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## Mission Statements

**Brevard Veterans Council:** The mission of the Brevard Veterans Council is to work in conjunction with area veterans, local government, and other veterans' organizations to support and promote the interests and welfare of Brevard County veterans and their families.

**Veterans Memorial Center:** The mission of the Veterans Memorial Center is to maintain and operate a premier facility to support veterans and their families, educate the public, and provide a vibrant memorial to the service and sacrifice of all military veterans through a museum, memorial plaza, library, and park.

## The Council Courier

The Courier is a monthly publication prepared and distributed in both print and electronic forms by the Brevard Veterans Council. It reports the ongoing projects by the many committees and departments.

Articles for submission must be sent to the address listed below.

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# Council Chairman's Report

By: Donn Weaver  
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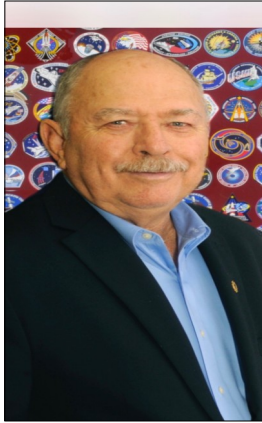
As your Chairman for another year, I want to begin this message with a simple “Thank You”. Not for just your vote for our new team, but for your interest and caring about the Council and the VMC. May you enjoy volunteering at the VMC in the coming year and continue to help our missions impact more and more people.

In this edition of your Courier you will find our 2021-22 Leadership Team. With elections behind us (check out some great photos of the event in these pages), we are now reaching out to get volunteers to support our many great committees as we move forward. If you have not been contacted by the leadership team about committee roles for the coming year, please reach out to any of us if you are interested in making things happen through our committee system. Committee assignments will be reported in the September Courier, but it is a living document all year long. As one Board member told me today when I suggested he try out a brand new committee slot, he said, “Let me test drive it and see if it works for me and the VMC”. Great approach. Fine tuning is always a good thing. The elections give us some breathing space to do just that over the next 12 months. By no means inclusive, here is a list of some initial fine tuning being considered.:

- Create a New, Standing Committee all Year Long to Conduct a new version of “Stand Down” called “Stand Up “ on an annual basis, but also work with other county groups focused on homeless and at risk veterans all during the year.
  - Create a Park Planning Committee with other County organizations as we prepare for a \$1.3 M upgrade leading to the \$2.3 M Amphitheater.
  - At the same time set up an internal Parks Events and Scheduling Committee to better handle the dozens of events we expect to happen in our beautiful Park in the coming year.
  - Improve our social media outreach and advertising.
  - Assist our growing Women Veterans Outreach Committee
  - Get more volunteers engaged in supporting our Plaza and the artifacts therein
  - Increase numbers of members, volunteers and contributors in the community
  - Work with a redesigned Veteran Support Committee and Program aimed at helping at-risk veterans as much as homeless veterans.
  - As regulations and attendance allow, fully return to big events and many new activities as well, including Missing in America, Vets Back to Class, Wreaths Across America, school museum tours, JROTC and Scouting events, Key Lime Pie Festival, concerts, 9/11 20th, Veterans Day and so much more.
- We have the venue that allows for fantastic events through imagination and we have the support of the local government and community. And, thanks to you, we have the people that will make so much happen so well in the year ahead.



# VMC Presidents Report



By Former LCDR Dean Schaaf  
Veteran United States Navy Aviation

Just as Donn as the BVC Chairman said, I want to thank everyone for their faith in me to serve as your VMC President for another year. This is my fifth year as your president, and I follow the Military Officers Association motto of “never stop serving”. On the other hand, Susan keeps reminding me that “we are retired, right?” .

I want to thank the Scholarship Committee for their work in reviewing and selecting the awardees of our 2021 scholarships, listed in another section of the Courier. We were able to award \$8,000 this year. Thanks to the Bridge Club and the Friday Night dances for their support.

As you can see on Donn’s events calendar, we have a lot going on the next few months. We will need volunteers to staff some of these events, so please give us a hand during these events.

Everyone should also pay close attention to the Covid 19 Delta variant and its impact on the community and the Center. We will be watching the impact closely and adjust accordingly if the CDC and other officials deem it necessary.

The General Meeting, swearing in ceremony, and the awards presentations went very well. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time and efforts to the Center over the past years. I wish we could do more to recognize your efforts. Please continue to document your hours with Sandy Ellison. Sandy, thank you for everything you do for the Executive Committee, membership and tracking the volunteer hours.







By Kristie Blanchard Capt.  
U.S. Army—Military Academy,  
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# Member Awards 2020 - 2021



(Left) Plaque photo courtesy of Dean Schaaf)

**WE CAN FIND MEANING AND REWARD BY SERVING SOME HIGHER PURPOSE THAN OURSELVES, A SHINING PURPOSE, THE ILLUMINATION OF A THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT... WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE. " — PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH, FOUNDER OF POINTS OF LIGHT**

## **GOLD AWARDS – 500+ HOURS**

**Ed Pingston, Ted Suzor, Donn Weaver, Ted Schmid, Dorothy Walsh, Dean Schaaf, Doris Hendricks, Kristi Blanchard, Bob Estes, Dave Boyd**

## **SILVER AWARDS – 250-499 HOURS**

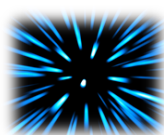
**Brian Whalen, Jalaine Spears, Joe Davie, Sandy Eliason, Paul Julian**

## **BRONZE AWARDS – 100-249 HOURS.**

**Mike Wrazen, Eleanor Fadok, Mary Ann Tucker, Allen Spence, Bill Pollock, Don Pearsall, Hank Rhodes, Rich Tomasso, Gwen Felker, Rob Whisenant, Steve Girkey, Helen Magner, Vic Rogers, Bill Wilkening, Ray Norman, Harry Beaver**

## **RECOGNITION – 50-99 HOURS**

**Bill Dansbury, Garet McKimmie, Ross Amelio, Donna Longway, Nolan Aycock, Norm Desmarais, Jay Longway, Roger Bonnet, Jill Rippon, Wayne Rowe, Kiarra Richardson, Doug Bisset, Chris Gibson, Jim Greene, Gary Dentiemont, Ernie Hoffman, Les Beecher, Mike Schulz**



## 2021-2022

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# Chaplin's Corner



By: Chaplin Chip Hansen  
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Marine Corps

Breakfast & Lunch Donna & Robert Lahr Owners

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A positive, practical approach  
to Christianity based on Jesus's teachings  
and the power of prayer.

