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Join Flagler County for Memorial Day Ceremony

May 19, 2017 – Join Flagler County at its Memorial Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, May 29, honoring Private First Class Jonathan “Nat” Spicer, U.S. Marine Corps and former Flagler County resident and Bunnell High School student.

He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for Courage Under Fire during the Vietnam War on March 8, 1968. Randy Morris, a boyhood friend, will read the commendation.

Family and friends of PFC Spicer will place a memorial wreath at the Veterans Monument. Golden Sands chapter of the Girl Scouts of America will place a Daisy Wreath at the monument. Flagler Palm Coast High School students will sing the national anthem.

U.S. Navy veteran Dr. Tracy Hejmanowski, Jacksonville Naval Hospital, will be the guest speaker. She began her career at a Connecticut Veterans Affairs Hospital, followed by work with repatriated prisoners of the Vietnam War. During her 9 years as the Program Manager of the Naval Hospital Jacksonville Deployment Center, Dr. Hejmanowski has provided individual, group, and couples therapy for chronic operator fatigue and post-traumatic stress related conditions and has provided innovative alternative treatment modalities to military members from all service branches and components.

Dr. Hejmanowski has participated as an invited speaker for Naval Special Warfare reintegration programs since 2010 and she joined the inaugural Gratitude America staff in 2013 as a lead facilitator for post-deployed veteran retreats. She has received numerous military, civilian, and nationally recognized awards for her behavioral health initiatives and exceptional contributions while providing comprehensive care for wounded warriors.

The ceremony will be at 10 a.m. in front of the Government Services Building at 1769 East Moody Blvd., Bunnell.

There will be a 2K Run/Walk immediately following the ceremony. It is supported by the Flagler Sheriff Police Athletic League. Prizes will be issued for the most-patriotic attire.

Charles Ericksen, Jr.
District 1

Greg Hansen
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David Sullivan
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Nate McLaughlin
District 4

Donald O'Brien Jr.
District 5

The Memorial Day event is sponsored by the Flagler County Commission and the Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council. Veterans groups to participate include: American Legion Post 115, Amvets Post 113, DAV Chapter 86, Italian American War Veterans Post 7, Jewish War Veterans Post 300, Marine Corps League 876, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Flagler County Veterans Service Office, VFW Post 8696, and the Knights of Columbus 2264 Color Corps.

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