

THE SCUTTLEBUTT

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WELCOME TO VCEP - -

As a service to our members and other interested parties, we have decided to publish a quarterly newsletter to keep everyone informed as to what's happening within the Veterans Community Education Partnership for West Volusia, Incorporated (VCEP), our Veterans Museum, and the Veterans Memorial Parks in Deltona and Orange City - - and, hopefully, other cities and veterans parks in west Volusia County. While our office is located within the Veterans Museum at Deltona Veterans Memorial Park in Deltona, we hardly consider ourselves as a "Deltona" organization - - because we aren't, and our name reflects that fact. So this newsletter is published for the West Volusia Veterans Community for their (your) edification and information - - enjoy!

We would like to think that our organization tries to represent the views of all veteran's organizations in West Volusia County without regard as to whether or not such organizations are "recognized" members of VCEP. Our goal is become the voice for the education of the West Volusia Community with regard to the contribution of our country's military services to our history - - from the American Revolution through our 200 plus years of history as a country to include the current war on terrorism (Afghanistan & Iraq to be specific).

We have no intention of trying to replace any veteran's organizations plans or programs - - our goal is to supplement those programs and try to have them presented on a larger scale - - and we firmly believe that our goals meld seamlessly with the goals of all veteran's organizations, regardless of location.

So, if this is your first exposure to VCEP, I invite you to contact me for additional information - - for VCEP members, you already know what we are about, and we welcome you aboard in this first issue of the **THE SCUTTLEBUTT**.

Please feel free to contact me at 386-960-5425, or Vice-Chairman John Masiarczyk at 386-789-4155, with any questions you may have about VCEP or the Deltona Veterans Park or Museum. We are here for you and all of our veterans.

Sincerely,
Marion L. "Mick" Cotten, MAJ, USMC (Ret'd)
Chairman

VETERANS MUSEUM HAS MUSIC CD's AVAILABLE - -



Mildred White has just completed her new CD album of songs that are sure to please. Mildred has been singing at most of our veterans events for years and many of us have always wondered why she never recorded her songs. Well, with the encouragement (and a bit of a push) from her family, she has finally done just that. She has also been kind enough to offer the recordings to anyone who makes a \$10.00 donation to VCEP.

Soooo, hurry in because there are a limited number of the CD's available - - and the music is sure to bring back a lot of fond memories for all.

Thanks, Mildred,

John Masiarczyk
Vice Chairman & Museum Director

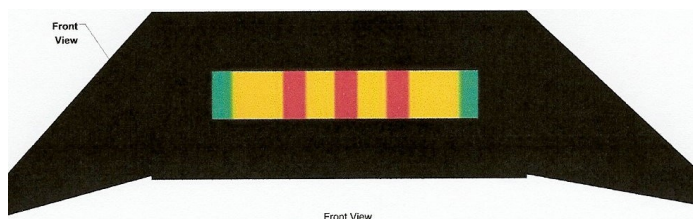
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**DO YOU KNOW???** - -

1. Who was the first West Volusia resident to graduate from the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York?
2. The approximate weight of a 16” shell fired from a Battleship?
3. The top speed of the “Cobra” helicopter displayed in Deltona Veterans Park?
4. The number of American Servicemembers killed in action (KIA) in the Vietnam War?
5. What the term “scuttlebutt” means to a Sailor or a Marine?
6. What a “ruck sack” and a “ditty bag” have in common?
7. What branch of the military service Frank Spohrer served in?
8. The date of the first “workday” at Veterans Park in Deltona?
9. The AGE of the Chairman of VCEP?
10. Who Mary Anne Greenauer was, and why she holds a special place in the hearths of many area veterans?

These and many more questions can be answered by a visit to our Veterans Museum & Park. Please stop by and bring a friend - - and enjoy the many items on display.

Oh yes, the first person to correctly answer all ten (10) of the above questions will be rewarded with a VCEP Challenge Coin. Just register, in writing, your answers with a Museum Volunteer!

**VIETNAM AREA MEMORIAL** - -

The Leadership of the VCEP Board of Directors and the Veterans Park workday crew have proposed and are planning a “Wall of Honor” at the Vietnam Section of our Veterans Memorial Park.

After several years and many man-hours, the former structure just did not do justice to the men and women who served in Vietnam. A change is/was needed, and thanks to brainstorming during the last several months, we are close to the construction of a “Vietnam Memorial Wall of Honor.” We owe a special thanks to Peter Behnke and Chief Bob Rogers for the preliminary design of the “wall” and for dismantling the old structure. A tentative design for the new “Vietnam Wall of Honor” is shown with this article, and another (more detailed and representative) is available in the Museum.

