



Dogs For Life

*Training Service Dogs
For Veterans*

Scrapbook

2021



DECEMBER

Annual Christmas Luncheon



Patriots for Puppies

December Delights

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10TH ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER 5

Indian River Animal Advocates, a nonprofit offshoot of Dr. Dan's Animal Hospital, will receive all proceeds from the veterinary clinic's 10th anniversary celebration. The event will be full of fun, with a "dunk the doctor" tank, bounce house, face painting, raffles, free goodies, and Santa Claus photo opportunities. Hot dogs, snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn will also be available. IRAA provides low-cost medical care and other services for needy animals. It is also heavily involved in local spay and neuter efforts, including the TNVR (trap, neuter, vaccinate and return) program to reduce the feral cat population.

INDIAN RIVER ANIMAL ADVOCATES
at Dr. Dan's Animal Hospital
1624 14th Ave.
11 a.m.-4 p.m.; free to attend
772-567-8468
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PREVIEWS



PATRIOTS FOR PUPPIES

FEBRUARY 26

In support of its work training service dogs for veterans, Dogs for Life will hold its inaugural Patriots for Puppies event, a 1940s USO-themed dance and show. Guests will enjoy live music by a big band orchestra and the Almost Andrews Sisters, swing dancing with the Swingsations, and food catered by Wild Thyme—all in a venue that hosted similar events for personnel stationed at Naval Air Station Vero Beach during World War II.

DOGS FOR LIFE
at Heritage Center
2140 14th Ave.
6-9 p.m., \$125
772-347-8969
dogsforlifevb.org

Veteran Don Peterson with Rosie, who is in training

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NOVEMBER

Veterans Island Memorial Sanctuary







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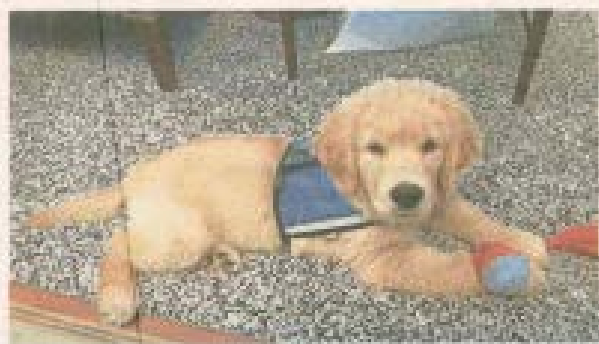
Sunday, November 7, 2021
Registration at 9:00am • Walk starts at 10:00am

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OCTOBER

News Coverage

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Service dog puppies take two years to be fully trained as a public access, task trained dog at Dogs For Life in Vero Beach. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO PROVIDED BY DOGS FOR LIFE

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Dogs For Life's trained service dogs enrich people's lives - providing ears that hear smoke alarms, paws that tap a 911 button to call for emergency assistance, legs that provide added mobility, and pressure to calm anxiety attacks.

Many of the dogs are trained by former military members through a program called Veterans Helping Veterans.

The six-week training classes provide instruction in basic dog obedience and behavior; service and hearing dog tasks; public access laws; dog temperament evaluation; and continuing education in service dog training and foster care.

For more information on Service Dog Training, call 772-567-8969 or send an email to office@dogsforlifevb.org.

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Newsweekly

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021
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Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers
USA TODAY NETWORK - FLORIDA

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Dogs For Life fundraiser

What: Patriots for Puppies

When: Feb. 26, 2022

Where: Heritage Center, 2140 14th Ave., Vero Beach.

This 1940's USO-themed dance and show will feature dancing, 12-piece Big Band, performance by the "Almost" Andrews Sisters, dinner and raffles, echoing back to World War II when the

Heritage Center was used by local service members as the Officers' Club.

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, contact Cynthia Ryan at 772-567-8969 or by email at cynthia.ryan@dogsforlifefvb.org. Details also are available online at www.dogsforlifefvb.org

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Believe in the Mission Gala

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DDS4Vets to host 'Believe in the Mission Gala' at Hutchinson Island Marriott

Courtesy of Linda Kloorfain
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STUART – DDS4Vets is working to help local veterans get the help they need.

The organization's "Believe in the Mission Gala" fundraiser will take place 6-11 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Island Marriott, 555 N.E. Ocean Blvd.

Proceeds are earmarked to help raise funds for service dog costs.

Retired U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Donald Bolduc will be the keynote guest speaker. Bolduc served eight combat tours during his 32 years in the Armed Forces

and received many medals including five Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Special guests to attend will include Coach Tom Mullins, David Webb, news commentator, Michael Gier, director/producer; Maureen Shea, two-time world boxing champion; and Congressman Brian Mast.

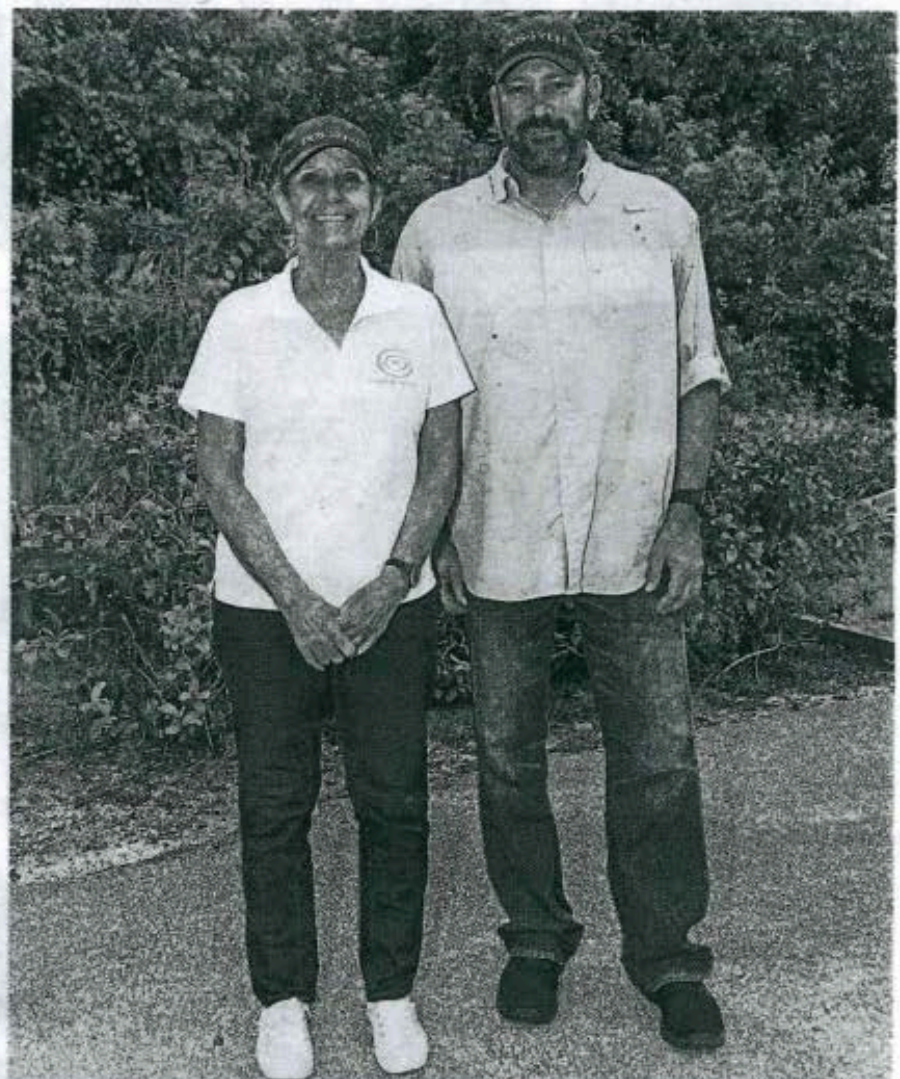
Karen Vaughn, a Gold Star mom, and Dr. Brian Moriarty, of Loving Care Chiropractic, will serve as emcees.

