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YOUR BREVARD VETERANS SERVICES TEAM

More Ships Added to VA Vietnam Ship List: The VA has updated the list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships that operated in Vietnam. It added **47 more vessels** and expanded information for others. This list can help Vietnam-era Veterans find out if they qualify for presumption of Agent Orange exposure when seeking VA Disability Compensation for herbicide-related diseases. To view this updated list, you need to visit the VA Ship List website or call 1-800-749-8367 (press Option Number Three) for more information.

Note: If your ship is still not listed, we encourage you to still apply for health care and benefits. The VA is adding ships as evidence becomes available to confirm the locations of ships. Your application for benefits could be the catalyst that allows your claim and that of many of your shipmates.

Increases in VA Insurance Coverage: Some Veterans now have the opportunity to increase the Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI) coverage up to the maximum of \$400,000. To be eligible, the Veterans must have a current VGLI Policy in force at less than the \$400,000 maximum coverage limit and request a coverage increase by \$25,000 more at each 5-year anniversary date of their VGLI Policy. Finally, you must be less than 60 years of age on the 5-year anniversary. For more details, call the VA Life Insurance Section at 1-800-669-8477

Glenn McGuffie,
Veteran Services Team Manager

CONTACT NUMBERS

Your Brevard Veteran Services Team 633-2012
or South Area (Toll Free) 952-4700, ext. 2012
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OTHER NUMBERS OF INTEREST

Brevard VA Outpatient Clinic 637-3788
or if long distance (Toll Free) 1-877-878-3878
Brevard VA Clinic Enrollment 637-523/3522/3542
Brevard VA Clinic Volunteer Services 637-3517
VA Regional Office (Toll Free) 800-827-1000
DEERS Enrollment-TRICARE
for Life Enrollment 494-2276
CHAMPVA for Life 1-888-289-2411

USEFUL VETERAN WEB SITES

Brevard Veteran Services Team:
www.brevardcounty.us/veterans/
The VA's main Web Site: www.va.gov
The Florida Department of Veteran Affairs:
www.floridavets.org
The St. Petersburg VA Regional Office:
www.vba.va.gov/ro/south/spete

**Reminder: Is your beneficiary information current?
To check, call the VA Insurance Center at
1-800-669-8477**

And, don't forget - on Saturdays from 11:00 am to Noon on WMEL-AM 1300, listen to "American Warrior Radio." This is a radio show dedicated to providing up-to-date VA claims information and other important Veteran/ Survivor VA and Military Retiree information.

A Veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check, made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including my life."

UNITED WE STAND

Brevard Veterans Council 2011 / 2012

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Golf Tournament	Maurice Meisner	783-3649
Memorial Tree	Joe Hershey	433-3246
Memorial Plaza	Bill Kowalczyk	302-4077
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Commission on Aging	Charlie Antoni	773-3398

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Board Member – 3 Yr	Pat Clendenning	720-5851
Past President	Maurice Meisner	783-3649

Chairman's Report

Now that the holidays are behind us, please keep in mind that we still have 75,000 troops at war in Afghanistan. These wonderful young people do not ask for our help, but they love to see those packages from home. During 2011, we sent 10,000 pounds to our troops. In the first month of 2012, we have already sent 350 pounds.



Our Organization's finances ran at a deficit last year. Unlike the Federal Government, we can neither borrow nor print money. We have 70+ organizations that make up the Veterans Council. I know each one has to generate the monies needed to keep them afloat. Our Center and Council must rely on the generosity of our members. Over the past ten years, Ed Barnett's Bridge Players have raised just shy of \$100,000 for our Organization. Most of our Member Organizations are Life Members and therefore do not pay yearly dues. With our on-going support for Active Duty Troops, needy Veterans, and our Special Causes, it is very easy to run at a deficit. Please think of us when looking for a Facility to rent.

At all of our Meetings, we ask for comments under "Good of the Order". All of us are concerned with the cuts our Commander-in-Chief is proposing for our Military. Why is it that after every war, the Government always cuts our Military to the bone? I know our Organization is not supposed to be a political force, but we are all Veterans and must defend our Services. I urge all of you to contact your Representatives in Washington, DC, and tell them how you feel. Only by being the strongest nation on earth will make lunatics like those in North Korea and Iran take pause before making a serious attack on the USA.

