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### **STATE SEEKS NAME FOR NEW VETERANS' HOME IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

*~ The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs invites public input for naming its newest home. ~*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs is accepting nominations for the name of the newest State Veterans' Nursing Home to be built in St. Johns County, Fla. A nominee must be:

- A deceased Medal of Honor recipient (Visit the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Web site at [www.cmohs.org](http://www.cmohs.org).)
- Accredited to the state of Florida (Preference will be given to nominees from Northeast Florida.)
- Honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces

The department Executive Director will select a nominee and present it to the Florida Cabinet for approval. All nominations should be submitted in writing by April 15, 2008, and should be mailed to:

Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Attn: Public Relations  
4040 Esplanade Way, Suite 152  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0950

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs plans to break ground this June and anticipates the home to open for occupancy in December 2009. The new home will be a 120-bed, state-of-the-art facility where residents receive skilled-nursing care. Its location will be at 4650 state Route 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092.

The Department of Defense accredits Medal of Honor recipients and traditionally selects the city and state where the servicemember entered the service.

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs is a state agency responsible for assisting, without charge to the claimant, Florida's veterans, their families and survivors in improving their health and economic well-being through quality benefit information, advocacy, education and long-term health services. The department operates five veterans' nursing homes and one assisted living facility through the State Veterans' Homes Program.

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