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## Mission Statement

**Brevard Veterans Council:** The Brevard Veterans Council (BVC) is a 501(c)19 veterans organization.

BVC's mission 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 Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. VMC's mission is to maintain and operate a premier facility to educate the public and provide a vibrant memorial to the service and sacrifice of all military veterans and their families through a museum, memorial plaza, library, and veterans park.

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# VMC President's Report

LCDR Dean Schaaf, USN (Ret)

## Activities and Events

Last month's events went very well (even with a rain delay). The Back Brevard Heroes (BBH) drew 114 cars for their car show and was an excellent event. Although not the attendance we have had in the past, the 241st commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War was a success with a great speaker from NOTU, LT Adam Ashburn, a Mustang officer.

On March 23rd we held three events at the park that morphed into one, and all three supported Suicide Prevention. It started out with a Be the One 5K run hosted by the American Legion Post 344, followed by around 25 vendors setting up in the parking lot with portions of the earnings going to suicide prevention. Many organizations, including Rolling Thunder, supported the event by arriving on motorcycles in one group. The Transport Workers Union Veterans Committee cooked for all attendees and the food was outstanding. They also performed a service presenting the Spartan Sword which travels all around the world to promote suicide prevention. The sword was forged from recovered steel that was part of the World Trade Center buildings that fell on 9/11. All personal in attendance took the Spartan Pledge: a promise written by Iraq War Veteran, Boone Cutler, which is made between veterans or first responders to not commit suicide without reaching out to their battle buddy first. Our very own color guard performed as part of the service.

I would like to promote another event coming up sponsored by the Cape Canaveral Propeller Club, of which I am a member and on their Board of Directors.

The Propeller Club 2024 ShrimpFeast will be held at Terminal 5 on Friday, April 5th from 6 - 8:30 pm and is an annual fundraising event to support the Sea Cadets Courageous Division and Maritime Education Programs. Tickets are \$60 in advance, no tickets sold at the door. This is a fun event, wear your best Hawaiian shirt for the contest, with a live band, dancing, silent and live auctions featuring our very own Sheriff Ivey. If you have never been to one of his auctions, they are a real treat.

Contact 321-698-5296; [www.spacewcoastshrimpfestat.com](http://www.spacewcoastshrimpfestat.com) to register or for more information.

Other events coming up in April and May can be found later in the Unofficial VMC events calendar. Especially look for the Parkinson's Alliance 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser at VMC park on 27 April, VETTES on the Island car show in Dillard's parking lot on 27 April because a portion of the proceeds goes to the VMC. Coming in May is the annual Vietnam Reunion at Wickham Park from 9-12 May and, of course, the VMC Memorial Day Program on 27 May.

## The VMC Building and Park

In the January Courier, I gave an update on the Amphitheater progress and the County Manager has approved the Scope of Responsibilities that our task force was working on. We are still waiting for the county to finish a parking study before we can proceed with the project, this should be finished in April. The VMC and Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA) went to the Tourist Development Council to request more funding for the

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# VMC President's Report Cont.

**LCDR Dean Schaaf, USN (Ret)**

Amphitheater, and it was unanimously approved. Once the parking study is completed, the next step is to take it to the County Commissioners for approval. We are hoping for a groundbreaking in a couple of months.

We are still improving our "lobby" entrance and have met with the DAV to present our plans prepared for us by Vic Rogers. Thanks Vic, for all your work and ideas. I am sure everyone will be impressed with the fresh look of our entry way when we are finished.

We have an election coming up so step up into a leadership position, board position or committee chairperson. We need you!

Finally, I want to thank all volunteers for keeping the Center operating and for all your dedication. God bless you and all armed services as we serve our nation.

Dean

**GO NAVY - BEAT ARMY**

The PURDUE BOILERMAKERS will go all the way in the NCAA March Madness Tournament

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# Library Notes

SGT Joe Davie,  
USAF (Fmr)  
VMC Librarian

## Hank Rhodes Updates Glass Display Cabinet

One of our librarians, Hank Rhodes, has accepted the task of updating the glass display cabinet by the library entrance door. In line with woman's history month in March we have updated the top two shelves commemorating the contributions of two American Women.

Hank has selected two women who served our military. Rear Admiral Grace Hopper and Dr. Mary Edwards Walker have both made significant contributions. Please stop in the library and read their display plaques in the glass case detaining their contributions.

Dr. Mary Ellen Walker was a battlefield surgeon during the American Civil War that performed amputations and other treatment needed for the wounded, Dr. Walker has since been awarded the Medal of Honor for her service during the Civil War. The USS Hopper (DDG-70) in service today was named after Adm Grace Hopper for her service to the US Navy.

Our library has a top-level section of books located near the Information desk cataloged as Women in Service. Please stop in to see the library and meet other men and women of military service.

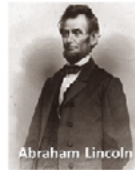


### VMC Library Discussion Group Series

"The Myths, Mysteries and Facts: of the Booth Conspiracy, Lincoln's Assassination, The Manhunt and Trial."

