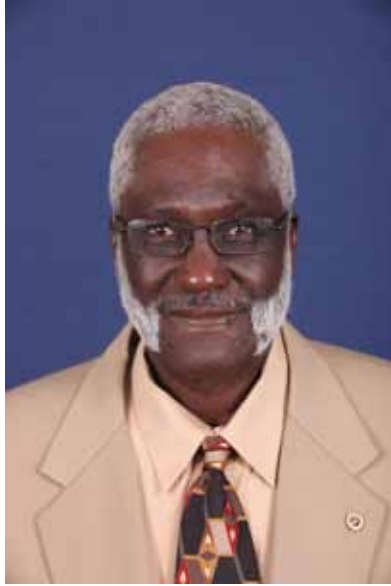




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### **AMVETS Post # 225 Samuel Gupton**

During the past ten years, Samuel Gupton has been a member of the AMVETS Post #225 and has volunteered almost 2,400 hours helping with the mentoring program and with the outreach community service animal rehabilitation/enrichment program. He is a born leader and is not afraid of any hard work or new challenges.



### **Beirut Veterans of America, Chapter 4 Richard Ray**

Following Mr. Ray's 23 year career in the Marine Corps, he actively helps men and women getting out of the service with the necessary information they need to go on with their civilian careers. Over the years, he has worked with numerous organizations in support of Veterans.



### **NC Employment Security Commission, Veterans Staff Ms. Kelley Hamilton**

Ms. Hamilton's unwavering service to the Veterans of Onslow County is demonstrated by her leadership, dedication, and commitment to our community. She initiated and successfully led the first Veteran Stand Down for Veterans in Onslow County in 2011 that served 106 Veterans and 167 visitors. She will be leading the planning and organization for this event in 2012.



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### **Heroes on the Water** **GySgt. Patrick Curley**

Gunnery Sergeant Patrick Curley serves as the Coordinator for the Crystal Coast – Camp Lejeune Chapter of Heroes on the Water. This organization helps injured and disabled service members with their physical and mental recovery using the therapeutic qualities of fishing from kayaks. GySgt Curley was instrumental in organizing the Chapter, bringing together wounded military personnel, disabled Veterans, and their family members, with volunteers for guided kayak fishing excursions.



### **Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Military Retiree Council** **Major Angelo M. Inglis**

Mr. Inglis has been an active member of the Military Retiree Council since its founding in 1999. Over the years he has served as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. He has been active in multiple billets with the Onslow County Council of Veteran Organizations, and has held all major billets within the Camp Lejeune Military Officers Association. During his service, he played a significant role in helping to achieve NC State Tax exemption for military retired pay.



### **Marine Corps League Onslow County Detachment # 262** **Reverend Raymond Randall**

Reverend Randall has visited the sick and dying and given spiritual attention to family members, sent cards to the sick and their family members, sharing in their grief. He also visits Veterans at nursing homes and hospitals and checks on widows to ensure they are all right rendering any assistance they might need. Since joining the Detachment, he has attained his ministerial license and is currently a local licensed Minister.



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### **Military Order of the Purple Heart, Beirut Memorial Chapter 642 SSgt Daniel G. Stoy**

Staff Sergeant Daniel G. Stoy, has been awarded three Purple Hearts for wounds received in combat in Iraq. SSgt Stoy is currently on active duty with the Eighth Marine Regiment and serves as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the Chapter. He is a very active participant in Chapter events, always ready to volunteer for community activities. He worked tirelessly to assist citizens clean up after the April hurricane. He also recruited over 30 new members for the Chapter last year, resulting in his recognition at the National Military Order of the Purple Heart Annual Convention.



### **Military Order of the Purple Heart, Beirut Memorial Chapter 642 Auxiliary Mrs. Alice Reiter**

Mrs. Alice Reiter is the Chapter selection for the Outstanding Veteran award for her work and dedication to the Fallen Warriors Tree project. Mrs. Reiter was instrumental in its decoration for the initial showing at the Festival of Trees and its subsequent display at the Marine Corps Exchange. In a labor of love, she painstakingly inscribed the tree with the rank, name, branch of service and year of ultimate sacrifice of the more than 300 service members of Onslow County.



