



## Rotor and Scalpel

WINTER/SPRING NEWSLETTER

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### *FROM THE PRESIDENT*

First and foremost, I am hoping this newsletter finds all my brothers and sisters doing well. It certainly has been a rough couple of years for many of us. It is with extremely sad news for those of you who did not hear, but, we lost Ron "Big Doc" Smith this past year. He was truly a one of a kind guy who brought so much to the table....from the days of the Last Patrol, to Carolyn and Doc helping take care of Michael J Martin in Tennessee, to all the stories and laughs we have all shared with Doc over the years. He will truly be missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn.

Dustoff hosted The Vietnam and All Veterans State Coalition Meeting and Annual Banquet again this past January and will most probably be hosting the meeting again next year. Dustoff was presented with a plaque (hosting a meeting in 2016) and a Certificate (participation). In addition, Bob and Roberta Neitzel, Van and Kiki Carter, Chris Bischoff, Ruari Voisey and I were also presented certificates for our contributions to the Coalition.

For those of you that do not go to the State Coalition Meetings, they are very productive and quite informative. We had a great time and I would like to congratulate Roberta and all her helpers from the VVB, the Vietnam Brotherhood and The USA River Rats on a job well done. They helped breakdown and pack up after the banquet and helped breakdown the hospitality suite and helped pack up everything afterwards. Kiki also set everything up for lunch in the hospitality suite for Saturday so we could continue with the meeting. A **BIG** and special thanks goes

out to Jacque and Ralph Earrusso, Al and Rose Diaz, Michelle Wakefield, Van and Kiki Carter, and Bobbi Jo Dino (I hope I did not forget anyone) Roberta could not have done it on her own as it is a large undertaking. Roberta moved from one function to another – Set-up and preparing for the Friday night – setting up the meeting room. Breaking down the meeting room and immediately preparing for the banquet, breaking down the banquet and then returning to the hospitality room Saturday night, began breaking it down and then began packing Saturday Night and finished on Sunday. She was constantly on the go, of course with help along the way. The banquet was awesome, and the food was great. All in all the meeting was a wonderful success and a lot of information was disseminated. Bob Neitzel retains the position of President for his sixth and final year, Roberta has been reelected as Secretary and Van Carter has been elected at 1<sup>st</sup> Vice of the Coalition.

Preparations have already been in motion for the Reunion. I am hoping that as many members of Dustoff will be attending as the turnout was good last year. **ALL MEMBERS OF DUSTOFF who served must provide their CERTIFIED DD-214.** As of now, Roberta has received only a small handful. The only offices up for election this year are secretary, treasurer and membership chair.

On behalf of Dustoff, several packages were sent to our troops in Okinawa for the Holidays. The packages consisted of Holiday candies and homemade cookies, personal hygiene items and gifts for children that are stationed there with their families. We also made donations this past year to Wreaths Across America,

Honor-Release-Return, The Ride Home and Trunk or Treat at the Edgewater YMCA this past October.

Roberta has signed up Florida Dustoff as a fundraiser for Wreaths Across America. This year's Nation Wide Remembrance Ceremony will take place on **December 2017**. Our Group ID number is: **FL0179**, Location ID is **FLENSE** and of course our group name is Florida Dustoff Association. Anyone can go online to [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org) and locate the sponsorship form to make a donation. You must enter our Group ID and Location ID on the form in order for us to obtain credit for the donation. We are not receiving monies for this, we selected the option for every two wreaths that are purchased under Florida Dustoff's ID, a third wreath will be donated.

We will be making some minor purchases prior to the reunion this year as there are several much needed items (besides the norm) – new stakes for the awning and all new bungee cords and tie downs for the awning, We believe the grill will make it another year or so (with any luck). If there is anything I have forgotten that you remember we need, please contact me.

PLEASE remember to pay your dues if you are an annual member as *you must be a member in good standing to vote*. *Please make sure that the dues are paid **prior to the start of our annual meeting***. If you would like to pay them now, please forward your payment in the amount of \$20.00 payable to Florida Dustoff Association to 2304 Woodland Drive, Edgewater, FL 32141. If you join us for the meeting and have not paid your dues, you are not eligible to vote.