Presented by Wayne Rowe

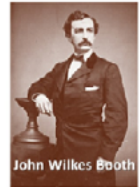
Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 6:00-7:30pm  
The Library, Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island



Myths

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### VMC LIBRARY DISCUSSION SERIES

# THE ASSASSINATION OF LINCOLN

Tuesday, April 30, 2024  
6:00pm-7:30pm

The Library, Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island

Presented by  
Wayne Rowe

Everyone agrees John Wilkes Booth fired the bullet that killed Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theater. But that is where the agreement over the assassination of Lincoln ends. The controversies and debates swirled around those fateful events from that day to now.

Wayne will give us a multi-media presentation and will take us on a wild and colorful journey to learn and remember the key people and events. The journey will start by looking at the making of a conspiracy, then review the planning and the actual dynamics of the assassination, then travel with Booth on his escape and watch the largest manhunt in the history of America unfold. Wayne will briefly cover the conspiracy trial and why it's proceedings and verdicts remain controversial still today. There will be a few sidebars to include Lincoln's funeral and travel back to Springfield, IL to be buried.

Wayne's mastery of PowerPoint presentations is second to none, so come to our meeting and join us on what will be an interesting and fun journey to discover the facts, mysteries and myths behind the assassination of President Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth.

# BVMC March Events Recap

On Saturday March 23rd we had a very busy day at the Veterans Memorial Center Museum and Park. The day started with the American Legion Post 344 5k to raise money and awareness for veteran and first responder suicide.

We then went into the bike run from Kelly Park to the VMC - led by Rolling Thunder FL Chapter 1. There were approximately 40 bikes in the ride. Then thanks to Transit Workers Union Local 525, a free BBQ for everyone in attendance including the vendors and supporters of Heroes United to Heal Foundation, an organization created to fight the stigma of veteran and first responder suicide.

At 12:15 the VMC color guard escorted the Spartan Sword to the table of honor. From there all veterans and First responders were invited to take the Spartan Sword pledge, which is an oath to state they will not take their own life and will reach out to their battle buddy. Very moving indeed. Close to 400 people in attendance.



The final event of the day was the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 344 annual Easter party and Easter Egg hunt out in the park. The Easter bunny was in attendance along with more than 40 children who had a wonderful time winning prizes, coloring eggs, and just being kids. It was a great day. Thank you to everyone who came out to help, and donated to this great event for our kids.



## Upcoming Events

April 27 there will be a Vettes on parade exhibit held at the UHAUL parking lot which the VMC will participate in. There are many other events throughout the month- please check out the [Upcoming Veterans Events](#) on our website for a more complete list of Brevard County Events.

See Flyers on next page for more upcoming

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## Chaplain's Corner

by Chaplain  
Chip Hanson  
USMC (Fmr)

### Vietnam: November 1 1955 to April 30 1975

The United States has been involved in many conflicts and Wars. WWII began 12-1941 and ended 8 -1945. This was a decisive victory for the USA. Because of help from our Country after the end of WWII, both Japan and Germany have become dominant industrial countries. In the early 1950s, we went to war with North Korea, Known as the (forgotten war). Once again with the help of our country South Korea has become a successful industrial Nation.

In the 1960s we went to war with North Vietnam. We left this country before our time. Although they have some industries, they pale in size as to Japan. Germany and South Korea. The difference is that in WWII, and Korea, in both wars we completed our mission. In Vietnam, we were not allowed to finish the job.

Next April marks 50 years since the end of Vietnam.

The following are key points in the history of the Vietnam War.

By 1955 President Dwight D. Eisenhower had pledged firm support to South Vietnam. With training and equipment from the American military and the CIA, South Vietnam's security forces cracked down on North Korean sympathizers in the South.

President John F. Kennedy, working under the "domino theory," which held that if one Southeast Asian country fell to communism, many other countries would follow, increased U.S. aid, though he stopped short of committing to a large-scale military intervention. By 1962, the U.S. military presence in South Vietnam had reached some 9,000 troops, compared with fewer than 800 during the 1950s.

After North Vietnamese torpedo boats attacked the U.S.S. Maddox and U.S.S. Turner Joy in the Gulf of Tonkin, President

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Johnson ordered the retaliatory bombing of military targets in North Vietnam. Congress soon passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which gave Johnson broad war-making powers.

A major factor that led President Lyndon B. Johnson to intervene in Vietnam militarily was the fear of communism due to Cold War tensions with communist countries such as China and the Soviet Union. South Vietnam was very important to the U.S. in Asia with it being perceived as a Western democratic state.

Operation Rolling Thunder was a bombing campaign begun on March 2, 1965, partly in response to a Viet Cong attack on a U.S. air base at Pleiku and, shortly after, President Johnson committed the first U.S. ground troops to the Vietnam War.

The Battle of Khe Sanh began on January 21, 1968, when forces from the People's Army of North Vietnam (PAVN) carried out a massive artillery bombardment on the U.S. Marine garrison at Khe Sanh, located in South Vietnam near the border with Laos.

