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PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT 5



## Veterans Special Edition



My Dad would always tell me "You never leave a soldier behind." Like many of us, we take to heart what our fathers said when we were young.

This past Memorial Day, we marched, sang and told stories of bravery and battles won. There were however, many who were not there. Their ranks had been thinned by those who were still "in combat" and fighting an enemy they couldn't defeat. The enemy of depression and post-traumatic syndrome which, without a bullet, kills our service men and women by suicide. It is reported that 22 veterans take their lives every day.

We dedicated a bench at the Veterans Memorial Park to commemorate a marine who passed away recently and to help bring awareness to those who may be struggling with thoughts of suicide.

For this reason, our county is placing yellow benches in our parks with the message of hope for veterans contemplating suicide, "We will never leave a soldier behind."

Thanks, Dad!

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them." – **John F. Kennedy**



Senator Sachs at the dedication of the Purple Heart Memorial.

## Upcoming Event: Veterans Benefit Fair

To help our veterans with not just words but deeds we are launching a Veterans Benefit Fair.



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# VETERANS BENEFIT FAIR

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022  
9:30 a.m.-noon

**South County Civic Center**  
16700 South Jog Road, Delray Beach

### ★ **Special Guest Speaker**

James S. "Hammer" Hartsell, Executive Director of Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.

### ★ **Benefits**

FDVA representatives will be there to explain the benefits you are entitled to.

### ★ **Camraderie**

Meet service providers and mingle with other servicemen.

For information call: 561-355-2205

Light refreshments will be served.

**ALL SERVICES WILL BE REPRESENTED**



There are over 1.5 million veterans who call Florida their home, the third most of state. Making Florida friendly to veterans should be a top priority for all public officials. It is the least we should do for those who have given so much.







## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

- ★ **Department of Veterans Affairs**  
offers assistance in obtaining life-long healthcare services to eligible military veterans.
- ★ **Palm Beach County Veterans Services**  
assistance and counsel for former and current members of the Armed Forces residing in Palm Beach County.
- ★ **Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller Palm Beach County**  
partner of the 15th Judicial Court for Veterans' Court helping to resolve underlying health and psychosocial issues.
- ★ **Tax Collector Palm Beach County**  
provides information on obtaining a veteran discount on your driver license with the other service.
- ★ **CareerSource Palm Beach County**  
one-on-one counseling and assistance for veterans who are seeking employment.
- ★ **American Legion**  
guidance for veterans, military personnel and their families with cash grants, donated goods, disaster relief, labor, volunteerism and advocacy. *War vehicles will be on display.*
- ★ **Wounded Veterans Relief Fund**  
provides emergency financial support to qualified disabled veterans living in Florida.
- ★ **211 Helpline Palm Beach and Treasure Coast**  
providing suicide prevention, crisis intervention, information, assessment and referral community services.
- ★ **AGA's Hounds & Heroes**  
donated fully trained service greyhounds for veterans and first responders.
- ★ **Employer Support of Guards and Reserves**  
promotes cooperation between service members and their civilian employers. Assists with conflict resolution arising from military commitments.
- ★ **First Tee Florida Gold Coast**  
provides free golf equipment, instruction and opportunities to socialize and play local golf courses to veterans.
- ★ **Habitat for Humanity**  
assists veterans to achieve homeownership opportunities in Palm Beach County.
- ★ **Heroes to Heroes**  
provides spiritual healing and peer support for veterans of all religious denominations who have attempted suicide or are on a path to self-destruction.
- ★ **Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County**  
provides legal services to Palm Beach County veterans ages 65 and older through the Veterans Advocacy Project.
- ★ **Mobile Vet Center**  
offers mental health counseling to combat veterans, military personnel and their families.
- ★ **NewDay USA**  
nationwide mortgage company serving veterans and their families to secure purchase a home or low mortgage payments.
- ★ **Palm Tran**  
public transit system serving Palm Beach County.
- ★ **Project 425**  
promoting the preservation of keeping the memory of Air Crew service in Vietnam. *A restored UH-1H Huey helicopter and combat vehicles will be on display.*
- ★ **Semperpari Service Dogs**  
provides highly trained dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD or wounded warriors free of charge.
- ★ **South Florida National Cemetery**  
provides free guidance for honorably discharged spouses and dependent burials.
- ★ **Veteran Resource Network Foundation**  
provides resources to veterans transitioning to civilian life with professional development, recreation, socialization and comradery.
- ★ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10556**  
assisting military personnel and their families to ensure they receive the benefits they are entitled to.



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