



# First Florida Chapter

## Military Vehicle Preservation Association

Established in 1976, the non-profit MVPA is dedicated to providing an international organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation and public education of historic military transport



## The Southern Outpost

The Quarterly Newsletter of the First Florida Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association

## Winter 2018

### MEETING NOTICE

Yes, this is short notice.

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

at

**Sun N' Fun Fly-In and Expo  
Lakeland Regional Airport**

<https://www.flysnf.org>

**NOTE—please RSVP to the  
Secretary by April 2, 2018**

**The event staff needs a vehicle  
count in order to place us  
among the war birds !!  
See following page**

**2018 Dues are DUE.  
Thank You to those that have  
paid—a REMINDER to those  
who haven't !  
Remember, dues are  
\$30.00 / year  
Even if renewing, please use  
the current application form  
within this newsletter and  
send it to the Secretary.**

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Sun-N-Fun is a GREAT event ! **Please check out their web page ([www.flysnf.org](http://www.flysnf.org)) to see everything taking place.** They will host us on Saturday, April 14. They will provide a meeting location so we can break away for a few minutes and satisfy our requirement for a business meeting. A time has not yet been established for the meeting—that will be determined by what is going on at the event and which part of the event those members present are willing to miss.

Here are the key points:

We will be admitted FREE—there is a classic car event that day, which they will consider us to be, and participants (1 vehicle and 2 persons) are admitted free.

Trailer parking will be available.

IN ADDITION TO **NUMBER and TYPE OF MILITARY VEHICLES**, ORGANIZERS NEED A COUNT OF **TRAILERS/TOW VEHICLES**.

**A map showing our entrance and trailer parking area will soon be sent out**

**Again—please RSVP to the Secretary by April 2, 2018**

We must arrive by between 8:00 and 8:30am, in order to be in position with the re-enactors before 9:00am. Show gates open at 9:00am.

We cannot leave before 5:00pm

Bring spending money—there will be food and a lot of tool vendors (yes, its an aviation event, but they have good hardware and tools that we may find useful)

## President's Report

Well, the dust has settled and the clanking of the steel tracks has gone quiet. The smoke from the firing of the big guns, tanks, jeeps and brave soldiers has disappeared. The battle is over! If you weren't there, you have missed another great rally. Planning for the next show has already begun. I want to thank everyone who came together to make this rally a success. Putting on this event is no small task and all the support that was given helped to make it great! I also want to give a special thank you to WW2 Armor, Renniger's Market, and the members of the First Florida Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association. Some issues came up during the event, but together we can learn from them and make the next rally even better!

This is election year for the posts of President and Vice President. We also are in need of a newsletter editor. We would like to bring back the printed newsletter, but we must have someone with the time to collect the ads, put it all together, and publish it. We also need two area coordinators: Eastern Region and Southwestern Region. Please let us know if you are interested in any of these positions.

Nominations for President and Vice President can be made in October. We will then send out ballots with the nominees and voting will take place in November.

Please note the time and place for the second quarter meeting.

If you would like to host the meeting, please let me know. I know there are some events coming up, so let's get out there, have some fun, and show these amazing vehicles! Let us keep the history of these vehicles and the great people that operated them from being forgotten!

Please pray for the safety of our troops.

Thanks,

Dave Thomas

President, FFC, MVPA

## Minutes From July Board Meeting

### **First Florida Chapter – MVPA**

### **Topics – Winter Rally Planning, Bylaws Amendments**

**Date: 27 January, 2018**

**Location: Kay Larkin Airport, Palatka, FL.**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by Chapter President Dave Thomas.

#### President's Report:

1. Dave Thomas stated that the meeting's main goal was to focus on the FFC's upcoming 2018 Winter Rally.
2. Thus far, the Board has secured the required insurance for the Rally, renewed FCC's affiliation with the national MVPA, and renewed our non-profit status and registration with the State of Florida.
3. The issue regarding the missing FFC funds is being investigated by Chase bank, as requested by the interim Treasurer.

