



City of Jacksonville 2020 Outstanding Veterans



Carol Wilbur

American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 265

Ms. Wilbur became a member in 2019 and now serves as the unit Sergeant at Arms. She has been extremely helpful to the Auxiliary for the past three years. She also volunteers at gun shows and helps at Christmas getting items for Veterans in nursing homes, the Legion birthday, and any other time she is needed.



Marshall Edward Drennen (Posthumously)

Beirut Memorial Chapter 642

Mr. Drennen was an active member in the Chapter for over ten years. He was a willing participant for the Viola Fundraiser, Wreaths Across America, Festival of the Trees, and the Memorial Day Ceremony. He was always first to welcome a new member with a smile on his face. His passing has left a void in the Chapter and he will be greatly missed.



Lawrence Duane

Camp Lejeune Military Retiree Council

Mr. Duane is the liaison with the VA and other Veterans Groups throughout Onslow County and North Carolina. He possesses an extraordinary degree of medical and administrative knowledge. From training a myriad of Veteran Service Officers to serving the community ensuring retirees, veterans, and their families are receiving their benefits to sharing policy updates and applicable information with the Retiree Council.



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Patrick J Parks **Disabled American Veterans** **Onslow County Chapter 16**

Elected Junior Vice Commander, June, 2020, Mr. Parks has been a member of the DAV since 2004. As a retired Master Sergeant from the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Parks has served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield and Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He currently does an extraordinary job maintaining the grounds around the DAV Hall and office.



Calvin Melvin **Fleet Reserve Association Branch 208**

Mr. Melvin has been a constant presence at Fleet Reserve Association monthly meetings for the past 45 years. Serving as the Master-At-Arms for more than 35 years he is responsible for both the opening and closing of all meetings. He has represented Branch 208 at numerous civic and military functions. At 80 years young, he continues to support the Reserve and show his love of country and pride in his community.

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Elizabeth Horn (Volunteer) **Loyal Escort of the Green Garter, Women** **Marine Association, Tarheel Chapter, NC-1**

A twelve year member of the Association, Ms. Horn uses her photography skills to record many of their events and celebrations. She uses her graphic design skills to create logos and products for fundraisers; design t-shirts, and create decals to celebrate Women Marines and their accomplishments.



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Frances D Hayden **Marine Corps League** **Swansboro Detachment 1407**

A member of the League since 2017, Ms. Hayden currently holds the position of Judge Advocate. She is an enthusiastic participant in all events and fundraisers and is a member of several other Veteran organizations. After serving more than twenty years, she retired from the United States Marine Corps as a Master Sergeant.



Ray Randall **Marine Corps League** **Detachment 262**

A twenty year Marine, Mr. Randall retired at the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. He has been a member of the League for ten years and has an immense love for his community. He drives other veterans to their medical appointments, has played Santa Claus, and is a member of a number of other local organizations.



Nita Morrison (Volunteer) **Marine Corps League** **Auxiliary-Detachment 262**

Ms. Morrison is the widow of a Marine Veteran. At 89 years young, the other members have a hard time keeping up with her. A member of the Auxiliary for 4 years, she is a "seven day a week" volunteer. Giving her time, friendship and compassion to others, she always has a car full of food and various items for anyone in need.



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Lawrence J Johnson, III **Military Order of the Cootie**

Mr. Johnson is an Air Force Veteran with 22 years of service. He has been a member of Pup Tent #2 for 35 years. He assists in all fundraisers for the organization and is the District Judge Advocate for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Adam Herring **Montford Point Marine Association, Inc** **Camp Lejeune, Chapter 10**

Adam currently holds the position of Recording Secretary and continues to develop new ways of getting the word out to the members, especially those challenged by technology. Without any doubt, the legacy of the Montford Point Marine is his number one priority. He is working hard to continue to move the Association in a positive direction.



Lovietta Batts Herring (Member) **Montford Point Marine Association** **Camp Lejeune, Chapter 10 Auxiliary**

Ms. Herring is the granddaughter of an original Montford Point Marine and has been a member of the Auxiliary for five years. She is a past National Queen and Local Chapter Queen as well as a past Secretary for the organization.