Despite heavy casualties, North Vietnam achieved a strategic victory with the 1968 Tet Offensive, as the attacks marked a turning point in the Vietnam War and the beginning of the slow, painful American withdrawal from the region

The United States, South Vietnam, Viet Cong, and North Vietnam formally signed "An Agreement Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam" in Paris. It was agreed that the DMZ (demilitarized zone) at the 17th Parallel would remain a provisional dividing line, with eventual reunification of the country through peaceful means.

Two months after the signing of the Vietnam peace agreement, the last U.S. combat troops left South Vietnam as Hanoi freed the remaining American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam. Operation Frequent Wind was the final phase in the



evacuation of American civilians and “at-risk” Vietnamese from Saigon, South Vietnam before the takeover of the city by the North Vietnamese Army in the Fall of Saigon. It was carried out on April 29-30, 1975. More than 7,000 people were evacuated by helicopter.

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

“Now we have a problem in trying to make our power credible, and Vietnam looks like the place.” –President John Kennedy in June 1961

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Chaplain Chip Hanson “Now we have a problem in trying to make our power credible, and Vietnam looks like the place.” –President John Kennedy in June 1961

GOD BLESS AMERICA  
Chaplain Chip Hanson



### Veterans History Project Interview: *Jasper E Shealy*

Jasper E. Shealy Served in the Air Force from Feb 1963 to August 1969. He attained the rank of Captain and was in charge of security at Pleiku AB in Vietnam from May 1966 to May 1967.

[Click to see Jasper E Shealy's full Veterans History Project interview.](#)

# American Legion Auxiliary is thankful to all who supported recent events.



The members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Charles R. Seitz Unit 344 wants to thank everyone who has come out to support our bake sales. Thanks to your generosity, and fabulous appetites for good home cookin', our unit can send a young lady to Girls' State, give 2 scholarships through our Carol Womble Memorial annual scholarship program, as well as hold wonderful parties for the children of our veterans. So, with that said - our next yummy bake sale will be Wednesday, April 10 2024 beginning at 8:30 AM, before the monthly VMC/ BVC membership meeting.

Thank you also to everyone who helped make our annual Children's Easter egg hunt and party another huge success. The kids always have a wonderful time.

We would also like to take this time to thank those who have donated coupons to our National Security/overseas coupon program. We send coupons to our deployed troops for their use. Our supply has been diminishing and we just want to remind you that we are still doing and would love your coupons to clip and send. The box is in the foyer outside the library.

We are always looking for new members to join us in our fun journey as American Legion Auxiliary members. We don't just work hard; we play hard too!! Because we love what we do, supporting our military, our veterans, our community, and our youth. Want to learn more about us? Come on out to one of our general membership meetings held on the second Thursday of the month. We have social time from 6:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00. We do a lot of planning of our programs at these meetings and would love to have your input!!!

Check out the Department of Florida website to see if you're eligible and find out what we do <https://alafl.org/>. Husbands of women veterans are eligible to join as well. Just want to ask a question? Reach out to us at [alaunit344membership@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit344membership@gmail.com).

Thank you!!

For God and Country,  
 Rose Marie Hill, Unit President  
 Dorothy Walsh, Unit Membership Chairman/Treasurer



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 Please leave them in the box on the  
 table outside the library at the  
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## Spring Bake Sale



**Date:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00 AM until all goodies are gone  
**Where:** Veterans Memorial Center  
 400 S Sykes Creek Pkwy, MI



All proceeds will benefit our  
 Veteran and Children & Youth  
 Programs

# History Stays Alive Through Last Naval Battle

With about 200 people attending, on a beautiful day at the Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island, the 241st anniversary of the last naval battle of the American Revolution was remembered.

This annual event has been held for decades starting at the Space Center and Jetty Park in Cape Canaveral, and now at the BVMC to allow more people to join and learn about this historical event. The event is sponsored by the Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), whose President Joel Etherton was the Master of Ceremonies this year. More than 30 representatives from Florida SAR and many other states (two came from Boston), as well as dozens of members of the Daughters (DAR) and Children (CAR) of the American Revolution joined in the parade of flags. They also laid wreaths to remember the March 10, 1783 US Navy triumph over the British, which allowed funding for George Washington's troops and set up the final battle at Yorktown, VA.

This year's ceremony encouraged youth to join in and learn. The Brevard Youth Chorus (8 members) sang several amazing patriotic songs and 25 Courageous Division Sea Cadets helped set up and conduct the opening Color Guard. CAR members and other children were also in evidence and seemed to enjoy the story and pageantry. LT Adam Ashburn, USN of the Naval Ordnance Test Unit at Port Canaveral, was the key note speaker linking details of that battle to the challenges of our modern US Navy now and into the future. The brand new BVMC Color Guard, commanded by Don Pearsall, made its debut leading the veteran organizations contingent.

More than 70 SAR, DAR and CAR members were dressed in colonial American attire and helped bring to life the courage and sacrifices of our forefathers who created the United States of America.