#### Vice President / Rally Coordinator / Public Relations Coordinator:

1. Tee Shirt design has been finalized, with two styles to be offered; one with the squirrel as on Dave's halftrack, and another based on a WWII poster. Unit costs for the shirts has been negotiated down from that of previous years.
2. The Saturday evening dinner will be catered by "Vincent's", and take place in the recently renovated structure at the southwest corner of the rally area.
3. The Steampunk band, accidentally scheduled last year, was invited back and will be on stage Friday evening during the Winter Rally
4. Radio ads are being purchased, and a live remote broadcast will take place Friday morning. Renninger's is taking out their own ads highlighting the rally.
5. Due to the issue with a nearby church during the fall Show, reenactments will be moved to 1:00pm. ALSO—German re-enactors are being sought—if you know one, please tell them about the rally.
6. The Discovery Channel will be on site at some point, taking video for a proposed new show.
7. Bridget Orr, Assistant rally Coordinator, will invite students from her school to put on a USO Show Saturday evening.
8. Charles Fails volunteered to reach out to Jacksonville area media regarding the rally.
9. Judges and other volunteers are needed for the rally

A Motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed—for the FFC to pay for the Saturday evening dinners for the re-enactors and vendors.

#### Secretary / Treasurer's Report:

1. As always—The updating the roster as new member information is received by the Secretary continues.
2. The Newsletter editor position is open. In the interim, the Secretary will draft the newsletter in this format. Articles and information from members, to be included in the next issue, are always requested.
3. A Motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed—Polk County (Lakeland area) will be added to the Western region, from the Eastern region, as requested by members in the Lakeland area.

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Secretary / Treasurer's Report (cont.):

4. A Motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed—The newsletter can contain “classified” ads from members.
5. During the previous meeting, proposed bylaw revisions were presented, and subsequently posted in the newsletter. As per the bylaws, those changes were voted on during the following (this January 2018) meeting. They were APPROVED by unanimous vote of those present.
6. Treasurer's Report—balance of \$5,380.68 as of 25 January. \$95.00 had been received and was awaiting deposit. Several renewals were received during the Palatka event.

**A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE SECRETARY** Since becoming Secretary, my wife and I have worked the registration table at the Winter Rally. In 2019, my wife and I will not be available for the Winter Rally. I has requested a member or two to volunteer to work with us in 2018 with an eye on working the table in 2019. Thus far, one couple, Eric and Bridget Liervic, have stepped forward. I will still do all the preliminary work for 2019, but will have to pass the baton a week before the event.

Area Coordinator Reports:

Northern region—Jacksonville International Auto Show—FFC will be paid to attend on Saturday, 17 January.

Panhandle region—Russell Deese read a proclamation from Dan Simmons awarding the “Purple Pinecone Award to Charles Fails, who was injured while participating in the Perry FL 2017 Florida Forest Festival Parade and Exhibition to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

I-75 Corridor—new Area Coordinator—Mark Ellis of Lake City, FL has volunteered to be the new I-75 Corridor Area Coordinator. Mark's contact info is: 770-265-0223, mark\_ellis@bellsouth.net .

New Business—None

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

While each of us is free to participate in any event we choose, members are cautioned against implying they represent the FFC or the overall MVPA, and stating or implying that you are automatically covered under the MVPA policy. The MVPA policy covers current members at MVPA or MVPA Chapter events, and events where an event-specific insurance rider has been provided when requested by the organizer—a city's parade is such an event that typically requires the rider. NOTE— members who are not current with their dues are not “current” and would not be covered. MVPA or MVPA Chapter membership is acceptable for the insurance. Anyone coordinating an event requiring insurance is cautioned to ensure the organizer knows who the current members are.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40a.m.  
Minutes prepared and submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_/S/\_\_\_\_\_/ 1 February, 2018  
Stan A. Kinmonth  
FFC-MVPA Secretary

## UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

This schedule is issued as required to inform members of upcoming events. A copy can also be found on the web site, **FLMVPA.org**.

Schedule is issued by Dick Deren at [kingsugarmike@gmail.com](mailto:kingsugarmike@gmail.com)  
Tel # 727-515-7365.

Activities for the club to participate in should first go to the area coordinator for the region the activity is to occur in before they come here. This will put the coordinator in the loop and enable him to make decisions necessary to make the activity happen.

Activities listed preceded with an "FYI" are informational only. For example, car shows where the club is not participating in as a group but may be of interest to members.

Details of on going events are listed at the end of the schedule.

Here is a list of Regional Coordinators and their e-mail addresses and phone numbers ( included is the phone number and e-mail address of our club President and Vice President ):

Dave Thomas, President, 352-817-1087, 352-288-0604, [halftrackdave@yahoo.com](mailto:halftrackdave@yahoo.com)  
Lindsay Orr, Vice President / Rally Chairman, 386-479-9644, [lorry.tcp@gmail.com](mailto:lorry.tcp@gmail.com)

Panhandle Region, Russell Deese, 229-377-1528, [russell@russellsmv.com](mailto:russell@russellsmv.com)/  
Kevin Vislocky, 850-510-8651, [Vislocky@att.net](mailto:Vislocky@att.net)