If you are a Council/Center Officer, an Activity Chairperson, or an MOD, you should have received your new key codes. To maintain our security, you are not permitted to share the codes with anyone. As Security Officer, I maintain the list of key holders and issue keys as needed.

In less than a month, we have lost two of our long-time members. Ed Walsh and Nick Beninate went to be with our Lord. They will be sorely missed.

In case you don't remember, "Red Shirt Fridays" is the way for you to show your support for the Troops. We will have Red Shirt Fridays until all our Troops come home.

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(Continued from on Page 2 – Chairman’s Report) We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help with the Manager on Duty (MOD) Program. If you have not visited our Web Site, give it a look.

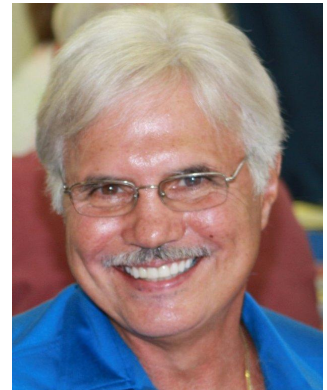
Until next month,
Be safe and God bless,
Skip Bateman, Chairman

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## **Veterans Memorial Center – President’s Message**

VMC Membership:

Unlike other messages within which I typically express upbeat greetings and well wishes, while touting previous and upcoming VMC events, this particular message has weighed heavily on my mind. In fact, I was somewhat fearful of the subject matter . . . hence I write this at the midnight hour.



The Center lost two genuine heroes over the past month. While death is a part of life and the VMC will move on, I feel a selfish need to express my own sense of loss.

Edmund Walsh was a quiet hero, a man who served without question and relied upon his innate Faith, Wisdom, Truthfulness, Honor, and Will in service to God, Country, Family, and the Veteran’s Memorial Center. Ed remains my first image of VMC Leadership and it is difficult to describe my feelings when he came to me a month before he passed to request that I appoint someone to replace him on the Board. I still have a bottle of “Jarhead” wine that Ed proudly gave to me and I still have the USMC pin he “tagged” on my collar.

Nicholas Beninate was a not-so-quiet hero. Nick fought in at least three Wars on paper; but I strongly suspect that he boldly went where few ventured before. Nick was a huge man in Stature, Mind, Leadership and Heart. I recall an interview we shared a few years back when he leaned over to me and said aloud, “Do you think these jaybirds are going to write the truth?”

Ed and Nick inspired me to do some research and as I explored our Membership (Thank You, Emma), I realized that there are many Dedicated and Honorable Members we have lost.

Over the past two years, we have missed the presence of Ken Baker, Sy Berman, Russell Cejda, H.E. Diddle, John Brown, Bob Holloway, John O’Connor, Robert Haber, Harold Hartup, Lucille Kunze, Vincent Mangino, Edward Mixer, Bill Ragsdale, Chester Rice, H.G. Roberts.

Think what you may, but it feels very important (to me) to recognize and honor our Membership . . . Past and Present!

As I presided at the VMC Board Meeting this morning, we had many strong issues and personalities aboard. I looked around and in the context of my being taught and learning to be leadership in this great organization, I observed challenge for the sake of challenge.

My wish for the VMC is that we work together, in harmonious commitment to the betterment of our own Veteran’s Memorial Center in Service to America.

Bill Vagianos, VMC President



# Happy Birthday

## January Birthdays

Charlie Antoni  
Bryan Armstrong  
Bob Barnett  
Donald Buffkin  
Richard Cassidy  
Jean Campbell  
Dawn Cejda  
Harrell "Buck" Creshaw  
James Deshotel  
Ronald Gallant  
Lloyd George  
Joseph Gothard  
Ted Hackler, Jr.

