

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-894**

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

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

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

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

1 therefore

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

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

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

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12 Form Approved:

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14           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

15 Office of General Counsel

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