North I 75 Corridor Region, Mark Ellis, 770-265-0223, [mark\\_ellis@bellsouth.net](mailto:mark_ellis@bellsouth.net)

Northern Region, Stan Kinmonth, 904-276-1418, [stantr6@comcast.net](mailto:stantr6@comcast.net)

Central Region, Charles Hildebrant, 352-603-2627, [jpmnofww@aol.com](mailto:jpmnofww@aol.com)

Eastern Region, VACANT

Western Region, George Hecht, 727-443-2942, [georgeh@depcopump.com](mailto:georgeh@depcopump.com)

Southwestern Region, VACANT

Southeastern Region, Fred Perkins, 954-434-8747, [perk51@att.net](mailto:perk51@att.net)

If the FFC contact on an activity is other than the above persons, their e-mail and phone will be listed with the event. Regional Coordinator's e-mail and phone # will not be listed on every event.

\*\*\*\*\* in front of a listing indicates a new item on the schedule.

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\*\*\*\*FYI\*\*\*\* **24 March 2018** - Saturday, Western Region, static display. Start Your Engines Car Show at the Medical Center of Trinity, 9330 State Road 54, Trinity, FL 1000 to 1300hrs.

**25 March 2018** - Sunday, Western Region, static display. Annual Armed Forces Day Program, Little Manatee Springs, US 301, Wimauma, Contact Rick for exact times and details. FFC Con: Rick Hauge, [twistedpuppy@hotmail.com](mailto:twistedpuppy@hotmail.com). Program coordinator is Cindy Ploof, 813-634-2828, [cploof4@gmail.com](mailto:cploof4@gmail.com).

\*\*\*\*\* **12-13 May 2018** - Saturday/Sunday, Western Region, static display. 2018 Airfest, MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL. (Hanger #3) Set up will probably be on Friday 11 May. More specific info to follow regarding security measures, I.D.'s, times, etc. as the date gets closer. FFC Con: George Hecht.

\*\*\*\*\* **11 – 14 October 2018** – Thursday – Sunday, FFC-Event, Winter Show and Swap Meet at the Markets of Marion, Belleview, FL

\*\*\*\*\* **27 October 2018** - Saturday, Panhandle Region, parade and static display. Florida Forest Festival Parade, Perry, FL Parade starts at 1000. Static Display and complimentary lunch following parade. Go to: [youtu.be/FUVPugvEWg](http://youtu.be/FUVPugvEWg) for more info. FFC con: Dan Simmons, 850-584-8147, [aldan1@fairpoint.net](mailto:aldan1@fairpoint.net). Motel info: Holiday Inn Express, 601 Everett Way, Perry, FL. Ask for MVPA rate of \$105.99 Make reservations no later than 18 October.

## Regularly Scheduled Events

FYI-The Southeastern Region meets most Fridays (weather permitting) in conjunction with the local car show at the Sparez Bowling Lanes parking area at 5325 South University Drive, Davie, FL. (formerly known as the Tower Shops Car Show.) FFC Con: Fred Perkins, [perk51@att.net](mailto:perk51@att.net), 954-434-8747.

FYI-The Western Region meets on the last Thursday of each month at the Quaker Steak and Lube Restaurant, 49th Street ( where 49th Street meets US 19), Pinellas Park, FL. In conjunction with their Thurs-day night car show. FFC Con: George Hecht [georgeh@depcopump.com](mailto:georgeh@depcopump.com), 727-443-2942.

FYI-Dade City, FL. Car Show the first Saturday of every month, 1600 hrs. FFC Con: John Bolender, [jjBolender@aol.com](mailto:jjBolender@aol.com)

FYI-Webster Car and Cycle Swap Meet– The first Sunday of each month year round. 0800 to 1500. Webster Flea Market, 516 NW 3 Street, Webster, FL. Website: [www.cyclemeet.com](http://www.cyclemeet.com) for map and additional info. E-mail: [websterswaps@aol.com](mailto:websterswaps@aol.com), 352-628-4656.

FYI-Tampa Wax Slingers monthly Cruise In, every 1st Saturday of the month, 1700 to 2000 at Tres Amigos Cantina, 2025 Brandon Blvd., Brandon, FL 33511. For more info call Jessica Cianfrocca at 813-409-2630.

FYI-Applebee's Car Show, Moultrie, GA. First Saturday of each month. 1600 hrs. till ? 50% off your meal if you enter your vehicle. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place peoples choice trophies awarded each month. FFC CON: Rus-sell Deese, rdeese@windstream.net , 229-377-1528.

