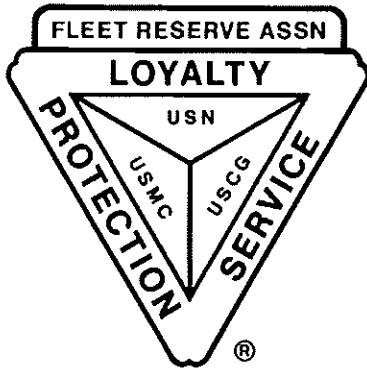


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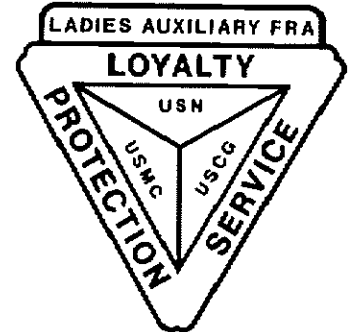


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THE PODIUM

Hello Shipmates, since the last newsletter, Branch 91 has elected and installed the Officers for the 2010-2011 association year. Those selected last year were reelected to their positions with the addition of one new member to the Board. Our hope is to always work in the best interest of the Branch and the Fleet Reserve Association. Some of the same challenges remain but we are committed to continue to do our best to try to meet them. One of the biggest challenges of course is membership. We all know who is eligible and we know why it is important to become and remain a member of the FRA. We need your help in finding and signing up eligible members. Numbers have always spoken volumes when it comes to legislative issues especially if they directly may affect us when it comes to our benefits. We all have seen what has happened to some of those benefits all ready and if we don't stay alert and speak up we will most likely lose more of them. Locally we are in need of individuals who would be willing to volunteer by serving on some of our committees; Welfare, Americanism, Youth to name a few. If you are interested in any these areas or have another area you would like to work on, please get in touch with me. We are always open to suggestions for fundraisers and activities you would like to see the Branch tackle, also. As I close I hope that many of you will join us for the annual 4th of July celebration held at the Branch Home. At noon there will be a "Flag Burning" ceremony. Immediately afterwards there will be the family picnic. I look forward to seeing you then.

I remain in Loyalty, Protection and Service
Jim "Robbie" Robbins – President
(904) 269-2136
slgr@bellsouth.net

The Legacy Drawer

Compiled & Submitted by: Scott Perkins

A legacy drawer is a place in your house with all the important papers that your family needs in the unfortunate event that something were to happen to you.

It contains everything: your last will and testament, insurance policies, funeral instructions, mutual fund statements, passports, budgets—everything that your spouse and family would need to know if you weren't around. It is also organized in such a way that a nine-year-old could open it up and find any given document in 30 seconds.

Here are 11 things that are recommended to be in a legacy drawer:

- 1) Cover Letter. This is simply a letter stating the purpose of the Legacy Drawer. Nothing fancy, just a way to introduce your loved ones to the contents of the drawer
- 2) Will & Estate Plans. All information pertaining to your will and estate, including names of the executor and Power of Attorney should be located in one file.
- 3) Financial Accounts. Anything that has money in it and your name on it should be listed in the Legacy Drawer. This includes account names, amount and account numbers
- 4) Funeral Instructions. All details and specifications for funeral plans should be listed so the family can fulfill your wishes. If you are married, you need one for you and one for your spouse.
- 5) Insurance Policies. All insurance information, including health, car, disability, term life, etc., should be combined into one single document for easy reference. List the type of insurance, who the policy is for, contact information and policy numbers
- 6) Important documents. Any legal or other important documents you have should be noted in the file. This includes deeds, birth certificates, social security cards and titles.
- 7) Legacy Letters. Since the intention behind the Legacy Drawer is to keep your legacy going after you've passed away, it's a great idea to include letters to your loved ones.
- 8) Monthly Budget. Add a copy of your written budget, so your spouse or loved ones know how to operate your household once you're gone. This will help your family keep track of bills and focus on more important things.
- 9) Tax Returns. Keeping tax returns in your Legacy Drawer is like an insurance policy for yourself in the event that you get audited from the IRS. Hopefully you never have to pull them out, but if you do, at least you are prepared.
- 10) Safe Deposit Box. Keep copies of all your Legacy Drawer papers in a safe deposit box. You can never be too careful. Include information in your Legacy Drawer on where your safe deposit box is and who has access to it.
- 11) Passwords. Write down passwords, combinations, usernames, and PIN numbers. This information allows your loved ones access to any documents, money or information that is left when you are gone.