This month I am going to pass along information about our National Cemeteries.

Burial is available to all Veterans with Honorable discharges and for their spouses and dependents. The Veteran name and personal information will be inscribed on the front of the headstone, and the spouse or dependent's name and personal information will be inscribed on the back of the Veteran's headstone, or underneath the Veteran's name if in the columbarium, at no cost to the family.

Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried, even if they predecease the Veteran. Burial benefits include a gravesite in any V A cemeteries with available space. Opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, are included at no cost to the family. Some Veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowance. All Veterans are entitled to Military honors. This includes the folding and presentation of the American Flag to the Spouse and the playing of Taps.

Cremated remains represent about 75% of interments in National Cemeteries, they receive the same honors as casketed remains. However, with cremated remains there are 4 separate ways of interment. They can be buried in the same manner as a casket, with the same headstone as a standard casket grave, the cremated remains can also be placed in the columbarium, (a freestanding wall with areas for the urns or the ashes can be placed in the memorial Garden) and the name placed on the Memorial Wall, finally If the Family chooses to spread the ashes in a manner that cannot be visited (such as spreading them in the Ocean or a meadow or other ways the Veteran wanted to interned), the name of the Veteran may be placed on the Memorial Wall. The Ossuary and the Memorial Wall are available in National Cemeteries completed after 2007. There is never a charge for any interment at a National Cemetery.

Ecclesiastes 3:8 - A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.





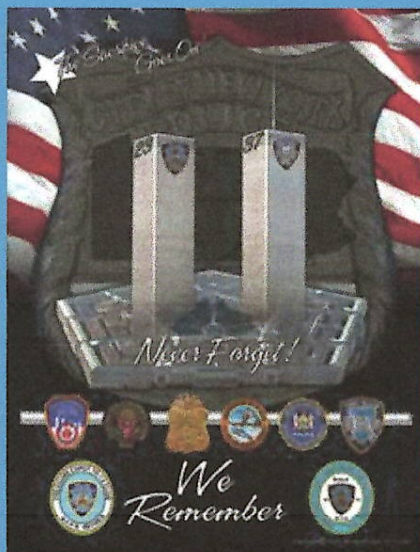


The 2021, Brevard County 20th Anniversary  
Memorial Tribute will be held at:

## **The Veteran's Memorial Park**

Located at:

**400 South Sykes Creek Pkwy  
Merritt Island, FL 32952**



**CITIZENS OF BREVARD COUNTY  
JOIN US AT 4:00PM ON SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2021  
SUPPORTING AND REMEMBERING  
THE FIRE, POLICE, EMS, CIVILIANS,  
AND MILITARY WHO  
LOST THEIR LIVES ON 9/11**



## UNOFFICIAL BREVARD VMC VETS CALENDAR (AUG AND BEYOND)

Contact VMC for any additions or other information.

**08 Aug** — Annual Military Order of the Purple Heart Ceremony at the VMC and Memorial Plaza to recognize and honor 12 recipients of the Purple Heart during combat operations (1400- 1600). Contact VMC for more information.

**26 Aug** — Sen. Rubio's representative holds office hours (1400-1600) in the VMC Library to support veterans in need of federal attention or to pass along ideas to the Senator. Contact Maria Montano on 407-254-2573 for more information.

**11 Sep** — Space Coast Honor Flight returns to operations with 2021 Honor Flights. Check their website : [SpaceCoastHonorFlight.org](http://SpaceCoastHonorFlight.org) for updated information. Luncheons for SCHF have resumed at several county restaurants.

**11 Sep** — Rockledge Remembering 9/11 Ceremony 1030 at Rockledge City Hub — The 20th Anniversary of the Events on 11 September 2001.

**11 Sep** — TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO SACRIFICE: 9/11 and Aftermath. Patriots Day and 9/11 Commemoration at the VMC . Sponsored by Club 1013 Ret NYPD and the VMC. This event marks the 20th anniversary of the attacks on America and almost two decades since America took the fight to enemies in Afghanistan and around the world. It will be a special Patriots Day Remembrance (1100- 1530 — 1730-1900) and Tribute Ceremony (1600-1730) . Food trucks, vendors and special events in Veterans Memorial Park; Ceremony in the Center and Memorial Plaza area..

**18 Sep** — Space Coast Honor Flight Fund raising event at The American Muscle Car Museum 3500 Sarno Road, Melbourne 1830-2100. Tickets required at \$100 for General Admission and \$200 for VIP entry and private tour. Order online at [www.spacecoasthonorflight.org](http://www.spacecoasthonorflight.org).

**23 Sep** — Sen. Rubio's representative holds office hours (1400-1600) in the VMC Library to support veterans in need of federal attention or to pass along ideas to the Senator. Contact Maria Montano on 407-254-2573 for more information.

**02 Oct** — Jack's Back New Show, Songs and Look 1800- 2200 at Space Coast Convention Center in Cocoa (520 and I-95). A Fund Raiser for the Medal of Honor Memorial at the Veterans Memorial Center and Park. Salute to music from the 60's to the 80's and More. Dinner and Show (1900) included for \$48 each. Reservations through Karen at 321-604-1344. A great, one of a kind evening, for a great cause.

**16 Oct** — NVHS Sponsored 2021 6th Annual Dinner Fundraiser 1730-2100 at the Radisson Resort at Cape Canaveral. The National Veterans Homeless Support non-profit event includes Sheriff Ivey and many Brevard officials who strongly support veterans in need. Table and other level of sponsorships are available. Register on line at [Kasey@nvhs.org](mailto:Kasey@nvhs.org) or call Kasey Corson 321-208-7562 for more info.

**16 Oct** — MIAP-FL: Fourth Missing in America Project - FL Call to Honor Ceremony (CTH) in Brevard at CCNC 0900 - 1100. In Brevard we continue to research dozens of abandoned veteran cremains in our area. The October MIAP FL Ceremony at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery will include Brevard County Veterans for the first time. Another MIAP FL CTH at CCNC is planned late 2021.