Our general membership meeting will be held 1 hour after the close of opening ceremonies at the campsite on the 6th and we will have our auction at that time. The auction is extremely important to our bottom line as the reunion is really our only source of fundraising and in order to keep this organization afloat, we need to have as many members present for this event and bidding on the items. We tried as it was recommended that we hold it at a different time to accommodate everyone and it was a HUGE BUST. In addition, if you have something you would like to contribute to the auction, please see Roberta or myself. We also will have our Dustoff and RED Friday T-Shirts, key chains and other items for sale.

**VERY IMPORTANT – Every year Roberta and Bob usually bring the trailer to Wickham Park the day before the Escort. Bob's health is not the best and we are arranging to have the trailer brought to and from Wickham Park this year because he cannot do so. We are planning to set up most of the campsite on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> (awning, tents, cooking area). PLEASE...we really need your help !!!! Come to the campsite, Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> between 11 and 12 to help us set up. We need at least 8 or so people in order to put up the awnings. If you can only be there for an hour or two to help out, it would certainly be appreciated as Bob will**

**be unable to assist at all. After all, this is your campsite as well.**

*I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 29<sup>th</sup> and the rest of you at the reunion.*

**DUSTOFF FOREVER**

**Ron (Doc) Custer**

### ***FROM THE EDITOR***

I am sure it has been a very busy year for all and I hope a healthy one. The reunion is just around the corner and I am certainly looking forward to seeing everyone. It has been an extremely hard year for Bob and myself, as his health has been deteriorating due to the Parkinson's. We make the best of it and continue on. I have cut my hours at work to be home more often with Bob to take care of and to help him and within another month or two, I will reduce my hours again.

If you received this by snail mail and have an e-mail address please e-mail it to me at [Hdwizrd8@aol.com](mailto:Hdwizrd8@aol.com) and PLEASE indicate Dustoff in the subject line. I really need people to update their information with me as it is much easier to e-mail the newsletter than to send it by mail.

As always, we will have our general membership meeting on Saturday approximately an hour after the end of the massing of the colors. If you plan on attending the reunion this year, please contact Bob Neitzel at (386) 424-1989 or by e-mail ([Hdwizrd7@aol.com](mailto:Hdwizrd7@aol.com)). We will need to know if you need a campsite and how many people will be attending with you. At this point in time, we know of one wet site and one dry site that have been reserved (we were advised of this last year), but we would appreciate everyone reconfirming. It is quite difficult to plan a dinner (as usual, Friday and Saturday nights) without having an idea of a head count. The reunion dates are May 4th-May 7th at Wickham Park. The VVB already has most of the reunion info posted at [www.vietnamandallveteransofbrevard.com](http://www.vietnamandallveteransofbrevard.com).

Remember the parks department are enforcing some rules – no more than one motorhome/trailer or tent per site and no more than four adults and two children per site (**remember this if a ranger should come up and ask !!!!**) This does not mean that people cannot come and go as they please into the site, but this is the maximum amount of people "camping" per site!!

If you can also attend the week prior, you may also wish participate in the Vietnam And All Veterans Reunion Memorial Walls Motorcycle Escort on Sunday April 30th at Eastern State College Cocoa Campus, Clearlake Road at 10 am (formerly Brevard Community College). Line-up is at 9:00 am and they will leave 10:00 am. Arrive at Wickham Park, Melbourne, About 11:00 am. For those who want to help set up the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Other Memorials and Displays. It is well worth the experience if you are able to do so, ask Doc Custer,

Snake or John Patton and Nancy Church as they have participated in the escort before.

Please take a look at the reunion website page at VVOF.ORG and there is a link to the reunion home page, or go right to the source at the VVB website.

I have been given the tentative schedule of events for the reunion already and have attached a copy for all of you (if you received this by e-mail). I look forwarding to seeing all at the Reunion!!!