The Good Deeds Foundation of the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAACC/GDF) provided substantial funds to pay for the event and the BVMC supplied plenty of volunteers and support. Elevation Church and the Sea Cadets also pitched in to help make the ceremony successful.

After TAPS was played, many adjourned to the ceremonial cutting of the LNB cake and a chance to reflect on what remembering that battle is all about.



Pictured: Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).



Pictured: The Brevard Youth Chorus (8 members) sang several amazing patriotic songs environment.



Pictured: Daughters of the American Revolution members were dressed in colonial American attire.



# VMC Educational Scholarship Program School Year 2024-2025

## By Scholarship Committee Chairman Doug Bisset

Applications are open for this year's scholarship program and can be picked up on the VMC website and in the library. Essential criteria, described in the form are:

- Applicant needs to be tied to military service or service of a sponsor
- Brevard County Resident
- Enrolled in an institute of higher learning
- A minimum GPS of 2.5 or higher
- NLT August 1 graduated from high school - ROTC program a plus

Please download and submit your application [BVMC 2024-2025 Scholarship Application](#) with supporting documents to the VMC Library before June 28th.

Questions can be sent to Doug Bisset (321-208-7557) [docbisset@gmail.com](mailto:docbisset@gmail.com) or Dean Schaaf, [dschaaf@brevard.net](mailto:dschaaf@brevard.net)

## DAR Garden with New Blooms

By Donn Weaver

Almost two years ago the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) planted a beautiful butterfly garden on the west side of the VMC Museum.

With the 16 March, Commemoration to celebrate the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War Ceremony approaching, Linda Jensen of DAR and her husband Brian, a Sons of the American Revolution leader decided to give the garden a major makeover.

It looked great when hundreds attended the Last Naval Battle Ceremony (see Courier article on that event).



# Vietnam Veterans Honored at CCNC National Ceremony

By Jim Carleton and Donn Weaver

While VMC was busy with several major events on 23 March, over 200 attended The 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War Ceremony held at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, which was a nationally recognized Welcome Home for Vietnam Era Veterans. Many VMC members were among those attending and participating, including Paul Julian (VMC Vice President), Jim Carleton (BVC Vice Chairman), Donn Weaver (BVC Immediate Past Chairman), Roger Scruggs (VMC Photographer) and Tom Fitzgerald (Marine Corps League and event chairperson). VMC Member and Commander of our own Space Coast Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Carl Miller, gave a stirring keynote speech.

After the ceremony (which ended with Taps and a Rifle Volley) the names of the 1900 Vietnam Era veterans interred since the last reading at the CCNC were read aloud. Many Vietnam veterans also received official Vietnam War Veteran pins from the Viet Nam Niem Nho Khong Ten (Vietnam Unforgettable Memories Foundation) for their service during a war marked by national division and derision when they returned to CONUS. There was great coverage in the Florida Today print and on-line versions of 24 March. This was an outstanding event, and we look forward to next year's, the last year to nationally commemorate the Vietnam War.

The ceremony next year will be the final National Level event hosted at all VA National Cemeteries and many more locations. The year 2025, on 29 March, will mark the 50th Anniversary since the final day our forces were in Vietnam as Saigon fell to the North.



**Pictured:** Carl Miller of MOPH on stage.



**Pictured:** Jim Carleton, BVC Vice-Chairman and a member of Vietnam Unforgettable Memories Foundation.



**Pictured:** The Pinning Ceremony



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# Space Coast JROTC recieves \$1000 Check from Good Deeds Foundation

At the 13 March BVMC General Meeting, MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation President Donn Weaver presents the visiting Space Coast High School Space Force JROTC a GDF check for \$1000 to support the unit's final transition from USAF to a Space Force JROTC Unit (only one of ten in the country).

Lieutenant Colonel Joe Stevens, USAF Ret and senior JROTC Instructor at the school (the younger guy with glasses) accepts the donation in front of his ship-shape USSF JROTC Color Guard.



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## JROTC hosts Bataan Death March

On 09 March, Space Force JROTC Unit FL-20082 hosted their annual Bataan Death March at the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Over 200 cadets from 4 JROTC programs (3x Air Force, 1x Space Force) completed 15.2 miles on an unseasonably high 88-degree day. The Veterans Memorial Center and MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation are big supporters of all the JROTC Units.

Several years ago, AF JROTC at Satellite HS hosted the Remembrance at Veterans Memorial Park. A big hand for the cadets and their great leadership. Thanks to John E. Werner, SMSgt, USAF (Ret) of Space Coast HS for this submission.



## Book Report

### *“Icon of Evil” by David Dalin and John Rothmann*

Icon Of Evil” was written by David Dalin and John Rothmann both American historians dealing with contemporary Middle Eastern and Jewish history. This book details the rise of Radical Islam in middle eastern countries that continues to this day. The main character is Amin al-Husseini who was born in Jerusalem in 1895 and rose to become the mufti of Jerusalem. The title mufti is given to Sunni Arab Islamic leaders that preside over a city or region. Educated first in a Turkish government school in Jerusalem and later in Cairo, Egypt. He developed antisemitic radicalized views at an early age under the influence of the Muslem Brotherhood in Egypt.