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Kathy Baker **NABVETS Marine** **Chapter #0054**

Currently serving as the Secretary for NABVETS, Kathy has many duties including record keeping, recording meeting minutes, maintaining financial records, and organizing fundraisers while also volunteering in the office to help provide guidance and make appointments for veterans seeking assistance. Kathy retired from the United States Marine Corps after twenty years of service.



Julianne Froncek (Member) **Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA)** **Down East Chapter #906**

An active member for the past three years, Ms. Froncek has served as the Treasurer of the Association for the past two years. She devotes many hours to the task and is always willing to volunteer. As a single mother of three children, she is a welcome presence at all events. She represents what the NCOA is about, serving the Veterans and Citizens of the City of Jacksonville.



Joseph Fore **Rolling Thunder Inc** **Chapter NC-5**

Mr. Fore is a 26 year Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He has also served as the President and Vice President of the Chapter and has served on the Board of Directors. Currently the Chairman of the Veterans Day Parade, he also organizes the yearly Poker Run that raises money for the Chapters Scholarship Fund.



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Richard Rhoads **The American Legion** **Burton-Cowell Post 265**

Sergeant Major, (Retired) Rhoads served ten years in the Marine Corps and one year in the Army, retiring from the Army National Guard after 29 years for a total of 40 years of service. His involvement with the Onslow County Fair, Bingo, and working the concessions has earned him the nomination for Outstanding Veteran this year. He is also the Post Finance Officer for 2020.



Lawrence J Johnson, III **VFW Post 9133**

Mr. Johnson has been a Member of the VFW for 40 years and represents VFW Post 9133 at the Onslow County Council of Veterans Organizations. He is Senior Vice President of the Post and has assumed Commander duties in Lieu of the Post Commander in a Medical Emergency.



Kathy J Huey (Volunteer) **VFW Post 9133 Auxiliary**

Ms. Huey is a life member of the Post who has tirelessly volunteered to further the mission of the Auxiliary which is to advance the cause of Veterans. As last year's President of the Auxiliary, she has continued her efforts to keep the Post afloat during the pandemic by providing services needed during this crisis. Her enthusiasm and constant support make her a valued member of the organization.



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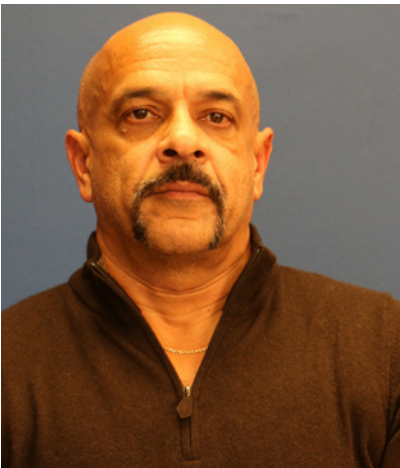
Kathy J Huey (Member)
VFW Post 9133
Military Order of the Cootie, Auxiliary

A very active member for over three years and a volunteer for seven years, Kathy is always there and ready to lend a helping hand. She works in the canteen and is in constant contact with our Veterans. Kathy cooks at the canteen on a regular basis and is always ready when needed.

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Diane Krueger
Women Marines Association
Tarheel Chapter, NC-1

As a member since 2016, Ms. Krueger currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. She volunteers with several other organizations and helped clean up yards for Veterans after Hurricane Florence. She served twenty years in the United States Marine Corps and retired as a Staff Sergeant.



Luis J. Alers-Dejesus
City of Jacksonville Veteran Liaison

Mr. Luis Alers is the City's appointed Veteran Liaison. As the City's Veteran Liaison, he is responsible for ensuring that the City of Jacksonville is aware of what is happening in the Veteran community and keeping our veterans groups apprised of what we are working on in the City. The City of Jacksonville appreciates his steadfast support and tireless efforts in working with us to support Veterans throughout our community.