Make it a goal to get this done over the next 30 days, just do a couple items each week. You will feel so much better when it's done. Then just before your birthday each year, make it a point to spend a little time going through it and updating it.

Members Due for Renewal in July and August of 2010 ?

The following memberships are due for renewal in July and August 2010. If you know someone on this list please contact them about renewing their dues. If someone is deceased please notify Duane Wild, our Funeral Services Officer. If your name is listed in error due to recent renewal, please disregard. If in doubt call Todd Richter the Secretary.

James D Alcorn	Manuela Devack	David M. Kasper	James W. Rasnic
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Joseph Allemand	Constantine Duliakas	Robert R. Klaus	Nick Sikes
Roger Anderson	Kenneth E Emerson	John R Lemire	Warren S. Slane
Randolph V. Avery	Curtis T. Evelyn	Jim Littleton	James F Snelgrove
Leland L Bardwell	Keith B Fairchild	Stanley J Lucas	David E Snelling
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Clayton K. Bizzell	Jack L Forte	Lorenzo S Maylon	James W Strother
Raymond E Bock	Bennie C Glasscock	Vernon Medley	Mark Swedbergh
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Frank S Bull	Paul Harding	Ralph E Moore	Elmer W Vonderheide
Katie Carole Callaway	Junior A Hartman	Clifford H Nelson	James A Warren
Jane Campbel-Waters	Victor Helzer	James W. Norton	Michaela Watford
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Gerald A Davis	Ronald A Johnson	Troy Randall	Hugo L Zell
Michael E. Desjeunes	Isaac Jones, II	Shane Edwards Rank	Evan E Zillmer

Lapsed Memberships in May & June of 2010 ?

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Maurice Batey	David A. Gardenbush	Donald G. Morris	Curtis D Smith
Clinton L. Beverly	Rex A Gill	Frank J Moschella	Ray J Stacy, Jr.
Glenn Beyer	Robert Guenther	Duane P. Mosier	Paul C Walsh
Leslie B Brown	James Hampton	Janet C Nightingale	William R Whitaker
Sarah E Burton	Billy Jack Hattendorf	Carl L Nix	George White
Robert W Clark	Anthony E Iselin	James R Norris	John R. Whitlet
William A Conlon	Charles O. Johnson	Thomas W Pate	Joshua M. Willis
Roger B Cowan	William J Leitheiser	Art Pimental	Eric A Wuellenweber
Robert Crognale	Robert M Lightcap	Spiegel L Pitzer	William Youngblood
Donald U. Dillavou	Clair W Lohr	Kelly Quinn	
Keith H. Donnell	Lawrence R Mapps	Ramon Ramos	
Erwin Eckstein	Thomas McAndrew	Billy B. Rogers	
David Epps	Alvin D Meier	George W. Sherwin	
James A. Ferretti	Leroy William Moak	James E Sifford	

CAR WASH for THE USO!!

July 24th 10:00 a.m. - ??? at FRA Branch 91



**COME OUT AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
MINIMAL DONATION OF \$5.00 CAR & \$7.00 VAN OR LARGE TRUCK
MOTORCYCLES WELCOME AS WELL!**

HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, CHIPS, AND BEVERAGES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE USO!

**BRING WHATEVER YOU DRIVE THAT NEEDS A GOOD SCRUBBING, AND LET THE BARTENDERS
AND VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT SHINE FOR YOU!**

||| ===== |||
||| Chaplain's Corner |||

||| Churches are keenly aware that more than a few of their members are hurting because of hard times – from job losses, stock losses, debt, and home foreclosures. |||

||| Whatever the cause is, the best way to deal with hard times is with faith and humor. Humor is hope. |||

||| Lest we forget, the Great Depression of the 1930's gave birth to many of America's greatest comedians and humorists, and many of them were devout believers. People were hungry for humor as well as for bread. So the good Lord raised up a flock of comedians and humorists who kept Americans laughing and brought them good cheer and hope through the hard times. |||

||| We sincerely believe that in hard times churches are called not only to help people in their struggles, but also to lift their spirits with faith and good humor. |||

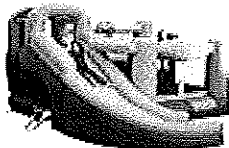
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KIDS DAY

SATURDAY JULY 31ST 11:00 AM - ?