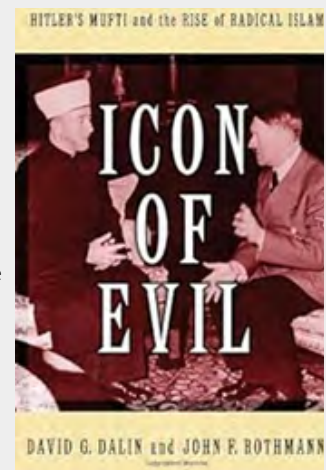
The Ottoman empire ruled Jerusalem prior to World War I and Amin al-Husseini briefly served as an officer in the Turkish Army. Britain defeated the Turks and took over ruling Jerusalem and Palestine after the War. The Jewish people began to immigrate and settle into Palestine as the Russian Pogroms drove them away from their homes. After the Balfour declaration in 1917 Briton and other countries began to encourage Jewish migration during the 1920s and 1930s.

Throughout the 1930s Palestine became increasingly divided over the increasing Jewish migration. The population of Palestine increased from twenty to thirty

percent Jewish and Al-Husseini continued to incite violence and riots against the Jews. As early as 1933 al-Husseini offered his support for the Nazi government through the German consul general in Jerusalem. Both Hitler and Mussolini shared al-Husseini’s desire to exterminate the Jews. Upon his arrival in Berlin in 1941 he was welcomed warmly by the leaders of the Third Reich. He was treated as a head of state in exile and was provided with a luxurious home and servants. His first meeting with Hitler went well and he pledged to help with the extermination of the Jews.

Al-Husseini escaped Germany after WW II and was forced to go into hiding to avoid being tried as a war criminal. His later years were spent in Cairo and Beirut; however, he never gave up his opposition to Israel and the Jewish nation.

Book report by Joe Davie  
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# JROTC Cadets Wrap Up A Great Year of Competition

Most teenagers will do everything they can to sleep in on Saturday mornings during the school year. Not so with hundreds of JROTC Cadets in the 14 Brevard Schools which host 7 Army, 3 Air Force, 2, Navy, 1 Marine Corps and 1 Space Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs. Already this 2023-24 school year, many hundreds of them got up at 5 am or earlier on many Saturdays to be ready for 10 major competitions. On many other weekdays they also arrived early at school or remained late to practice.

and offer good highlights. In addition to support from the VMC and the fantastic Veterans Memorial County Park, the JROTC programs get support from many parents' groups, companies, and veteran organizations throughout the year. This year the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America was able to fund the cost of every trophy, individual award and ribbon presented in 10 major Raider Challenge, Rifle and Drill Meets. That cost alone was over \$7000. This happened after more than a total of \$35,000 was evenly presented to all 14 JROTC and 5 other Cadet units as they began classes in August.

On Mar 9 parents, instructors and veterans on site all commented on huge improvements by all the Cadet Drill Teams for this final completion before the State Drill Championships in April. Cadets were seen in sharp renditions of Color Guards, armed and unarmed marching squads, platoon size marching and individual and dual rifle demonstrations, all in Male, Female and Mixed categories. While some schools won more trophies than others, all cadets competed hard, and their scores indicated Brevard will be sending many teams in the various Drill graded events to State. We wish them good luck in the competition and life!!



Each Service Branch directs their JROTC programs to conduct a wide range of competitions each year ranging from academic, to STEM to skills to stressful physical tests. They compete with cadet teammates, other high schools, and themselves. When grandparents begin to worry about the next generation of American leadership, lets commend the more than 1700 JROTC Cadets in Brevard County, their instructors and supportive parents and guardian. The Cadets are preparing and learning sacrifice, teamwork, leadership, good citizenship and what constitutes building their own characters. The latter will likely include a willingness to serve others.

Space does not allow us to cover all such competitions, but the County and District Drill Meets at the Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island Feb 24 and Mar 9 are both capstones





# VMC and MOAACC Support Back Brevard Heroes

For the past four years, the Veterans Memorial Center has hosted, and. MOAACC's Good Deeds Foundation has provided financial support to a unique organization in Brevard: Back Brevard Heroes (BBH).

Led by Pres Sherri Centore and VP Kimberley Tucker, BBH offers special support and recognition to the first responders of Brevard and also honors veterans during their annual event – BBH Hero Fest. This year the event will be held at the VMC on 05 May from 1000-1500. There will be many events, music, festivities and a BBQ meal prepared free for all First Responders and Veterans and. their families who attend.

BBH provides services and support all year round . Their 501c3 organization has created loyal sponsors, donors and many volunteers to make things happen. This year BBH also held a Car Show and Craft Fair Fundraiser to support their programs at the Veterans Memorial Park on 02 March. Rainout forced a two week delay from late Feb, but still 114 cars entered the show along with 20 craft vendors and six food trucks. All had great fun and a team of judges, including Sheriff Wayne Ivey, had a tough time picking 10 overall winners.

