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YOUR BREVARD VETERANS SERVICES TEAM

Homeless Female Veterans: The number of women veterans who are homeless has doubled in the last decade. Assistance is available to them through the "Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program". We are fortunate to have a new facility being built for use solely by female Veterans and children under a VA Grant Program. Ground-breaking took place on January 22nd and completion will take about a year and a half. The facility will be able to house 28 females and children, as needed. It will be the transitional housing part of a complete program designed to help homeless female Veterans return to satisfying, productive lives.

Vision Project Seeks Participants: Dr. Amy Nau, an Optometrist and Director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Eye Center Contact Lens and Low Vision Services, is conducting a nationwide search for blind Veterans of all ages. They are being recruited to participate in a research study on a new device to aid the blind to "see", called BrainPort. Once study participants have been trained to use the device, they will return home where they will be asked to use the BrainPort daily and document their experiences and findings. Legally blind Veterans who qualify to participate in the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center BrainPort study. If you know someone who might qualify for the test, please let him or her know about it. For more information, contact the Medical Center at (412) 647-2481 or e-mail [Gail Engleka](mailto:Gail.Engleka), or visit the [McGowant Institute for Regenerative Medicine](http://McGowantInstitute.org) website.

New POW Service-Connected Disability Recognized: The VA recognizes a presumption of Service-Connection for Osteoporosis for POWs who were detained or interned for at least 30 days and whose Osteoporosis is at least 10% disabling. These Ex-POWs must also be diagnosed with PTSD.

Glenn McGuffie,
Veteran Services Team Manager

CONTACT NUMBERS

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

E-mail: richard.marquith@brevardcounty.us

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 at 8:30 am on WMEL-AM 1300, listen to "For Those Who Served." 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."

Brevard Veterans Council 2009 / 2010

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Chairpersons

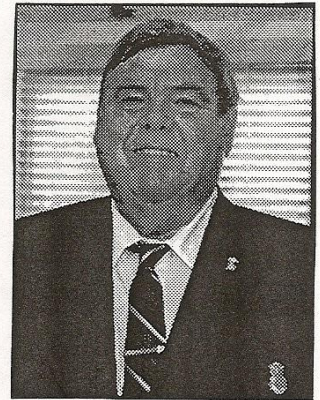
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Cemetery	Ed Walsh	636-8004
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Speaker's Forum	Rod Smith	632-6702
Scholarships	Nick Beninate	394-3150
Stand Down	Bill Vagianos	431-0364
Service Officer	Leo Carter	868-4423
Christmas Party	Emma Meisner	783-3649
Golf Tournament	Maurice Meisner	783-3649
Memorial Tree	Ken Baker	632-4928
Memorial Gardens	Bill Kowalczyk	302-4077
Brevard VSO	Glenn McGuffie	633-2012
Commission on Aging	Charlie Antoni	773-3398

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Board Member – 3 Yr	Mel Mueller	453-1605
Board Member – 3 Yr	Ed Walsh	636-8004

Chairman's Report

I do not have to tell you that this winter came storming in. The first ten days in January set records for being the coldest temperatures ever recorded here in Brevard County. Many of us dug out the old space heater and tried to stay warm. Let us review some tips for space heater safety. Make sure your space heater has been tested to the latest standards. Make sure your space heater has an automatic tip-over switch that turns off the power or kerosene if they tip over. Make sure it has a guard around the flame or heating element. Space heaters that utilize combustion fuels can product carbon monoxide and must be vented. Electrical space heaters must be place on level surfaces. Do not place them on rugs, carpets, near bedding or drapes, or on tables or counter tops. Keep the heater at least three feet from bedding, drapes, furniture or other flammable items. Keep children and pets away from space heaters. Finally, do not use older space heaters with cords that are cracked or frayed.



ODDS & ENDS:

A special thanks to the Cocoa High School Jr. ROTC Color Guard for posting the colors at our January General Membership Meeting. Their Senior Cadet has already been accepted to the Air Force Academy. It never ceases to amaze me that we are so lucky to have such fine young people ready to protect all of us. God Bless Them!

Emma, Maurice, my wife Ruth, and I had the pleasure to close out 2009 at a Christmas Party for 45th Security Forces Squadron from Patrick AFB. I am an old Air Policeman/Security Guard from 45 years ago. I could not believe how young these Troopers are. I was so proud just to be around them.

As we get up in years, slips, trips and falls are a great danger to us. Falls from ladders can result in taking away our quality of life. It is not those long

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(Continued from Page 2 – Chairman’s Report) extension ladders, but the lowly stepladder that we that we have the most falls from. Take your time to read any instructions printed on the ladder. Make sure it sits firmly on level ground and inspect it before you climb up. A cracked or broken step can send you flying.