**28 Oct** — Sen. Rubio's representative holds office hours (1400-1600) in the VMC Library to support veterans in need of federal attention or to pass along ideas to the Senator. Contact Maria Montano on 407-254-2573 for more information.

**11 Nov** — VMC Veterans Day Ceremony at VMC (0930-1100) Food and refreshments provided; Special events and displays.

**18 Nov** — Sen. Rubio's representative holds office hours (1400-1600) in the VMC Library to support veterans in need of federal attention or to pass along ideas to the Senator. Contact Maria Montano on 407-254-2573 for more information.

**04 Dec** — The 2021 Veterans and Military Support Golf Tournament sponsored by Good Deeds Foundation of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAACC) at the Cocoa Beach Country Club (0800-1400) This tournament funds MOAACC GDF support to all JROTC and related units in the county; active duty military needs not covered by DoD; and support to veterans in urgent need. Sign up for the event and sponsorship levels at [moaacc.org](http://moaacc.org).

**22 Jan 2022** — The Fourth Annual Key Lime Pie Festival at the Veterans Memorial Park at VMC. Proceeds support the VMC and major Park improvements should make the event very special.

**19 Feb 2022** — The Veteran Stand Up (Formerly known as Stand Down) event was postponed due to COVID 19 in 2020/21. The VMC Boards and EXCOMM decided it was better to postpone the event until Feb 2022 due to uncertain COVID conditions that could impact such a large, indoor gathering. We hope many veterans, organizations and others will find ways in the meantime to help Homeless and at risk Veterans in Brevard County. Planning meetings begin in Early November at the VMC. This event will focus on at risk veterans and matching them with job options on the Space Coast.

**TBD Mar 2022** —The Space Coast Food Festival 1600-2000 at the VMC and Veterans Memorial Park. Sponsored by the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce, this popular, community event has been held at the Port and other large venues. Room for organizational tables and canopies as well as good entertainment and great food to sample. POC is Jennifer Sugarman of CBRCC 321-459-2200





# Veterans Memorial Center

## 2021 / 2022 Scholarship Awards



The Scholarship Committee met on July 20 to review 16 applications. The committee chairperson was Doris Hendricks, with Dean Schaaf, Rich Tomasso, Mary Ann Tucker, Garet McKinnie, Jay Longway and Ray Norman. The following were selected:

### Congratulations To:

Stephanie Norman	\$1,000
Trent Bramlett	\$1,000
Argyro Diakakis	\$1,000
Jay Wall	\$1,000
Alexis Schuffert	\$1,000
Kelsey Kressler	\$1,000
Karys Verpaele	\$ 500
Caleb Hubbard	\$ 500
Peregrine Hayward	\$ 500
Liam Hunt	\$ 500

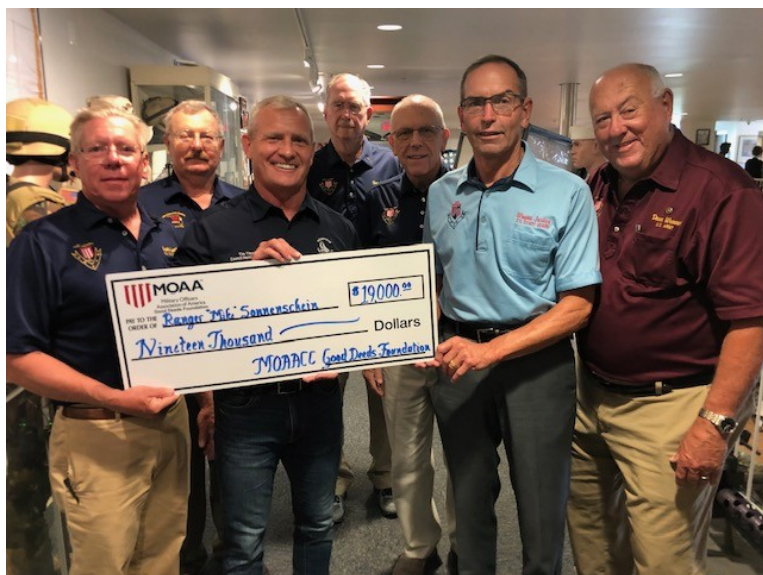
Total awarded is \$8,000

Thanks to all committee members and, thanks to the Bridge Club and Friday Night Dancers for their generous contributions.





On 16 July TV Station Spectrum 13 came to the VMC Museum Special Operations Section to film VMC and Cape Canaveral Chapter MOAA members present a check for \$19,000 for retired Army Ranger MSG Mike Sonnenschien and his family to help them after he was nearly fatally shot in Haiti and years of service in local ROTC and JROTC Programs. The check was presented by the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation to Viera HS JROTC Instructor LTC Tim Thomas to transport to Ranger Mike the next Day. Brian Whalen (2nd from left) and Donn Weaver (r) are there for the ceremony. Mike and his wife Hope show their gratitude the next day.



## Did You Know ?

Jeeps, the popular civilian vehicle made by Chrysler, originally began as a vehicle for the US Military during World War II. Over 650,000 General Purpose vehicles, called "GPs" or "Jeeps," were produced for military use for carrying men and supplies to the Frontline, wounded men to safely, and even in combat assault.





# Park Report

MIRA reported they have completed a prioritized list of \$1.3 M upgrades to the Park in transition to the \$2.3 M Amphitheatre, initial designs which are truly impressive. As our new Board year begins in August we are expanding our Plaza and Park Committees with the latter have two levels: Park Planning.



In July a total of 25 bricks were donated with 12 being Purple Heart Recipients. Those will be installed in mid-August after the 08 August Purple Heart Ceremony in the Gray Hall 1400-1600. We also obtained three blank cement Plaza benches from three donations for \$1500 each. We need some help for major repairs and painting of the "Deuce and a Half" and Water Buffalo in the Plaza which is also filled with wasps nests. We hope members will consider joining our park and plaza committees as we continue to expand and improve both.





# VMC Operations



By Bob Doyle  
U.S Army  
U.S Marine Corps

Many people do not understand how much is done as Operations Director. I start my day at 0530 in the morning 5 days a week driving 26 miles picking up food from 4 locations around Merritt Island. Then I respond to the center about 0700 to unload all the food and count it so that I can file reports that have to be done on food collection.