FYI-Third Sunday every month. Putnum County Fairgrounds Car Show and Swap Meet, 117 Yelvington Rd., East Palatka, FL. 32131. 0800 to 1500 hrs. Event Con: 352-505-8287.

FYI-Second Sunday every month. USA Flea Market Car Show, US. 19, Port Richey, FL.

FYI-Car Show, the first Saturday of every month at the Sarasota Pavilion Mall, corner of US41 and Stickney Point Road. FFC Con: Bill Sayers for details.

**Check out the new Facebook page.  
Search for First Florida MVPA and "Like" it.**

## MEMBER NEWS



Northern Region Member Alexander Watkins receives the Renninger's Choice Award at the 2018 Winter Rally for his MB.



Northern Region Members Bill Hines, Frank Cashman, and Alexander Watkins with their Jeeps outside the Jacksonville Sharks game on Military Appreciation night

## 2018 RALLY REPORT

Simply stated, this years' Winter Rally was a huge success. The weather cooperated, which brought out large crowds of spectators for the battles (see photo below) and weapon demonstrations, as well as to admire all the vehicles present. There were more re-enactors, both American and German, than at prior rallies, making the battles that much better.

The vendors reported that they had a good time and good sales. And finally—the club has bounced back financially.

Here are some statistics:

There were 39 registered vendors

There was one registered car—a 1933 Packard Victoria

There were approximately 60 vehicles on display. 36 vehicles registered, another 23 present but not registered, and one cannon.

Bridget Orr and two of her friends put on a musical Saturday evening, singing and dancing to songs from the '40s through the 60's. The show was well done and the performers received a well deserved round of applause from all those in attendance.

Financially, after all expenses were paid, the club's financial situation improved by over \$2,500.00.



## Winter Rally Photos



See all the Rally  
Photos  
at  
[www.flmvpa.org](http://www.flmvpa.org)

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Visitor from overseas

Armor underway !

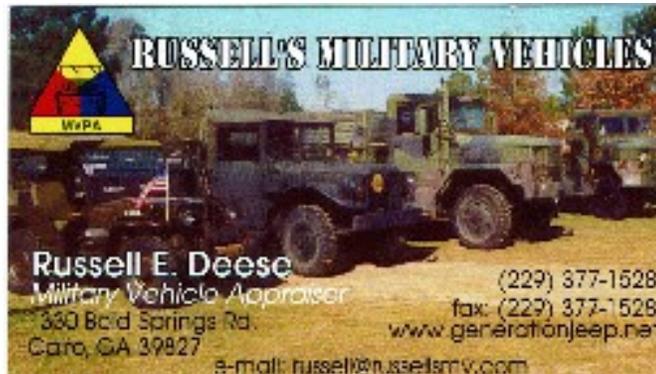


Event Security was tight !



## Associate Members

**These businesses support YOUR club; please support them when you are in need of the service they provide.**



## Member Classified Ads

Member Lanny Moore - ermlm@verizon.net , 904-423-1492

1. 1951 M38 Engine, complete, rebuilt at the red River Army depot, with tag on the engine \$1,500.00
2. 1946 Willys CJ2A Engine, complete, title, came out of running jeep \$1,500.00
3. 1950 M100 trailer with title, restored in 2009, needs wiring and to be repainted \$1,500.00
4. MB Parts, Front seats, starters and generators, radiators, generator brackets, manifolds
5. 1946—1961—Various wagon parts
6. 1952 Wagon, 2 door, complete rolling frame and title, engine parts.
7. CJ% blue denim seats, set of three
8. 1976 Dodge Ambulance
9. 1946 CJ2 (not 2A) rough body, drive train complete,
10. 2014 open trailer, 6' x 10', two wheel, electric brakes, used to haul MB and jeep parts, reinforced floor and sides for loads and tie-downs \$1,200.00
11. 2011 enclosed trailer, 16', 7000# capacity, very good condition, dual axle, 5-lug wheels, tie-downs in floor, electric lights, V-front, all brakes rebuilt or replaced, new tires, power tongue jack \$2,950.00
12. Three MB and Jeep Wagon radiators
13. One or two MB seats
14. Five 600 x 16 tires w/tubes
15. MB starter
16. 12 volt generator
17. 1959 overdrive from jeep wagon, with cable and other OD parts
18. Windshield—M38 or M38A1

Also—manifolds, brackets, other starters and/or generators, brake parts, engine parts, wipers, 4 boxes of small parts, tire chains, skid plates and cover panels.