Our 2010 Stand Down is just around the corner on March 20th at the Armory in Cocoa. Bill Vagianos is always looking for help. If you or your organization wants to help, please contact Bill Vagianos.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Manager on Duty (MOD) Program. I work every Friday from 0800 to 1200. If you want to receive one-on-one personalized training, come on down.

Until next month,
Be Safe and God Bless,
Skip Bateman, Chairman

If you have not visited our new Web Site, give it a look.
www.Veteransmemorialcenter.org

HAVE YOU MOVED??
If so, have you notified us of your new address?
Call Emma Meisner at 783-3649 or mail your new address to:
Brevard Veterans Council, Inc.
400 S. Sykes Creek Parkway
Merritt Island, FL 32952



Happy Birthday

February Birthdays

Skip Bateman
Luis Cintron
Richard Cole
Gordon Denson
Robert Dimota
Gary Dolin
Paul Fowler
Stephen Fowler
Richard Fugaro

Howard Gentry
Donald Gleacher
Larry Grammer
John Haynes
Charles Henderson, Jr.
Kay Henry
Robert Husband
Alice Iacuzzo

Samuel Jordan
Robert Kiser
Lawrence Maggle
James Marshall
Mel Mueller
Larry Mull
Frederick Popovich
James Parish

Sandra Saleski
Chuck Seibert
Carl J. Signorelli
Bill J. Smith
Elias Valdez
Helme Walter
Dale Whipple
Ed Zimmerman

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



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

"Atta Boy" Museum Fund

Ed Barnett, Cocoa, FL
Skip Bateman, Merritt Island, FL **
Pat Bender, Cocoa Beach, FL
John Brown, Jr., Palm Bay, FL
George Cipolletti (deceased), Titusville, FL
George & Joanne Golden, Melbourne, FL
Grace Harter (deceased) Lake City, FL **
John Howard, Merritt Island **
Alice Iacuzzo, Cocoa Beach, FL
Art Lapham, Melbourne, FL
Lucille Misurella, Prescott Valley, AZ
John Moale, Viera
Thomas Moran, Indialantic, FL

Susan Neugebauer, Melbourne, FL **
Stan Nodland (deceased) Jacksonville Beach, FL
John Plotnicky, Cocoa Beach, FL **
Armand Pouloit, Titusville, FL
Rosalie Smith, Merritt Island, FL
Jim & Rita Strickland, Merritt Island, FL
George Stringfellow, Titusville, FL
Suncoast Community Foundation, Inc., **
 W. Palm Beach, FL
Zane & Nancy Tomlinson, Cocoa
Ed Venable, Merritt Island, FL
WalMart – Clearlake Road, Cocoa, FL
Helme V. Walter, Merritt Island, FL

**** Represents Multiple Donations**

Troop Support

Beth Armistead, Merritt Island
Skip Bateman, Merritt Island
Chris Bostian, Merritt Island
Jack Jackson, Melbourne
John Kaufmann, Merritt Island

Bill Kowalczyk, Cocoa
Cathy Madigan & Friends, Merritt Island
Rita Strickland, Merritt Island
Ed Walsh, Rockledge

Thanks to the International Palms Resort & Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach) for the huge collection of cell phones that will be converted into phone cards for our troops/

Veterans Memorial Center

D. Chabot, Melbourne (in memory of Sammy Lawing)
Alan Davidson, Merritt Island

Jean & Merle Hammer (in memory of Howard Hammer), Orange Park
Suncoast Community Foundation, Inc., West Palm Beach
Susan Webb, Massachusetts (in honor of volunteer Kathleen Browne)

Veterans Memorial Center Museum

- Thanks to Bill Vagianos for donating the 16 x 20 picture of the Atlas V Rocket Launch on November 23, 2009, that was taken by a Florida Today photographer in front of the Veterans Memorial Center
- Thanks to Bill Kowalczyk for donating a poster of the Aries Rocket, which was autographed by Jim Lovell
- Thanks to Mel Mueller's friend, LGEN Richard Trzaskoma of Texas for donating his personal military clothing and other items to the Museum

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Stand Down 2010

Anonymous Donor
Skip Bateman, Merritt Island
Kathleen Brown, Merritt Island

Rockledge Police Dept – donation of 16 bicycles
Mrs. Ralph Steakley, Viera
Wal-Mart, Titusville

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Memorial Gardens

Mike Cicerella, Merritt Island

A Special “Thank You” to Publix Bakery at the Merritt Island store on 520 for the donation of pastries for the different events and functions held at the Center on a regular basis.

