





PERIMETER REPORT

Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. We will be getting together for our Christmas party December 16th from 1— 4 pm at Kay's Barbecue on Hwy 520 in Cocoa. Any member who wishes to participate in a gift exchange please bring a \$10 gift.

We will be selecting our officers for 2013 at the December 13th general membership meeting and we have a good list of candidates. I would like to encourage all members to attend and take part in the process of voting for our leaders for the next year. At this meeting we will also finish reviewing the proposed by-law changes. The first part of these will be submitted to a vote at the January meeting and the second part will be submitted at the February meeting. These are important issues that should be considered by all members.

We reluctantly accepted the

resignation of Paul Whitmore as our Transitional Facility Director due to personal family issues. We will be sorry to see Paul leave, as he has done an exceptional job in this position. We are reviewing applications for his replacement and expect to fill this quickly to allow an adequate period of orientation for the new person. We wish Paul and his wife our best wishes.

It has been an interesting and challenging year. We successfully completed our first building fund raiser and collected approximately \$8,000. We have written more definite job descriptions for our executive board. The new VVB website has been created and is ready to be released. We are presently in the process of completing an audit of the VVB finances and expect to be receiving future finance reports that are easier to interpret.

It has been an honor to have served as President of the organization and I will remain an active member of the VVB.

Best regards, Don Wassmer, President

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Upcoming Events

- Dec 13— Election of VVB officers; review proposed by-law changes
- Dec 16th -VVB Christmas
 Party at Kay's BBQ in Cocoa from 1-4 pm
- © Dec 25th—Merry Christmas!!
- Jan 10th—General Membership meeting
- Jan 26th-VVOF Meeting in Daytona Beach

***Please
note new
place and
date for general membership/reunion
meetings. Details inside.

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Veterans Helping Veterans



Well it has been a long year, did 17 events and one more to go. We will be in Inglewood FL Nov 28 - Dec 3, 2012. Then time to come home and start the winter work on the Wall. Our schedule for 2013 is just about full, although this year we will only have 13 events.

This year we did the Marine Corp League Convention, went to Cherokee, we also did 5 repeat events. The last trip we did was Monroe LA; we were there in 2010 and again for Veterans Day this year, and we had 5k more people see the Wall this visit, we had well over 15,000 see the Wall!

As in the past this year was no different. People are so thankful for the Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard building the Wall and bringing it to their community. Through the years we have helped a lot of people in taking the first step to heal.

I hope you all have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. From the road. *Greg Welsh*, Wall Manager

Benefits a mystery to many veterans

More than half of America's veterans say they have little or no understanding of the benefits due them, despite efforts over recent years to match returning soldiers with the help and services they need.

WASHINGTON — An analysis of Department of Veterans Affairs survey data found that younger veterans – those who served in the post-9/11 war period – are better versed in their benefits. But even among those veterans, 40 percent say they have little or no understanding of their benefits, a figure that climbs to two-thirds for those unfamiliar with life insurance benefits available.

The VA said it's working hard to boost benefits awareness and has taken steps in recent years to do so.

"We want to accept them into the VA. We want to help them," said Joseph Curtin, who recently became the VA's director of outreach.

One major change came Wednesday when a new law mandated all departing service members go through a series of detailed benefits sessions. Until now, participation in such sessions varied by service and was often optional. The VA had been reaching 150,000 service members per year; under the mandatory, beefed-up, sessions, that is expected to rise to 307,000.

VA NEWS



America's veterans are eligible for a range of benefits, from access to the VA's well-regarded medical system to lifetime payments for disabilities suffered during military service to access to education, life insurance and home loan programs.

But VA data show that participation varies widely by geography. In addition, a veteran's understanding of what's available varies greatly by period of service.

When asked about the VA benefits, veterans' responses are all over the map, depending on their age and the benefit in question.

Among all veterans, 59 percent said their understanding of available benefits was "a little" or "not at all," according to the analysis of the VA's survey data.