Vaughn is the mother of the late Aaron Vaughn from Seal Team VI and founder of Operation 300, an organization that provides mentorship to children of the fallen.

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On the cover

Deb Doherty, CEO of DDS4Vets, surrounded by members of DoYouGiveARuck before their Thursday evening 3.2-mile ruck. DoYouGiveARuck is a loyal supporter of DDS4Vets, recently raised \$15,000 at a 9/11 event. Contributed by Linda Kloorfain.



Deb Doherty, CEO of DDS4Vets, and Michael Colton, DDS4Vets senior K9 advisor.
CONTRIBUTED BY LINDA KLOORFAIN

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SEPTEMBER

PTSD Recovery and Support

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BREVARD COUNTY

DATED EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 11

Space Coast Honor Flight returns to operations with 2021 Honor Flights. Check their website at SpaceCoastHonorFlight.org for updated information. Luncheons for SCHF have resumed at several county restaurants (see below).

Rockledge Remembering 9/11 Ceremony, 10:30 a.m., at Rockledge City Hub — The 20th Anniversary of the Events on 11 September 2001.

Twentieth Anniversary Tribute to Sacrifice, 9/11 and Aftermath, Patriots Day and 9/11 Commemoration at the VMC. Sponsored by Club 1013 Ret NYPD and the VMC. This event marks the 20th anniversary of the attacks on America and almost two decades since America took the fight to enemies in Afghanistan and around the world. It will be a special Patriots Day Remembrance (11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. — 5:30-7 p.m.) and Tribute Ceremony (4-5:30 p.m.). Food trucks, vendors and special events in Veterans Memorial Park; Ceremony in the Center and Memorial Plaza area.

ONGOING EVENTS

Space Coast Honor Flight lun-

CALENDAR



Please visit www.VeteranVoiceWeekly.com to submit Calendar events at least 2 weeks in advance, so that we may ensure your events receive timely publication.

is free with paid admission to the Warbird Air Museum. Please RSVP by phone or email. The phone number is (321) 268-1941 and the email address is Warbirds@valiantaircommand.com.

VFW Post 8191 monthly work day, first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.-noon. This is a reminder to post members and an invitation to Auxiliary members to join us. We will do whatever tasks the House Committee Chairman/Canteen Manager/Commander/President have in mind that don't require extensive skills. Tasks can include cleaning the kitchen and deep fat fryer, replacing the electrical cord on the bingo machine, replacing some baseboard black plastic pieces, placing a few more signs in our storage lot, etc. on an as-necessary basis. For more info, visit vfw8191.org.

Monthly meeting, Brevard Veterans Council, second Wednesday of

month, Victory Center Military Store in the Vero Mall. For more information email vva1038@yahoo.com or www.vvachapter1038.org or call 772-562-8794.

Monthly meeting, American Legion Post 39, second Monday of the month, 1535 Old Dixie Highway, Vero Beach. E-board meeting begins at 6 p.m., followed by general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Monthly meeting, Veterans Council of Indian River County, first Wednesday of the month, 1 p.m., County Administration Complex, Building B.

Monthly meeting, Indian River Detachment of Marine Corps League, fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Victory Center in Indian River Mall.

PTSD Support And Recovery meetings, every Monday, 7 p.m., Dogs For Life Administration Building, 1230 16th Avenue, Vero Beach. Military licensed health professionals are facilitators. For more information, contact Dogs For Life Service Dog Training Center at (772) 567-8969 or visit www.dogsforlifevb.org.

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ONGOING EVENTS

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

The USN Armed Guard/Merchant Marine Veterans of WWII Museum has temporarily closed due to COVID-19; however, the expenses are ongoing. We would greatly appreciate a donation from you and/or someone that you know who might be interested in helping to keep the Museum open

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AUGUST

Letter to the EDITOR

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Brian Mast

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have on those they are supposed to represent. They are more concerned with expanding the federal government and restricting your rights than with supporting hardworking families to ensure that they can afford a trip to the grocery store.

I will continue fighting against this reckless tax-and-spend proposal, and I'll keep you updated on what happens next!

Please visit mast.house.gov for more information.

It is an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

BRIAN MAST
U.S. Representative
FL-18

Double the puppies, double the help for Vets

To the Editor:

Dogs For Life, Vero Beach, has added two new additions to their mission of aiding Veterans that need canine assistance! "Chocolate" and "Vanilla," two Labrador puppies, will soon begin training in as-

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Training Assistance Dogs For Veterans

sisting Veterans in their daily lives. This training can involve "de-stressing" from PTSD, to hearing-related tasks, to dialing 9-1-1 if necessary. It is extremely finely organized training, to match the needs of Veterans.

Dogs For Life has matched many Veterans with service dogs at no cost to the Veteran. Dogs For Life is nationally accredited, and in addition to its mission of serving Veterans, also operates a regular training facility and off-leash Dog Park at its premises at 1230 16th Avenue, Vero Beach.

Helping to match Veterans with service dogs does not happen for free. Dogs For Life depends on donors to help with its mission to make Veterans' lives better.

To learn more, please visit dogsforlife-vb.org, or call (772) 567-8969.

Sincerely,

DOGS FOR LIFE
Vero Beach

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JULY

PETS



Hi Dog Buddies!