BOUNCE HOUSE



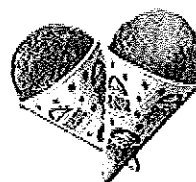
SWIMMING



HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS



SNOW CONES



**LOTS OF GAMES AND TOYS FOR THE KIDS TO PLAY WITH AS WELL.
BRING THE KIDS OUT AND ENJOY THE DAY!**

Happy summer to everyone, Hope its not to hot for you, but if it is, stop by the Club for a nice cold refreshing beverage.

We are going to be quite busy in the next couple of months, trying to fit in a lot of events, so please remember to check the calendar for everything we have going on. As always, we have awesome entertainer's here every Friday and Saturday evening, so make sure you come and show your support.

On July 24th, we are going to be doing a Car Wash to help raise money for the USO. Bring your car, truck, motorcycle, or whatever you need washed! Please tell everyone you know to come on by and support our military families. The guys will be firing up the grills and cooking some wonderful food, all proceeds will be going to the USO.

On July 31st, we will be having a KIDS day. There will be bounce houses, cotton candy, games; the pool will be up as well. Free drinks and food for the kids. Spread the word, we hope to have a lot of children come out and have a great day.

August 7th will be the adult Luau starting at 7:00 p.m. in the gazebo area. Please bring a covered dish, the club will provide the meat we will have the pool set up, so jump on in and cool off. Tom from TJ's DJ's will be playing our favorite island music along with Karaoke so make sure you don't miss the fun.

Until next time I hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer.

Tara Moore
Club Manager



Frank's Roasted RIBS

**Fleet
Reserve
Association,
5391 Collins
Road**

Phone 904-264-2833

Rib Plate. \$7.00 includes 4 Ribs, 2 Side Items and Dinner Roll. Whole Rack of Ribs, \$14.00. Side items \$2.00 per pint. To Guarantee Your Ribs, Pre-Order by COB 13 August 2010.

**When: Sunday 15 Aug
2010 10AM till 1PM**

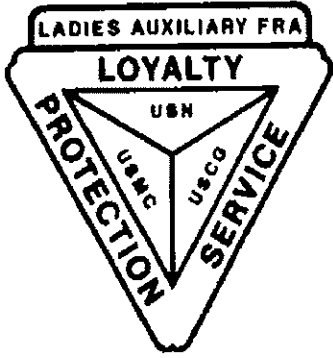
**Where: 5391 Collins
Road**

**How Much: \$7.00 per
plate or \$14.00 per
rack**

**To Ensure Availability,
Pre-orders are Requested**

**The March/May BBQ
Rib event was a great
success. Now is the
time to pre-order your
Ribs for the 15 Aug
event. Price remains
\$14.00 a rack, \$7.00 a
dinner. Please pre-
order not later than 13
August to ensure
availability.**

Issue: July/August 2010



Board of Directors Meeting
1st Monday of each month
7:00 pm
General Assembly Meeting
2nd Monday of each month
7:30 pm

First Coast LA FRA Officers 2010-2011

President: Sandra Robbins

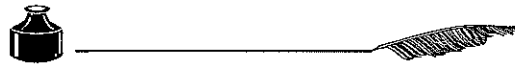
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Financial Secretary: Pat Garwood

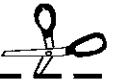
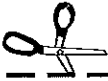
Treasurer: Helen Bair

Chaplain: Anna Reneer



Do you know someone who is eligible to be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association?
LA FRA Membership: Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association shall be limited to spouses, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, children, stepchildren and grandchildren not less than 16 years of age of members of the Fleet Reserve Association and widows, widowers, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, children, stepchildren and grandchildren not less than 16 years of age of persons who were members at the time of death or eligible to be members of the Fleet Reserve Association at the time of death.

If you do, please sign them up. Use the membership application below. Dues are \$15.00 per year.



NAME IN FULL (First Middle Last)
ADDRESS (City State Zip + 4)
(Telephone - Area Code + Number) (Birthdate(**Used for Security Verification))

(Status: Circle one)

I am the: Wife / Husband / Mother / Father / Sister / Brother / Widow / Widower / Daughter
Son / Granddaughter / Grandson / Stepdaughter / Stepson / Grandmother / Grandfather
of

(Serviceman's Full Name) (Rate) (USN, USMC USCG)

(Check the correct statement which fits sponsor's eligibility)

I certify that the above information is true and accurate and that my sponsor is a member of the FRA Branch or is a MAL

I certify that the above information is true and accurate and that my sponsor was eligible for membership at the time of death.