Also Also—jacks, scissor and screw, Denim CJ5 seats, 15" rims, Wagon floor boards and steering column. work bench with vice, work tables, engine lift bracket, ring gears for MB/GPW

WANTED: M1 carbine, Mutt (A1 or A2) parts: siren, new/used tires, seat cushions, rear seat brackets, ax & shovel.

Call Lanny for prices and details

# FIRST FLORIDA CHAPTER – MVPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL



New Member—please check here: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewing Member—Please check here: \_\_\_\_\_ - **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

NAME (to appear on your name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: **Print Clearly** \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF NATIONAL MVPA ? ( YES or NO ), MEMBER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SELECT GEOGRAPHIC REGION(S) (SEE MAP ON BACK) : \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK THE MEMBERSHIP YOU WOULD LIKE. PRICE IS THE SAME FOR REGULAR OR FAMILY. PRORATED DUES SCHEDULE FOR **NEW MEMBERS ONLY**: 1<sup>ST</sup> quarter - \$30, 2<sup>ND</sup> quarter - \$24, 3<sup>RD</sup> quarter - \$18, 4<sup>TH</sup> quarter - \$12

Membership is FREE for active duty military – must use your .mil email.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP – ONE PERSON, **\$30 yearly** – see prorated schedule above if joining FOR THE FIRST TIME mid-year.

**OR**

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP – **\$30 yearly** - IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY (SPOUSES & CHILDREN) INCLUDES A 2<sup>ND</sup> I.D.BADGE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST

- NAME TO APPEAR ON 2<sup>ND</sup> BADGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: **\$40 yearly** - FOR BUSINESSES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. INCLUDES UP TO 5 BADGES AND A BUSINESS CARD IN THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES TO APPEAR ON ADDITIONAL BADGES:

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

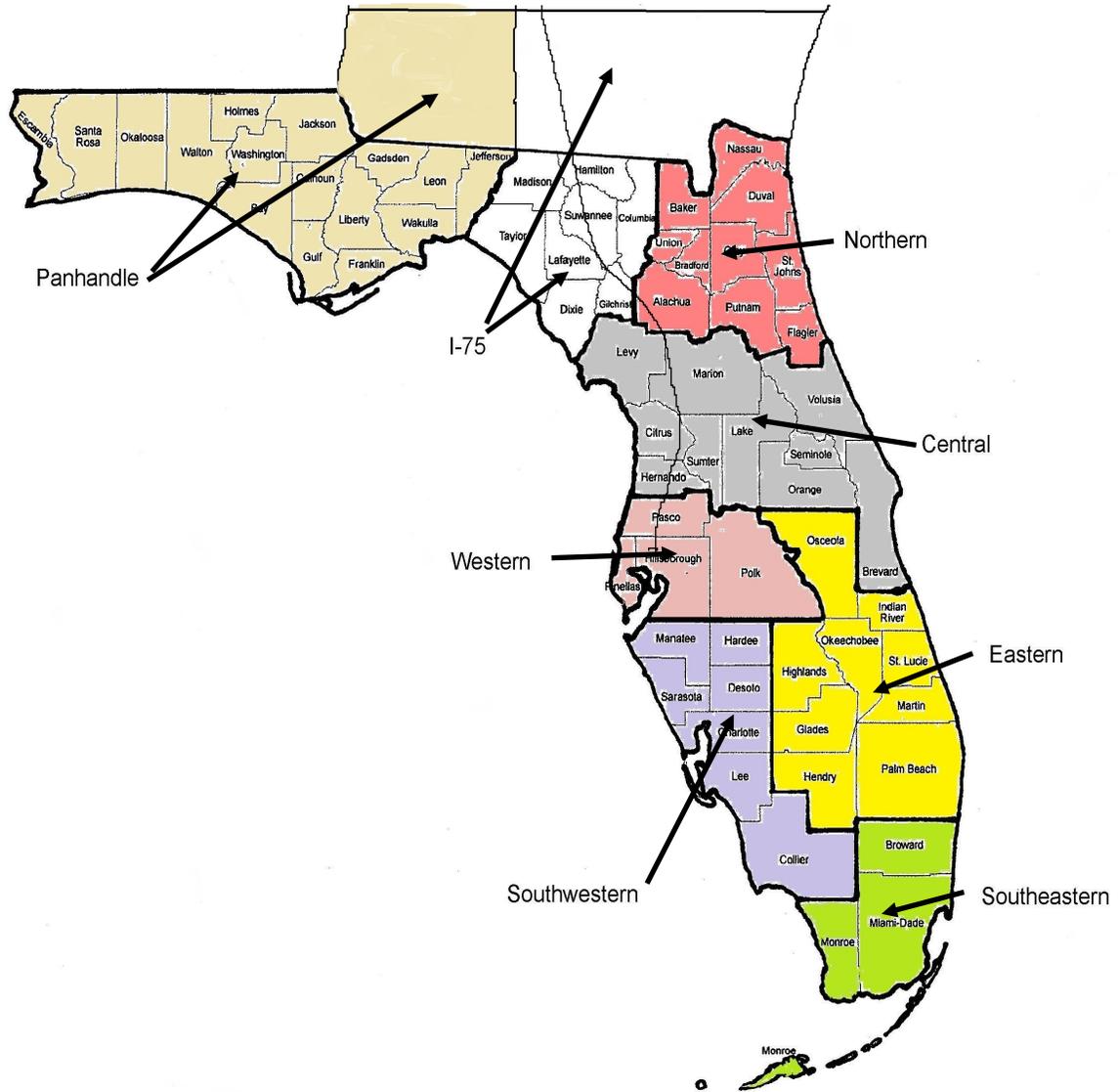
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PLEASE LIST ALL MILITARY VEHICLES YOU OWN, YEAR, MAKE, MODEL, and STATUS:  
Attach additional sheet if necessary

