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VIEW OF FLORIDA VETERANS MEMORIAL LOOKING NORTH



VIEW OF TEMPORARY PLAZA SEATING



AERIAL VIEW OF MEMORIAL PLAZA LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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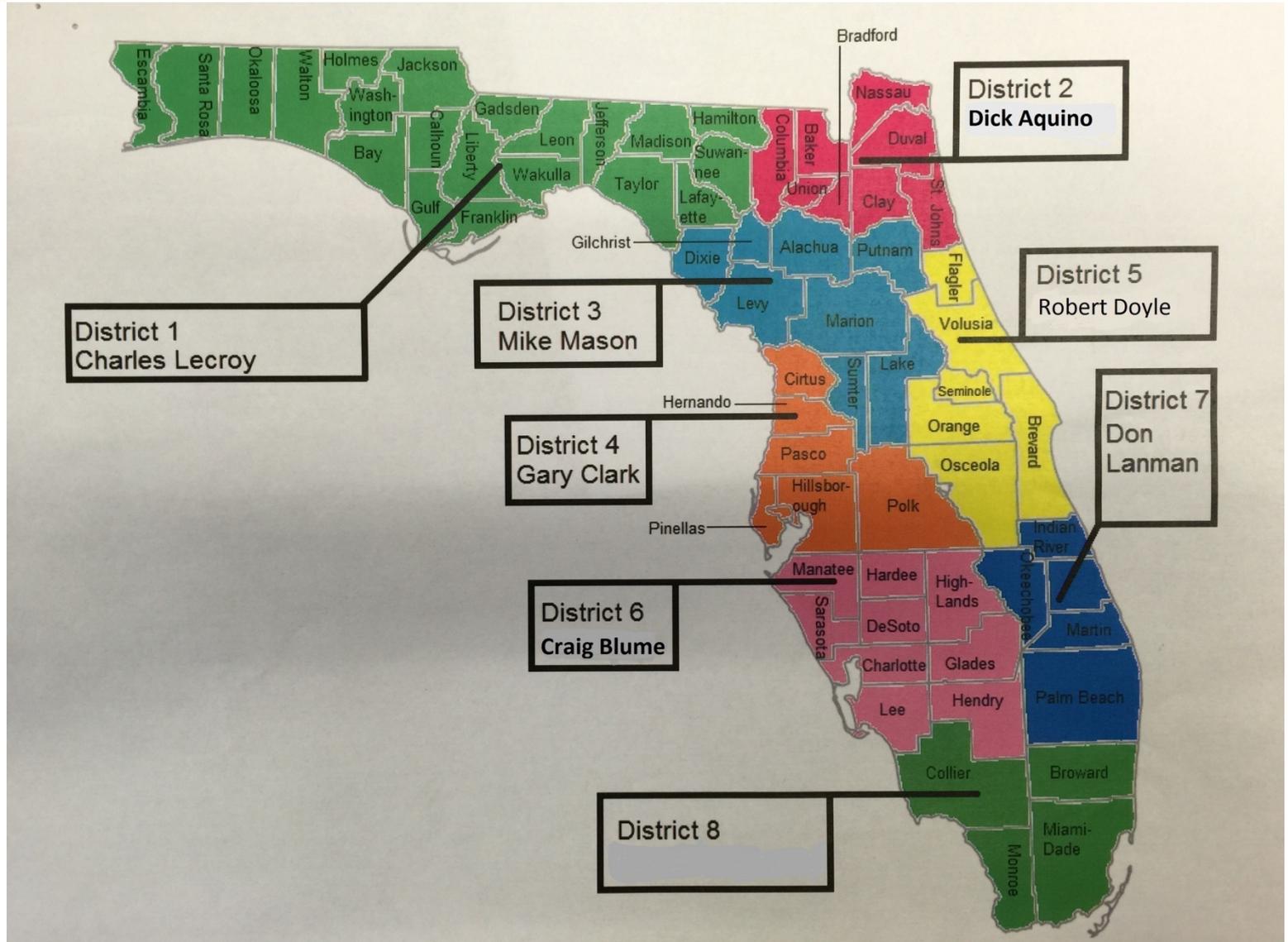


