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Flagler County Military Officers Association of America

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Governor Ron DeSantis' "Florida Leads" Budget Strongly Supports Florida's Veteran Community

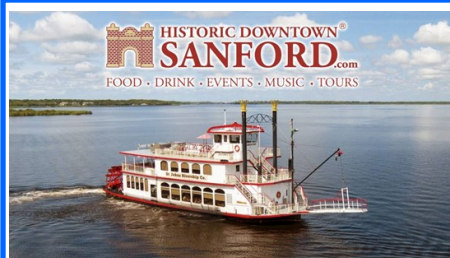


Gov. Ron DeSantis' "Florida Leads" budget provides critical support to the state's 1.5 million veterans, their families and survivors. Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs Deputy Executive Director James S. Hartsell said: "I'm very proud of Governor Ron DeSantis' steadfast support of FDVA, ensuring Florida remains the most veteran-friendly state in the nation.

Governor DeSantis has committed millions of dollars in funding to Florida's veteran population over the past two years. This year's budget continues our passion of connecting veterans with their earned services, benefits and support." One of the biggest enterprises within the FDVA is its network of award-winning State Veterans' Homes. The State of Florida boasts six state veterans' nursing homes and one state veterans' domiciliary. Additional state veterans' nursing homes in Port St. Lucie and Orlando are slated to open in calendar year 2021. Governor DeSantis has proposed funding for the completion and staffing of the additional state veterans' nursing homes in Port St. Lucie and Orlando, and capital improvements and replacement of equipment and furniture for the state's operational veterans' nursing homes and domiciliary.

Other state veterans' home funding includes support for contract services for increased costs and utilization in agency staffing, housekeeping, therapy, medical and pharmacy services. The "Florida Leads" budget provides \$350,000 for a veteran suicide prevention outreach program. Florida is a role model and leader in the "Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families," a national call to action asking state, military and civilian interagency teams to embark on a process of collaborating, planning and implementing suicide prevention best practices and policies for service members, veterans and their families statewide.

(Source: Flagler County Veterans Information Packet March 2021)



Don't forget to make your reservation for the annual River Cruise on May 13th. We will be cruising the St John's River while enjoying a festive multi course meal. The sailing capacity has been reduced by 50% to allow for social distancing. Masks are required in the interior spaces except for dining. Masks are optional on the exterior decks.

You must call 321-441-3030 to make your reservation under "MOAA-Jones." **Reservations must be in by Friday May 7th.** (See the flyer previously provided for all other details.)

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April Program/Speaker: Roy Sieger, Director Flagler County Executive Airport



Roy Sieger is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but has been a Floridian since the age of 4. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1984 and retired after twenty years as a Gunnery Sergeant. During his Marine Corps career, he earned several awards and decorations and deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield / Desert Storm during the liberation of Kuwait.

After his service to the Marine Corps, he completed his college degree at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and combined this with his military training, education and experience to become a very successful airport manager.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Flagler Beach, and he was named Rotarian of the Year, for his chapter, in 2017, and has served as its president and currently sits on its Board of Directors. Roy was also selected as Flagler County Veteran of the Year for 2020.

Roy came to Flagler County in 2009 when he was hired as airport director and has taken the airport to new heights (no pun intended.) He manages one of the busiest General Aviation airports in the United States. He was able to secure a \$50 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration and Florida Department of Transportation, which was used for capital improvements to the airport. These improvements were important for Flagler County's economic development, business attraction/retention, and overall success of the airport.

During his tenure he has directed the emergency response site at the airport through four hurricanes coordinating the staging area for power companies helping to bring electricity back to residents and with the Florida Army National Guard to bring much needed emergency food and water to the community.

His success at the airport has earned him the respect of his peers in the industry, and as such, he serves as chair or vice-chair of three Florida Department of Transportation Aviation System Planning committees and sits on the Board of Directors for the Florida Airports Council. As airport director, he received the FDOT 2010 Project of the Year award for construction of the air traffic control tower and in 2015 received that award for runway safety improvements. In 2012, he was selected FAA Southern Region Airport Director of the Year, and in 2018 received the FAA Southern Region General Aviation Airport Safety Award.

We are grateful for his willingness to share with us his time, and look forward to a very interesting program.