Applicant's Unit Preference: 91

(Applicant's Signature)

Proposed By: Member # Unit #

Send application and payment to: First Coast LA FRA Unit 91, 5391 Collins Road, Jacksonville, FL. 32244
Make check payable to: LA FRA

Ladies Auxiliary Fleet Reserve Association First Coast Unit 91



The Unit President:

I guess all the cold weather has given over to a "HEAT WAVE". Feels as if summer has been here for awhile and it is really just beginning. The Unit had a really "Hot" Steak Night in June. The room was filled to capacity for most of the evening. Thanks to all our workers for doing another superb job. As always we are in need of more volunteers for this activity on the third Friday of each month, especially in the evening.

We are busy with planning for the upcoming year. Besides the regular activities, we are hoping to try something new. If you have any suggestions as to something you think we should try whether it is a fundraiser or a social type activity, please let us know about it. We are also in need of volunteers for several of our current projects; Fall Luncheon, Family Picnics, Welfare Baskets, Children's Parties, etc. If you would be willing to take over one of them or just help with one of them, please contact me.

It was a great turn out for the Memorial Day Ceremony and Family Picnic. We are looking for another great turn out on the Fourth of July for the annual Flag Burning Ceremony and Family Picnic. If you wish to bring a dessert to share with everyone, please do so. Everything else is furnished by the Branch, Club and Unit.

I would like to invite everyone to our monthly General Assembly meetings which are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. We do our best to keep them to one hour in length with a social time with refreshments directly afterward. This is an opportunity to meet with your fellow Auxiliary members and to learn what is going on with our Unit. It is also a chance for you to voice your concerns or thoughts on what the Unit is doing.

Joint Installation of Officers for the Branch and Unit was held the first Saturday, of June. Thanks to everyone who came out for this and "Kudos" to those members who were installed for their willingness to serve the Branch and Unit respectively. Special "Thanks" to the Installing Officers-Shipmate Jack Grimm for the Branch and PRP Jean Burke for the Unit.

As I close for this newsletter, I wish to send sincere sympathies to those in sadness, get well wishes to those who are ill, best wishes to those celebrating happy occasions and thinking of you wishes to all.

With warm regards I remain in Loyalty, Protection and Service,
Sandra Robbins, President

2010-2011 Slate of Officers

At the May 10th General Assembly meeting, elections were held for the 2010-2011 administration year of First Coast Unit 91. The following members were elected.

President

Sandra Robbins
9(04) 269-2136

Vice President

Linda Moore
(904) 772-7606

Executive Secretary

Tammy Davis
(904) 214-4066

Financial Secretary

Patricia Garwood
(904) 594-6259

Treasurer

Helen Bair
(904) 269-6435

Directors

Dottie Hartman
(904) 264-8908

Amy Johnson
(904) 272-5920

Helen Kelley
(904) 264-6071

Marie Lake
(904) 778-0943

Bobbie Magnussen
(904) 771-4396

Janet Pierotti
(904) 268-9918

Anna Reneer
(904) 771-0802

Jane Royal
904- 772-6649

Congratulations to all and thank you for being willing to serve your fellow members!!!!

Can You Relate?

I've learned that as soon as you get rid of something you haven't used in years, you need it the very next week.

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Exec. Secretary: Tammy Davis (904) 214-4066
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Chaplain: Anna Reneer (904) 771-0802

Fourth of July Flag Burning Ceremony/Family Picnic

The annual Flag burning ceremony will be held on Sunday, July 4th at 12 noon. Flags which have been deemed no longer serviceable will be destroyed according the proper procedures. Once the ceremony has been completed there will be a Family Picnic for all our members. Once again there will Burgers, Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw and Baked Beans supplied by the Branch and Unit. Sodas will be provided by the Club. Those wishing to bring a dessert to share may do so.



There will be a **Chinese Auction** held on this date also. It will take place from 1:00-3:00 pm. Anyone who has items they wish to donate may bring them down to the Branch home prior to the Auction. Please mark them "Chinese Auction". The idea of this event is to be able to bid (\$1.00 for one or 6 for \$5.00) on items that you may feel you would like to take home. You may place your bid(s) on one item or place them on several items. At 3:00 pm all bids will be closed and one bid will be drawn from the bids made and the bearer of that bid will get the item. Monies raised through this event will be designated for the "Jacksonville USO". This always proves to be a lot of fun for everyone whether they place a bid or are just a spectator.