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- The Florida Veterans Foundation (FVF) is a 501-3C non-profit organization.
- The FVF is the “last chance” opportunity for veterans in need. The FVF acts as the check writers to those veterans who may have been under duress or in need of money to keep their utilities on or perhaps transportation to maintain employment.
- The FVF acts to provide solution and not enable a problem to persist.
- Every veteran’s case is vetted at the county level when application is made and then forwarded to the Foundation for approval and check then written.
- Florida is divided into eight districts with headquarters in Tallahassee. Each district is represented by a director.



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- On January 2016 the FVF was the recipient of a \$1.25 million grant awarded by the Florida Attorney General.
- The FVF immediately began execution of the Florida Veterans HELP (**H**ealth, **E**ducation, **E**mployment, **E**ntrepreneurship **L**eadership, **P**artnership) Grant to reach “needs-based” veterans through informational Veterans’ Summits and Veterans Homeless/At-Risk Veterans.
- Each summit will showcase the Subject Matter Experts in each area to aid veterans in an effective, quality manner.
- These Veterans’ Summits will be sited in the five main regions of the state (Tampa, Jacksonville, Miami, Pensacola, Orlando), with mini-summits in areas in between.



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Important Information Offered During The Summits

- Health
- Educational
- Employment
- Entrepreneurship
- HBOT / VA Choice Program
- Florida Veterans Memorial
- VA Claims & Appeals
- FL Veterans Homeless Program
- VA DIC/FL Changes to Death Certificate
- VA Fiduciary



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- As part of the HELP Grant FVF reaches out to Florida Homeless / At-Risk Veterans.
- Each Veteran Stand Down assists Homeless Veterans and their families who are living on the street or who do not have permanent housing by being qualified appropriately by the Veterans Affairs (VA).
- Veteran status must be verified by the VA by presenting a VA Card or DD-214 with government issued photo ID.
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Services Offered During The Stand Down

- Education and Employment
- Assessment for Permanent Housing
- Free Local Bus Transportation
- Healthcare Screenings and Prescriptions
- 12-Step and PTSD/TBI Counseling
- Legal Services and Veterans Court
- Vision, Mental Health & Dental Exams
- Meals
- Haircuts/Hairstyling
- Veterinary Services/Pet Therapy
- VA Benefits/Claims Counseling
- Drivers Licenses
- HIV/AIDS & Glucose Testing



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- Overall the HELP Grant is on task to reach 329,050 Florida Veterans.
- FVF touts a 5% administrative support in the execution of the grant. 95% of the grant dollars are in direct support of the veteran.
- The core mission of the FVF is to aid veterans in financial crisis. The core mission prior to the HELP grant was fully supported through donations and the Brick Program.