Reminder : "Veterans on Point" Weekly radio broadcast on WNZF 1550 AM or 94.9 FM on Sunday's at 9:30 AM. It is hosted by Veterans Service Officer, **David Lydon**, with interesting guests and information pertinent to all veterans. (For your convenience, Podcasts are available at www.flaglerbroadcasting.com WNZF Podcasts "Veterans on Point".)



The response to requested donations, for the Food Pantry, at our March meeting was **outstanding**, as the picture at the left shows. We will continue to support this effort at future meetings for all who would like to "continue serving" those less fortunate. The list of suggested items can be found on our website in the March 2021 newsletter.

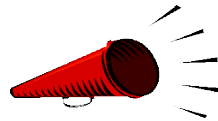
Thank you!



IF you have a new address or telephone number, please let us know.



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Now Hear This !!



We are pleased to announce the addition of two new members and their spouses to our chapter. Thanks to the recruiting efforts of Billy Jones, **Col Phil Jones**, USAF, and his wife **Suzan**, as well as **MAJ Jeff McKay**, USA, and his wife **La Juana** have joined our chapter.

Congratulations and a hearty welcome. We all look forward to serving with you.



We have learned from the Veterans Services Office that the Disabled American Veterans office has reopened and resumed normal hours from 0900 to 1300 Monday through Thursday at **27 Florida Park Drive** in Palm Coast. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are by appointment only. Call (386) 439-2122 for appointments and other questions.



We would like to thank Deidre Wright for stepping up and speaking at our February meeting on short notice. She delivered a great message on her career in a transitioning time for our military. We definitely want to reschedule Peggy to hear "Herstory" as well. Thanks Deidre.



Effective 3/24/21 the VA has been given expanded legal authority to provide COVID-19 vaccines to **all Veterans** (regardless of their VA healthcare enrollment status) as well as Veteran spouses, caregivers and some beneficiaries. The expanded authority depends on available vaccine supply and requires the VA to continue to prioritize our nation's Veterans enrolled in VA care. Contact the Flagler County Veterans Services Office at 386-313-4014 for additional information.

General Meeting Reservation
THURSDAY April 22nd, 2021
Halifax Golf Club

Social Time— 11:30 AM Dinner & Meeting— 12 Noon Program - Flagler County Airport

Name: _____

		# Desired	Total
Beef Burgundy with/mushrooms	\$23.00	_____	_____
Breaded Fried Cod	\$23.00	_____	_____

Supporting Donations (Circle one): Toys for Tots/Feed Flagler/

JROTC Academic Achievement Award/ Other (please designate) _____ Suggested donation—\$10 min _____

\$20 dues for 2021 (Overdue)! Please remit if you have not yet paid. _____

Remember that we are collecting Food Panty donations in the bin at the registration table. Total _____

(IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING, PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSES THAT WE SUPPORT OR TO PAY YOUR DUES. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MARK "NO MEAL," CIRCLE FUND, AND INDICATE AMOUNT.)

Mail Check to: MOAA , P.O. Box 352495, Palm Coast, FL 32135-2495

Please ensure that checks and reservations are received by **Wednesday, Apr 14th, 2021**

Dates to Remember			
<p><u>Board Meetings</u></p> <p>County Admin Bldg. Apr 1st 3:00 PM</p> <p>County Admin Bldg. May 6th 3:00 PM</p>	<p><u>General Membership Meetings</u></p> <p>Dinner Meetings Hilton Garden Inn May 27th Sep 23rd</p>	 <p>9 Al Heffner</p> <p>13 Ken Woycke</p> <p>18 Bill McKinnon</p> <p>20 Carol McGee</p> <p>27 Paige Long</p>	<p><u>April Anniversaries</u></p> <p>29 Gene and Jean Walker</p>
<p><u>New Beginnings</u></p> <p>No events scheduled at this time.</p> 	<p>Luncheon Meetings</p> <p>Halifax Golf Club Apr 22nd June 24th</p>		
<p><u>April Observances</u></p> <p>Month of the Military Child</p> <p>Apr 2 Good Friday</p> <p>Apr 4 Easter</p> <p>Apr 5 Gold Star Wives Day</p> <p>Apr 6 Persian Gulf War Ends (1991)</p> <p>Apr 14 Air Force Reserve Birthday</p> <p>Apr 23 Army Reserve Birthday</p> <p>Apr 30 National Military Brats Day</p>			



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