This week's innerviewee has The Perfect Name! Smiley Taylor is a rescue, purebred Staffordshire Terrier. Her short black-an-brindle coat an Cool Kibbles black spots on pretty pink skin are SO On Trend. But the coolest thing is her Huge, Freely, LIT-trully Ear-to-Ear Smile. The only smile I've ever seen that was bigger was onna Cow. If there were Smile Olympics, she'd grab the gold, paws down.

Anyway, Smiley an her big sis Gabby (a longtime pooch pal of mine), an their Mom Debra met me an my assistant at the door. Following Wag-an-Sniffs and greetings, we got settled on the pool padio. Smiley explained their PopPop Scott was at work.

"A pleasure meeting you, Miss Smiley, an seeing you again, Miss Gabby!" I said, remembering the little bit of a crush I had on Gabby back in The Day. Sigh.

I opened my notebook. "I'm ready to hear how you joined your Forever Famly," I told Smiley, who flashed her big happy smile an began.

"First off, our Mom is a Big Ol' Softy when it comes to pooches, 'speshully Pooches In Need, an 'speshully Bullys, which is what dogs like us are sometimes called. So Mom was On The Line, casually browsin' through pickshurs from the rescue place, Furever Bully Love, which is in that Mouse Town and where she found Gabby. Well, guess what? There was a viddy-o of ME. I'd been dumped on a street in My-Ammy, and I was huddled under a car, totally terrified, an two humans from The Pound were draggin' me out. They were bein' careful, but I was still scared out of my fur. Here, look!"

I watched the viddy-o on Smiley's Mom's CELL-you-ler. I was uh-GASSED! There Smiley was, being dragged out from under this car. The humans weren't bein' rough or anything, but poor liddle Smiley.

"Oh, Woof! Smiley!"

"I KNOW. I thought I was DOOMED. But I WASN'T. The Furever Bully Love humans rescued me from The Pound, an that's how Mom found me. So Mom and PopPop an Gabby drove to Mouse Town to see me.

They wanted to be sure me an Gabby would get along an, evenshully, we did. It didn't take me long to ree-lize I was Safe an Suh-CURE."

Gabby spoke up. "We kinda ignored each other for a while, till I ree-lized it was Cool Kibbles havin' a Liddle Sis, AN bein' a Big Sis, which means I'm In Charge. So then I was, 'Oh. OK!' I must say, she was under my paws all the time, sometimes still is. Like, she always wants what I have. Sometimes I hafta set her straight." Gabby gave Smiley a sisterly nose-bump an Smiley responded with a Huge Smile.

"I have The Best Life, Mr. Bonzo! I love snugglin' with my famly. I might possibly be just a teeny bit needy, but Mom says it's cuzza my scary puppy days, and she loves cuddlin', too. When Mom takes a bath, I sit right there on the mat with my paws an chin on the side of the tub just to be sure she's OkeyDokey. Mom says I don't get the concept of Personal Space. I'm pretty sure that's a human thing."

"Then, about a year-anna-haff ago, Mom found out she has that scary human duh-sees she calls Big C. She goes back an forth to a hoss-piddle



called Muffin or something, an sayin' goodbye so offen is Dismal Dog Biscuits. Gabby agrees. When Mom's home, I wanna be right next to her. Plus, she gives me The Best Tummy Rubs Ever. I always go into The Zone."

In between talkin', Smiley had been playin' with a Green Ball with holes in it. It was way too big for most pooches, includin' me, to wrap our mouths around, but Miss Smiley had no problem whatsoever. All I could see above the ball were her eyes.

"Is that your favrite toy?"

"Yeb! I habba lobba toiz, bud thiff id by FABLE!"

"Do you swim? Any BFFs? Whaddya do for fun. An exercise?"

She peetooid the ball out and replied. "Swim? No! I don't like the water. At. All. My Kong's cool. So are my stuffies, but they don't last that long. I love hangin' with my human brother Brad, 'specially at mealtime cuz he drops stuff on the floor for us. Then there's Miss Debbie. She takes care of Brad. She's sorta like a sister. An Gran-ny Janette, an our neece an neff-yew Haley an Jarrod. We love their visits."

"We don't do the dog park cuz Mom knows some humans are nervous

around 'Dogs Like Us,' whatever that ackshully means, but me an Gabby do lotsa other fun stuff. Like the beach, An goin' to Home Depot. An leash walks, when we greet our neighbors."

"Well, you an Miss Gabby are very stylish an FEM-uh-nun," I replied. "I couldn't help noticin' your bright red toenails."

Full disclosure: I had noticed them when we arrived but, being an occasionally dorky guy, I decided not to risk a fox paw and mention it right then.

"Why thank you, Mr. Bonzo!" Smiley smiled sweetly. An largely. "We started getting mani-pedis last year. We try to be Fashion Forward."

"Where do you sleep?"

"We have beds in Mom an PopPop's room. But I sneak onto their bed a lot. Just for comfort. I'm still scared sometimes. Of sharp noises. An brooms. I don't think they'd even notice me if I didn't snore. Real Loud, Gabby says. I just wanna be close to my Mom, you know?"

Heading home, I was thinking about how sweet Smiley just wants to be near her Mom as much as possible. I always felt the very same about my Mom, and I'm pretty sure most of you Fellow Poocheroos can say the same thing about your human BFF. It's in our DogNA.

Till next time,

The Bonz

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We are always looking for pets with interesting stories.

To set up an interview, email bonzothecolumnist@gmail.com.