But there were some wide swings:

- Among older veterans, including those from Vietnam, Korea and World War II, 55 percent or more have little or no understanding of their benefits; among veterans from the period between Korea and Vietnam, lack of understanding shot to 65 percent.
- Among younger veterans, 40 percent had little or no understanding.
- Asked specifically about life insurance benefits, 80 percent said they have little or no understanding of them – including 62 percent who said they have no understanding at all.
- Asked about education benefits, younger veterans who would be most likely to use them have far greater understanding of what's available than their older brethren. Even so, 41 percent said they have little or no understanding of those benefits, which include several different and sometimes overlapping programs.

In 2011, the Government Accountability Office pointed to the complexity of the VA's education programs as a possible factor that kept more veterans from participating. Some veterans told the GAO they were forced to wait too long or had to call several times to get information from the VA's hotlines; a high percentage of the attempted calls met a busy signal.

CHRIS ADAMS; McClatchy Newspapers Published: Nov. 23, 2012

NOMINATIONS FOR VVB OFFICERS

Nominations will be accepted during the December general membership meeting, then elections will take place at the same meeting. So far the nominations are: President: Rod Smith, Greg Welsh; V President: Floyd Merckle, Al Diaz; Treasurer: Jennifer Day, Karen Templeton; Secretary: Donna Rogers; Membership Reps: Marie Godfrey, Linda Sulzer, Billy Valashinas, Suzanne Russo, Jim Tuck, Jacque Earrusso.

If you have any nominations you would like to make, please call Rod Smith at 321 632 6702 or email: rsmith2580@bellsouth.net

Please show your support of the VVB by participating in the elections.

VVB Transitional Facility

The current residency at the facility is 26: 12 veterans, 3 spouses and 10 children.

Of the children 7 are girls, two are 13, one is 9, three are 7 and one is 5. Of the boys, there are three, ages 7, 4 and 1.

Occupancy since Jan 2012—116 veterans and 90 family members = 206

Please remember our veterans at Christmastime. Call 321 409 8167 to see what items are needed, or what items would make great gifts for the children. We will have an opportunity to meet the families at our Christmas Party on Dec 16th at Kay's BBQ.

Brevard Veterans Treatment Court

The Brevard VTC is seeking volunteer mentors to assist our veterans as they are processed through the legal system. We currently have over 20 veterans reenrolled, and the number will only grow.

If you would like further information on being a mentor, please e-mail Don Wassmer at drwassmer@yahoo.com.



VVB Color Guard and Rifle Team

There have been many requests for our Color Guard and Rifle team to participate at events. If you wish to be a part of the Color Guard and/or Rifle team, please contact Bob Bodine at 321.242.1904, or Jack Jackson at 321.610.4981.

VVB PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Rick Russo has submitted a rewrite of our bylaws to bring them up-to-date. The following pages are the proposed changes. The current by-laws can be found on our website at vietnamandallveteransofbrevard.com.

Or please contact me and I will get a copy of the current by-laws to you. 321-446-1120. We will vote on the changes at the Jan 2013 and Feb2013 general membership meetings.

VVB BY-LAWS PROPOSED CHANGES 2012

ARTICLE I NAME/LOCATION

PROPOSED: Section 1.1: Name: the name of the organization shall be The Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "VVB". It shall be incorporated as a non-profit corporation pursuant to Florida law. **PROPOSED Section 1.2:** Location: The VVB shall be located primarily in Brevard County Florida.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

PROPOSED: **2.1**: To provide assistance to all veterans in their readjustment to life in the civilian community. All services shall be charitable in nature.

<u>PROPOSED: Section 2.4:</u> To work toward the elimination of discrimination suffered by Vietnam and all veterans and to develop channels of communication, which will assist all veterans to maximize self-realization and enrichment of their lives and enhance life fulfillment.

PROPOSED: Section 2.5: To study on a nonpartisan basis proposed legislation or rules and regulations introduced in any federal, state, or local legislative or administrative body which may affect the social, economic, educational or physical welfare of all veterans, and develop policy proposals designed to address the value of such proposed legislation.

PROPOSED Section 2.6: To conduct and publish research on a nonpartisan basis, pertaining to the relationship of all veterans and the American society, the combat experience, and the role of the United States in securing a peaceful coexistence in the world community.