An application for this tribute is on the next page of this newsletter. Stop, look, and contribute!

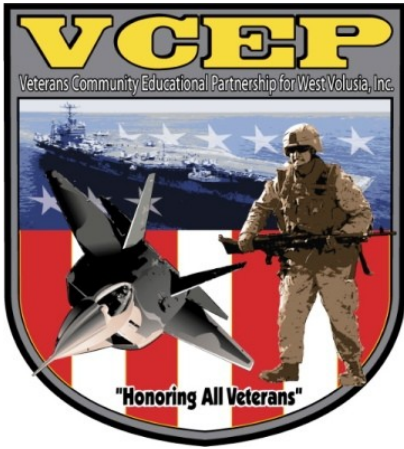
**FLAG DAY CEREMONY** - -

Members of American Legion Post 255 and Military Order of The Purple Heart Chapter 316 ignite retired flags at the end of the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Deltona Veterans Park on June 14, 2009. Pictured (from the right) are VCEP Chairman Mick Cotten and Post 255 Officers Adjutant Ed Lavine, Sergeant at Arms Bill Hickey, and Vice-Commander John Masiarczyk; Chapter 316’s Don Smith (with back to camera) and Post 255 Commander Elaine Wilson.

Photo Contributed By Diane

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - -

Now that our Veterans Museum is up and running we are in need of additional volunteers to act as Docents when the museum is open to the public. As noted in “Important Dates To Remember” on page 4, the museum is open to the public every Saturday (11 AM - 4 PM) and Sunday (1 PM - 4 PM). We will also be open from 6 PM - 8 PM; Monday, November 16th through Friday, November 20th as part of the Deltona Days Celebration. Please call the museum (386-789-8247), or contact either VCEP Chairman Mick Cotten (386-960-5425) or Vice-Chairman John Masiarczyk (386-299-2896) to arrange for a relatively short Docent Training Session.



Vietnam Wall of Honor For RVN Military Service

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Deltona, Florida

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PLEASE NOTE THAT NAMES WILL BE ADDED TO THE WALL IN GROUPS OF SIX (6), SO YOUR SUBMISSION MAY BE DELAYED FOR INSTALLATION WITH OTHERS PER OUR AGREEMENT WITH OUR VENDOR.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**OCTOBER:**

1ST, THURSDAY, VCEP BOARD MEETING, 7 PM, VETERANS MUSEUM.

3RD, SATURDAY, VETS PARK WORKDAY, 8:30 AM 'TIL ?, DELTONA VETERANS PARK.

13TH, TUESDAY, NAVY BIRTHDAY PARTY, 6:30 PM, DELTONA VETS PARK.

17TH, SATURDAY, KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (KWVA) LUAU, 1 PM,
DELTONA VETERANS PARK

24TH, ROLLING THUNDER, FREEDOM RIDERS. RUN BEGINS AT DELTONA VETERANS PARK
AT 8:30 AM (COFFEE & DONUTS).

NOVEMBER:

5TH, THURSDAY, VCEP BOARD MEETING, 7 PM, VETERANS MUSEUM.

6TH, FRIDAY, HANGER DANCE, 7:30 PM, DELAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM.

7TH, SATURDAY VETS PARK WORKDAY CANCELLED.

7TH, SATURDAY, 8TH ANNUAL MILITARY VETERANS DAY PARADE, 11 AM, CITY OF DELAND
& DELAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM.

8TH, SUNDAY, AIR FLEET OPEN HOUSE, 10 AM - 4 PM, DELAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM.

8TH, SUNDAY, VETERANS DAY INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE, 3:30 PM, DELTONA
VETERANS PARK.

10TH, TUESDAY, MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY, 6:30 PM, DELTONA VETERANS PARK.

11TH, WEDNESDAY, VETERANS DAY CEREMONY, 6:30 PM, DELTONA VETERANS PARK.

16TH THRU 20TH, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 6 - 8 PM, VETERANS MUSEUM OPEN FOR DELTONA
DAYS CELEBRATION.

DECEMBER:

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5TH, VETS PARK WORKDAY, 8:30 AM 'TIL ?, DELTONA VETERANS PARK.

7TH, MONDAY, 6:30 PM, PEARL HARBOR DAY REMEMBRANCE, ORANGE CITY VETERANS
MEMORIAL PARK.

EVERY SATURDAY:

VETERANS MUSEUM IS OPEN FROM 11 AM UNTIL 4 PM.

EVERY SUNDAY:

VETERANS MUSEUM IS OPEN FROM 1 UNTIL 4 PM.

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