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Words from War Sculpture

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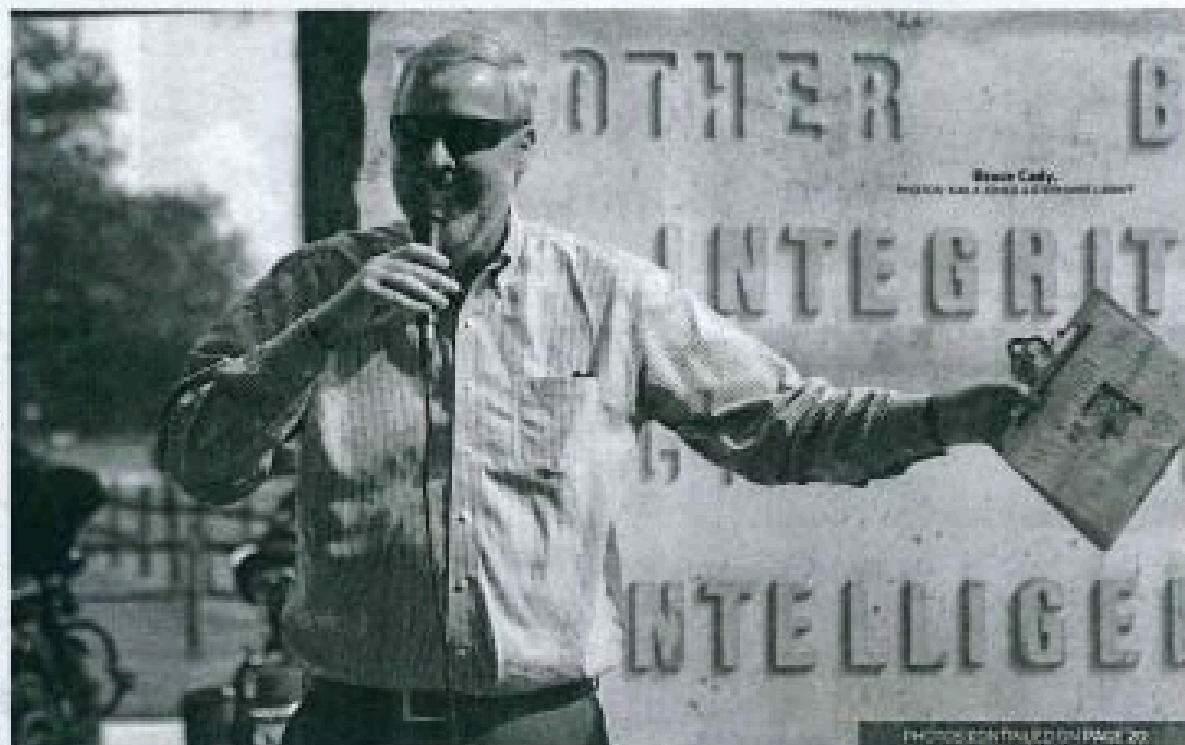
Words from War Sculpture 'speaks to' those who served

BY STEPHANIE LEBART
Staff Writer

Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County recently unveiled its Words from War Monumental Sculpture at Riverside Park, near the entrance to Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary. The group had commissioned artist Ross Power to create the massive sculpture nearly five years ago.

A large crowd of veterans, military families and local dignitaries stood alongside civilian members of the community, all united in their belief that it is as important to assist members of the Armed Forces once they return home as it is to support them while they are on active duty.

The monument was constructed to represent the sacrifices made by the men and women of our military services, a concrete representation of the community's support of veterans from all conflicts. Power said he designed the monument to resemble a T-Wall, symbolizing the concrete walls used as



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The sculpture is an imposing structure, built to last. Power used more than 48,000 pounds of cast concrete and epoxy-coated rebar to construct the 9-foot-high by 18-foot-wide monument.

During a private Thank You Reception for donors on the eve of the Saturday morning unveiling, Bruce Cady, project lead, commented that it had been a collaborative effort, supported by more than 250 individual donors, the City of Vero Beach, various veterans organizations and community partners.

"The community has touched this project," said Cady. "The words, the sentiment, the art that Ross created, speaks to everyone that's wearing a uniform."

"Words are important," said Power, who had interviewed veterans and extrapolated their words to convey their experiences, memories and thoughts. Among the 48 words etched or written in relief are duty, honor, protect and courage.

He explained that the bullet-riddled metal hangings under a dome connected to the walls are meant to represent the ugliness of war and the total destruction that our veterans encounter.

"How can you expect a veteran to come back from war and ever be the same?" asked Power. "We need to not only love and support and honor our

veterans, but we must realize that it is the mental health of the world that creates war. And it is the mental health that we need to focus on to help our veterans to stop the ridiculous and painful amount of suicide and constant returning from service with PTSD that lasts forever."

As a voting member of the Veterans Council of Indian River County, the mission of Next Generation Veterans is "to create a network of next generation of veterans, provide a venue for social support, combat misconception about returning veterans and represent our generation by positively engaging the community."

In addition to connecting veterans with services and social gatherings, the group runs a PTSD support group in partnership with Dogs for Life and Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County. Through Operation React and Recovery, they provide shelter assistance to veterans in need and are working to create an extreme weather bunker of emergency supplies and recovery equipment.

Membership is open to veterans in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces who served honorably from 1990 to the present. They meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Felix Poppell American Legion Post or via Zoom. For more information, visit ngv-irc.org. ■

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Brucy Cady and Ross Paves.



Sunny Grant, Patrick Williamson, Chris Clement, Caroline Clement and Gracie.



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JUNE

Veterans of IRC Golf Tournament





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PEOPLE

Gold Star Mother
Michelle Dale

**'LEST WE FORGET':
POIGNANCY PERMEATES
MEMORIAL DAY EVENT P. 18**



PEOPLE

‘Lest we forget’: Poignancy permeates Memorial Day event



Marine Corps Color Guard participants Frank Boudo and Joshua Bryant.



Master of Ceremonies Col. Marty Zickert, USARP, Ret.



Alex MacWilliam IV reads "In Flanders Fields." PHOTOS: BRUCE WILSON



Indian River County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard.



Members of the Indian River County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard.



John Michael Matthews.

BY STEPHANIE LABAREE
Staff Writer

The Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary was a patriotic sea of red, white and blue during the Memorial Day Ceremony, organized by the Veterans Council of Indian River County, where veterans and families commemorated wars and conflicts dating back to World War I. The day's overcast skies added to the somber mood that permeated the crowd, who were there to honor the sacrifices of fallen military service members.

"This year, we are going to do something a little different," said Ret. Col. Martin Zickert to the crowd. "We're going to focus on the time period of World War I. The guest speaker is going to talk about the creation of this magnificent sanctuary and the thought, 'Lest we forget.'"

Zickert, current Veterans Council chairman, noted that Americans gather around the world on Memorial Day to "honor America's finest men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. Because of them, we live in a free society that even our

most desperate enemies admire. For us, this is a day of remembrance as we honor our friends and fellow warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice."

Over the course of the morning, a patriotic medley played by the Vero Beach High School Band, the Boots on the Ground display, and the ritual placing of the wreath among the cenotaphs, accompanied by the haunting sound of bagpipes, added to the solemnity of the ceremony.

"We gather here today to remember those who have fought against tyranny and oppression and maintained

our freedom that we have today," said Ret. David Newhart, in his invocation. "We came from all walks of life, all different backgrounds. We come because we honor those who have kept us safe, who have defended our freedoms in this United States of America. We will continue to remember them, 'Lest we forget.'"

Vero Beach pioneer Alex MacWilliam, a WWI veteran, was instrumental in the creation of Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary, and in his honor, his great grandson, Alex MacWilliam IV, read the war poem,

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Ashley Parikh (far left), Le Rose and Logan Sussan of Boy Scout Pack 502.