"Come Join Us as We Celebrate the "FOURTH"!!

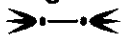


Lunch and Dinner Bunch

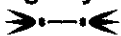
You are invited to join our group each month as we meet and eat at various local restaurants. This is a great way to socialize with your fellow members as well as try out some of the best eateries nearby. For lunch we meet at 11 am (trying to beat the lunch crowds) and for dinner we meet at 7 pm. This is open to anyone who wishes to come. The basic idea is good food and fellowship.



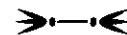
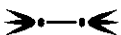
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Applebee's
295/Blanding/Youngerman



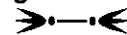
August 17, 2010
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Water's Kitchen
Kingsley Av.



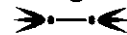
September 21, 2010
7:00 pm
Texas Roadhouse
Blanding Blvd S. near BJ's



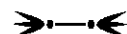
October 19, 2010
11:00 am
Olive Garden
Youngerman Circle



November 16, 2010
11:00 am
Longhorn Steak House
Blanding/Argyle



December 21, 2010
7:00 pm
Trent's Seafood
Yukon near NAS JAX



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**First Coast Unit 91 Is Announcing The
Change of Date for September BOD
Meeting
And Cancellation of
September General Assembly Meeting**

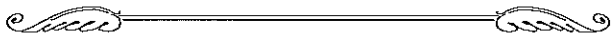


The members of First Coast Unit 91 have decided to cancel the September 13, 2010 General Assembly meeting since the date falls during the week of the annual National Conventions and many of our officers and members will be attending it. The meeting of the Board of Directors will be moved to the first Tuesday, September 7, 2010 since the regular date falls on Labor Day.



Southeast Regional FRA/LA FRA Convention

The members of FRA Branch 234 and LA FRA Unit 234 will be hosting the 2010 Southeast Regional FRA/LA FRA Conventions August 18-22, 2010. This is their third time to host and they are promising another great time at the Gate to the Foothills of the Carolinas. The Greenville Hilton located at the off ramp of I-385 at Haywood Road is the Convention Hotel and meeting site. The room rate is \$89.00 plus tax per day. Reservations should be made by calling (864) 232-4747. Please mention you are with the FRA so you will receive the convention rate. (Deadline is Monday, July 19, 2010 @ 5:00pm.) If you need further information, please go to the FRA Southeast Region web site or contact the Branch or Unit Secretaries.



WELFARE PANTRY

Although it may seem as if it a long time before the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are upon us, it really is not that far away. Our pantry is really bare and there have not been hardly any donations of nonperishable items in the past two months. Please help us by bringing in something the next time you come to the Fleet Home. We really need your help in filling the pantry so that we can continue to fix the type of baskets we have been giving. Keep in mind they go to a Military Family.

UPCOMING DATES

Please mark your calendars with the following dates. More info will be given in future newsletters as these dates come closer to being.

**Children's Halloween Party
Friday, October 29, 2010 6-8 pm**



**Fall Luncheon/Worshop/Game Day
Saturday, November, 13, 2010 10am-3pm**

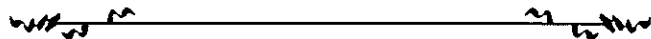


**Children's Christmas Party
Friday, December 10, 2010 6-8 pm**



2010 FR/LA FRA National Convention

Spartanburg, South Carolina is going to be host city for the 83rd Annual FRA and 78th LA FRA National Convention. The Special National Convention Committee chose the Marriott Spartanburg at Renaissance Park. The hotel is located at 299 North Church Street and reservations may be made by calling 1(800) 327-6465 or 1(864) 596-1211 before Monday, August 23, 2010. When making reservations be sure to request them under the FRA/LA FRA Convention in order to get the Special Convention rate of \$99.00 plus tax. For more info please contact the Branch and Unit secretaries and they will do their best to get you a current newsletter which has been sent to them.



FLAG PLACEMENT/PICK-UP



Without the help of the many volunteers from the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, USO, Shipmates and Auxiliary Members, we would not have been able to once again honor our veterans who are buried in the Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery by placing a flag on their grave during the Memorial Day holiday week. Also for those who came out to pick these flags back up. Thanks to all who helped!! You all are "Awesome".