When done, then I open my office and start the day with doing reporting, downloading messages and returning phone calls. By then DAV and VMC staff start showing up for the daily routine of interviews, assistance and normal VMC Business. Each day also includes the use of the Gray Hall and library areas for events and activities and the constant scheduling of events in the building and park areas. Daily we make inspection rounds of the center and the park to look for issues that need taking care of. Then when time permits, we start fixing issues that need to be done or report them to the county for scheduling. On top of this, you throw in the many people who walk in for something they need or want done. So Operations and Security have a full day, every day keeping our great building up to speed.

When we depart, we then start doing several of the many other areas we are involved in regarding taking care of Veterans in need. So each day for myself, Ted Suzor and Don Pearsall are full and busy as we are committed to taking care of our Veterans and Families.

## Now The Operations Report:

Volunteer staff have been trimming all the palm trees and grooming the outside area. Soon construction will start in the park and many new things will be upgraded or added. The park stays busy with walkers and bikers and fishing has increased. We are now back to 100% operation as the last of our tenants is scheduled to start in August. Welcome back everyone and charge forward

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## Just the Facts

The crack in the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, occurred during the funeral for Chief Justice John Marshall on 8 July 1835.

During WW II there were 8,896 Chaplains serving in the armed forces. Of these, 78 were killed in action, 4 died in Japanese prison camps, and 264 were wounded in action.

During the Civil War, the stretcher bearers in the armies were usually the musicians or convalescent soldiers temporarily assigned to this duty.

The pilots that dropped the atom bombs, wore a patch over one eye in case the light from the blast blinded them. If that occurred, they would still have one good eye to fly with.



# Veterans Treatment Court

By Brian Whalen Lieutenant Colonel USAF  
(Retired)

Mentor Coordinator -Veteran Treatment Court

**Brevard County, Florida**



If you have been attending monthly General Membership Meetings, you have heard me give updates on the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC). So, what is this court, and why are you getting updates?

A Florida law passed in June, details the provisions of the VTC and notes “The purpose of a veterans treatment court program is to address the underlying causes of a veteran’s involvement with the judicial system through the use of specialized dockets, multidisciplinary teams, and evidence-based treatment. A veteran’s treatment court program shall use non-adversarial approaches to resolve such underlying causes.” In plainer language, this means the VTC is a treatment-focused alternative for many veterans to the regular, adversarial court whose purpose is to determine guilt and punishment for those charged with criminal infractions.

So, a VTC is a diversionary court, “integrating substance abuse and mental health treatment services, and any other related treatment and rehabilitation services with justice system case processing. Using a non-adversarial approach in which the state attorney and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting the due process rights of the defendant.” This means the case is transferred from criminal court to the VTC when a judgment is made that the veteran and society will benefit more from treatment than incarceration or other punishment. Successful completion of treatment will result in the charges being dropped. This is a big deal. Keeping in mind, if the veteran does not progress in the treatment program, the case will be returned to criminal court.

To enter the VTC, the veteran’s lawyer makes a request to the Assistant State’s Attorney (ASA). The veteran needs to volunteer to participate in the VTC. The defense attorneys should have access to the VTC criteria, and not all offenses are eligible for admission. Usually, it will need to be a non-violent misdemeanor or less serious felony case for admission.

Once veterans enter the VTC, there is a team of people helping and tracking their progress through treatment. There is a judge, an ASA, defense attorneys, probation officers, a Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist from the VA, a Veteran Outreach Program Specialist from the Melbourne Veterans Center, a Court Coordinator with treatment contacts and sources outside the VA if needed, and mentors. Mentors are volunteers and the only non-paid members of the team. When I say team, it’s a great team. I am constantly amazed at the caring and professionalism of this team. Everyone is trying to help veterans make it through the system. While there is a lot of help available, it is up to veterans to take advantage of the resources available by actively participating in treatment programs, having clean drug and alcohol tests, and communicating if there are questions or issues.

So, what is the program like? Veterans must abstain from alcohol and non-prescribed medications as they are subject to random drug and alcohol tests. They also need to report to their probation officers on a regular basis. They will need to have mental health and substance abuse evaluations and then follow the treatment plan developed based on these evaluations. The doctor or other medical provider may say treatment is a recommendation, but as veterans are in a treatment court, the treatment is mandatory if they want to stay in the VTC. It's critical that veterans be active participants in their treatment programs. Otherwise, they are just marking time and not progressing toward completion, and if they are not making progress, they are at risk of going back to criminal court. The VTC usually makes many more demands on participants than a criminal court might. Veterans benefit by receiving treatment and avoiding conviction.

If there is such a great paid staff, why do vets need to talk to volunteer mentors? While paid staff members are excellent, they have many other clients outside of the VTC and other demands on their time. The mentor is a resource for the veteran. A mentor is usually a veteran and knows what it is like to serve in the military and understands how the VTC works. The mentor can explain what is going on and provide insights into what has helped other veterans succeed. The mentor can also ensure veterans are asking the appropriate people or offices for guidance or direction. A mentor gets to know veterans and gets an understanding of the issues they are facing. A mentor also has insight into helpful resources.

Speaking of helpful resources, a mentor is a resource for the veteran, but mentors are not alone. The mentors are a team, and they are there for one another. Often, mentors have worked through a variety of issues and can help other mentors by sharing insights. Sometimes, it is something unique, and we can either solve it as a team, or figure out the way ahead and share it with other mentors.

Why be a mentor? To help other veterans. Some veterans just need a little help and structure to get their lives back on track after their interaction with the court. Some veterans may be resistant initially, and then the light comes on and things go well from that point forward. Some struggle initially and continue to struggle but show improvement over time. Some may try to game the system, don't take the treatment seriously, and just want their charges dropped without being willing to do the work required to get better. Sadly, some veterans try really hard but are unable to overcome their problems. Fortunately for most, the treatment is helpful. It may take some longer, but if they keep working, they have an excellent chance to succeed. Veterans completing treatment and moving on with their lives is the major reward for mentors and the VTC team.





