

The Veterans of South Pinellas County are proud to partner with the City of St. Pete Beach to Sponsor

The 2021 - 7th Annual Chowder Challenge & More

The Veterans of South Pinellas County Inc. was formed in June 2011 as charitable corporation dedicated to serving others. We were approved and given the IRS 501(c)(3) charitable designation EIN 45-2518102.

Our Motto is "Proudly serving those who have proudly served their country"

We were originally founded to help serve those Military Veterans who find themselves in need, we have since grown to serve our Police, Fire & First responders & their families where we can.

Many of our members have served in the military, however prior service is not required. We ask only that our members have a heart for the issues that face the Men & Women of our public servants.

Our mission is to Honor, Educate, and Serve.

Honor

 We show allegiance to our veterans who have served our nation and those who currently serve on active and reserve service as well as those who serve us as First Responders. Our membership is open to all who share these common values.

Educate

- We currently maintain and award Academic Scholarship Assistance Grants to veterans at The University of South Florida St. Petersburg Campus and also St. Petersburg College.
- We promote peer information exchange for benefits and help direct others to find resources where appropriate by maintaining a network of local support agencies in our area.
- We provide information to schools, civic events through our speakers' bureau.

Serve

- Through our "<u>Keep 'em Moving</u>" program we provide "loaner" electric wheel chairs and various rehab health aids as available.
- Through our "Small Repairs" program, we attempt to help veterans in need maintain their homes and accomplish small repairs either as a direct donation of material or labor, or contracting for appropriate resources where possible.
- Through our "Connected Resources" network we maintain a referral network of local resources.
- We promote civic and patriotic allegiance to the United States of America through charitable fundraising and distributions.
- We donate POW/MIA flags to schools, Fire Stations, and various civic institutions.

Through our fundraising activities we have been able to provide services and value directly, but we also support regional and national organizations that provide support back into our local communities.

We are an all-volunteer organization, with no paid employees, and are dedicated to minimizing overhead and maximizing value to the donation dollars.

Note: We are a 501(C)(3) charitable organization, Florida registration #CH35056.

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