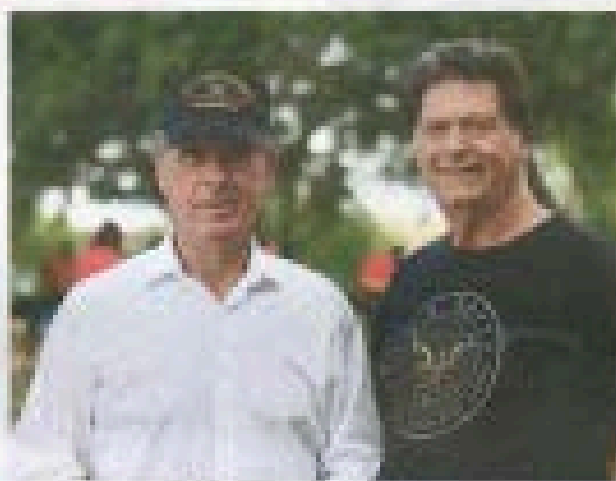
Ken Dale and Staff Sgt. Eldon Peterson.



Michael Hyde and Jim Romanek.



Barbara Ruddy and City Councilwoman Honey Minus.



Rick Bowman and Larry Mazzoni.



Rev. Dave Harshbarger and Michael Fitzgerald.

"In Flanders' Fields," written by Lt. Col. John McCrae in 1915.

Zickert introduced keynote speaker Gold Star Mother Michelle Dale, who spoke movingly of her son, Army Cpl. Dale Krille, who was killed in action in Kunar Province on Nov. 7, 2010.

"Everything I do as a Gold Star Mother is in honor and remembrance of his ultimate sacrifice to our nation and so that he will never be forgotten," said Dale of her mission to support veterans and the families of others who lost their loved ones in wars and conflicts.

She said that this year also marked the centennial anniversary of the return of the United States Army Transport *Wharton* to New York Harbor in May 1921, carrying the caskets of 3,189 American servicemen who had perished in Cambourc, France, and Antwerp, Belgium.

"In the end, 43,000 Americans who lost their lives in World War I were returned home," said Dale. "Homecoming 2021 engages our communities to remember the World War I fallen, their families, and the sacrifices of the World War I generation."

Dale gave a brief history of the American Gold Star Mothers, formed in 1928 by mothers whose loved ones had perished during World War I.

She shared that as she researched the lives of the eight WWI service-

men remembered with cenotaphs on Memorial Island — Melvin G. Dilla, Lonnie E. Hamilton, Aaron Wilson Kemp, Lewis Lavender Lane, John Martin, Felix G. Poppell, Fay Roscoe Taylor and Fred Evans Woodward — she felt that she grew to know them.

"I reflect upon their lives and their eagerness to leave this paradise in order to join the armed forces to serve their country," said Dale. She referred to them as "men of courage who stood up and made the decision to fight for a cause they may not have fully understood, but who realized it was a cause necessary for their country."

"We will not let their glory fade if we remember to honor them every opportunity we have," said Dale. "Say their names. Remember their ultimate sacrifice to our country. God bless America, land of the free because of the brave."

In parting, Rev. Newhart asked the crowd to take a look at the flag flying above the island as they were leaving.

"The flag does not wave because of the wind," he said. "The flag waves because of the last breath of our veterans who have fought for our freedoms. Let us always remember those who gave our freedom. Those who bought our freedom with their lives."

At 10 a.m. Saturday, June 26, the Next Generation Veterans will unveil its Woods from War Monumental Sculpture. ■

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HONORING SACRIFICE



"I said each of their names, thanked them and honored and remembered their ultimate sacrifice for this country," said Michelle Dale, who stopped at each cenotaph for the Indian River County fallen in World War I, after a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday at Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary near Riverside Park in Vero Beach. Dale, a Gold Star Mother, gave the keynote address which honored and remembered those who died in World War I. Dale's son, Spc. Dale J. Kriffo, who died in Afghanistan in 2010, has a cenotaph in the sanctuary. PHOTOS BY MOLLY BARTELS/SPECIAL TO TOPALM



"I think it's important for the active duty community to help and support the veteran community. I try to volunteer as much as I can. It's an honor to honor the fallen," said Staff Sgt. Eldon Peterson, of Vero Beach, who placed the wreath during the Memorial Day observation ceremony on Monday at Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary near Riverside Park in Vero Beach.

