

Bits and Pieces #14 A

This is from the Ancient City Chapter of MOA, based out of St. Augustine. President LTC Ronald Birchall USA, Ret editor CAPT Charles Stratmann USN, Ret.

Here's something that the Ancient City Chapter did when they noticed that the military's part in the history of St. Augustine was not being emphasized enough in the city's 450th birthday celebration. Instead of complaining to the city, they worked together with the city and the local Veterans Council to put the military into the limelight: _____

The Ancient City Chapter noticed that when the city began planning for its 450th celebration (it's the oldest city in Florida), there was not much effort to recognize the military history of the city. [The whole city started as a fort, for Pete's sake, and the soldiers of that fort and the Fort Mose militia fought in the Revolutionary, Seminole, and Civil Wars and kept up the city's protection all the way to the modern day National Guard. What a chunk of history to neglect! (My thoughts)]

So The Ancient City Chapter of MOA formed the St. Augustine 450th Military Commemoration Committee (Past Chapter President Ron Radford, Chairman) and contacted the St. Johns County Veterans Council to work with them to aid the city in their planning of the big birthday event, to ensure that the role of the military in the 4 and a half century history of St. Augustine will be recognized. They made a 100 minute video of the city's founding and history, showing the military contribution through the years. It is already being shown now and can be used long after the celebration as well. If you went to the 2012 Convention, you might have seen it; outstanding!!

Look around you and see if your city is planning an event that you could help with (bringing the military to the forefront) and also see if your chapter can work with other local military organizations. Everybody wins! P.S. – my apologies. I wasn't able to just copy and paste the info from the chapter newsletter so I had to paraphrase it in my own words. Dottie

Bits and Pieces is a collection of odd bits and pieces of news that I glean from chapter newsletters. The idea is to pass those items along to other chapters if we think someone else might be able to use them. If we trade our useful bits and pieces around, we can all get better and stronger. If you have something your chapter has done that you think others might be able to use, please contact me at dccalusa@comcast.net or (239) 542-5627 and I'll pass it along.

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Riding in a Tuk-tuk in Cambodia with a very bad driver.