Karen Hansen  
Bill Hoffpauir  
Thomas James  
Deland Jones  
Kevin King  
James Klingerman  
George Kozlowski  
Harold LaMarchg, Jr.  
Edward Light  
Lillian MacEntee  
Jefferson Main  
Brian Marfitt

Clark Moody  
Weldon Moore  
Wendell Newton  
Ray Norman  
Albert J. Pappas  
Meredith Peterson  
Robert Post  
Walter Puhnaty  
Howard Quale, Jr.  
Lawrence Reinig  
Isom "Ike" Rigell  
Francisco Rios

Tom Roseland  
Tony Sasso  
Richard Schimet  
W. Ben Sims  
William Spivey  
Donald Sylvester  
Steve Testa  
Michael Thompson  
Jim Tuck  
Dossa Azonaha Williar  
John F. Wood  
H. Elton Woodward  
Charles Zecman

The names are taken from the Enrollment Cards on file. If you do not see your name, it is because your birth information was not entered. If you wish your name to be added, please let me know.

Emma Meisner,  
Membership Chair



### **BLOOD BANK ACCOUNT**

*Please know that our Account Number has changed to A-48. This new number replaces the old one. Anyone can donate To This Account! You do not need to be a Veteran to give blood. You must be a family member of a Veteran's family to receive blood from our account.*

*The Blood Bank has changed some, gotten more computer literate, and thus become more confusing and difficult to access. The last time blood was needed by a member, several calls were necessary to make the transfer. This will hopefully ease after some usage by the Blood Bank of the new systems.*

*Our Account is currently about 434 units of blood. This year, to date, we received two units and had six units donated. I hope this trend reverses. If you or your family member needs blood, please call Rod Smith at 632-6702 or Ted Whitlock at 243-8919. These two members are currently the representatives that can authorize blood transfers.*

### **CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS**

Old Cell phones can be dropped off at the Veterans Memorial Center, 400 S. Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, Florida, which is an "official" drop-off point for old cell phones that will be converted into phone cards for our troops. Drop off 7 days a week, Monday thru Saturday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Sunday, from Noon to 5:00 pm.



# BENEFACTORS SPOTLIGHT



*Our sincere "Thanks" to the following individuals and businesses that have made contributions to various projects within the Veterans Memorial Center and/or Brevard Veterans Council*

## TROOP SUPPORT

John Howard, Merritt Island  
John Kaufmann, Merritt Island  
Mary Matteson, Titusville  
Mr & Mrs Ray Tenkku, Merritt Island

## OPERATIONS

John Howard, Merritt Island  
Bill Kowalczyk, Cocoa  
Merritt Island Elks Lodge #2650, Merritt Island  
Thursday Bridge Players  
WalMart #771

## IN MEMORY OF EDMUND WALSH, JR.

D. Andrew List, Westerville, OH  
Maurice & Emma Meisner, Cocoa Beach  
Lucille Misurella, Prescott Valley, AZ  
Mel & Doran Mueller, Merritt Island  
Dale, Phyllis & Justin Perdue, Dublin, OH

## VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

John Howard, Merritt Island

## VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA

Tuesday Bridge Players

## VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM

John Howard, Merritt Island

## SCHOLARSHIP

John Howard, Merritt Island  
Wednesday Bridge Players

## HOMELESS VETERANS STAND DOWN 2012

Anna Corcoran, Cocoa Beach

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2012 Brevard Stand Down for Homeless Veterans

On March 31, 2012, we will be holding our 17th Annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans, an event which is unfortunate, but totally necessary.

In order to make this event work, we need the support of our members, organizations, and anyone else who would like to make a difference in the lives of our Homeless Veterans. We are asking for donations of the following: **"Pop Top" type canned foods, such as Beans & Wieners, Pork & Beans, Vienna Sausage, Chicken Vienna, Spaghetti Meatballs or Ravioli, Pudding, Apple Sauce, Tuna Fish.**

There is a donation box located at the Veterans Memorial Center so you can drop off your donations at your convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Vagianos, Stand Down Chairman or Emma Meisner, Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you for your support.

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**Welcome to the following new Council Members – January 2012**

**William "Jack" Sidoran**  
U.S. Marines  
Melbourne, FL

# Party Bridge Players Needed

Do you have some time and need something to do?  
Then check out the “Veterans Bridge Players”  
at the  
Veterans Memorial Center  
Three Days a Week (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)  
For Information, call Bill or Jewell Schick at (321) 452-2387

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Need Transportation To and From the VA Clinic

The Space Coast Chapter for Independent Living would like to assist veterans with transportation for their appointments at the Viera VA Clinic. They have available two wheelchair accessible vans and one 15-passenger van. They are offering to transport veterans who do not have the means to make their scheduled appointments.