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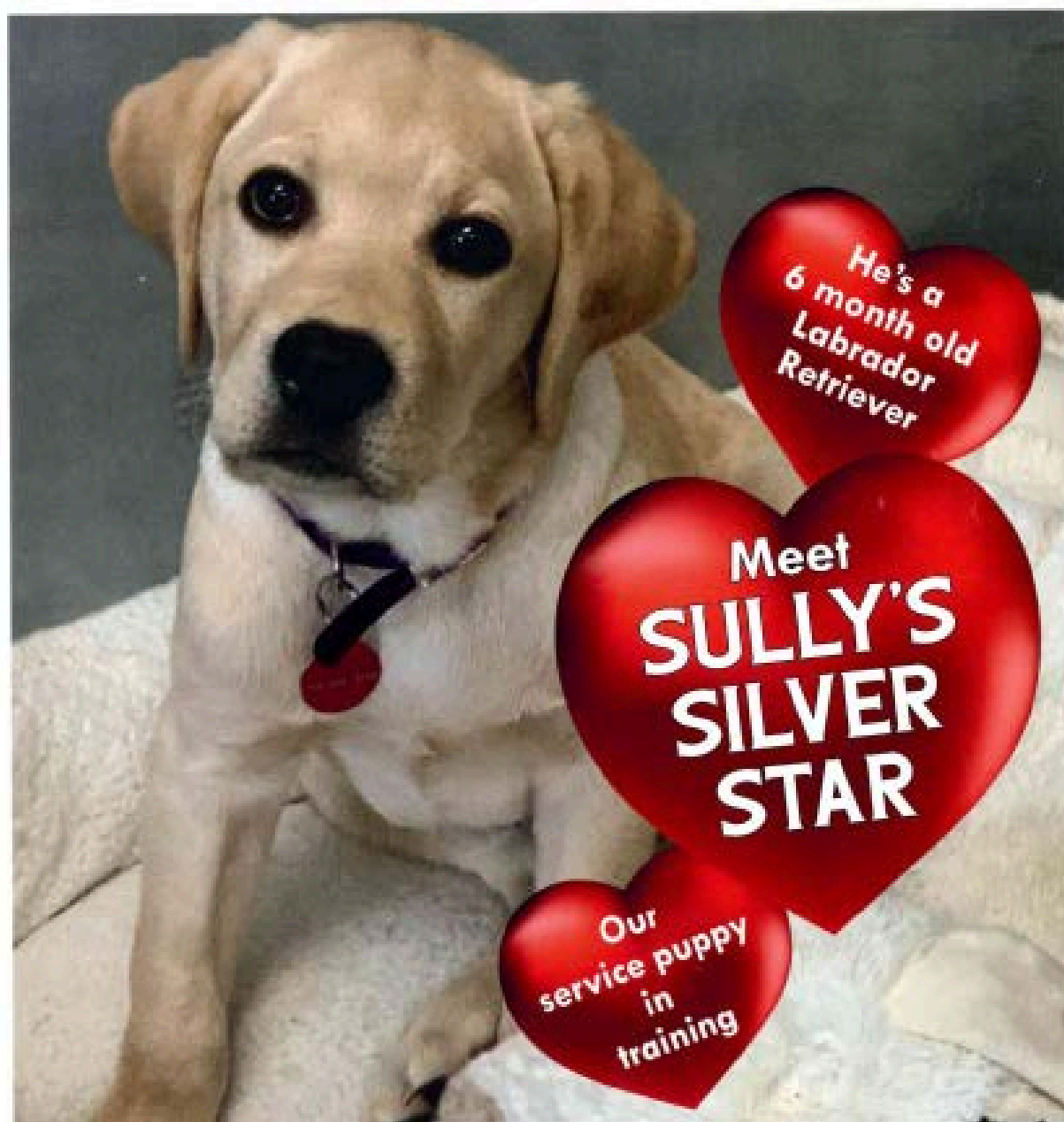
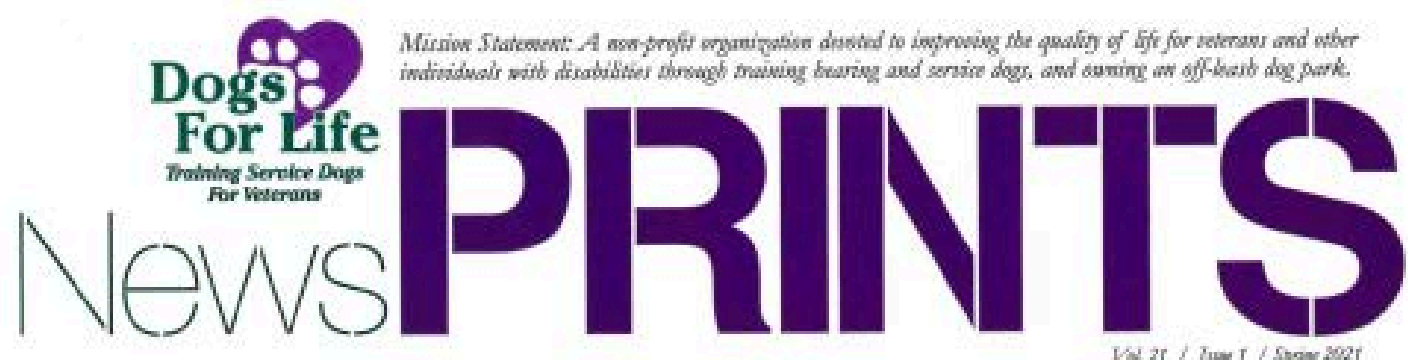
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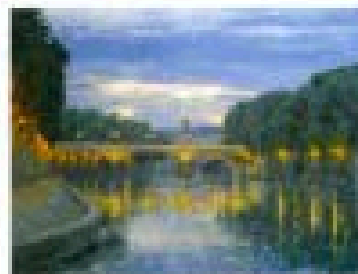
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FARMERS MARKET OCEANSIDE

The Oceanside Business Association holds the Farmers Market Oceanside every Saturday on Ocean Drive across from Humiston Park. Participating vendors offer a variety of products, including fresh produce and gourmet food items. Every Saturday 8 a.m.-noon.

**OCEANSIDE BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION**
2901 Ocean Drive
verobeachoba.com



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

The exquisite and captivating art of J.M. Stringer Gallery's April exhibition was such a hit that

"Summer Sojourns — at Home and Abroad" is now "Summer Sojourns at Home and Abroad: The Journey Continues." For May, the featured artists are John Phillip Osborne and Kyle Stuckey. May 1-31, Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and by appointment.

**J.M. STRINGER GALLERY
OF FINE ART**
3465 Ocean Drive
772-231-3900
jmrstringergallery.com

COMEDY ZONE

Riverside Theatre invites you to its Comedy Zone and Live in the Loop performances. Starting at 6 p.m., Joe Reid and Heartland will take the outdoor stage as guests enjoy food and beverages from the grill and bar. At 7 and again at 9, comedians Peter Fogle and Roy Haber will bring the humor on Riverside's Waslax Stage. Comedy performances are recommended for ages 18 and up. May 1, Live in the Loop 6 p.m., free; Comedy Zone 7 and 9 p.m., \$20.

RIVERSIDE THEATRE
3250 Riverside Park Drive
772-231-6990
riversidetheatre.com

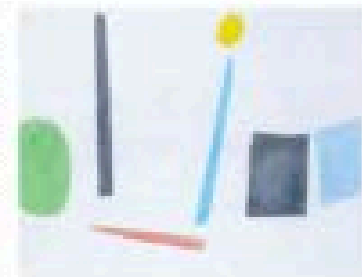
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Monday

GOLF-A-THON

Thirteen local golf pros will take to the fairways at Bent Pine Golf Club, designed by prolific

course architect Joe Lee, for the VNA & Hospice Foundation's 31st annual fundraising Golf-A-Thon. While the foundation has had to make the difficult decision to dispense with the usual platoon of volunteers as well as the customary cocktail reception, donors are still invited to support their favorite pros.

VNA & HOSPICE FOUNDATION
at Bent Pine Golf Club
6001 Clubhouse Drive
772-978-5568
vnafo.org



CHROMATICS

Findlay Galleries is pleased to present "Chromatics," an exhibition of works from Ukrainian-born American abstract painter Simeon Bragin. Distinguished by an elegant yet playful use of line, his works are both whimsical and sophisticated. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

FINDLAY GALLERIES
165 Worth Ave., Palm Beach
561-655-2090
findlaygalleries.com

VETERANS' PTSD SUPPORT GROUP

In conjunction with Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County, Dogs for Life hosts a weekly support meeting for veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder. Every Monday 7 p.m.

