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Join Flagler County for Memorial Day Ceremony

May 15, 2018 – Join Flagler County at its Memorial Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28, featuring American Legion State Commander Steve Shuga, who retired from the United States Marine Corps in 1995 after 20 years of service.

“It is an honor to have such a distinguished, career Marine like Commander Shuga come to Flagler County to help us pay tribute to those who lost their lives in service to our country,” said Veterans Service Officer David Lydon.

During his enlistment with the Marines, Shuga’s military assignments included areas of the Western Pacific, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Zaire, El Salvador, Japan and Kuwait.

Shuga has received the following decorations during his distinguished military career: Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; Navy Unit Commendation; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation; Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal with Silver Star; Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Southwest Asian Service Medal with two Bronze Stars; Naval Arctic Service Ribbon; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with three Bronze Stars; Marine Security Guard Service with Bronze Star; Kuwait Liberation (Saudi Arabia); and, Kuwait Liberation (Kuwait).

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

Ray Mercer, a World War II Silver Star recipient, will place a wreath at the Veterans Monument in front of the Government Services Building. Local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, Jamison Walker will sing the National Anthem, and Travis Thomas will sing “God Bless the USA.”

Jack Howell, Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, will present Flagler County with a plaque recognizing it as a Purple Heart County.

Charles Ericksen, Jr.
District 1

Greg Hansen
District 2

David Sullivan
District 3

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, 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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