Note: If I have left anyone off of the “Benefactors Spotlight”, I apologize. I assure you that it is not intentional. If you will let me know who you are, I will rectify this in the next newsletter.

*Thank You,
Emma Meisner, Treasurer*

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## **Troop Support**

As we start the second month of 2010, I want to bring you up to date on our “Troop Support” Project, but first I would like to say “Thank You” to all of you for the outstanding support that you have given. Without you, this would not happen. I have mentioned in the General Membership Meeting about the packages we shipped in 2009, and since a lot of you do not attend the meetings, we would like to tell you also. In 2009, we shipped over 4,200 pounds of much needed items to our troops. As we start the new year of 2010, we have already shipped over 450 pounds.

We are receiving new contacts on a regular basis, and with the Cocoa National Guard being deployed, we will be getting more contacts.

Thank You letters and e-mails come in quite often, and it is amazing how much these supplies mean to our troops, and how much it keeps their morale high, knowing that we care back here. I will publish some of these letters in the upcoming months.

Again, “Thank You” for your tremendous support.

Emma Meisner, Treasurer  
Troop Support Coordinator

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Welcome to the following new Council Members for

January 2010

John K. Berthold
U.S. Army

AVET Project, Inc.
Garren Cone, President

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# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Wade & Dorothy Harris  
Scholarship Applications for 2010-2011  
are now available.

If you would like an application, you may pick it up at  
The Veterans Memorial Center  
400 E. Sykes Creek Parkway  
Merritt Island, FL  
6:30 am until 4:30 pm (Monday through Saturday)  
Noon until 4:00 pm (Sunday)

Or you may go on-line at  
[www.veteransmemorialcenter.org](http://www.veteransmemorialcenter.org)  
and download an application.

Applications will not be mailed.

All Applications are Due by August 7, 2010.

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We Need Your Help!

STAND DOWN 2010 will be held on March 20, 2010, at the Cocoa National Guard Armory and we need your help.

I don't know where the time has gone, but I am behind schedule in getting out the information on **STAND DOWN**, so once again I am asking for your kind generosity, that you have given so many times in the past, and we hope (know) that we can count on you again.

We are in need of the following items:

- ♥ Men's briefs, assorted sizes
- ♥ Men's "T" shirts, assorted sizes
- ♥ Women's socks
- ♥ Cans of food, such as beanie/wieners, pork/beans, Vienna sausage, fruit. Preferably in small pop-top type cans
- ♥ Tooth brushes

If you can donate any of these items, please drop off at the Veterans Memorial Center and leave with the MOD. We will make sure they are used for **STAND DOWN**.

If you do not want to shop for these items, and would like to make a donation to help purchase these items, we will gladly accept checks. Please make checks payable to "Veterans Memorial Center" and designate for "**STAND DOWN 2010**". You can mail your check to 400 S. Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32952-3547, Attn: Emma Meisner, Treasurer, or drop it off at the Center with the MOD.

We will be setting up at the Armory on March 19, 2010 from approximately 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, if you would like to volunteer your time.

Emma Meisner, Treasurer

HONOR FLIGHT BREVARD COUNTY

Honor Flight Brevard is a new “hub” of Honor Flight Network, a national non-profit organization devoted to honoring our war veterans. With more than 90 regional hubs all over the U.S., Honor Flight is now trying to repay our WW II Veterans, as well as terminally ill Vets from more recent wars by taking them, free of charge, to Washington, D.C. to visit the Memorial built in honor of those who fought in World War II and to watch the somber Changing of the Guard Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. A bus tour of Washington, D.C. will also give these veterans the opportunity to see many other sites, such as the memorials devoted to the Korean War, the Viet Nam War, and the Lincoln Memorial.

Across the country, Honor Flight hubs have already provided this incredible tour for more than 30,000 World War II Veterans. Since World War II Veterans are in their 80’s and 90’s, many have medical needs, such as wheelchairs, canes, walkers, oxygen, etc. These tours are prepared to handle these necessities and are accompanied by volunteer medical staff. Honor Flight Brevard’s trips will last only one day, which will be long and tiring, yet memorable, honorable, and extremely exciting for each veteran that goes.

Honor Flight Brevard, like all other hubs, is organized entirely by volunteers. How can you help?

