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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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<u>Upcoming Meetings and Events</u> March	<u>Upcoming Meetings and Events</u> March
6 th - Ash Wednesday 9 th - Chapter & Unit1 Bingo VAMC Lake City 10 th - Daylight Saving Time (Spring Ahead) 13 th - Community Hospice Veterans Partnership Meeting VAMC: Veterans Administration Medical Center, Lake City, FL	17 th - St Patrick's Day 20 th - First Day of Spring 23 rd - Chapter 1 & Unit 1 monthly meeting 29 th - National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Upcoming Chapter Elections

With elections for Chapter Officers scheduled for the April business meeting, we are now accepting nominations. If you'd like to run for a position, contact Tom Ayala, who is chairing the Nominating Committee. If you need help contacting Tom, email the Webmaster at DAVJax1@hushmail.com and I'll ask him contact you.

Editorial

At the July 28, 2018 meeting I proposed that if any members of our Chapter and Auxiliary submitted input to me *by the Wednesday before our monthly meeting* - without me having to ask for it - I would put it into a Newsletter and post it to our website at fl.dav.org/1. I also offered to do it monthly, aiming to publish it by our monthly meeting. If anyone has something of interest, please send it to me.

/S/ John J. Donnangelo

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act on March 28, 2017, to recognize and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice during one of the longest wars in our country's history. This Act designates every March 29th as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. It is a time for all Americans to come together to remember and honor the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans.

We remember 9 million American men and women—some 6.6 million living today—who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during our involvement in Vietnam from November 1, 1955, to May 7, 1975. Whether they were stationed in-country, in-theater, or elsewhere during those two decades, they answered the call to duty.

(See flyer on page 4)

Comments: Duane Godfrey, Department Junior Vice Commander

I have had some time to reflect on my first six months as your elected department Junior Vice Commander. I have enjoyed my visits to the chapters I have visited thus far. Unfortunately, almost all of the chapters I have visited have had the same complaints---lack of participation by the membership in two main areas: First, lack of participation in attendance at meetings. Secondly, lack of participation in fund raising endeavors. Common reply is we have the same few who attend meetings and participate in other chapter activities.

This is a plea for members to attend their Chapter's meetings and to bring a current or new member with you. Although a common reply is---I'm too busy to attend meetings or participate in fund raising activities, we need to remind our members that participation is needed in various chapter activities such as meetings, fund raising activities, nursing home visits, bingo volunteers, service officers, etc. One should not be too busy to help protect their benefits and provide much needed services to our community, neighbors and fellow veterans.

IRS scam season is under way for taxpayers

Aggressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remain a major threat to taxpayers, but now the IRS is receiving new reports of scammers calling under the guise of verifying tax return information over the phone.

Scam artists call saying they have your tax return, and they just need to verify a few details to process your return. The scam tries to get you to give up personal information such as a Social Security number or personal financial information, such as bank numbers or credit cards. Don't be fooled. The IRS won't be calling you out of the blue asking you to verify your personal tax information or aggressively threatening you.

Scammers often alter caller ID numbers to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money or to verify your identity, here's what you should do: Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately. Report the call to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484, or report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on the website. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

(Courtesy of the Federal Trade Commission)



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
North Florida / South Georgia Veterans Health System

Vietnam Veterans Tribute



March 30, 2019

11:00 AM

Veterans Memorial Park
7400 SW 41st Pl, Gainesville, FL 32608

The event will be preceded by a *Patriotic Motorcycle/Vehicle Ride* honoring our Vietnam Veterans, a formal program, music, food trucks, military and Veteran displays and a virtual *Vietnam Wall Exhibit*.

This is a family friendly event, bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit on the grass or on the bleachers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For more information and special assistance
please contact:

Kim Davis 352-264-6740 or email kdavis@alachuacounty.us

Check our official Website:
<https://www.vietnamveterantribute.org>