The Good Deeds Foundation led off the car show with a donation of \$1500 !! With \$20 for each car and over \$500 made on the 50/50 raffle, along with gift baskets and other drawings, it was a great financial success on a day with terrific weather as well.

For more information about BBH Hero Fest on 05 May or to volunteer or donate, check out: [backbrevardheroes.com](http://backbrevardheroes.com)



Pictured: Sheriff Wayne Ivey and sidekick Junny the Bloodhound support Back Yard Heroes Fundraiser.



Pictured: Donn Weaver holding check for \$1,500 raised for the Back Brevard



Pictured: Aerial view of Car Show and Craft Fair Fundraiser to support their programs at the Veterans Memorial Park on



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| Body wash                 | Nail Grooming Kits           |
| Dental Floss              | Band-Aids                    |
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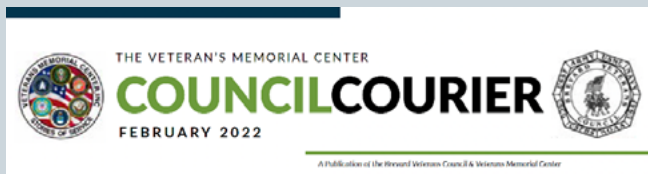
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# The Patriot Report

Disabled American Veterans (DAV),  
Space Coast Chapter 123, Inc.

## Meet Your Service Officer: Bernard J. McGuire

B. J., better known as B.J., was born Bernard Jerome McGuire, the second son to Major Joseph (USA) and Patricia McGuire, August 4, 1949, at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Aurora (Denver) Colorado. He grew up a military brat, living in Japan, Ft Benning GA, Germany and then in Albuquerque, NM where the family settled and bought a home and his father retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 27 years of service.

B. J. finished grade school, high school, and college in Albuquerque. In his formative years, he was a Varsity basketball player and paid his way through college as a municipal and Officers Club pool Lifeguard. As a 17-year-old, he attained the highest score of those men and women completing for Lifeguard jobs. He began college with aspirations of being an Electrical Engineer.

He joined Naval ROTC upon invitation as his older brother was a Youngster (sophomore) at the U.S. Naval Academy. In his freshman year, he was exposed to the Marine Corps during a Physical Fitness Test. Always seeking a challenge, he was in. While in ROTC, he served as platoon commander, company commander and then a four-star billet as the Battalion Inspector. He was awarded the Robert A. Barnes Leadership Award.

He graduated from the University of New Mexico on December 21, 1971, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He attended the Basic School in Quantico Virginia, where he was awarded a regular commission as a graduate in the top 10% of his Basic Class and served as the Battalion Commander at the Class Graduation. Having an "aviation guarantee" based on his college work, he reported to Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, FL. He was on an accelerated program and was awarded his wings as an unrestricted Naval Aviator in 9 months.

His first duty station was Marine Corps Air Station New River, in Camp Lejeune, NC. He completed his training in the Replacement Air Group (RAG) and was assigned to HMH 461 as the Flight Schedules Officer. As an intermural basketball player, he formed a relationship with the Squadron Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Robert "Bones" Fowner. When the squadron secured 8 sets of Night Vision Goggles on-loan from Ft Rucker to run an Adaptability Experiment, he was selected as an inexperienced H2P (co-pilot) to be part of the study to assess adaptability by less experienced pilots. While at New River, he also earned his FAA single engine, multi-engine and Instrument ratings.

B.J. was deployed to Okinawa Japan to HMH-462 in 1975, just following the Embassy Evacuations of Viet Nam and Cambodia. While in Okinawa, he was designated an Aircraft Commander, an Instructor Pilot, a Division Commander, a Flight Leader, and Post Maintenance Inspector Pilot. Following his tour in Okinawa,

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he was transferred to HMH-463 in Kaneohe Bay Hawaii. There he worked in Operations until he was assigned to the 2nd West Coast Weapons Tactics Instructor (WTI) Course. Back in Hawaii, he became the first deputy Officer in Charge (OIC) and then OIC of the MAG-24 Weapons Tactics Center. During the balance of this tour, he found himself being pressed into service and an augment flight instructor in subsequent WTI Courses. When the USMC formed the first Tactics Instruction squadron, Marine Aviation and Weapons Squadron One (MAWTS-1), he was assigned a Plank-Holder ground and flight school instructor.

On November 4, 1979, when the Iranian students took over the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, JTF 1-79 was formed, eventually tasked with flying into Tehran and rescuing the 52 Americans held hostage in the embassy and the Foreign Ministry building. Captain McGuire flew the 2nd of 8 RH-53D Sea Stallions on that ill-fated mission. (Operation Eagle Claw)

Following the Iran Hostage Rescue Mission, Captain McGuire left active duty and began flying for the USMC Reserves. He later retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the USMC reserves after 23 years of honorable service. B.J. spent a second career in business during and following his active duty and reserve careers, serving in his final eight years as an Environmental and Airspace Encroachment Engineer consulting to the Admiral serving as the Chief of Naval Aviation. B.J. moved with his family to Brevard County in 2017 and joined DAV Chapter 123. He has served as the Chapter Historian, Deputy Treasurer, Treasurer and is now the Chapter Adjutant.