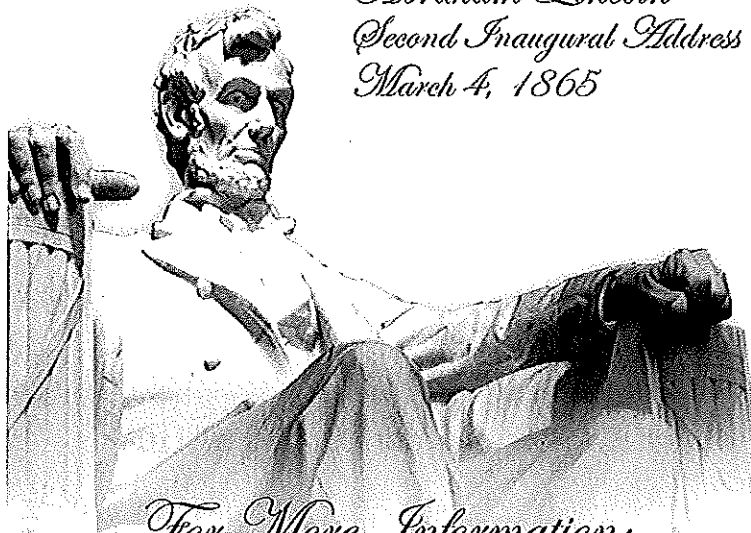
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*"To care for him who
shall have borne the
battle and for his
widow, and his orphan."*

*-Abraham Lincoln
Second Inaugural Address
March 4, 1865*



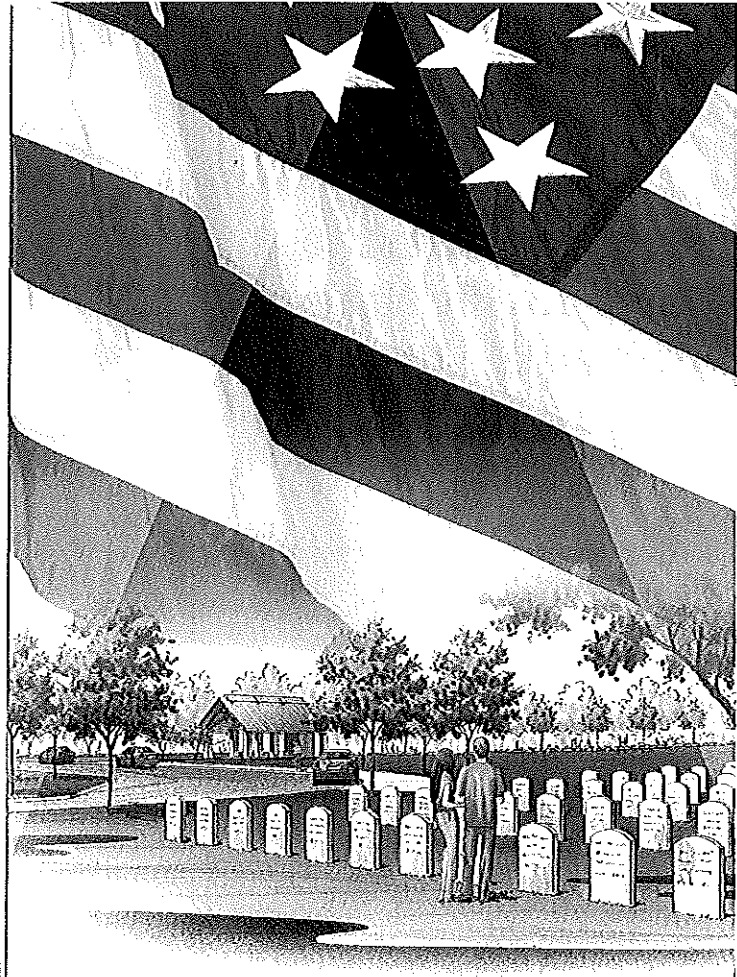
For More Information:

Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Phone: (904) 766-5222
Fax: (904) 766-5980

Burial Arrangements:
Phone: (800) 535-1117
Fax: (866) 900-6417

NCA website: <http://www.cem.va.gov/>



*Jacksonville
National Cemetery
Opened 2009*



National Cemetery Administration

Jacksonville National Cemetery

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Overview

Message from the Jacksonville National Cemetery Staff

Welcome to Jacksonville National Cemetery. We hope you find peace amid these quiet and beautiful grounds and visit us again.