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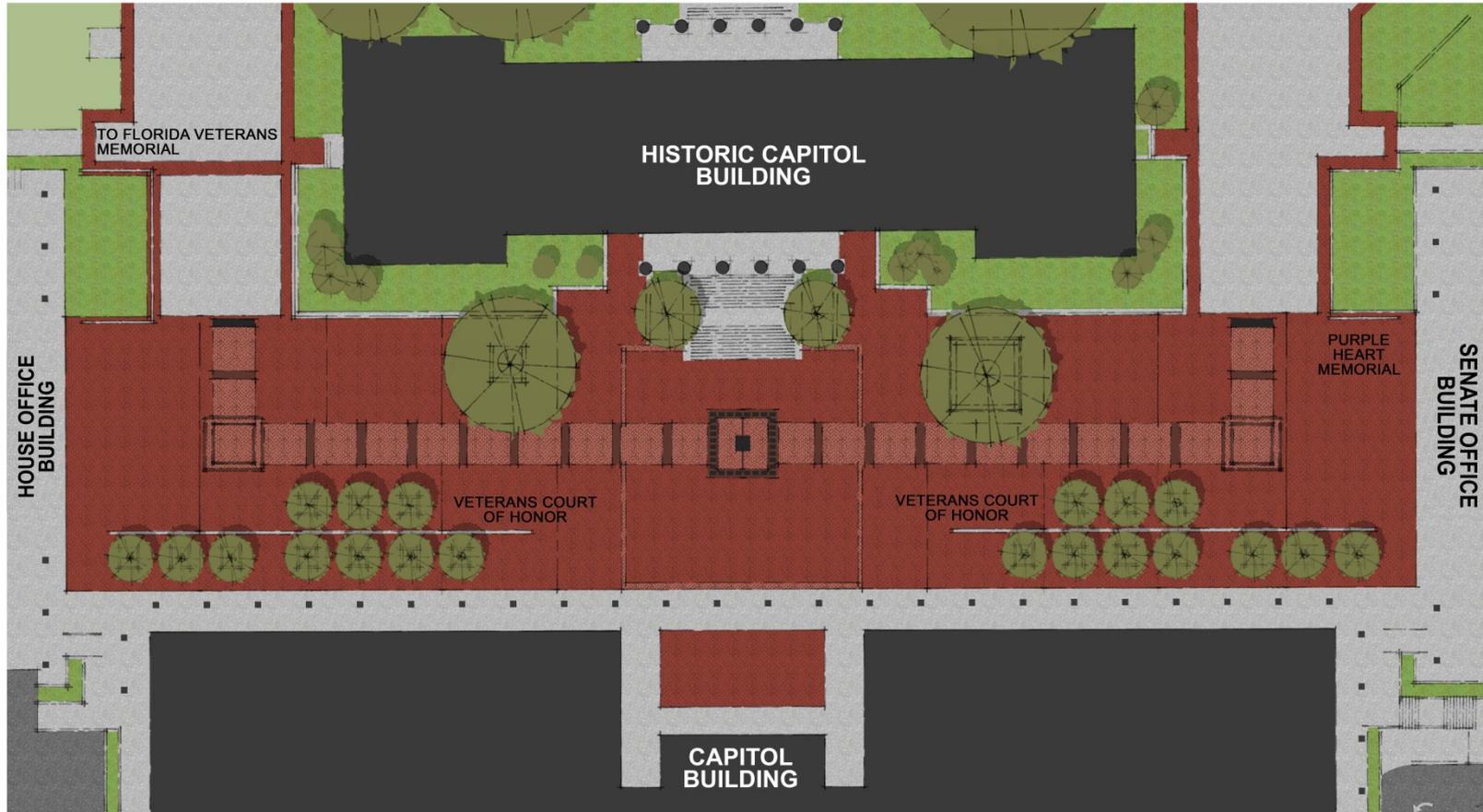
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- Due to the low cost of operation the FVF is able to provide assistance. The source of monies utilized by the foundation comes from donation. Within this last year the foundation has been able to assist on a greater level due to the funds raised through the sale of bricks.
- The initial sales of brick were in the Tallahassee area while the Foundation serves ALL veterans statewide.
- The purpose of this presentation is to provide an awareness of the campaign and to enlighten those purchasing bricks that their investment is not only in paying tribute to a loved one but also to serve those veterans in need in the state of Florida.



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- The Florida Veterans Foundation Walk of Honor is broken up into three categories. They are:
 - The Medal of Honor Node
 - Bricks are within the boundary of large black granite pavers that are engraved with Medal of Honor Recipients who are either;
 - Credited to Florida
 - Buried in Florida and/or
 - Residents of Florida
- Each brick cost \$200



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- The Second Section of the Walk of Honor is:
- The Walk of Honor Walkway
 - The Walk of Honor Walkway begins at the Medal of Honor Node and runs parallel (South to North) to the Old Capitol Building leading to the future site of the Florida Veterans Memorial.
 - Each brick cost \$150
- The Third Section of the Walk of Honor is:
- The Court of Honor
 - This consists of all remaining bricks in the courtyard surrounding the Capitol



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- This project is significant in fundraising for veterans in need but there is a historical and human side that fulfills family needs to honor their loved ones.
- Florida Veterans Foundation has taken the project to a whole new level of marketing by letting the Walk of Honor sell itself.
 - Each brick tells a story of the veteran.
 - These stories come directly from the family.