**Roberta Neitzel**

**Meals for the Reunion:** The cost for dinners this year will be \$6.00 for Friday Dinner (ziti, salad, garlic bread) and \$10.00 for Saturday Dinner – which is going to be the same as last year – I will be ordering from Dustins BBQ (chicken, sliced pork, cole slaw, garlic bread and sweet and unsweetened tea). As I have done in past years, I will make some pasta salad and a macaroni salad and will leave them in the coolers so anyone can help themselves to it as a side for their lunch. ***I am not aware at this time of any plans for breakfast, however, if breakfast is provided donations need to be made for the meal so at least the cost of the food is covered...***

### **CAMPSITE FEES FOR 2017**

**WET SITES:** \$45.00 per night per motor home, camper or tent

**DRY SITES:** \$35.00 per night per motor home, camper or tent

To remind all everyone *should* contribute and bring two 12 packs (beer, soda, water, etc.) to donate to the coolers at reunion. It has worked out great for the past few years and I for one did not hear any complaints.

We will be presenting colors at the opening ceremonies again and if anyone is interested in participating, please contact Bob Neitzel at [hdwizr7@aol.com](mailto:hdwizr7@aol.com) or by phone to let him know in advance. As the flight suits we have are rather "slim" in nature, we would like at least one or two to present in the flight suits and all others to be in BDU's, and would like all to be in boots. Bob will not be able to present at massing of the colors this year and we really would like to have an honor guard present, so please consider doing so.

We will be having our raffle and auction as well as a 50/50 and if anyone would like to donate any items please see Doc Neitzel, Doc Custer or Bert at the campsite.

### **Important Information to Pass On**

We try to forward as much information as possible throughout the year that we received which we deem important. Some though, do not have a computer, therefore are not receiving a lot of information. I would like to note here several items that I felt were worth sharing:

For all our women veterans, there is a new website designed specifically for them <https://womenvetsusa.org/>.

It is full of information pertaining to benefits specifically for woman veterans and has numerous links. Please, pass this information to all the female vets you know.

Roberta, for the coalition, has updated a list of establishments that give a discount to veterans. Some are only for active duty, while others are for anyone with a military/VA ID. It is several pages long and it is attached to this newsletter if you are receiving it my e-mail. She will make copies and have it available at the Reunion if anyone is interested in obtaining a copy.

### **Support Florida's Veterans and Our Mission by Supporting the Walk of Honor**

The Florida Veterans Foundation's main mission is to provide [emergency assistance](#) to Florida veterans and their families who are having financial difficulties which cannot be resolved by the veteran or other veteran service organizations. Most of these situations will develop into a catastrophic situation such as homelessness, if the situation is not solved promptly. Many cases that the Foundation handles involves Service Connected Disabled Veterans. Read more about our emergency assistance program go to <http://www.floridaveteransfoundation.org>. After receiving a bona-fide [application for assistance](#) from a veteran, the Foundation responds to the emergency within 24 to 48 hours with a solution as warranted by the facts of the situation. Last year, the Foundation expended well over \$200,000.00 helping Florida's veterans and their families, and assisted over 700 Florida Veterans by providing financial support to those who fit Foundation guidelines, or by providing information on veteran resources such as; available benefits for disability claims, benefits to widows, education resources, housing, etc. Because of the vast amount of services we provide, the Foundation needs your help. You can help support our efforts to Serve, Support and Advocate for our Florida Veterans by [donating](#), [volunteering](#) or by [purchasing a brick](#) to honor a loved one. Please help us make a difference in our Florida heroes' lives.

The Florida Veterans Walk of Honor will accommodate 25,000 engraved bricks. There are presently 1.5 million veterans residing in the State of Florida. Your engraved brick will be placed on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, the first 25,000 engraved bricks will be the ones placed in the Florida Veterans Walk of Honor at our State Capitol. *On November 12, 2014*, Governor Scott placed the first memorialized engraved brick into the Florida Veterans Walk of Honor. The Veterans Walk of Honor measures 12 feet wide by 500 feet long, and connects both the old and new Capitol buildings, the House and Senate Buildings and the Florida Veterans Memorial. The heart of the Veterans Walk of Honor will consist of engraved bricks which are being offered to veterans, families and friends of veterans. The proceeds from the sale of the engraved bricks will go to the Florida Veterans Foundation, the Direct Support organization to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs to help further



the Foundation's mission to Serve, Support and Advocate for our Florida Veterans. To order your brick to go <http://www.floridaveteransfoundation.org>.