- Volunteer your time and talents in many ways: help organize fundraising opportunities, man the Honor Flight booths at community events, help prepare materials for publication, recruit vets and other volunteers, etc.
- Volunteer as a Guardian/Escort for the Veterans on the trip. You will pay airfare and a small portion of other costs (e.g., food), but you will reap vast and memorable emotional rewards.
- Help fund the Honor Flight Brevard tour by spreading the word, contacting businesses that could contribute, and even contributing yourself if you can.
- Financial donations are necessary, but so are donations of other goods. And the help and support of the entire Brevard community is also necessary. Please email honorflightbrevard@gmail.com or call (321) 427-7664 to volunteer or to get more information.
- You can learn much more about Honor Flight and the hubs throughout the country by viewing the many websites for Honor Flight.

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We are still taking orders for Bricks  
for the Memorial Garden.  
An Order Form is available on Page 12  
and a copy of the layout of the Memorial Gardens  
is available at the Office.

## 2010 Census Cautions

### Census Worker or Con Artist?

If a US Census Worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a Confidentiality Notice. Ask to see their identification and badge **BEFORE** answering questions. **NEVER** invite them into your home. **DO NOT** give your Social Security Number, Credit Card Numbers, or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the US Census.

Remember, no matter what they ask, you really only need to tell them how many people live at your address. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as salary range, **you do not have to answer anything at all about your financial situation.**

The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security Numbers, bank account numbers, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Anyone asking for that information is **NOT** with the Census Bureau.

And remember, the Census Bureau has decided **NOT** to work with ACORN on gathering this information. **NO** ACORN workers should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will **NOT** contact you by e-mail, so be on the lookout for e-mail scams impersonating the Census Bureau. **NEVER** click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the US Census Bureau.

Remember: Forewarned is Forearmed. I do hope that you arm yourself with this important information.

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NONPROFIT SPONSORS TRIATHLON TEAM

A locally-based, national nonprofit, which supports past and present military members and their families, AVET Project, Inc., is sponsoring a team of women to compete in the DANSKIN/DISNEY Triathlon on Mothers Day, May 9, 2010.

AVET Project, which is an acronym for American Veterans Empowerment Team, is seeking race participants, event volunteers, and donations for the AVET Project Team, appropriately named, "Chicks Challenge". All funds raised from "Chicks Challenge" will go toward Project Rest & Recuperation, an AVET Project Program which provides a recreational and therapeutic retreat for troops returning from combat zones.

Proceeds from "Chicks Challenge" will be dedicated to a woman's retreat. More information on the Team and other AVET Project Programs can be found on the website www.avetproject.org Please get involved and **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!**

SEA SERVICE HEROES OF NORMANDY: PRESENTATION & LUNCH AT THE TIDES CLUB

Capt. Greg Streeter, USN (Ret.), Commander General of the Naval Order of the United States, will speak at the Tides Club on Tuesday, March 2nd, about the D-Day Landings at Normandy. He will present a documentary to be aired later this year on PBS of the landings and the 2008 Dedication of the first and only monument at Normandy to honor Sea Service Veterans of D-Day.

The presentation will follow a reception and lunch, beginning at 11:45 am. Reservations are required. Lunch choices are a Chef's Salad or Chicken Stir Fry. RSVP by mail not later than February 19th to Capt. Ernie Joy, USN (Ret.) at 1421 Lago Mar Dr., Melbourne, FL 32940. Include the names of each person in your party (please print), lunch choice for each, and a check payable to "First Coast Commandery" to cover the total number attending at \$10 each. For more information, contact Kathy Martin at (321) 242-7307 or Ernie at (321) 757-0193.

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**SOLDIER ARTIST**  
**Man of War,**  
**Drawn to Peace**  
*By Julius Z. Farago*

This incredible book will tell you a true story, of Julius as an immigrant, of his Hungarian education, surviving the siege of Budapest, hiding under the German and Russian Revolutions, two escapes from the Red Army, crossing the Iron Curtain under fire, and entering a refugee camp in Austria. At the age of 20, he entered the USA and was drafted into the US Army, serving two tours in Korea and Germany. He joined the Green Berets, where he served two tours in Vietnam.

Julius retired as a Master Sgt. after 20 years of service in the Armed Forces. After retiring, he became a caricature artist. Julius is a member of the Brevard Veterans Council and served as President of the KWVA Chapter 210, Brevard County. Today, Julius Farago resides in North Carolina with his wife Jolene.

This book, **SOLDIER ARTIST**, is available, personally signed by the author, in soft cover (5½ x 8½) 248 pages with pictures, for only \$12.95 + \$3.05 S&H. or Hard Cover for \$19.95 + \$3.05 S&H. Checks should be made payable to: JULIUS Z. FARAGO, and mail your order to 259 Taylor Chase Way, Maple Hill, NC 28454

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Need a little help in getting around?