He is a Chapter Service Officer II, a Department of Florida Service Officer II and an Accredited VA Veteran Service Officer.

# Passing of a BVC/VMC Elder Statesman

It is with great sadness that I (on behalf of the entire executive committee) inform you of the passing of one of our elder statesmen of the BVC/VMC, Lou Rossi. I was informed by Rocky, Lou's caretaker, that he had passed. More information is forthcoming on services.

Kind regards,  
VMC President Dean Schaaf



## The Orlando VA Health Care System (OVAHCS) to Host Open House for the New Daytona Beach VA Clinic, on April 25, 2024

**The event will welcome the public to the new facility, with clinic resources and guided tours.**

Daytona Beach, Fla. – The Orlando VA Health Care System (OVAHCS) will hold an open house event for the new Daytona Beach VA Clinic from 3:00PM to 5:00PM on April 25, 2024. The event will take place onsite at 1776 N. Williamson Blvd., offering an exclusive opportunity for the public to explore the clinic and learn more about the comprehensive care and resources available for Veterans and their families.

At this grand opening, visitors, Veterans, and their families will have the chance to meet and mingle with the staff members who are committed to serving those who have bravely served our country. Guided tours will be conducted by experienced staff members who will provide insights into the clinic's newly added and expanded service offerings. Light refreshments and clinic resources will also be available.

Tim Cooke, OVAHCS Director/CEO, shared, "We are excited to welcome our local community into the new Daytona Beach VA Clinic and offer a glimpse into the services that are now available for our local Veterans. We are exceptionally proud of this project which we believe will have a powerful, lasting impact on both Veterans served and on the dedicated staff

who will ultimately serve them. We invite all interested to join us in a community-wide celebration!"  
Expanded Options for Local Veterans

In constructing the new facility, OVAHCS is replacing the former, undersized William V. Chappell campus with an expanded clinic that is 128,899 net usable square feet (NUSF) with 750 parking spaces and is more appropriately suited for the local Veteran population. The Daytona Beach VA Clinic will serve more than 21,000 unique Veterans and provide ancillary and specialty services to more than 6,000 additional Veterans from the Deltona CBOC clinic.

Thoughtfully designed by Oculus Inc., the Daytona Beach VA Clinic consists of 23 departments, including a multi-specialty clinic offering 15 distinct services. Its design fosters a comfortable healing environment intended to benefit both patients and staff with a welcoming, open floor plan, ample natural light, and a calming color palette throughout the facility. The new clinic will also add previously unavailable services including complex PACT, Vascular Lab, Diagnostic Cardiology, Sleep, Gastroenterology, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Interventional Pain, on site Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV), as well as float-in providers for ID, Neurology, Vascular, and Gynecology.

In addition, the facility has earned a 2023 Green Globes Building Certification for New Construction: Two Green Globes® Certified by the Green Building Initiative.

About Orlando VA Health Care System (OVAHCS)  
Established in 2006, the VA Orlando Health Care System is one of the leading health care systems serving Veterans in the VA Sunshine Health Care Network. offering health care services at 13 locations serving east central Florida.

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# VMC Library Discussion Group Series

## Adventures of the Rebel Raider Tallahassee The Ship, The Captain, and Their Stories

Presented by Wayne Rowe, CDR, USN-ret  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 6:00-7:30pm  
The Library, Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island

### The Ship -- CSS Tallahassee

A true story of maritime audacity that has never received proper treatment.

In August 1864, the Confederate Navy deployed the fast cruiser Tallahassee to threaten the Northeast Coast of US. A beleaguered Lincoln administration faces the possibility of a failed war effort and a probable defeat in the coming national election.



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The success or failure of the raid would have an impact on the public perception-both North and South-regarding the overall progress of the war.

### The Captain -- John Taylor Wood



John Taylor Wood, was a 3rd-generation military man born in 1830, at Fort Snelling (now the city of St. Paul, Minnesota), where his father, Robert Croke Wood, was an assistant surgeon in the U.S. Army.

His mother, Anne Taylor, was a daughter of the post's commander, General Zachary Taylor, a future president of the United States. [grandson]

And when a young officer named Jefferson Davis married one of the general's other daughters, Sarah, Wood also became the nephew of the future president of the Confederate States of America.

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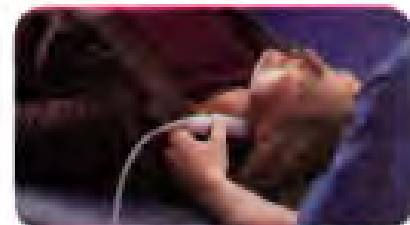
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# Unofficial Brevard VMC Vets Calendar March 2024 and Beyond

Contact VMC for any additions or other information.

