About FDVA

Watching over and advocating for Florida’s more than 1.5 million veterans are the men and women of the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs. The cabinet agency is responsible for assisting, without charge, Florida’s veterans, their families and survivors in improving their health and economic well-being through quality benefit information, advocacy, and education.

FDVA’s two primary program areas include Benefits and Assistance with staff conducting outreach throughout the state to help veterans connect with their earned benefits and services. Its second primary program is operating the Homes Program running six skilled nursing facilities and one assisted living facility.

Our Locations

Panama City
Lake City
St. Augustine
Daytona Beach
Land O’ Lakes
Port Charlotte
Pembroke Pines

“At the Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans’ Nursing Home, it is an honor and privilege to serve our residents. Our staff’s enthusiasm for our residents and family members is what makes our nursing home a success.”

Amelia Cowan
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Who We Are

The Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans’ Nursing Home in St. Augustine (St. Johns County) is a modern, state-of-the-art 120-bed facility providing skilled nursing care and the highest quality of life and medical care to its veteran residents.

Opened in 2010, this is the first nursing home in Florida to be a LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) ‘green’ facility. The Lassen facility also is a tobacco-free campus and can accommodate 60 residents with dementia/Alzheimer’s disease.

Operated and maintained by the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs, the home is licensed by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and inspected annually by AHCA and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It is a five-star rated nursing home by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Each of the facility’s wings has a nursing station staffed 24 hours by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants.

A full complement of physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy staff is maintained at the home.

Lieutenant Clyde E. Lassen

Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans’ Nursing Home is named after Lieutenant Clyde E. Lassen, a Naval aviator who was presented the Medal of Honor on January 16, 1969. Lieutenant Lassen, a native of Fort Myers, was the first naval aviator to be awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery in Vietnam.

Admission

Basic admission requirements include an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces, Florida residency at the time of application, and a medical review and certification of need of skilled nursing care as determined by a physician. For additional information, call (904) 940-2193.

Job Vacancy Announcements

To view a current listing of staff vacancies at the nursing home, log onto People First at peoplefirst.myflorida.com. A State of Florida application is required. Apply online!

What We Offer

Our home offers 72 private and 48 semi-private rooms. Each of our six houses has accommodations for 20 veterans. Each house has central dining and recreation areas, which are bordered by resident rooms. A porch and small outdoor fenced patio is also available to the residents for each house. This design encourages socialization in dining and activities for both residents and their loved ones who visit. As residents age in place, there may be a need for rehabilitation, which is carried out in a well-equipped rehabilitation area by our therapy team.

- Spacious private or semi-private rooms
- Cable television in every room
- Daily housekeeping and laundry services
- Restaurant-style dining
- U.S. Postal Service box and daily delivery
- Extensive in-house library
- Complete in-house pharmacy service
- Barber and beautician services
- Daily activities and field trips
- Small in-house banking service available

Supporting the Home

Your purchase of the Florida Salutes Veterans or one of the approved Army, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard license plates helps people who need it most, when they need it most.

The $15 surcharge is placed into a trust fund for the operation and maintenance of State Veterans’ Homes in Florida. A portion of the Marine Corps and Support Our Troops license plates also supports the State Veterans’ Homes Program.