Swearing in of the officers and committees for the 2021-202 year by RADM Wayne Justice USCG





### VMC's New Partnership with Space Coast Stadium and the USSSA Pride:

On 02 July the Space Coast Stadium and USSSA's Pride Women's Fast Pitch Softball Team arranged a Military and Veterans Appreciation Night as a kick off to the Independence Day Holiday Weekend. About 2000 people attended, including a number from the VMC, as each Branch of the Service was recognized between innings. Veterans were admitted free and VMC's own Board Member Ray Norman a Korean, Vietnam and Desert Storm Vet, threw out a first pitch along with two WWII and Korean War vets. Our own Marine Corps League Color Guard presented the pre-game colors including Vinnie Howard, MCL Detachment Commander. In addition more than \$2000 was raised for the Ranger Mike Fund to support the retired Army E-9 Ranger, who had worked with JROTC at Viera HS, but recently shot in Haiti. The host team Pride won the game with a 6 run sixth inning. It was a great night at the Ball Park which we anticipate will be repeated 3-4 times per year with our new USSSA (United States Specialty Sports of America) partnership.







On 08 July Ms. Stacey Gillman (Center) of the Georgiana United Methodist Church on Merritt Island presented a check for \$4940 to the VMC. Accepting with great smiles are VMC Secretary and Assistant Treasurer Kristi Blanchard and VMC President Dean Schaaf. Ms. Gillman explained that the Church family contributes all year long to worthy community causes and VMC was chosen this year.



### VMC On The Road Again

After the Covid Year we at the VMC are looking at many opportunities to set up tables and our canopies at other veteran functions to spread the good news about the Center and Park. On 26 June the Museums of Brevard (MOB) hosted an event at The Space Museum in Titusville. Here in the photo VMC Pres Dean Schaaf; Store Director and Board Member Dave Boyd and Museum Curator Ed Pingston spread the word. There are several more such events in the early Fall. Thanks to all who help set up such booths and make sure more and more people know about us. If you are interested in helping, contact our Public Affairs Chair, Harry Beaver, and he will sign you up.





# 4th of July Parade 2021

## What Rain?: Brevard BCSO and VMC Independence Day Parade a Big Hit

When the third annual BCSO/VMC Merritt Island Parade began at 0900 on the morning of 03 July, so did a substantial morning rain. No one faltered and by 1000 the sun was out for the final hour of the parade and Food Fest at VMC afterwards until 1300 with four food trucks. It was a great return to celebrating our country's 245th birthday after a miserable July 2020 Covid hampered season.

The Parade was again Static along route 520 eastbound cub lane which meant hundreds of cars and thousands of people could see the 41 entries as they drove by to and from the beach. There were many floats and special entries and plenty of flags to wave, including the giant "Post Flag" hoisted in the middle of 520 by Brevard Fire Department.



Though too many to include everyone, the VMC WWII Jeep driven by Dean Schaaf and Susan, The MOAACC convertible with Steve Bond, along with plenty of VMC and MOAACC members working other roles, highlighted the morning. The SAR/DAR trailer had five American Revolution style Patriots and the American Legion Auxiliary, Marine Corps League (with Space Coast Young Marines) and other organizations hosted at the VMC came out in big numbers.

Special Thanks to all who signed up and braved the rains, especially to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office for their organizing role and support from the Horse Team to the Bomb Squad as well as making sure no one was injured as we lined up on the static lane facing east with oncoming traffic heading toward us!!



(Left) WWII Vet George Rosenfield is everywhere as he celebrates the festivities







(Above) Christine Tate from St Francis Reflections Vet Coordinator keeps the MOAACC Entry in line with her enthusiasm



(Left) Ladies of Forever Remembrances Vietnamese Americans reflect their patriotism.



*It's a Grand Old Flag*





By: Ed Pingston - Museum Curator  
Former Captain, U.S. Army  
Retired 20 years

# History From The Museum Featuring West Point

## Location

The US Army Military Academy, (West Point), is located approximately 50 miles north of New York City on the Hudson River . The campus and central post area comprise only a small portion of the nearly 16,000 acre reservation.

## Admission

To be considered for admission to West Point , a candidate must be at least 17 but not yet 23 years old on July 1st of the year of admission, be unmarried, and have no legal obligation to support children. Candidates must be qualified academically, medically, and physically, and must receive a nomination from an approved source, such as a member of Congress.

## Corps of Cadets

The 4,400 members of the Corps of Cadets represent every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries. About 1,200 New Cadets enter the academy on Reception Day each year (about July 1st).

## Graduation

Upon graduation, cadets are awarded Bachelor of Science degrees and commissions in the U.S. Army. They serve on active duty for a minimum of five years. West Point graduates have served our country in a variety of capacities for more than 200 years, as military leaders, engineers, explorers on land and in space, and as leaders in business and government.



(Above) West Point Female cadet uniform on display at the Veterans Memorial Center Museum



*Visit the Museum at the Veterans Memorial Center, where history never gets old.*



# VMC Library Report

By: Joe Davie — VMC Librarian

Several of our Library Volunteers participated in the Awards Ceremony and membership meeting held in the Gray Hall on July 14. Hank Roads received an Exemplary Service Award for his work in the library cataloging books. Hank undertook reorganizing our two largest collections World War II and The Civil War. These collections had become so large that it became difficult to find topics of interest to the reader. Hank was able to reorganize these collections according to Campaigns, Battles, Theater, and other details of interest. We currently have over 750 books in World War II collection. Several other Library volunteers received the President's Volunteer Service Award. Among these were Paul Julian, Joe Davie, Eleanor Fadok, and Bill Wilkening.

Paul Julian was sworn in to the Board at the July 14 meeting. Paul will continue to represent the Library at Board Meetings and report on our activities. Paul also does Veterans History Project interviews and Sea Cadet meetings twice a month in the library.

We have added another bookshelf to the library that will give us much needed space for additional topics of interest. We will be shifting some of the books in the near future in order to add new topics. POW's, Women in Service, and Coast Guard were moved to the new bookshelf to make the additional space needed.

Alex Plonsky, and Joey Amparado, our summer interns have been a great help to us this summer in assisting with our ongoing projects such as Veterans History, organizing, and greeting customers. Special thanks to Alex that has been working wherever needed. His last day will be Friday July 30.