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **First Florida Chapter – MVPA**

Mail application and payment to: Stan A. Kinmonth - Secretary  
194 Malley Cove Lane  
Fleming Island, FL 32003



## REGIONAL COORDINATORS

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**I-75 CORRIDOR:** Mark Ellis, mark\_ellis@bellsouth.net, 770-265-0223

**CENTRAL:** Charles Hildebrant, jpmnofww@aol.com – (352) 748-3447

**WESTERN:** George Hecht, georgeh@depcopump.com – (727) 443-2942

**EASTERN:** **VACANT**

**SOUTHWESTERN:** **VACANT**

**SOUTHEAST:** Fred Perkins, (954) 434-8747 – perk51@att.net

For additional information, contact one of the regional coordinators listed above  
 Visit [WWW.FLMVPA.ORG](http://WWW.FLMVPA.ORG) for more information.

By Laws of  
The First Florida Chapter  
Military Vehicle Preservation Association, Inc.  
Revision 8 (approved Jan 17,2018)

## **Article I Identification (Name and Purpose)**

### **Section I**

The name of the not-for-profit association is The First Florida Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, Inc. hereinafter called the Chapter.

### **Section 2**

The Chapter shall maintain a principal mailing address in the state of Florida, located as directed by the Executive Committee (as defined in Article IV Section 2).

### **Section 3**

The purposes of this chapter are: to provide an organization that 1) fosters an interest in historical military vehicles for collectors, vehicle preservationists and historians, 2) encourages the acquisition, restoration, and preservation of historic military transport for posterity, and 3) educates the public through exhibitions and demonstrations.

## **Article II Membership and meetings**

### **Section I**

The following memberships shall be authorized:

Individual Membership, primary persons who are sixteen years of age or older for full voting privileges, and who satisfy the requirements for membership herein;

Family Membership- A Family Membership constitutes an Individual membership and his or her immediate family. Immediate family is defined as husband, wife, sons and daughters only who reside at the same residence. This membership category is established to give a second family member, who is active in the Chapter, a vote in what goes on in the Chapter. The second voting member must comply with the requirements of an Individual Member (Article II, Section 1,a). Family memberships are authorized one copy of the Chapter newsletter- Southern Outpost at their primary residence address per issue, two adult voting ID's and up to two additional non voting ID's;

Honorary Membership- an Honorary Member is a person who is not an Individual member of the Chapter, but has contributed to the Chapter & which in some way supports the interests and purpose of the Chapter. In recognition of the contribution made, the Chapter may bestow the position of Honorary Membership. The distinction of Honorary Membership requires two-thirds majority vote. An Honorary Member shall have no right to vote, hold office, or possess any other rights of Membership in any dissolution, termination, redemption or transfer of the Chapter. Dues will be waived.

Associate Membership, an Associate Member is an Organization or Company with one vote, receives one copy of the Southern Outpost, receives one years' business

card ad in the Southern Outpost and receives up to 5 badges. The dues will be \$40.00 per year. Life Membership- an individual person with a minimum of (5) years of Individual or Family Membership in the Chapter, noted for his/ her outstanding contribution(s) to the Chapter & to the hobby. Any Individual or Family Member may nominate another member to become a Life Member. At the time of the Nomination, the President shall appoint a committee to consider the nominee for the honor. The committee shall make its recommendation at the following meeting upon which time the membership shall vote. Upon two-thirds membership majority vote, he/ she shall have full membership privileges but is not required to pay annual dues.