<u>PROPOSED: Section 2.7:</u> To engage in all other activities which are related to the foregoing purposes provided, however, the corporation shall have no purpose and shall exercise no power which would. prevent it from qualifying as an organization described in 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 being exempt from taxation under Section 50l(a),and to which contributions and gifts be made which would entitle the donor to the allowance of deduction under the provisions of Section 170 of said Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP/SUES/VOTING RIGHTS

<u>PROPOSED: Section 4.1:</u> Membership in the organization is open to all concerned with the desire to support the goals and purposes of the corporation. The membership is hereby authorized to establish other qualifications for regular memberships as it deems appropriate from time to time in order to fulfill the purposes of the organization as set forth in Article II.

PROPOSED: Section 4.2: Membership status shall be held by any individual qualified under the guidelines set forth in Section 4.1 after submitting an official application and having paid the established dues.

PROPOSED: Section 4.3:

Annual dues will be established by the membership and approved by majority vote by the general membership in attendance at the annual meeting.

<u>PROPOSED: Section 4.4:</u> The membership shall have the authority to waive the dues of any individual in cases of whatever extenuating circumstances deemed appropriate at the time.

PROPOSED: Section 4.5: Voting members for purposes of electing the Executive Board must be paid members in good standing. Absentee ballots will be available to qualified members through the nomination committee.

PROPOSED: Section 4.6: Any individual, corporation or other entity that desires to support the goals and purposes of the VVB by rendering services and/or monetary contributions to the corporation shall be entitled to a Sponsor Membership. A Sponsor Member shall have no voting rights. No Sponsor Member shall be eligible to hold any position as an officer or director of the VVB.

<u>PROPOSED: Section 4.7:</u> Upon application to the Executive Board by any member and after a majority vote of the said Board, any member may be removed from membership for cause by a majority vote of the general membership present at a regular membership meeting. The accused member must have the opportunity to defend themselves before the membership. Causes, which include but are not limited to: a) Financial irresponsibility concerning the funds of the organization. b) Engaging in activities contrary to the goals and purposes of the corporation as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation and/or by-laws of the corporation. c) Failure to comply with any provision of requirements established by the corporation, including, but not limited to those enumerated within this section.

<u>PROPOSED 4.8:</u> Any active duty service member requesting membership in the organization will have their dues waived while they remain on active duty.

PROPOSED: Section 4.9: All employees of the VVB should be current members of the corporation. All member employees have the same voting rights as all members in good standing except when voting on raises or bonuses for employees. All raises and bonuses must be approved by the Executive Board, and if employees sit on the Executive Board they may not vote on any employee raise or bonus.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

<u>Proposed Section 5.1:</u> All meetings of the corporation will be governed by the by-laws, then Robert's Rules of Order as they apply.

PROPOSED Section 5.2: The Executive Board will meet once a month at a prescribed place and time to occur before the general membership meeting to be determined by the Executive Board.

PROPOSED 5.3: The general membership meeting will be held once a month at a prescribed place and time to be determined by the Executive Board and announced to the general members.

PROPOSED 5.4: The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January beginning in 1986, at a prescribed place and time to be determined by the Executive Board. All incoming officers will be installed before the start of said meeting.

PROPOSED 5.5: Notice of the annual and special meetings of members stating the purpose for which the meeting is called, the date, time, and place it is to be held, shall be delivered by any means necessary, to address of record, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, and not less than 7 days before any annual meeting.

Special meetings of the Executive Board or general members may be called at any time and shall be called by the President or Secretary at the request of a majority of the Executive Board or at the request of a majority of the individual members

PROPOSED 5.6: The members present and entitled to vote at any meeting provided that at least 50 percent of the Executive Board is also present, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, with pre- approved excused absentees being accepted.

PROPOSED 5.7: A vote of the majority of the membership present at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting has the right to overrule any decision made by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE BOARD/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PROPOSED 6.1: The Executive Board of the corporation shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent-At-Arms and immediate Past President to act as Chairmen of the Board. The Executive Board shall be the overall governing body of the corporation.

PROPOSED 6.2: The Board of Directors shall manage the day to day activities of the corporation and oversee all meetings of the Board of Directors and General Membership. The Board of Directors consists of a number of members fixed from time to time by the general membership in accordance with 6.3 below.