U.S. Army Library located at Fort Huachuca, Arizona

# Book Report

By Ray Norman



## The Revolutionary War-

**Author: Bart McDonald, Assistant Editor National Geographic, 1967**

Part rebellion, part civil war and part world conflict. The American Revolution took place over seven years of blood and bitterness. The war began in a tiny New England war with the “shot heard around the world” and ended in the far corners of the globe. Author Bart McDowell is/was a staff member of National Geographic and lives in the historic Fairfax County, VA. Bart and his family made many trips to Mt. Vernon, Philadelphia and to Williamsburg. The book is small ----about 195 pages. One thinks that a quick scan would be enough. However, there are maps, charts and renderings that will keep your attention. The book takes the reader across the land of the colonists and relives their victories and defeats. Many major players are identified: Ben Franklin Benedict Arnold, Thomas Jefferson and of course General George Washington who towered (6 + feet, 200+ lbs.) above his staff of short guys.

National Geographic researchers canvassed pictures, museums, art galleries around the globe. Almost 200 paintings and photos are included in this small book For the tactician there are maps and battle paintings that help explain the pages in more detail. The military historian will also appreciate these maps and short description of the major battles.

What is not included is my 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather who was wounded at the last battle of the American Revolutionary war in north-south Carolina. James Gee signed the Liberty Point Declaration in 1775 at Fayetteville, NC. It may have been before the US version which is the Declaration of Independence we know. A quick Google search will show the large marble marker with James Gee in the right hand column sixth from bottom. Realize that each of these men knew that they were basically signing their own death warrant if the US lost.

Later, leading up to the Battle of Eutaw Springs, SC- now a national monument about two mile east of present day Eutawville, SC.. Short battle was on Sept. 8, 1781. The story is that my ancestor, James Gee was in the North Carolina infantry. He was in charge of a small unit. (internet sources state that some 8000 troops were involved in this action but my observation of the area suggests that only a small portion was preserved for this national monument. Gee's unit was at one end of a small parade ground and the British on the other end. This standoff was interrupted by a British soldier who shot at my ancestor. This dastardly act nearly eliminated my ancestral lineage. Fortunately, the British's aim was slightly off....Thank Goodness! The musket ball only grazed Capt. Gee's scalp and rendered him unconscious.

The story goes that Gee recovered somewhat and asked what happened. Once explained that he had been shot, ball grazed his scalp but obviously he was alive. The only problem was that his fine beaver hat was ruined. My hard headed ancestor said that “The surgeon can set me right but my fine beaver hat is ruined beyond recognition. I'll have to get another.”

So if CWO Ray Norman writing this piece exhibits some of these obstreperous traits you might forgive him if he sometimes demonstrated obstinacy and hard headedness... Thanks for reading and enjoy the small book.-)



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### *Taps*

*Joe Fida*  
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Everyone's friend "GiGi" DAV's Pete Harding's service dog crossed the Rainbow Bridge into Dog Heaven. She will be missed roaming the halls of the VMC



If you know of anyone in the hospital or any member deceased, Please call  
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**NEW for the Courier** With the approval of EXCOMM, we are allowing the tenant organizations to advertise their events on the very end of the monthly Courier. This will allow their flier to reach over 400 members and their households. The cost will be 5% of their proceeds if event is held at the VMC or just \$10.00 if the event is held elsewhere. (Multiple Months are allowed) This is for the electronic edition only. Those who understand marketing ROI, this, is about 0.01 per viewer impression, which is an unbelievable low cost to advertise.

A great way for the organization to advertise, and the VMC increase revenue. BVC and VMC sponsored events will still be advertised in the opening pages of the Courier.

For more Information Call Don Pearsall Editor at 321-313-2444



# BVC Veteran Support

By: Don Pearsall Sgt E-5,  
1st Cavalry, US Army Aviation



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July accomplishments by the Independent agency Veterans Connections to a New Life Inc.

The agency assisted a total of 26 veterans. Assisted 3 veterans with electric FPL reconnection payments, purchased groceries for three families in need, distributed 8 meal boxes, distributed 2,225 MRE meals, loaned out a generator to a veteran who was renovating his home, distributed 14 blankets to homeless camps in Brevard County, purchased text books for veteran going back to school, purchased gasoline card for veteran traveling to Virginia for family emergency, purchase of SCAT bus passes for discounted rides for

*Veterans Connection to a New Life* is a non-affiliated 501 C (3) Non-Profit foundation that oversees many Veterans Assistance programs in the county. They are the only agency in the county that is totally funded exclusively by private donations. Having no administration or employee compensation costs, allows 100% of the donations to go to the benefit of area veterans in need.

- Transitioning from military to civilian life
- Family Acceptance and understanding
- Financial Services Assistance with expenses
- PTSD Counseling
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Moving from the bush to a home or apartment
- Helping families adjust to the transition
- Substance Abuse Programs
- Legal Services
- Assistance with VA Issues
- Wellness Programs
- Equine Therapy
- Service and Comfort animals
- Career Support Specialties
- Holistic and Meditation Therapy
- Peer Support Case Worker.
- New and used furniture free to veterans
- Rides to VA Appointments available
- Bus Passes for public transportation
- Shelter for cold or inclement weather
- Supplies and equipment for homeless veterans
- Occupational Training Programs

## It's Trivia Time

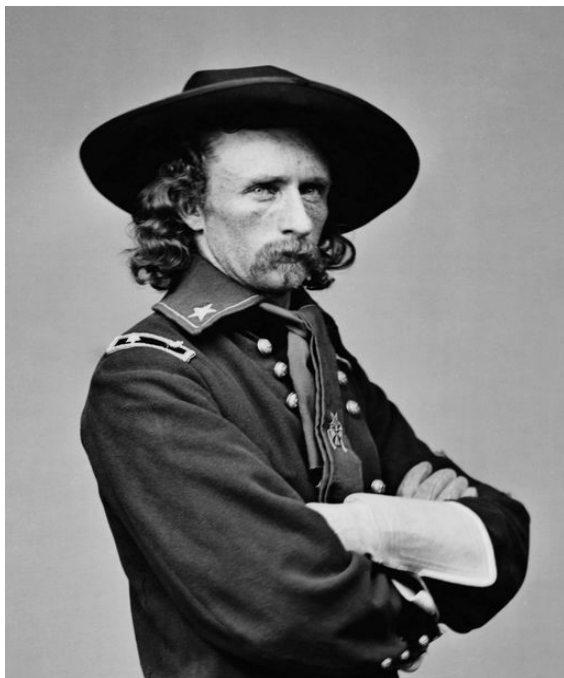
1. Where is Tripler Army Medical Center located and what is it known by ?
2. Name the two Commanders-in-Chiefs that died the same day ?
3. Who led the famous WWII Marauders ?
4. "A Soldiers Story" is based on what renowned U.S. General ?
5. Who was General-in-Chief of the Army at the outbreak of hostilities in the war between the states ?