## Section 2

Any person may apply for membership in the Chapter who agrees with the interests and purposes of the Chapter, and must be “sponsored” by a current Member in good standing. By submitting an application form approved by the Executive Committee, (which includes the name of the Sponsoring Member), along with payment of dues, the applicant agrees to abide by these bylaws. The name of each new member shall appear in a future issue of the Chapter Newsletter.

## Section 3

All members must follow a code of conduct that is not improper or injurious to the good order, interests, reputation, or welfare of the Chapter. Failure to comply with these bylaws may result in the expulsion of any member from the chapter. After submission by the Executive Committee, a vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary for expulsion.

## Section 4

At any meeting of the members of the Chapter, those present in good standing shall constitute a quorum for all purposes and the act of the members present shall be the act of full membership. Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings.

## Section 5

First Florida Chapter shall not hold a secretive meeting. A letter and/or electronic message of an impending special meeting will be sent to all members. Regular scheduled meetings will be listed in the Chapter Newsletter and shall be held quarterly.

## Section 6

Absentee ballots shall be accepted for votes taken at Chapter meetings if received by the Chapter at its mailing address prior to the meeting in which the vote is to be taken.

## **Article III Dues**

### Section I

Each member shall pay dues each calendar year. Honorary Members are exempt from annual dues. Active Duty Military Personnel (Combat or not) are exempt from annual dues, during & up to (1) year following the end of their active duty status. Military Members must be sponsored by a current Member to be exempt from the annual dues. All Officers are exempt from annual dues as long as they are actively performing their assigned duties. Individuals over

the age of 90 are exempt from dues and will have the same privileges as an Individual Member. A current member in good standing must sponsor new applications for Individuals over the age of 90. The amount for dues is determined by membership vote, following recommendations submitted by the Executive Committee.

### Section 2

A newly accepted member shall pay dues that are prorated quarterly.

### Section 3

Any member who is delinquent in annual dues by more than three months will be dropped from the Chapter for the remainder of the calendar year.

### Section 4

Dues are due on or before January 1. Annual notices will be available to all members in the newsletter, an electronic notice in the online activity calendar & on the website.

### Section 5

Any member who allows his dues to lapse must reapply in accordance with Article II, Section 2.

## **Article IV Officers**

### Section I

The management of the Chapter shall be vested in its officers hereinafter called the Executive Committee. It is their duty to conduct the business of the Chapter and keep the membership informed. All Chapter bank accounts will have the President, Vice-President, and Secretary added as signatories on the accounts, in the event of extreme emergency and/or if the Treasurer is unavailable.

### Section 2

The Executive Committee of the First Florida Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Web Site Administrator, On-Line Activity Schedule Coordinator, and Regional Coordinators.

### Section 2.1

Within the Executive Committee of the First Florida Chapter shall consist the Board of Directors (herein after referred to as the Board) consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

### Section 3

The Executive Committee Officers shall serve two-year terms with the President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor elected in even number years, the Vice President, Treasurer, and Web Site Administrator elected in odd number years.

## Section 4

Any two offices may be held by the same person except that the President may not also be Secretary.

## Section 5

All Executive Committee members must be present for at least two (2) of the quarterly meetings per year unless the event of resignation, death, medical inability to act or vacancy of the office. If an officer on the Executive Committee is aware in advance that he/she must rescind his/her presence at a quarterly meeting, then he/she shall inform the presiding officer of the meeting of his/her absence before the meeting occurs.

## Section 6

In the event of a resignation, death, medical inability to act, or vacancy of any office for any reason, the Executive Committee is authorized to fill any vacancy for the balance of the term.

## Section 7

Any member leaving office will turn over all Chapter records and property in his possession within ten days to the President or other responsible officer of the Chapter.

## **Article V Election of Officers**

### Section 1

Nominations for office will be accepted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting. Nominations may be made by email, U.S.Mail, or in person to the Nominating Committee. Absentee ballots will be available to all members in the newsletter, an electronic notice in the online activity calendar & on the website. Absentee ballots must be received by the Nominating Committee prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting.

## **Article V(1) Appointed Positions**

### Section 1

The following positions shall be filled by appointment rather than by election:  
Region Coordinators, On-line Activity Coordinator.

The President is responsible for making the above assignments. These positions may be held until such time as the President deems necessary to re-assign the position or the Member currently holding the position options to resign from that position. Appointed officers shall serve on the Executive Committee along with the elected Officers and shall have voting privileges.

### Section 2

The President has the authority to establish a temporary appointed position and dissolve the position deemed necessary. Temporary appointed positions may become permanent ONLY by a by-law change. Temporary positions report to the Executive Committee but do not have any voting power.