PROPOSED 6.3: The members of the Board of Directors include all officers and directors listed in Article VII, herein, and any Chapter Representative. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than five [5] and not more than fifteen [15] and shall be determined by the General Membership.

PROPOSED 6.4: All officers shall serve on the Board of Directors for a term of one year or until the end of the fiscal year.

PROPOSED Section 6.5: One half of the entire Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, with pre-approved excused absentees being accepted.

PROPOSED 6.6: Upon application to the Board of Directors by any member and after a majority vote of the Board of Directors, any board member may be removed for causes by a majority vote of the General Membership present at a regular membership meeting. Causes which include but are not limited to: A] Three [3] consecutive un-excused absences as deemed by the Board of Directors with regard to Board of Director or General Membership meetings. B] Financial irresponsibility concerning organization funds. C] Engaging in activities contrary to the goals and purposes of the corporation as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of the corporation. D] Failure to comply with any provision of requirements established by the corporation, including, but not limited to those enumerated within this section.

PROPOSED 6.7: All fundraising activities undertaken by the organization must be authorized and approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII OFFICES

<u>PROPOSED 7.1:</u> The General Membership shall elect all officers and directors of the corporation who shall have powers and functions as provided hereafter. All officers shall be installed at the annual General Membership meeting before any other business is conducted or at a special function provided for that purpose to take place before the annual General Membership meeting.

PROPOSED 7.2: The offices of President and Vice President shall be limited to two (2) full consecutive one year terms per office., To serve as President or Vice President you shall be a veteran who served on a military organization and received an honorable discharge as shown on their DD-214.

PROPOSED Section 7.3: All officers of the organization must be a member in good standing and if claiming veteran status must hold an honorable discharge with a DD-214 on file.

PROPOSED Section 7.4.: During the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall assume all of the duties prescribed to the President.

ARTICLE VII OFFICES cont.

PROPOSED Section 7.5: In the event of death, resignation or removal of the President the Vice President will assume the office of President and all duties prescribed. The Board of Directors at its discretion may elect or appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of any other position on the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED Section 7.6: Duties of the President: A] Preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and General Membership. B] Provide leadership to the entire organization in achieving the organizations purpose and mission statement. C] Appoint committee chairperson as well as committee members. D] Serve as an ex-officio member on all committees. E] Guide and mediate all Board of Directors actions with respect to organizational priorities and guidelines. F] Monitor all financial reports and planning of the organization. G] Any other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED Section 7.7: Duties of the Vice President: A] Work with the Board of Directors to implement goals and guidelines for the organization. B] Perform the duties of the President in their absence. C] Any other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED Section 7.8: Duties of the Treasurer: A] Maintain all records of all income, expenses, assets and liabilities of the organization for the current year. B] Ensure all appropriate financial reports are made available to all members of the organization. C] Keep the Board of Directors informed of any financial issues that will require their review or action. D] Present an annual budget to the Board of Directors for review and approval. E] Arrange for an annual independent audit of all financial records of the organization. F] Any other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED Section 7.9: Duties of the Secretary: A] Manage minutes of all meetings and ensure distribution to the Board of Directors in a timely manner. i.e.: 5 to 7 days. Also make available to the general membership the same minutes. B] Ensure all corporate paperwork is filed with the proper state and federal agencies. C] Maintain all non-financial records of the organization for that fiscal year. D] Any other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors. PROPOSED Section 7.10: Duties of the Sargent-At-Arms: A] Ensure meeting area is set up with all that is needed to run a proper meeting. B] Be available to greet guests and new members when needed. C] Enforce the rules of order governing the meeting. D] Ensure voting procedures are followed by the governing rules of order. E] Prepare, distribute, collect and tally all votes and report results to the Secretary and President. F] Any other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors.

<u>PROPOSED Section 7.11</u> Duties of the Immediate Past President: A] Act as Chairman of the Board at Executive Board meetings as an Ex-officio member. B] Provide knowledge and guidance to the Board of Directors. C] Any other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors and accepted by said Past President.