The Florida Veterans Foundation is composed of all volunteers, with the exception of one (1) Executive Assistant to the volunteer Chairman. The majority of the Foundation Directors are retired military disabled veterans who volunteer their time to provide aid and assistance to our Florida Veterans who are less fortunate than themselves. Most of our Directors work more than 48 hours per week on the Foundation's mission.

We urge you to help the Foundation get the word out to all of our brave Veterans and military personnel who have, and still are, putting their lives on the line each and every day to protect our citizens. These brave men and women signed a blank check, up to and including their lives. Many Florida veterans that we assist have debilitating injuries, have PTSD or other service related injuries, with some who are having difficulties re-integrating back into society. It is the Foundation's mission to ensure that none of our Florida Veterans are left behind or forgotten. We need your help.

If our office can answer any questions on the Walk of Honor program, please call (850) 488-4181 or email [ridleyr@fdva.state.fl.us](mailto:ridleyr@fdva.state.fl.us)

### Camp Lejeune: Past Water Contamination

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals.

Learn about [research on past chemical contamination](#).

Disability compensation

VA has established a presumptive service connection for Veterans, Reservists, and National Guard members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune from August 1, 1953 through December 31, 1987 who later developed one of the following eight diseases:

- Adult leukemia
- Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
- Bladder cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease

Presently, these conditions are the only ones for which there is sufficient scientific and medical evidence to support the creation of presumptions; however, VA will

continue to review relevant information as it becomes available.

Read the [final rule](#). (246 KB,PDF)

Veterans who are experiencing other health conditions that they think may be related to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune are encouraged to contact their primary care provider and to file a claim. VA reviews and decides [disability compensation](#) claims on a case-by-case basis.

Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012

### **Veterans' health care**

In accordance with the 2012 Camp Lejeune health care law, VA provides cost-free health care for certain conditions to Veterans who served at least 30 days of active duty at Camp Lejeune from January 1, 1957 and December 31, 1987.

Qualifying health conditions include:

- Esophageal cancer
- Breast cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Renal toxicity
- Female infertility
- Scleroderma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Lung cancer
- Bladder cancer
- Leukemia
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Hepatic steatosis
- Miscarriage
- Neurobehavioral effects

[Veterans eligible for health care](#) under the 2012 Camp Lejeune health care law may enroll in VA health care and receive medical services for the 15 covered health conditions at no cost (including copayments).

Not yet enrolled in VA health care? [Apply online](#) or call 1-877-222-8387 for help. Inform VA staff that you served on active duty at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days during the covered time period.

Family member health care reimbursement

Family members of Veterans who also resided at Camp Lejeune during the qualifying period are eligible for reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical expenses related to the 15 covered health conditions. VA can only pay treatment costs that remain after payment from your other health plans.

[Apply online for reimbursement](#) or call 1-866-372-1144 for help.

What type of evidence can I submit with my application?

- Documentation showing dependent relationship to a Veteran who served at Camp Lejeune, such as marriage license or birth certificate
- Documentation showing you lived on the base for 30 days or more between Aug. 1, 1953 and Dec.

31, 1987 such as copies of orders or base housing records

- You paid health care expenses for a covered condition respective to the following date ranges.
- If you lived on Camp Lejeune between January 1, 1957 and December 31, 1987, then you can be reimbursed for care that you received on or after August 6, 2012
- If you lived on Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1956, then you can be reimbursed for care that you received on or after December 16, 2014

When evidence is not submitted, VA will use all relevant evidence from internal sources and the Department of Defense (DoD) to support your application. Please be aware it may take longer to review your application.

### **VA Might Add More 'Presumptive' Illnesses for Vietnam Vets**

By August this year many more thousands of Vietnam War veterans, those suffering from bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, Parkinson's-like symptoms and even high blood pressure, could learn they will be eligible for VA health benefits and disability compensation. Or perhaps not.

Difficult months of study lie ahead for a working group of senior scientists and health experts that VA Secretary Bob McDonald convened last week, following release of a tenth and final biennial review of evidence of health problems linked to Agent Orange and other herbicide exposures.