The cost is \$10 round-trip. They will pick you up at your residence, take you to the VA Clinic, and return you back to your residence. If you are interested, this is a process you need to complete to get started: call the Space Coast Center for Independent Living office at (321) 633-6011 and complete an intake packet. It takes only a few minutes and you will be registered.

You will need to call at least one week in advance when you would like to utilize their service. This will make sure that you obtain a pickup since the service is “first come, first served”. It would be in your best interest to schedule a pickup as soon as you make your appointment through the VA for medical services.

Due to liability and insurance reasons, the only service they cannot help with is any kind of Outpatient Surgery. If you have questions, call SCCIL Transportation Program. Call for eligibility of information at (321) 633-6011 Voice/TTY.

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In 1887, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish History Professor at the University of Edinberg, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic, some 2,000 years prior:

“A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government.

A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury.

From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promises the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will then collapse over loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship.

The average age of the world’s greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years.

During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following stages:

- From bondage to spiritual faith;
- From spiritual faith to great courage;
- From courage to liberty;
- From liberty to abundance;
- From abundance to complacency
- From complacency to apathy;
- From apathy to dependence;
- From dependency back into bondage.”

Read and take heed!





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**It's never too soon to book your special event!**

**Weddings**

**Receptions**

**Birthdays**

**Anniversaries**

**Reunions**

**Celebrations**



**The facility is available for rent by the public  
(not restricted to veterans)**

If you have questions or comments, you may reach Forest @ (321) 453-1776 or e-mail him at [forestg@cfl.rr.com](mailto:forestg@cfl.rr.com)

# VALENTINE'S DAY

*When do we look for the true meaning of love?*

*John 3:16, "For God so LoVed the world, that he gAve his onLy begottEn soN, That whosoever believeth In him should Not perish, but have Everlasting life.*

*True Love endures in spite of difficulties. I Corinthians 13:8, "Charity (Love) never faileth."*

*True Love comes from a desire for the welfare of each other!*

*Love is an action word and is made up of trust, truth, faith, loyalty, and sacrifice!*

*Love is giving of yourself.*

*God Bless Our Troops and Veterans,  
God Bless You, and God Bless America  
Rev. Daniel V. Mix, Chaplain*



## VETERANS OUTREACH

### Prayer List:

- **Ray Norman and Jack Jackson**, both of whom have undergone surgery and are recovering well. Remember **Ed Barnett** in your prayers as he struggles with health issues.

December 2011 ended on a very sad note with the loss of **Ed Walsh**, and once again we offer our sincere sympathy to Ed's wife, children and grandchildren, and to all of those who share their loss.

The month of January 2012 ended with yet another sad note, with the loss of **Nicholas (Nick) Beninate**. We want to extend our deepest sympathy to Nick's wife Jimmie, to whom he was married a few days short of 70 years, his children and grandchildren, and to all of our members who share their loss.

Too many times, after someone passes, we sort of kick ourselves and say, "I wish I had contacted them more often." I know all are busy, but it only takes a moment to pick up a phone and call and say "we are thinking of you", and if not a phone call, then how about a card. I am sure you are pleased when someone calls or you get a card. It means even more to those who are not as able to get around as they once were. Please don't let our members who no longer can attend meetings or be an active part of our Council and Center go forgotten. Don't let them be "out of sight, out of mind."

Prayers are always needed for our men and women who are serving in the military to defend our freedoms. Remember especially those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

With God nothing is impossible, Romans 8:28 says, all things work together for good and we hold fast to God's word.

***If you or anyone you know is sick, in the hospital, or has suffered the loss of a loved one, please keep us informed by calling the Center at (321) 453-1776 and/or our Outreach Staff:***

**George Stringfellow, North Brevard (321) 267-4142**

**Joe Hershey, Central Brevard (321) 433-3246**

**“WELCOME HOME” AVET Project  
Recuperation and Reintegration Retreat  
Florida Retreat Dates Feb 10-12 (Ladies) and Feb 17-19 (Men)**

AVET Project invites you to join us in meeting the NEEDS of our brave men and women who are currently serving in combat and those who have returned home. These patriotic Americans have voluntarily given up so much to keep us safe. AVET Project is on a mission to raise money, as well as collect donations, for Project Recuperation and Reintegration (PR&R), a Retreat-based Outreach Program.