## **Article VI Duties of the Officers**

### **Section I**

The President shall be the primary Executive Officer of the Chapter and will be the Statutory Corporate Agent for his term in office. He/she shall call and conduct the executive meetings as required to assure proper functioning of the Chapter. He/she as deemed necessary for the good of the chapter may call special meetings; and the purpose of any special meeting shall be set forth in notice. He/she shall originate and/or administer projects as deemed necessary and/or appropriate, and may appoint members to act as coordinators of committees and other assistants to aid him/ her in other specific branches of activity. He/she shall sign all official documents that are specifically adopted by the chapter.

### **Section 2**

The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President during his absence. He/she shall act as a program chairman and will be responsible for the Chapter calendar with the agreement of the Executive Committee.

### **Section 3**

The Secretary shall keep a record of all business meetings of the Chapter and Executive Committee. He/she shall make these records available to all members at their request. He/she shall conduct all incoming and outgoing correspondence, keep complete records and report to the Executive Committee for proper action. He/she shall be custodian of the corporate records of the Chapter. He/she shall provide the Newsletter Editor with information of interest to all members. He/she shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law. He/she shall coordinate with the Treasurer to create, maintain & publish a membership list each March (to be mailed with the next newsletter) and provide the Newsletter Editor and the Online Activity Coordinator with the names of all new members & updated information. He/she shall be responsible to meet new members and to introduce them.

### **Section 4**

The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues and other income and shall be authorized to disburse expenses of the Chapter as may be necessary. He/she shall maintain a record of who has custody of property and shall maintain a bank account for all funds in the name of First Florida Chapter MVPA. He/she shall maintain an up-to-date list of club property and its estimated value; the value to be included in statements of the club's worth. He/she shall ensure the President, Vice-President, and Secretary receive monthly bank statements DIRECTLY FROM THE BANK, and scan and email copies of teller or debit card transaction receipts. Utilizing on-line banking, scanned copies of receipts, and shared monthly statements, internal auditing of the club's account will be on-going. The Elected Treasurer is expected to bear the responsibilities of the Chapter Treasurer, and is expected to "keep the books" themselves and to maintain the security and integrity of the club financial information. A Treasurer's report will be provided at each meeting; statements will be made available at the quarterly meeting upon request of any Board member. A request from a member must be reviewed by a Board member. No person residing outside of the immediate family household will have any access to the club information or be allowed to help the Treasurer. Standard accounting principles should be followed with detailed records & copies kept of all transactions. Proposed expenditures Bills over \$500 will be authorized by the Board. The Treasurer shall coordinate with the Secretary to create, maintain and provide to the Executive Committee a membership roster each March. It is the responsibility of the outgoing Treasurer to transfer all club archived and current records to the newly elected Treasurer within 10 days after the term end. The transfer may occur by US Mail, or in person.

## Section 5

The Newsletter Editor shall publish and circulate the Chapter Newsletter SOUTHERN OUTPOST. He/she shall solicit articles and information from members for publication according to the guidelines established by the Executive Committee.

## Section 6

The Web Site Administrator shall upgrade, update, and maintain the [www.flmvpa.org](http://www.flmvpa.org) website as necessary to ensure accurate and appropriate publication of information that is pertinent to the purposes of the Chapter and the Association. He/she shall keep informed of current technologies that may affect website designing and maintenance. He/she shall also solicit information from members for publication to the website as deemed appropriate.

## Section 7

The Regional Coordinators shall plan and schedule events and activities within their geographical region that pertain to the purposes of the Chapter. This includes cooperative communications with the Chapter membership, government and/or private organizations or agencies, and the general public as deemed necessary for logistics before, during, and after said events and/or activities.

## Section 8

Any Officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote in accordance with Article II, Section 5 whenever the best interest of the Chapter would be served, following submission by the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

## Section 9

Officers shall not receive any salary for their services, but may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expense for necessary expenditures incurred in the performance of their services upon prior approval by the membership. Officers will be reimbursed \$.15 cents per mile for their fuel expenses to attend meetings.

## Section 10

In the event First Florida Chapter is dissolved, for whatever reason, any and all Chapter assets shall be transferred to any not-for-profit organization as selected by majority vote of the remaining members, at the time of dissolution.

## **Article VII Amendments**

### Section 1

These Bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed by majority vote in accordance with Article II, Section 5.; however, proposals for amendments shall be submitted at a quarterly meeting and may not be voted on until the next quarterly meeting. Most recent changes will be designated by a vertical line in the right Margin. |