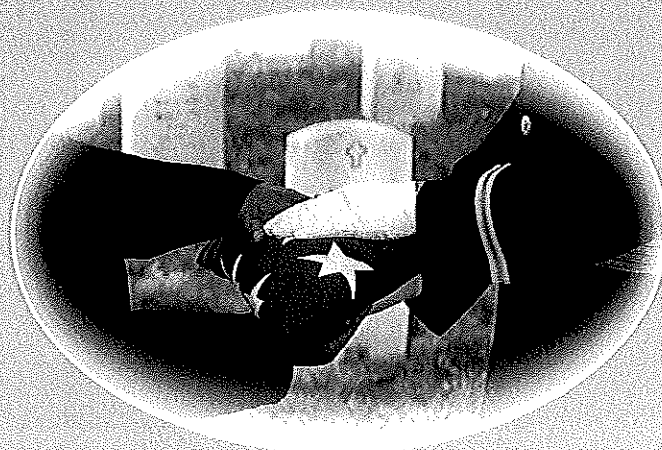
Families often contact us during a difficult time – after the loss of a loved one.

We're here to make the burial process as comfortable as possible. We encourage Veterans and their families to talk with us in advance for information or about any questions or concerns.

When the time comes, we will ensure the committal service and any other requests are handled respectfully. We pledge to honor the dignity and memory of each person and to provide excellent service to family and friends during this difficult time.

Our Mission

The National Cemetery Administration honors Veterans with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service to our nation.



- The first burial at Jacksonville National Cemetery was conducted in January 2009.
- The land for Jacksonville National Cemetery was previously owned by the City of Jacksonville.
- The cemetery serves approximately 189,000 Veterans in the northeastern Florida/southeastern Georgia region.
- Situated on 526 acres, the cemetery accommodates casketed and cremated remains.
- There are six other national cemeteries in Florida: Barrancas, St. Augustine, Florida, South Florida, Bay Pines and Sarasota.

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Making Burial Arrangements

The funeral home or next-of-kin should contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office to make burial arrangements for Veterans and/or their eligible dependents.

The funeral home should fax all available military discharge documents to the scheduling office at (866) 900-6417 and follow up with a call to (800) 535-1117. If military discharge documents are not available, scheduling office representatives will assist the funeral home or next-of-kin with the verification process. This process may require 48 hours or more to determine eligibility for burial in a national cemetery.

The scheduling office will be open seven (7) days a week, from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Central time, except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Please contact the cemetery directly to:

- Schedule active duty interments
- Schedule memorial services without interment
- Cancel or reschedule interments
- Change information initially provided to the scheduling office
- Request disinterment or relocation of remains

Burial benefits provided by the National Cemetery Administration, at no cost to the Veteran, include: burial plot; opening and closing of the gravesite; a government liner; headstone or marker with inscription; interment flag; perpetual care of the gravesite; and a Presidential Memorial Certificate. Funeral director's services are not covered.

Gravesites are assigned by the cemetery and cannot be selected in advance. Assignments are made without regard to rank, ethnic or religious background, branch of service or other factors.

The Veteran and spouse are interred in the same grave. If both were Veterans, they may choose to be buried side-by-side in separate graves.

Military honors are provided by the Department of Defense and are to be arranged by the funeral director. If there is no funeral director, cemetery staff will assist the family in arranging for military honors.

Burials and interments are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except designated holidays. Out of respect for all persons buried at the cemetery the main flag is lowered to half-staff 30 minutes before the first service, where it remains until 30 minutes following the last service of the day.

Jacksonville National Cemetery has the following burial site options:

- Casket: in-ground only
- Cremation: in-ground
- Columbaria under development

The administration office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on designated holidays.

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Floral Policy

We welcome and encourage fresh-cut flowers throughout the year and provide flower containers for gravesite display. Cemetery visitors are free to use the containers located in receptacles placed throughout the grounds. Once the blooms are spent or damaged by weather, they are removed. They also may be removed for routine mowing or other maintenance.

Potted plants and artificial flowers are only allowed 10 days before and after Easter and Memorial Day.

During the holiday season between December 1st and January 10th, wreaths, gravesite blankets, and other seasonal decorations may be placed on gravesites. Wreaths should be less than 18 inches in diameter and not higher than the marble headstone.