Every review in the series, going back two decades, has been conducted, as Congress mandated, by the Institute of Medicine (IOM), a division of the National Academies of Sciences. Its latest review, *Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 2014*, takes into account medical and scientific literature published from Oct. 1, 2012, through Sept. 30, 2014.

The IOM concludes that the research supports changing the strength of association to herbicide exposure for several ailments. For bladder cancer and hypothyroidism, it found "limited or suggestive" evidence of an association, an upgrade from previous "inadequate or insufficient" evidence.

This latest review looked again at scientific literature on cardiovascular conditions and herbicides. The IOM didn't upgrade but it did affirm limited and suggestive evidence that hypertension and stroke may be linked to herbicides. This review also considered whether conditions resulting in Parkinson's-like symptoms, apart from Parkinson's disease itself, should fall into the same limited or suggestive category of evidence. Yes it should, the IOM concluded, finding "no rational basis" for the current exclusion.

For only the second time, the IOM withdrew an earlier finding of that herbicide exposure may have caused an ailment, in this case spina bifida in children born to Vietnam veterans. For 20 years VA has used a preliminary finding of an association to grant children benefits. The IOM says it no longer believes the evidence merits retaining spina bifida in that category.

On March 9, the same day the IOM briefed senior VA officials on its report, McDonald ordered the VA working group convened to review not only the 1100-page IOM report but original studies IOM refers to as well as any peer reviews on ailments and herbicides completed since October 2014, which would be research the IOM had considered in its final review.

Dr. Ralph Loren Erickson, chief consultant of post deployment health services for the Veterans Health Administration, is co-chair of the working group. He said the plan is to review carefully all of the studies and the IOM recommendations and then prepare "a response document" to be distributed "throughout our senior leadership, with suggestions and recommendations for action," before presenting to McDonald for final decisions. "No question when the [IOM] moves something to a higher category you can bet we will look even more closely at those particular diseases," Erickson said. "It certainly is not within my purview to make any statement at this point as to how the secretary will decide. In the past there have been things in this [limited or suggestive evidence] category that have become presumptions, and there are things in this category that have not."

The IOM says "limited or suggestive" means the epidemiological evidence indicates there could be a link between herbicide exposure and increased risk for a health effect. For some ailments, including ischemic heart disease, past VA secretaries use "limited or suggestive evidence" to add diseases to the presumptive list. And yet for others, including hypertension and stroke, that same category hasn't been viewed as enough.

Among provisions of the Agent Orange law Congress allowed to sunset last year was a requirement that the VA secretary take action on IOM recommendations within 60 days. Erickson said the working group hopes to give McDonald what he needs to make decisions on the IOM by late July.

"We feel that if we can move at a pace that gets this all taken care of within about four months, we're be doing well," he said.

It would be far longer before any veterans or survivors see more or higher disability pay, however. VA rulemaking following a decision to add diseases to the presumptive list involve writing and publishing proposed regulations, collecting and reacting to public comments, and then publishing final regulations, a process that could take more than a year with added delay possible from the change in administrations to occur in January.

Whatever decisions McDonald makes on the IOM recommendations will be "rooted in science" and "evidenced based," said Erickson.

But doesn't VA also take account of size of the population impacted? For example, hypertension afflicts two thirds of Americans age 65 and older.

It is true, Erickson said, that Vietnam veterans have moved into their sixties, seventies and eighties and many have chronic diseases of older age.

"Hypertension is one of them," he said. "And so teasing those things out — [to decide] is it related to this veteran's age [or] to their being in Vietnam where they were exposed to Agent Orange — sometimes can be difficult." Does it finally come down to a judgment call?

"Well, a judgment call based on the evidence," Erickson said. "The secretary has made it very clear, certainly to me and to others who work on these types of technical working groups, he wants to know what does the science show? What does the evidence show?"

The final decision will be based on "whether the preponderance of the evidence will support a proposal of the new presumption," Erickson said.

If McDonald does accept IOM recommendations, this review would be the first in six years to result in one or more diseases being added to list of ailments VA presumes are linked to herbicide exposure.

The eligible population would be any veteran who can show they stepped foot in Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975, including on ships in Vietnam's inland waterways, also veterans who served in or near the Korean demilitarized zone any time from April 1, 1968, to Aug 31, 1971.