*Answers on the next page*

# Trivia Answers

1. Hawaii, Medical Center known as the *"Big Pink Building"*.
2. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams Both Died on July 4th 1826
3. General Frank Merrill
4. General Omar Bradley
5. General Winfield Scott and he was 75 years old and retired in October 1861

## Did You Know ?



(Above) Colonel George Custer

145 years ago, Tuesday, June 20, 1876 in Montana Territory, famous United States Army officer & cavalry commander Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876) & his 7th U.S. Cavalry began their fateful march towards the Little Bighorn River, after being reviewed by General Alfred Terry (1827-1890) Scouts had informed Custer that 2,000 to 4,000 warriors were encamped on the Little Bighorn.



(Right) Cavalry soldier on display at the Veterans Memorial Center



(Above) "Garry Owen" 1st of the 7th Patch

President Dwight Eisenhower, was the first Commander-in Chief to fly in a helicopter when a U.S. Air Force helicopter carried him from the White House lawn on 13 July 1957 to a nearby destination.



# A Savage Fight for Korea's Pusan Perimeter



On June 25, 1950, North Korea launched a surprise attack on South Korea across the 38th parallel. With lightning speed, the North Korean army overran South Korean and U.S. positions, driving down the peninsula.

After only about a month of bloody fighting, South Korea and its United Nations allies found themselves pinned down in a small corner of land around the city of Pusan (now spelled Busan), on the southeast coast of the peninsula. Marked in blue on the map, this area was the last stand for these allied forces. Throughout August and the first half of September 1950, the allies fought desperately with their backs against the sea. The war seemed to have reached a stalemate, with South Korea at an extreme disadvantage.



On September 15, however, U.S. Marines made a surprise counter-attack well behind North Korean lines, at the coastal city of Inchon in northwestern South Korea indicated by the blue arrow on the map. This attack became known as the Invasion of Inchon, a turning point in the South Korean army's power against their North Korean invaders.

The Invasion of Inchon distracted the invading North Korean armies, allowing the South Korean troops to break out of the Pusan Perimeter, and begin to push the North Koreans back into their own country, turning the tide of the Korean War. With the help of United Nation forces, South Korea secured the Gimpo Airfield, won the Battle of the Busan Perimeter, retook Seoul, captured Yosu, and ultimately crossed the 38th Parallel into North Korea.



Once the South Korean armies began capturing cities north of the 38th Parallel, their General MacArthur demanded North Koreans surrender, but the North Korean armies murdered Americans and South Koreans at Taejon and civilians in Seoul in response.

South Korea pressed on, but in doing so stirred North Korea's powerful ally China into battle. From October 1950 to February 1951, China launched the First Phase offensive and recaptured Seoul for North Korea even as the United Nations declared a ceasefire.



Because of this conflict and the resulting fallout after which, the war would rage on another two years before its conclusion with the negotiation of an armistice between 1952 and 1953, wherein the opposing forces negotiated reparations for prisoners of war taken during the bloody conflict.



U.S. medium tanks and other military hardware were also streaming into Pusan's port, giving perimeter soldiers more of what they needed to hold back the invading troops. Just one-and-a-half months after the initial invasion, a massive mobilization was underway in Pusan.

The port itself, on the Tsushima Strait, was capable of handling 30 oceangoing ships at a time. Although Pusan had a daily discharge capacity of up to 45,000 tons, personnel and transportation shortfalls during the battle limited the average daily tonnage to about 28,000.

This granted both sides several days of reprieve to prepare for the attack on the Pusan Perimeter. The KPA (Korean People's Army) was organized into a mechanized combined arms force of ten divisions, originally numbering some 90,000 well-trained and well-equipped troops in July, with hundreds of T-34 tanks.

Logistics in the Battle of Pusan Perimeter (August 4 – September 15, 1950) during the Korean War played a decisive role in the battle. Efficient logistics, the management of personnel and materiel, supported United Nations (UN) supply lines while the North Koreans' routes of supply were steadily reduced and cut off. UN logistics improved throughout the Battle of Inchon and the defeat of the North Korean army at Pusan.



UN forces, consisting primarily of troops from the Republic of Korea (ROK), the United States (US), and United Kingdom (UK), enjoyed overwhelming air and sea superiority during the battle. The UN efficiently procured and transported supplies from a large stockpile of materiel in nearby Japan. In contrast, North Korean logistics were hampered by UN interdiction campaigns which slowed the flow of supplies from North Korea to the battle. Though supported logistically by the Soviet Union and China during the battle, North Koreans often had difficulties getting their supplies from depots to the front lines, leaving North Korean troops unsupported during several crucial engagements.



# Pusan, Korea Today





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**By: Former Major Chris Gibson, (L) U.S. Army Veteran PSYOP 20 years.**



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# Who Is Sandy Noble ?

By: Don Pearsall Veterans Support



*Everyone helps veterans in some way. Every week we see this person making visits to the Veterans Memorial Center, picking up surplus food and donations. The Director of "Samaritans Closet" is helping veterans with free furniture, clothing and many household items that make their lives happier. I work with Sandy to identify who needs what. She is the Director of the church thrift store and a major force in Brevard County for supplying veterans for whatever they need. Here is her story:*

My husband Wayne and I have always loved assisting people to see their lives change as ours did, when we accepted Christ as our Personal Savior in 1972 and began to learn from the Word of God to have faith in Him and trust him completely no matter what came our way.

Our life's story is a long one, but when our twin boys were two years old (now 44 years old), and our children were in school I would volunteer taking the boys with me to Alco Rest Thrift Store in Cocoa and then other thrift stores when that one closed down.