DOGS FOR LIFE
1230 16th Ave.
772-567-8969
dogsforkflvets.org

MAY 4
Tuesday

FINGER PAINTER PALMER

Gallery 14 presents "Finger Painter Palmer: Digital Art by Rhett Palmer" as its featured May exhibition. Palmer, a local radio host, says his art is inspired by "a profound appreciation for life and gratitude for the now." A meet and greet will take place during the May 7 Gallery Stroll, 5-8 p.m. The May show also includes works by Gallery 14's eight artist-owners and eight represented artists. May 4-28, Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

GALLERY 14
1911 14th Ave.
772-562-5525
gallery14verobeach.com

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

Space Coast Honor Flight luncheons are scheduled to resume in June 2021. Everyone buys his or her own lunch, and enjoy the camaraderie. All Veterans and Veteran guests welcome at the following locations:

Melbourne — First Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m., Smoky Bones restaurant, 1510 West New Haven.

Merritt Island — First Thursday of each month, 11 a.m., Red Lobster restaurant, 215 East Merritt Island Causeway.

Sebastian — Third Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m., Capt. Hiram's restaurant, 1606 N. Indian River.

Titusville — Third Thursday of each month, 11 a.m., Dixie Crossroads, 1475 Garden St.

BREVARD COUNTY

*** IMPORTANT NOTICES ***

All **Space Coast Honor Flight luncheons** are cancelled until further notice due to the coronavirus.

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CALENDAR



Please visit www.VeteranVoiceWeekly.com to submit Calendar events at least 2 weeks in advance, so that we may ensure your events receive timely publication.

ONGOING EVENTS

Warbird Air Museum Fly-in Breakfast, second Saturday of the month, 8-10:30 a.m., Warbird Air Museum, 6600 Tico Road, Titusville, NEW
Drive-in GUEST Costs: Between 8-10 a.m., fly-in and drive-in traffic can pay \$12 per person (no additional discounts) at the gift shop and they can enjoy both the breakfast, which includes delicious pastries, fresh fruit, breakfast meats, made to order omelets, and more — and tour the museum. For children (ages 5-12) not eating breakfast, \$5 to enter and tour the museum. Wrist bands will be issued to indicate who can participate in the breakfast. The breakfast is also open to the public as Museum visitors can also attend. Breakfast for visitors is free with paid admission to the Warbird Air Museum. Please RSVP by

Jobs available in Brevard County, via *Jobs:* www.careersourcebrevard.com — for local locations, visit www.employflorida.com for job listings.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

ONGOING EVENTS

BookWorm Podcast and Radio Show, hosted by Ralph Nathan Oko, airs Saturday evenings at 9 p.m. EST on REAL Radio 101.7 FM and Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. EST on WAXE Radio 107.9 FM and 1370 AM. Podcasts will be available on iHeart Radio. Interview guests will include authors, publishers, editors, readers, booksellers and store owners, scholars and bibliophiles. Ralph Nathan Oko is currently booking interviews. To secure a guest spot, suggest a book to review, an author to interview or for sponsorship.

work was accomplished over the summer at the USNAG & MM Museum.

Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your old buddies and meet some new ones. Everyone is welcome at our meetings, so please bring a friend. For anybody that needs a ride to the meetings, please call Korky at (772) 571-0230.

Please note: Meetings are held September through May. There are no meetings June through August.

Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter 318, meets first Thursday of the month, 11 a.m.-noon, at Vero Beach Veterans, Inc. 2500 15th Avenue, Vero Beach.

Monthly meeting, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1038, 6 p.m., second Wednesday of the month, Victory Center Military Store in the Vero Mall. For more information email vva1038@yahoo.com or www.vvachapter1038.org or call 772-562-8794.

Monthly meeting, American Legion Post 39, second Monday of the month, 1535 Old Dixie Highway, Vero Beach. E-board meeting begins at 6 p.m., followed by general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Monthly meeting, Veterans Council of Indian River County, first Wednesday of the month, 1 p.m., County Administration Complex,

Thunder FL-1 home-based at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center, began a program to present POW/MIA Flags and hold Ceremonies at all 83 Brevard Public Elementary, Middle and High Schools from Feb - May. Supported by Military Officers Association of America Cape Canaveral, VFW and American Legion Posts, this project is open for Veterans to observe and assist. Contact VMC/RTFL POCs Mike Schulze or Donn Weaver at 321-453-1776 for more information if you would like to volunteer. Schedules are developed at least one week ahead with FIVE RTFL-1 Team leaders covering all geographic areas from Mims to Palm Bay.

Friday, April 23

Fund-Raising "Holes for Heroes" Golf Tournament, sponsored by Florida Prep USAF JROTC Program to support their program and Veterans in need via Down The Road Thrift. Held at Duran Golf Club in Viera with shotgun start at 1 p.m. Sign up and get more information at app.event-caddy.com/events/third-annual-heroes-hole-in-one-golf.

phone or email. The phone number is (321) 268-1941 and the email address is Warbirds@valliantaircommand.com.

VFW Post 8191 monthly work day, first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.-noon. This is a reminder to post members and an invitation to Auxiliary members to join us. We will do whatever tasks the House Committee Chairman/Canteen Manager/Commander/President have in mind that don't require extensive skills. Tasks can include cleaning the kitchen and deep fat fryer, replacing the electrical cord on the bingo machine, replacing some baseboard black plastic pieces, placing a few more signs in our storage lot, etc. on an as-necessary basis. For more info, visit vfw8191.org.

Monthly meeting, Brevard Veterans Council, second Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m., Brevard Veterans Memorial Center, 400 Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island.

Every Wednesday, second drink free, VFW Post 8191, noon to 2 p.m., 4120 N. Harbor City Blvd., Melbourne, for those who wear a

Nathan Oko at (954) 557-6226 or RalphOk@hotmial.com.

Monthly meeting, Vietnam Veterans of Indian River County, first Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. at VVIRC Office, 696 8th Court, Vero Beach. For more information email VVIRC@comcast.net, or at our website VVIRC.org. You can also call us at (772) 794-0005.

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

The USN Armed Guard/Merchant Marine Veterans of WWII Museum has temporarily closed due to COVID-19; however, the expenses are ongoing. We would greatly appreciate a donation from you and/or someone that you know who might be interested in helping to keep the Museum open and the story of the USN AG/MM alive. Donor names will be listed on the Museum Honor Roll for all to see. To receive a donation form, please contact C.F. "Korky" Korker, President, phone: 772-571-0230, or E-mail: korkykorker@gmail.com

U.S. Navy Armed Guard World War II Veterans' monthly breakfast

Monthly meeting, Indian River Detachment of Marine Corps League, fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Victory Center in Indian River Mall.

PTSD Support And Recovery meetings, every Monday, 7 p.m., Dogs For Life Administration Building, 1230 16th Avenue, Vero Beach. Military licensed health professionals are facilitators. For more information, contact Dogs For Life Service Dog Training Center at (772) 567-8969 or visit www.dogsforlifefvb.org.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

ONGOING EVENTS

Monthly Meeting, Military Officer's Association of Port Lucie County, all officers from all branches of service are invited to meet fellow officers and learn latest military news. For information call Col. Martin Rosen at 772-233-0691.

