

**Vietnam Veterans of America
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Activity Report
November 2016 – Present (February 24, 2017)

The continues its support of the Jacobsen State Nursing Home by providing comfort and games for the patients.

At Christmas, we gave the veterans of Sterling House (Brookdale) Assisted Living Center gifts for the eight veterans that reside there. A member's mother was an inpatient before her death and we adopted the organization for presents for their veterans.

For the past six years, our Chapter has presented a program to the L.A Ainger Middle School. The students were given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the Vietnam War. Our organization felt that it would be nice to sponsor a field trip for the students to the new Southwest Florida Vietnam Memorial Wall and the Charlotte School District has now instituted a program for eighth grade students to go to the Wall to learn its history and significance.

The Southwest Florida Vietnam Memorial Wall was dedicated in the city of Punta Gorda. There were three thousand residents in attendance.

The Chapter continues its outreach program by manning an information booth at the Punta Gorda Farmer's Market. This works a great recruiting tool. We also give veterans starts cut from the field of discarded US Flags as a token remembrance.

We hosted a Chapter Christmas Dinner for the members to enjoy.

Our membership seems a little stagnant because we have had a few deaths recently, but we will continue to grow.