PROPOSED Section 7.12 Duties of the Membership Representative: A] Actively recruit new members to the organization. B] Actively reach out to inactive members. C] Participate in fundraising and promotional events of the organization. D] Advise the Board of Directors of the needs of the membership. E] Any other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED Section 7.13 Duties of the Committee Chairperson: A] Oversee all committee operations. B] Oversee all committee meetings. C] Assign committee members duties. D] Keep the Board of Directors advised of all committee business. E] Ensure committee meeting minutes are taken at all meetings and distributed to all. members in a timely fashion i.e. 5-7 days. F] Any other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED Section 7.14 Duties of the Quartermaster: A] Maintain a written inventory of all items assigned to them. B] Report quarterly to the Board of Directors any items needed. C] Have sellable items available quarterly at a General Membership meeting. D] Any other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED Section 7.15 Duties of the State Coalition Spokesperson: A] Represent the organization at all Coalition meetings. At least 1 alternate will be assigned. B] Any other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED Section 7.16: Any officer or director of the corporation may resign at any time during their term of office. A letter of resignation must be submitted to and accepted by the Board of Directors.

<u>PROPOSED Section 7.17</u> The President shall appoint a nominating committee from the General Membership at least sixty [60] days prior to the annual meeting.

PROPOSED Section 7.18 Any person seeking a position on the Board of Directors must have their name submitted to the Chairperson of the nominating committee.

PROPOSED Section 7.19 All candidates seeking office shall present appropriate documentation to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

PROPOSED Section 7.20 The organization may have committees. The Board of Directors will have the governing powers over said committees listed below with the exception of the nominating committee which is governed by section 7.6 to 7.18.: A] The committee shall elect their own officers where applicable, and must be members in good standings of the organization. B] Any elected members of the Board of Directors who wishes to regularly attend scheduled committee meetings may vote on that meeting. C] At all Board of Directors meetings, all committees will supply their meeting minutes and sign in sheets. D] All committees that keep their own funds will provide a monthly financial statement to the Board of Directors. E] All committee fundraising activities must be approved by the Board of Directors. F] All expenditures outside normal operating procedures, over \$1000.00 must be approved by the Board of Directors. G] Upon dissolution of any committee the Board of Directors will control the disbursement of any and all maintaining funds. H] No committee shall be authorized to make any representation, demands or assert any position of the organization without approval of the Board of Directors. I] All deficit spending must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors. J] Only committee members who are members in good standing may vote to expend funds.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

<u>PROPOSED 8.2:</u> All members will be notified of pending amendments to the by-laws within twenty [20] days of the annual meeting.

PROPOSED 8.3: Any amendment will be made available for review to all members within twenty [20] days of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX NEW CHAPTERS

PROPOSED <u>Section 9.1:</u> In order to be eligible to become a chapter within the corporation, a group must contain at least fifteen (15) regular members in good standing.

PROPOSED Section 9.2: The constitution and bylaws of every proposed Chapter shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the corporation prior to the acceptance of that chapter within the corporation. Thereafter each chapter's constitution and by-laws are required to be reviewed by the Board of Directors of the corporation annually. Each chapter shall submit their current constitution and bylaws with proposed changes to the corporation's Board of Directors prior to forty-five (45) days before each chapter's annual meeting.

PROPOSED Section 9.3: Each Chapter shall submit a quarterly financial statement and membership list to the Corporation's Board of Directors.

PROPOSED Section 9.4: Each chapter shall elect or appoint a regular member who will attend meetings of the Board of Directors of the corporation.

PROPOSED Section 9.5: The relationship of the chapter to the corporation may be terminated for cause by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the corporation, after reasonable notice from the corporation to the chapter for reasons as set out hereinafter, and shall be terminated only after reasonable guidance and counseling from the corporation to the chapter regarding said reasons, which include but are not limited to the following: a) Financial irresponsibility. b) At such time that the membership falls below the level of fifteen (15) members for a period of sixty (60) days. c) By engaging in activities contrary to the goals and purpose of the corporation as outlined in the articles of Incorporation and bylaws of the corporation. d) By failing to comply with any provision of requirement established by the corporation, including, but not limited to those enumerated within this article.

PROPOSED Section 9.6: Each chapter shall pay to the corporation a charter fee of twenty-five and no/100 (\$25.00) dollars per year and dues in the amount of three and no/l00 (\$3.00) dollars per member per year.

