McDermott, CVSO
Rick Rees, Assistant VSO
Tammy Shirley, Assistant VSO
Lashonda Burns, Office Specialist

The views expressed in The Patriot Reader Newsletter articles, submissions and spotlights are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the Veterans Council of St. Johns County or the editors of The Patriot Reader. It is the purpose of this periodical to share a variety of information that pertain to local veterans and their organizations.