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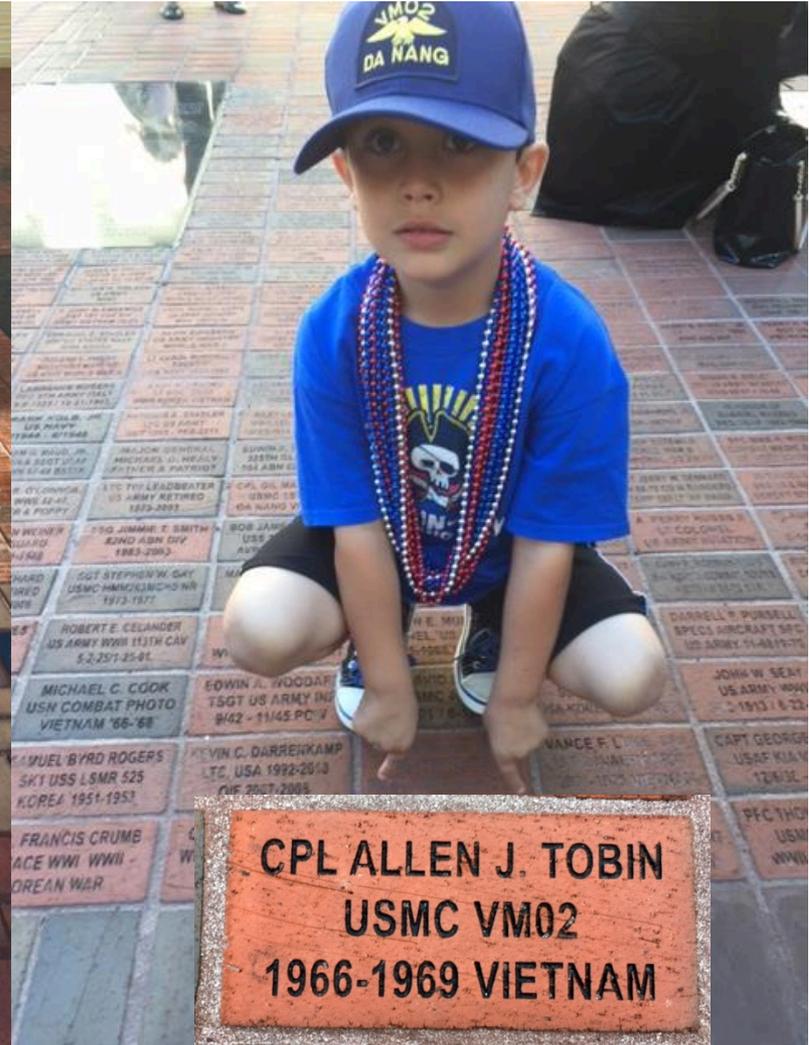


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- The Foundation has created a new initiative to solicit the stories of each brick. These stories are sent by the family, copy-edited by the foundation and then posted to social media. Many stories will end up in magazines and newspapers depending on selection by the media source.



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- The construction of the Florida Veterans Memorial Gardens will begin construction in late 2017. The Capitol will have changed the entire facade to capture the prominent Veterans Memorial.
- The overall project has the opportunity of over 260,000 bricks with the potential for the benefit of aiding Florida Veterans in need.
- Currently there are 1.6 million veterans in the State of Florida.



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- The challenge of the project currently is getting the word out to all families and veterans across the State of Florida.
- Approximately 85 percent of all sales to date have been within the Tallahassee area however, the monies raised through the sales go to veterans in need throughout the entire state.
- We look to you to support the effort for our core mission to provide relief to our veterans who served so proudly by either purchasing a brick or making a donation to the Florida Veterans Foundation.



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- To purchase a brick or to make a donation to the Florida Veterans Foundation please go to:
- www.floridaveteransfoundation.org
- <https://www.facebook.com/floridaveteransfoundation/?fref=ts>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tp9HFmj0bd8&feature=youtu.be>
- Or call: 850-488-4181
- Florida Veterans Foundation
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