

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Salem, Becton, Morgan, Ferraro, Bowman, Diamond, Cumber,  
3 DeFoor, Dennis & Priestly Jackson:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2021-894-A**

7 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING VETS 4 VETS OF NORTHEAST  
8 FLORIDA FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE NORTHEAST  
9 FLORIDA VETERAN COMMUNITY; PROVIDING AN  
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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12 **WHEREAS**, Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Florida was started in 2013  
13 by the Semper Fidelis Society, founder Robert P. Adelhelm, Lt. Col.  
14 USMC, and Anthony D'Aleo, Vietnam Veterans #1046 Chapter, with about  
15 15 Veterans, a box of donuts and coffee at the Five STAR Veterans  
16 Center; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in January 2015, Vets 4 Vets-Semper Fidelis Society  
18 negotiated to hold gatherings in the meeting rooms of the VyStar  
19 Veterans Memorial Arena. By 2017, the group grew to the point where  
20 they started congregating on the arena floor; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Vets 4 Vets is a movement created, managed, and funded  
22 by the Semper Fidelis Society in order to unite Veterans in NE Florida  
23 in the spirit of Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful, and a key part of  
24 their mission is to bring all Veterans together as one strong team;  
25 and

26 **WHEREAS**, Vets 4 Vets aims to inform Veterans about relevant  
27 policy changes, resources, and issues that they face as a collective  
28 group; it does so by (i) connecting Veterans with organizations that  
29 assist today's Veterans during times of need and seeks to build a  
30 better future for tomorrow's Veterans; (ii) unites Veterans with one  
31 another in an effort to build strong relationships and networks within

1 our community; and (iii) organizes the voice of Veterans so they may  
2 be heard within our Community, our State, and our Country; now  
3 therefore

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

5 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends Vets 4  
6 Vets of Northeast Florida for their service to our community, and for  
7 providing a venue for Veterans to gather to share in camaraderie  
8 while providing continued advocacy so that all Veterans are  
9 appropriately recognized for their service.

10 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16  /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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