Air Force Sergeants Association, Elmer Andrews Chapter 564, meets on the first Tuesday of January

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April

Republican Veterans Club Luncheon



REPUBLICAN VETERANS CLUB Of Indian River County

**Cordially Invites You to Attend
The Republican Veterans Club Meeting**

**Monday, April 5th, 2021
11:30am (Social/Gathering)
12:00 Noon to 1pm Lunch/Meeting**

**C. J. Cannon's Restaurant at Vero Beach Airport
3400 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach 32960**

**IMPORTANT: Out of courtesy to C.J. Cannon's Restaurant and Staff,
please e-mail mysandybeach2015@gmail.com or call
Missy at 703-403-2308 to leave message for a luncheon reservation.**

**Your luncheon Menu can be chosen at the Restaurant.
Hot Plate (meat, potatoes, vegetable), or Soup & Sandwich,
or Luncheon Salad, Includes Dessert/Water/Tea/Coffee
(\$20.00 - Cash or Check made to Republicans Veterans Club)**

This month's speaker is Vero Beach native, Shelly Ferger, Founder/CEO & Director of Training Programs for Dogs for Life, Inc. serving veterans in our community. She previously owned/operated a dog training center named Shelly's Canine Community Center between 1995 and 2002. Prior to being self-employed she held positions at the Environmental Learning Center; State Attorney's office, Vero Beach Police Department and IRC Sheriff's Department. She founded the Off-Leash Dog Park in 1997 and Dogs For Life, Inc. in 2002. She will be bringing Kris Hasenauer and his service dog, Jasper.

Kris is a former Special Forces A-Team Member Medical Specialist, who served in the U.S. Army Special Forces Command for over 16 years. He is a board-certified physician assistant and graduate of the Army's Interservice Physician Assistant Program in 2014 and holds a teaching degree from Florida State University. He had deployments throughout the Middle East and trained various agency and Embassy personnel of tactical combat casualty and travel safety.

Please pay your 2021 dues, if you haven't already done so!

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MARCH

Head, Heart & Hands Club Grant



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FEBRUARY

Memorial Garden Dedication



Veterans Voice Coverage

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Letter to the EDITOR

Dogs For Life thankful for generous donation

To the Editor:

Here's what Dogs For Life, Vero Beach, was up to in January:

Generous Gold Star donation

Thanks to the generous support of their sponsors, donors and participants, the American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County's 2nd Annual Walk-a-Thon for Military/Veteran Suicide Awareness was able to donate proceeds of \$37,000 to Dogs For Life "Veterans PTSD Recovery and Support Group"; the Mental Health Association of IRC "Veteran's Meet Up"; and the Next Generation Veterans of IRC to continue their programs to help our veterans struggling with PTSD. The



checks were presented at the January Veterans Council of Indian River County meeting.

PTSD Support

Dogs For Life continues to host next-generation Veterans' PTSD Support Group for Veterans each Monday at 7

p.m., at the DFL Administrative Complex at 1230 16th Ave., Vero Beach.

It's important for us to provide a venue for our Veterans to meet and support one another.

How you can help

DFL relies on corporate and other sponsors, and donations to keep our mission going forward to match needful Veterans with service dogs, all training free of charge to the Veteran. Please visit our website at dogsforlifevb.org, call us at (772) 567-8969, or email office@dogsforlifevb.org.

Thank you,
DOGS FOR LIFE

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JANUARY

Veterans Voice

Suicide Awareness

Gold Star 2nd Annual Walk-A-Thon proceeds aid Dogs For Life, other initiatives combating PTSD

Michelle Dale

PRESIDENT

AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Proceeds from the American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County, Inc. 2nd Annual Walk-A-Thon for Military/Veteran Suicide Awareness have been donated to the Dogs For Life "Veteran PTSD Recovery and Support Group"; the Mental Health Association's "Veteran's Meet Up"; and the Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County to help support these organizations with their programs for our veterans struggling with PTSD.

The generosity of our sponsors, donors and participants to our 2nd Annual Walk-A-Thon for Military/Veteran Suicide Awareness enabled the Gold Star Mothers of IRC to donate the \$37,000 proceeds from the walk among these groups. We are grateful for their support to our cause and their love of our struggling Veterans.

Recipients' efforts toward mental health

The Dogs For Life "Veteran PTSD Recovery and Support Group" in collaboration with the Next Generation Veterans of Indian River County's meetings held on Monday nights at 7 p.m. continued virtually throughout Covid until the DFL center was allowed to reopen.

Those who attend are opening up and sharing with others and understanding that they are not alone with their struggles. These sessions are expected to expand — first, to a women's only group and then, to add an additional night of



Photo courtesy of American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County

At the presentation of the proceeds from the 2nd Annual Walk-A-Thon of the American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County to recipient organizations combating the effects of PTSD and military suicide are: Pictured from left to right are: BOTTOM: James Mann, Next Generation Veterans of IRC, Treasurer; Amy Wagner, Mental Health Association of IRC, Events Coordinator; Angela Guzenski, Mental Health Association of IRC, Chief Operating Officer; Diana D'Angelo, American Gold Star Mothers of IRC, Secretary/Treasurer; Michelle Dale, American Gold Star Mothers of IRC, President; Shelly Ferger, Dogs For Life, CEO & Director of Programs. TOP: Veterans Council of Indian River County Board of Directors, Samantha Brackett; Curtis Holden, Vice Chairman; Martin Zickert, Chairman; Carroll Oates, and Sam Kouns.

number of Veterans who are attending is increasing. The meetings give attendees additional support because they are facilitated by licensed Veteran Therapists.

The Mental Health Association of Indian River County's "Veteran's Meet Up", which started at the Vero Beach Drop-In Center in September, will continue Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. with a Veteran Social Worker on staff.

The "Veteran PTSD Recovery and Support Group" and the "Veteran's Meet Up" hope to coordinate efforts to help our Veterans. MHA will also continue to provide same-day free screenings and follow-up treatment to Veterans in Indian River County at their main office.

Combating military suicide

There are 22 Military/Veteran deaths by suicide every day in the United States, and these numbers are rising due to Covid and the unrest in America. One suicide a day is a TRAGEDY; 22 is UNACCEPTABLE.

Our American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County, Inc. will continue to do everything we can to help our struggling Veterans. They gave up so much for us. They need, no, they DESERVE our help.

The check presentation was held at the January Veterans Council of Indian River County meeting.