PROPOSED ARTICLE X

10.1: These by-laws may be temporarily suspended at any time by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED ARTICLE XI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

11.1 Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of this corporation and its constituent parts except as provided in these by-laws as noted in 5.1 above.

PROPOSED ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION

12.1 This corporation may be dissolved at any time as deemed by the full majority of the Board of Directors. Any fiscal or monetary assets will be distributed per Florida Code for non-profit corporations.

CERTIFICATE OF REVISION

I, Richard Russo, Sargent-At-Arms of this corporation, hereby submit these complete by-laws revision for addition and approval of the general membership

Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, Inc. December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Abate Toy Run	3 VVB Exec Meeting 7pm	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Brevard Veterans council 9am	13 VVB Gen Meeting 7pm Elections	14	15
16 VVB Christmas Party 1-4pm Kay's BBQ	17	18	19	20 NO REUNION MEETING	21	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27 VAP Meeting 10am	28	29
30	31					

Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, Inc. January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year	2	3	4	5
6	7 VVB Exec Meeting 7pm	8	9 Brevard Veterans Council 9am	10 VVB Gen Meeting 7pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Reunion Meeting 7pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 VAP Meeting 10am	25 VVOF Coalition Hospitality	26 VVOF Coalition Meeting 10am-330pm
27 VVOF Coalition Meeting	28	29	30	31		

HELP A SOLDIER!

<u>Guardian Angels for Pets</u>— If you're a pet owner, you know how hard it can be to find a dog or cat sitter when you go on vacation. Imagine being in the military and having to go overseas and leave your pet behind? Foster a soldier's pet! Go to guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org.

<u>Treatsfortroops.com</u>—offers a great program called "Foster a Soldier". Through their website, you can get the name of a soldier and their interests and you can shop for a care package to send them. Pre-designed packages start at \$10, or you can fill your own. Once bought, the site will take care of shipping the package to your foster soldier. The site also includes a thank you card which the soldiers - if it's possible for them to - write out and send back to Treats for Troops, who will then forward it to the care package purchaser.

<u>AdoptAUSSoldier.org</u>— a non-profit organization that connects supportive civilians with deployed troops and offers a channel by which to communicate encouragement and express gratitude to those brave men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces. Adopt A US Soldier is active in over 100 Countries with thousands of active volunteers supporting our troops by adopting a soldier. It is very easy to do and more rewarding than you imagine, and you will show a soldier that you support them and cherish your freedom.

2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, Inc.

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Membership in the VVB is open to veterans, family and supporters at annual dues of \$15.00 on the calendar year. New member dues after July is \$10.00. Veterans should include a copy of your DD-214. Non-refundable Life Memberships are: Age 54 and under, \$175.00; 55-64, \$125.00; 65 and up, \$75.00.

2012 VVB Officers

*President: Don Wassmer 726-6752 *Vice Pres.: Richard Desrochers 508-5848; *Treasurer: Ralph Earrusso 453 7498 *Secretary: Donna Rogers 305-4612 *Sgt.@ Arms: Rick Russo 652-4185 *Past President: Floyd Merckle 264-0581 *Membership Reps.: Linda Sulzer; 243-8755; Rod Smith 632 6702 ;Bob Bodine 242 1904; Katie Day 751-4568; Denise Wassmer 726-6752. Membership Chairman : Billy Valashinas 323 6475; Quartermaster: Linda Marhon 453-9824; Perimeter Report: Editor: Denise Wassmer: denisemwassmer@gmail.com 321 726 6752;

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VVB Annual Reunion: Wickham Park, Melbourne; Ralph Earrusso Ph. 321 453 7498; e-mail: Daydrmr333@aol.com

Brevard County Veteran Services Team: 321 633 2012

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26th Annual Reunion

Florida's 26th Annual Vietnam & All Veterans Reunion April 25-26-27-28, 2013

Memorial Walls April 21—28, 2013 at Beautiful Wickham Park, Melbourne, Florida Wall Escort 10 AM Apr 21, 2013 - Web Page: www.floridaveteransreunion.com Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall - Web Page: www.travelingwall.us

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