Once a Military Member returns from duty in a Combat Zone, AVET Project selects applicants on a first-come, first-served basis to participate in a retreat where they can decompress, relax, and reconnect with one another. AVET Project staff members and volunteers provide instruction in reintegration issues, coping methods, relaxation skills, as well as stress mediation techniques. Suicide Risk Assessment and PTSC/TBI Screenings are provided, along with personal and group therapy regarding these and other reintegration issues facing our Warrior's return to Civilian life. A flexible itinerary is followed so the participant can choose to partake or simply skip a topic, if desired.

Ground transportation, lodging, course materials, massage, and recreational opportunities are provided absolutely FREE. Every program and service offered by AVET Project is totally free to the participant.

To get involved by making a tax-deductible donation of money, products, services, etc., please contact AVET Project at [www.avetproject.org](http://www.avetproject.org) and visit our Facebook page. All donations and/or services are greatly appreciated by AVET Project and the Warriors we serve.

**Retreat Costs:**

- Per warrior treated like Kings & Queens: \$229 a day, \$685 for 3 days
- Warrior Supporter: \$100
- Warrior Helper: \$50
- Warrior Assistance: \$25
- Warrior Donor: \$1

AVET Project, Inc.  
P.O.Box 254555  
Patrick AFB, FL 32925  
(321) 373-7046

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VETERANS ASSISTANCE

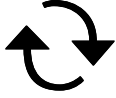
Are you aware that Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 123 provides
FREE
Veterans claim service six days a week here in our Service Office
by DAV Trained Certified Service Officers
Monday through Saturday from 0830 – 1200.
Walk-ins are welcome and appointments can be scheduled.

All veterans, their spouses, or survivors are encouraged to use this office if in need of assistance with VA claims or any other health or financial matters related to military services that affects them.

There is NO charge for this service and it is important that everyone understand that one should never pay someone to help them process a claim with the VA!

Call (321) 452-1774 or e-mail www.fl123dav@aol.com View the DAV web site at www.dav.org

<p>TABLE TENNIS CLUB</p> <p>Meets</p> <p>Every Monday 7:30-10:30 pm & Every Wednesday 7:00-10:00 pm</p> <p>For more information, call Danny Nail (784-2152) or Bill Durban (799-3878)</p>	<p>3 DAYS OF PARTY BRIDGE</p> <p>Tuesday 12:30 Wednesday 12:30 Thursday 12:30</p> <p>For information, Jewell & Bill Schick at 452-2387</p>	<p>MEETING ROOMS & RECEPTION HALL</p> <p>FOR RENT</p> <p>Hourly or Daily Rates</p> <p>At the Beautiful Veterans Memorial Center</p> <p>Call 453-1776 for information</p>
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<p>BVC Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>9:00 am • 1st Wednesday Every Month</p>	<p>VMC, Executive Board Meets</p> <p>9:00 am • 3rd Monday Every Month</p>
<p>Brevard Veterans Council Meeting</p> <p>9:00 am • 2nd Wednesday Every Month</p>	
<p>MUSEUM HOURS</p> <p>Monday thru Saturday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Sunday: 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm</p>	
<p>ROLLING THUNDER FLORIDA ONE – A POW/MIA & Veterans Advocacy Group</p> <p>Meets at the Veterans Memorial Center on the 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm</p> <p>Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>	

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Feb 1 st	Wed	9:00 am	B.V.C. Board of Directors Meeting at the Center
Feb 8 th	Wed	9:00 am	General Membership Meeting
Feb 14 th	Tues	<i>Valentine's Day</i>	
Feb 20 th	Mon	9:00 am	V.M.C. Executive Board Meeting
Feb 20 th	Mon	<i>President's Day Observed</i>	
Mar 7 th	Wed	9:00 am	B.V.C. Board of Directors Meeting at the Center
Mar 14 th	Wed	9:00 am	General Membership Meeting
Mar 17 th	Sat	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	
Mar 19 th	Mon	9:00 am	V.M.C. Executive Board Meeting

All Articles for the March Newsletter
must be submitted by **February 19th**

*Life, if you have eyes to see the whole picture,
brims with meaning, with purpose. (Thomas Kinkade)*