The Veterans Memorial Center has two electric wheelchairs available. If you need one, please contact the MOD, to make sure they are available. If you happen to need one, call (321) 453-1776.

VETERANS OUTREACH

We wish to honor and pay tribute to two dedicated Council members who recently passed away:

- **William Ragsdale**, a long-time member, passed away on January 3, 2010.
- **Bernadette Farina**, a loyal volunteer for stand Down, passed away on January 10, 2010. She held several leadership positions in Waves Space Coast Chapter #75, including President.

We also extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to several of our members:

- **Rod Smith**, who is always willing to lend a helping hand, recently broke his leg in a fall from a ladder.
- **Roger Pollock**, recently underwent eye surgery.
- **George Stringfellow** underwent knee surgery on January 21, 2010.
- **Faith Norman**, the wife of our new Secretary, accidentally hit her head when she fainted.
- **Mary Kowalczyk**, the wife of **Bill Kowalczyk**, Chairman of the Memorial Gardens Committee, has a serious ear bone infection.

We pray that almighty God will bless them and give them the strength to persevere on the path to a speedy recovery.

Love, the Greatest of All

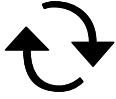
On February 14th, hearts, cupids and red roses will be seen everywhere. Lovers will dine by candlelight. Valentine's Day remains a timeless celebration of the heart as a symbol of undying love and devotion. Love is the language that all of us wish to hear. When you want to say something loving, go ahead. You don't have to wait until Valentine's Day. Love makes life's moments precious and beautiful. The real meaning of living is known through love. When a couple nurture each other to wholeness and renew themselves in love and laughter, maintaining a capacity for wonder and spontaneity, humor, sensitivity, and save time for each other, then they will love each other more deeply and learn to love more fully the Creation in which the mystery of love happens.

As the Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard, wrote: "When one has once fully entered the realm of love, the world – no matter how imperfect – becomes rich and beautiful."

Jim Peterman, Chaplain

**Please keep us informed by calling the Center at (321) 453-1776
and/or our Outreach Staff: George Stringfellow, North Brevard (321) 267-4142
John Brown, South Brevard (321) 727-1364**

<p>TABLE TENNIS CLUB</p> <p>Meets 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 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 FOR RENT Hourly or Daily Rates At the Beautiful Veterans Memorial Center</p> <p>Call 453-1776 for information</p>
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The Council Courier is the Monthly publication of the Brevard Veterans Council, Inc, and the Veterans Memorial Center, Inc. Opinions expressed are those of the authors and not necessarily that of the organization. News items, poems, and letters of interest to Veterans are encouraged. We reserve the right to edit anything submitted. The Council is not responsible for content of fliers inserted by our members.

This Newsletter is mailed at reduced rates and the Post Office will not forward it. Please give any address changes or corrections to Emma Meisner at 783-3649 or mail it to her at The Brevard Veterans Council, Inc., 400 S. Sykes Creek Pkwy., Merritt Island, FL 32952

<p>BVC Board of Directors Meeting 9:00 am • 1st Wednesday Every Month</p>	<p>VMC, Executive Board Meets 9:30 am • 3rd Monday Every Month</p>
<p>Brevard Veterans Council Meeting 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>	

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES			
Feb 2 nd	Tues	<i>Groundhog Day</i>	
Feb 3 rd	Wed	9:00 am	B.V.C. Board of Directors Meeting at the Center
Feb 10 th	Wed	9:00 am	General Membership Meeting & <i>Christmas Party</i>
Feb 14 th	Sun	<i>Valentine's Day</i>	
Feb 15 th	Mon	9:30 am	V.M.C. Executive Board Meeting
Feb 15 th	Mon	<i>President's Day</i>	
Feb 17 th	Wed	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
Mar 3 rd	Wed	9:00 am	B.V.C. Board of Directors Meeting at the Center
Mar 10 th	Wed	9:00 am	General Membership Meeting & <i>Christmas Party</i>
Mar 14 th	Sun	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins (Turn clocks forward 1 hour)</i>	
Mar 15 th	Mon	9:30 am	V.M.C. Executive Board Meeting
Mar 17 th	Wed	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	
Mar 20 th	Sat	<i>First Day of Spring</i>	
Mar 28 th	Sun	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
Mar 30 th	Tues	<i>First Day of Passover</i>	

All Articles for the MARCH Newsletter must be submitted by FEBRUARY 17th