NOTE: Some events change in between our monthly mailing of the VMC Calendar. Keep up to date with those changes using our web link: <https://veteransmemorialcenter.org/upcoming-veterans-events/>

## APRIL 2024

**05 Apr – 2024 Shrimp Feast** at Port Canaveral Terminal 5. Sponsored by the Propeller Club to support Maritime Education Programs. 1800- 2220 hours. Entry \$60 at the, in advance (none at the door) door but early bird discount at \$50 through 17 March. Cocktails, Shrimp Dinner, door prizes, silent and live auction with Sheriff Wayne Ivey. Contact 321-698-5296; [www.spacecoastshrimpfestat.com](http://www.spacecoastshrimpfestat.com) to register or for more information.

**April 12, 2024 -National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS) 3rd Annual Golf Tournament.** For more information on any event Latest Events & Updates | National Veterans Homeless Support ([nvhs.org](http://nvhs.org))

**15 Apr – Deadline to sign up to as vendor/participant in the 36th Annual Florida All Veterans Reunion at Wickham Park** featuring VVB's Traveling Walls from Vietnam and GWOT. Contact Doc Russo 321-652-4185 or [RARusso1962@gmail.com](mailto:RARusso1962@gmail.com)

**27 Apr – Brevard Parkinson's Alliance 5K Walk and Run Fundraiser** VMC Park Gray Hall, Plaza 0700-1200. Contact Barbara Fradkin on 262-501-1244 to sign up or for more information.

**27 Apr – VETTES on the Island Car Show** 1000-1400 Merritt Square Mall Dillard's Lot. Portion of the proceeds go to Veterans Memorial Center. VMC will have an info booth. Registration is \$25 with 200 cars expected for a great outing. Contact Peter Lenhard, Car Show Chair, on 321-626-5632 for entry forms and info.

**27 Apr –Celebrate April as the month of the Military Child** at First Christian Church, 470 Brevard Ave, Cocoa Beach 1100-1300. Sponsored by AVET with food/stem and many activities for the whole family. Please RSVP and learn more at [info@avet-project.org](mailto:info@avet-project.org)

**30 Apr – VMC Library Discussion Program** 1800-1930. "The Myths, Mysteries and Facts of the Booth Conspiracy, Lincoln's Assassination, The Manhunt and Trial" by Wayne Rowe.

## MAY 2024

**05-12 May – Traveling Wall and Reunion** at Wickham Park. Details in March. See above 15 April to register and for info.

**05 May – Back Brevard Heroes (BBH) Hero Fest Celebration** and BBQ to honor first responders and veterans at the VMC Plaza, Buildings and Park. 1000 – 1600. See details in April.

**18 May – Space Coast Honor Flight to Wash DC** for selected veterans to visit their memorials. Guardian volunteers and other supporters welcome for ceremony to launch the flight – 0130 hours at the Senior Center in Wickham Park, Melbourne. Contact SCHF on 321-456-7031 or [info@spacecoasthonorflight.org](mailto:info@spacecoasthonorflight.org) for more information.

**21 May – Senator Rubio's Staff Mobile Office Hours** at the VMC, 1300-1500, specifically for Veterans and their families.

**28 May – VMC Library Discussion Program** 1800-1930 "Adventures of the Rebel Raider Tallahassee: The Ship, the Captain, and Their Stories." presented by Wayne Rowe.

## JUNE 2024

**08 Jun – Space Coast Honor Flight** to Wash DC for selected veterans to visit their memorials. Guardian volunteers and other supporters welcome for ceremony to launch the flight – 0130 hours at the Senior Center in Wickham Park, Melbourne. Contact SCHF on 321-456-7031 or [info@spacecoasthonorflight.org](mailto:info@spacecoasthonorflight.org) for more information.

**08 Jun – Zachary M. Martin Memorial 5 K Run/Walk** at Viera Regional Park (2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way) in Melbourne 0800-1000. Proceeds will benefit Stop Soldier Suicide and help Brevard County veterans with PTSD. visit [zacharymartinmemorial.com](http://zacharymartinmemorial.com) to register and for more information about this 501c3.

For events beyond April, please visit the [VMC online event calendar.](#)



## MISSION

The Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) offers a special Veterans History Project (VHP) in coordination with the American Red Cross and Library of Congress (LOC) at no charge. The VHP mission is to collect, preserve, and make accessible the personal accounts of American veterans of all services and periods of history. Thus, future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war and other military service. After the recorded interview the veteran and family will receive their own DVD, one will be kept at the VMC library, and electronic copies will be downloaded to the LOC.



## TO PARTICIPATE

If you are a veteran, simply contact us and we will arrange a video recorded interview in the VMC library or, in special cases, at your home. The conversation can last thirty minutes or two hours. That is up to you. The story can include your service and how your life was spent after the military. Remember hundreds of veterans have told their stories which are preserved forever on VHP DVD's at the VMC Library and LOC.

## CONTACT US

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