## **BITS AND PIECES**

Bob, Ruari and I participated in the 2016 Veterans Day Parade with the Vietnam Brotherhood representing Dustoff and the Coalition and were amazed at the turnout; not only the participants, but the crowd lining the streets. For those of you who do not know, this is the second it is the largest Veterans Day parade in the Country. Ruari handed out Candy and Michelle Wakefield handed out American Flags to the children and Veterans along the parade route.

Chris, our only active duty member, has spent another year in Alaska and was home on leave for 3 weeks at Christmas. Ruari did not know that her Daddy was coming home and we were able to surprise her at school in her classroom. No adult in the room had a dry eye !! It was wonderful to see how happy Ruari was to see her Daddy, and of course, she was all smiles. A special thanks to Edgewater Public Elementary School for permitting us to surprise her and for taking part in his

welcome home. It certainly was nice having him home for such a long visit.

Roberta and Bob, Ralph and Jacque Earrusso and Michelle and traveled to Georgia this past September to attend The Ride Home/POW-MIA recognition day in Andersonville and Americus. We had the opportunity to partake in all the events The Ride Home offered to the former POWs and MIA families and met some extraordinary people. The townspeople of Andersonville, Americus and nearby Plains were extremely friendly and very accommodating. The Museum at Andersonville, which is a National Park and Cemetery, is a former POW camp from the Civil War... it was amazing. The Museum had displays and information on POWs from the Civil War to current day. The former camp and Cemetery holds the remains of 13,000 Union POWs that perished in the 14 month period that the camp was opened and they are still performing burials there today. We also had the opportunity to present medallions and pins to former POWs or MIA families...Bert and I both presented to World War II POWs, Michelle I believe was WWII or Korean POW and I believe Ralph presented to an MIA family member that actually recognized Ralph from the Reunion. We had the unique opportunity to meet some of the crew from the USS Pueblo and also met the Master Chief of Seal Team 6 that took down Bin Laden. If you ever have the opportunity to attend, I recommend it. It is my understanding though that they will be obtaining hotels in Warner-Robbins as they somewhat have outgrown what is available in Americus.

If you need to express yourself, or have something worth sharing, please e-mail Roberta at Hdwizrd8@aol.com, or call me at 386-424-1989.

## **THE DUSTOFF PRAYER**

Penned by Chaplin Connie Walker

Kind and Merciful Heavenly Father, thank You for "calling" and "sending" DUSTOFF Teams on missions of mercy, under the most hostile conditions, in a deeply Dedicated and Unhesitating Service To Our Fighting Forces of all ages and ranks. Lord, history has us standing on the shoulders of the faithful and courageous DUSTOFF Teams who have gone before. Bless them forever. We follow their stalwart leadership steps. Lord, may each of us hear afresh Your Summons, "Follow Me." Heroic cries like "When I have your wounded..." captivate and ring in our ears, hearts and prayers, even today as we fly on missions of mercy to Life for Life and Hope. Heavenly Father, we trust in Your saving and sustaining Grace, now and forever. In the Name of our Great God, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen!

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## **FLORIDA DUSTOFF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ LIFETIME \_\_\_\_\_ ANNUAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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ATTACHMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

If Dustoff and/or Medevac what capacity did you serve? Pilot \_\_\_ Crew Chief \_\_\_ Medic \_\_\_ Maintenance \_\_\_  
Supply \_\_\_ Door Gunner \_\_\_ Flight Ops \_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_ Commo \_\_\_ Cook \_\_\_ (check one or more)

***If this is a renewal is this a change of address/information ? \_\_\_\_\_***

\_\_\_\_\_ I know a former Dustoff/Medic/Corpsman/Pilot/Nurse or other potential member and have listed their name, address and telephone number below.

Enclosed is \$20.00, my membership dues for one year ( ) initial

Enclosed is my Lifetime membership dues as follows Age 55 and Below \$100.00 ( ) Age 56-75 \$75.00 ( ) Age 76 and above \$50.00 ( )

Mail application and payment to: Florida Dustoff Association  
c/o Roberta Neitzel  
2304 Woodland Drive  
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***Checks should be made payable to Florida Dustoff Association  
Please make sure to include a copy of your DD-214***