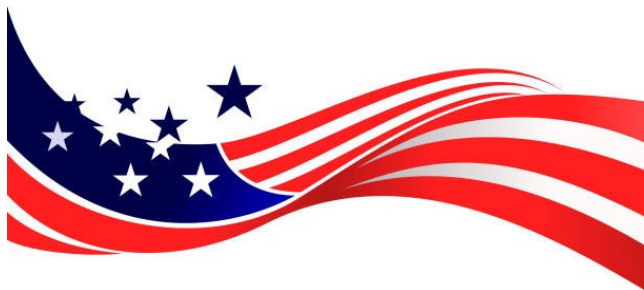
In 2009 the Lord helped us through our church, Calvary Baptist Church in Cocoa, to start Samaritan's Closet in the fellowship hall, for free, at Antioch Baptist Church on Merritt Island. People donated items and we assisted people for free with their needs of clothing shoes, purses, and items of need. I also worked with 211 Brevard in assisting people with resources. I am a Volunteer Director of Samaritan's Closet, and our church people would come and volunteer. As time went by, we were blessed, by volunteers who came and gave free haircuts and free acupuncture. I picked up with the help of my homeless men, women and our children and grandchildren weekly, food, bread, and baked goods to give away.

Samaritan's Closet was at this same location for 4.5 years. The property was sold, and we had to move out into a storage location to continue the ministry. The doors were open later to locate to a warehouse which we pay for monthly by selling larger items to pay the rent.

I have worked many years with National Veterans Homeless Support at their stand downs, by supplying free clothing and other items to those who attended the stand down. When a homeless veteran moves into housing, we fill their home up for free, all items to start housekeeping. I work together with organizations in the community that place their clients in housing. They buy my larger items, and we give their clients what is needed to assist them.

My desire has always been to have someone who owns property to donate free space to work out of as Samaritan's Closet is a 501c3. This way we can assist more people and not have the burden of paying too much a month.

**Anyone having furniture or household items they wish to donate, Contact Sandy Noble at 321-537-0992. Your donation will help make a veteran's life a little easier .**





# The Patriot Report



By: Holly Petrucci  
DAV Service Officer



Disabled American Veterans, Space Coast Chapter 123, Inc.  
August 2021

## Will Your Prescriptions Continue? Advanced Accounts are going away – upgrade to Premium

My HealtheVet Account types are changing. Advanced Accounts are going away and Advanced Users need to become “[Premium](#)” users before September 2021. If you are a My HealtheVet User already - you can check if you have a Premium Account by looking for a “P” Icon next to your name after signing in.

In addition to prescription refills, Premium users can use many more features of My HealtheVet, including sending secure messages to your VA doctors and other clinicians, as well as view VA health records, like labs and tests.

**If an [Advanced](#) user does not upgrade before September, the account will become a Basic account and will have no access to the Pharmacy features.**

Veterans need to upgrade to a Premium account as soon as possible. You can upgrade your current Advanced account to Premium online using your Premium DS Logon or ID.me account:

To upgrade your Advanced account, follow these steps:

From the [My HealtheVet Sign In page](#), sign in using your DS-Logon Premium or ID.me account

- You may be asked to accept the My HealtheVet Terms and Conditions
- Select the 'Upgrade Now' button on the home page next to your name.
- Check the certification box to verify you're the owner of the account and select 'Continue'.

After selecting 'Continue,' your account will upgrade to Premium.

### Other Ways to Create / Upgrade a My HealtheVet Account

3 Ways to Create/Upgrade to a Premium Account

- In Person

Video / Online



You can also apply or upgrade in any of these the following ways.

**Option 1: Apply/Upgrade in person at the local VA Facility.**

Bring a government issued photo ID. If your primary ID does not match your official VA medical records – bring a 2<sup>nd</sup> form of ID with you. Such as Social Security Card, Voters Registration or a recent utility bill.

**Option 2: Apply/Upgrade by video.**

Contact your [local VA Facility](#) and ask to speak with the My HealtheVet Coordinator to learn more or click the following link to view online [Premium Account](#)

**Option 3: Apply/Upgrade Online with a Secure Sign-in Partner.**

- **DS Logon L2**

Create a DS Logon L2 by accessing <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil>

- **ID.Me Account**

Create an ID.me Account by accessing <https://api.id.me/en/registration/new>

ID.me: This is a trusted VA partner that meets U.S. requirements for online identity proofing and authentication. Once you have an ID.me account, you can easily upgrade your My HealtheVet account to Premium. To register for an ID.me account, follow these steps:

From the [VA.gov Home Page](#), click the 'Sign In' button

- Select Create an ID.me Account

Follow the video instructions to [create your account](#)

Make an appointment with a Chapter Service Officer to discuss your Veteran Health Care possibilities. Call 321-452-1774 for an appointment. DAV Chapter 123 is not open and fully operating as yet. We are open on an appointment basis only!

If you aren't sure your condition rates an increase, sometimes it is best not to kick a sleeping dog; it's best to leave it just lie there.

Holly Petrucci

Editor

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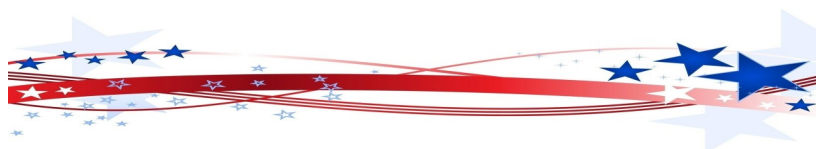
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# Organizational Meetings Time and Dates

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 344 (2nd Thursday of Month at 1730 Hours)

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 1100 Hours)

DAV Chapter 123 (2nd Thursday of Month at Noon)

The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 263 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Month at 1800 Hours)

Marine Corps League Detachment 513 (1st Thursday of Month at 1800 Hours)

Military Order of the Purple Heart (4<sup>th</sup> Monday of Month at 1100-1330 Hours)

Navy League (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month at 1800 Hours)

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Month at 1800 Hours)

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Exec. Meeting (Last Wednesday of Month at 1800 Hours)

Rolling Thunder FL Chapter 1 (Fourth Sunday of Month at 1400 Hours)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12167 (Last Thursday of Month at 1700 Hours)

Non-Veteran Organizations Meeting Times at the VMC Cape Canaveral Ladies

U.S. Power Squadron (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1800 Hours)

Sea Cadets (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Month at 1800 Hours)



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