### **NABVETS, Marine Chapter 0054 Charles Gibbs**

Mr. Gibbs has been with this organization for approximately two years and chaired several successful fundraising events. During June of this year, he organized the first NABVETS, Marine Chapter #0054, Friends & Family Day picnic. This event received several accolades from local government, businesses, and other Veteran's organizations. Because of its success, the Chapter plans to make Friends & Family Day an annual event.



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### **NABVETS, Marine Chapter 0054 Auxiliary Cora Davis**

A retired Master Gunnery Sergeant, Mrs. Davis has been a loyal member of the organization since 2009. She is dedicated to the mission of helping all women in Onslow County that are in need of assistance. Just recently, Mrs. Davis was selected by the Regional Commander of NABVETS, Inc. to form a Women's Auxiliary for not only this region, but for all of NABVETS Inc, and she was named the Commander. Her unit has been chartered only two months and has grown to 22 members.



### **National Order of Trench Rats, Dugout # 483 Brother Roben Smith**

Brother Smith has helped many brothers and former service members, active duty and their families in better understanding the VA system, filing for copies of their records and for NC Disability Property tax relief. He has aiding those in need with food, utilities, trash service and toys at Christmas time for their children.



### **Non Commissioned Officers Association – Down East Chapter#906 Paul H. Miethker**

HMC Paul Miethker, US Navy has been a member of the Non Commissioned Officers Association since 1995 and joined the Down East Chapter in 2008. He was selected as the Chapter Chairman in 2009 and continues to hold the position. He has volunteered numerous hours in support of the Chapter as well as the community.



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### **Onslow County Chapter 16, Disabled American Veterans Peter Franco**

Pete Franco has been a valuable member of the Disabled American Veterans for the past 21 years. He is a United States Marine Corps Veteran and served honorably until his discharge from active service in 1971. He has served in various jobs within the DAV to include Commander, Treasurer, Adjutant, as well as volunteering as a Bingo Caller, Cashier, and Short-Order Cook for the Saturday morning breakfast held at the Chapter. Pete continues to give 110% of himself to the organization by volunteering his time whenever and however he can to help assist Veterans and service members within our community.

### **Onslow County Council of Veterans Organizations Paul W. O'Toole, Jr**

Mr. O'Toole has been the Veterans Council Vice President for the past 4 years, and has been a great asset to the Council and the Veteran community. He keeps the Veterans Council and leaders of all the Veteran organizations within Onslow County well informed of major legislative issues, along with many issues concerning military retirees and Veterans. He is the force behind the Hard Corp Warrior Program and is developing a Veteran Education Program for Veterans and their families.



### **Rolling Thunder, Inc. Chapter NC-5 Ralph E. Garcia**

A retired Marine, Ralph Garcia provides positive leadership as the Chapter Chairman of the Board of Directors. He is well respected by his peers and fellow officers alike. Mr. Garcia can be relied upon at any time to "step up" and volunteer his time in support of Veteran's issues. Ralph is a very loyal and dedicated member of Rolling Thunder, Inc. and spends countless volunteer hours in support of its mission.





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### **The American Legion, Burton Cowell Post 265 Chuck Vasquez**

Chuck Vasquez is a Retired Sergeant Major with 30 years credit to the USMC and his Country. Mr. Vasquez has been an American Legion member for the past 21 years and has been volunteering for the County Fair and American Legion bingo just as long. He has a positive and cheerful attitude and is always willing to help whenever he is needed.



### **The American Legion, Burton Cowell Post #265 Auxiliary Dianne Randall**

Mrs. Randall serves as the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #265 Treasurer and is always first to offer help with projects, such as visiting and helping Veterans in Premier Nursing and Rehabilitation Facilities. She also donates her time to take various supplies to 20 Elementary schools in Onslow County. At Christmas time, she helps with the Post's donations to Christmas Cheer, the Soup Kitchen and the Women's Shelter.