To maintain the dignity of the cemetery, commemorative items, balloons, pinwheels, glass items, votive lights, statues, gravesite blankets, shepherd's hooks and permanent plantings, among other items, are not allowed.

No item or object may be attached to a headstone or marker in a national cemetery.

History and Development

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs purchased the land for the Jacksonville National Cemetery from the City of Jacksonville in July 2008. A formal Groundbreaking and Cemetery Dedication was held on the site Sept. 21, 2008, with four members of Congress who represent districts in northeast Florida participating.

A consecration ceremony was held Jan. 5, 2009, with 12 local faith communities represented. Interments at the cemetery began Jan. 7.

The initial Phase 1A construction efforts, focusing on a 20-acre early burial area with temporary facilities, will be followed by the second construction stage of the project (Phase 1B). When completed, the 52-acre Phase 1 development will provide 8,145 full casket gravesites, including 7,300 pre-placed crypts, 5,100 in-ground cremation sites and 4,992 columbarium niches.

Phase 1 will include roadways, an entrance area, an administration and public information center, a maintenance complex, a flag assembly area, a memorial walkway, two committal service shelters, as well as interment areas.

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Visiting the Cemetery

Many people visit Jacksonville Cemetery each year. Many come for a committal service or to visit the gravesite of a loved one, others to attend special observances or to enjoy the peaceful setting. We welcome all visitors to this shrine for our nation's heroes.

The cemetery is open to the public daily from sunrise to sunset for visitation of cemetery grounds. Specific gravesites can be found using a gravesite locator at the front of the cemetery office. A Nationwide Gravesite Locator for national cemeteries is also available on the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov>.

General cemetery information is available in the administration building. Visitors to specific gravesites may park along the curb near the gravesite they are visiting. Restrooms and a water fountain are located at the administration building.

Visitors attending committal services should park at the Cortège Lane with the funeral procession. A Cemetery Representative will escort the funeral procession to the committal shelter where the committal services are held. Special observances and ceremonies are held at the committal shelter.



Special ceremonies and observances may be held during they year. For more information, call the cemetery office at (904) 766-5222.

While we invite visitors to Jacksonville National Cemetery, we remind them of its solemn purpose and ask that they act in a dignified manner while on the cemetery grounds. For this reason, public gatherings of a partisan nature are not permitted. In addition, sports or recreational activities are not permitted, including:

- Bicycle riding
- Jogging
- Picnicking
- Roller blading
- Walking of pets
- Fishing or hunting

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 st & 3 rd SATURDAY Pickin & Grinnin 2-6pm	EVERY SATURDAY PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT 1PM
4 Flag Burning NOON Member Picnic Follows the Above	5 TRIVIA 7:30pm Unit BOD 7pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-2pm	6 BLT's Noon - 2pm Darts	7 Bingo 6:30pm	1 Benny's Haircuts 10am-4pm Call First	2 Fish Dinner 5-8pm Flashback	3 TJ's DJ's
Chinese Auction Noon - 3:30pm	12 TRIVIA 7:30pm Unit GA 7:30pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-2pm	13 BLT's Noon - 2pm Branch GA 7:30pm Darts	14 Bingo 6:30pm	8 Benny's Haircuts 10am-4pm Call First	9 Italian Dinner 5-8pm Ghost Radio	10 Club/FRA BOD Faron's Music Duo
11	19 TRIVIA 7:30pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-2pm	20 BLT's Noon - 2pm Lunch Bunch Darts	21 Bingo 6:30pm	15 Benny's Haircuts 10am-4pm Call First	16 Steak Dinner 5-8pm Vicki Lee	17 HOGS Vicki Lee
18 BACA 3-6pm	26 TRIVIA 7:30pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-2pm	27 BLT's Noon - 2pm Darts	28 Bingo 6:30pm	22	23 Taco Buffet 5-8pm Chrome Heart	24 ***** USO Car Wash See Flyer Inside TJ's DJ's
25				29	30 Pork-Ka-Bobs 5-8pm Southern Rukus	31 ***** Kids Day See Flyer Inside Faron's Music Single

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15 Frank's Roasted RIBS 10am-1pm See Flyer inside	16 TRIVIA 7:30pm Bonanza Burgers Noon-2pm	17 BLT's Noon - 2pm Lunch Bunch Darts	18 Bingo 6:30pm	19 Benny's Haircuts 10am-4pm Call First	20 Steak Dinner 5-8pm Rogue Patriots	21 HOGS TJ's DJ's
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