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### **The Captain John C. Carr Veteran Resource Center Mr. Jim Dunn & Mrs. Janine Dunn**



The Dunn's have been volunteering with "The Captain John C. Carr Veteran Resource Center" for the past 11 years as overseers and Memorial Day event hosts. Every year, this hard working, caring, devoted couple opens up their property for an annual Memorial Day event. They provide a meal for 300 plus people, offer use of their fishing pond, host an antique auto show, plus provide lots of free entertainment. The Dunn's put on this event as an expression of their love and support of our active duty personnel, retirees, and Veterans and their families.



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#### **Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jacksonville Post #9133 Dwight Davidson**

Dwight Davidson's dedication to the support of his fellow Veterans exemplifies the ideals of the VFW. Not only does he provide assistance to his Comrades-in-Arms, he also volunteers his time performing household repairs and yard work for the families left behind. In addition Mr. Davidson is almost solely responsible for maintaining the Post Home, whether it's landscaping, remodeling, or fixing whatever is broken.



#### **Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ladies Auxiliary Post #9133 Colleen Barnhart**

As a member of long standing, Colleen Barnhart's tireless energy has been an inspiration to new recruits to the Auxiliary. Colleen energetically donates her time in helping with weekly meals and many fundraising projects. One of her most endearing qualities is her enthusiasm, whether it's enhancing the post with remodeling efforts or her success as the number one procurer of local business donations.



#### **Veterans of Foreign Wars, Topsail Island Post #9983 Bob Mason**

Bob Mason is the senior vice president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9983 and is next in line for commander. He has been past quartermaster and commander of the Post. Mr. Mason served in the Air Force and after retirement, worked in England for many years. VFW Post #9983 is very proud of Bob and his history.



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### **Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Jon Panarese Chapter #654 Michael Carr**

Michael Carr is the President of Jon Panarese Chapter 654 Vietnam Veterans of America. He is very active in the Chapter and the North Carolina State Council. Mr. Carr served in the United States Navy and during his different tours in Vietnam, he served aboard the USS Constellation VC64, USS Force, and the Mine Sweeper USS Whippoorwill. He is always promoting the Chapter and Vietnam Veterans of America.



### **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #654 Donna-Marie Crowell**

Donna-Marie Crowell is the Associates Liaison for the Jon Panarese Chapter 654 Vietnam Veterans of America and the Region 3 Director for Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, serving the members for eight States. She is the National Historian for the Chapter and also serves on a number of other committees. She is always helping out with whatever work the Chapter is involved in.



### **Women Marines Association NC-1, Tarheel Chapter Genevieve Blick**

Genevieve Blick served in the United States Marine Corps working in Supply and obtained the rank of Sergeant during her tenure. She has been active in many roles with the Chapter and has volunteered with numerous organizations in the community. Ms. Blick has given her time and services supporting the Catholic Daughters, the USO, the Salvation Army, and many other organizations.





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### **Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter- Local Chapter Sylvia A. Fry**

Sylvia Fry has been a member of the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter since 2010 and participates in nearly all of the events hosted by the Chapter. She frequently checks on senior and home bound members and provides them with transportation which enables them to get to medical appointments and to obtain essentials. Ms. Fry also volunteers with the Salvation Army and has helped pack and ship packages to Women Marines stationed overseas during the holiday season.



### **Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter - Regional Joseph G. Traumer**

Joseph Traumer has been an outstanding member of the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter for the past three years. He is the first 2nd District Area Coordinator for 8 States. During this period of time, Mr. Traumer's dedication to the support of the Women Marines Association and his fellow Veterans exemplifies the ideals of the Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter.



### **City of Jacksonville, Veteran Liaison Fernando Schiefelbein**

Fernando Schiefelbein 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. He attends City Council meetings regularly and has done an outstanding job keeping the Mayor and Council apprised of Veteran activities.