

## About FDVA

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) is a constitutionally chartered State Veterans' Affairs department responsible for serving the nation's third largest veteran population. Operating as the premier point of entry for Florida's 1.5 million veterans, FDVA operates a network of nine state Veterans' homes and provides statewide outreach to connect veterans with their earned services, benefits and support. The agency's Veterans' claims examiners play a major role in the direct infusion of more than \$23.9 billion annually for veterans into Florida's economy through federal compensation, education and pension benefits, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' medical services and military retired pay.

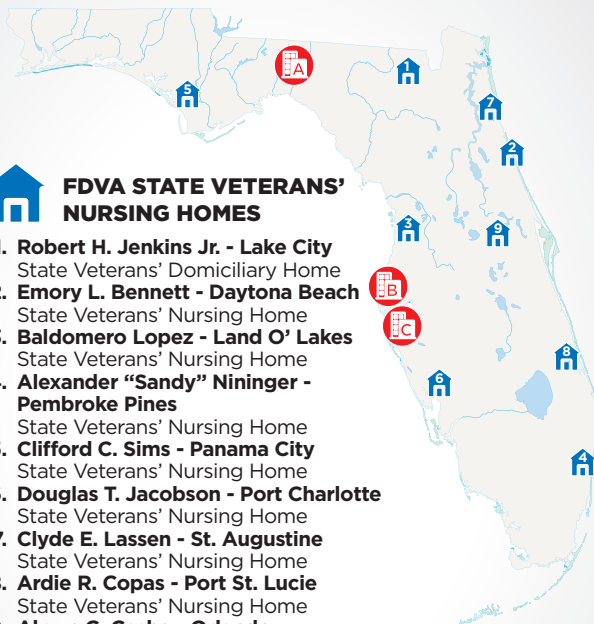


*We take great joy in the relationship between our close-knit staff and the residents they lovingly serve at each of our veterans' homes – everyone valuing healthy life practices and supporting one another. We make sure every Veteran who comes into our facility is well taken care of and feels like they are a part of our family.*



**Ardie R. Copas**  
**State Veterans' Nursing Home**  
Port St. Lucie, Florida

## Our Locations



### FDVA STATE VETERANS' NURSING HOMES

1. **Robert H. Jenkins Jr. - Lake City**  
State Veterans' Domiciliary Home
2. **Emory L. Bennett - Daytona Beach**  
State Veterans' Nursing Home
3. **Baldomero Lopez - Land O' Lakes**  
State Veterans' Nursing Home
4. **Alexander "Sandy" Nininger - Pembroke Pines**  
State Veterans' Nursing Home
5. **Clifford C. Sims - Panama City**  
State Veterans' Nursing Home
6. **Douglas T. Jacobson - Port Charlotte**  
State Veterans' Nursing Home
7. **Clyde E. Lassen - St. Augustine**  
State Veterans' Nursing Home
8. **Ardie R. Copas - Port St. Lucie**  
State Veterans' Nursing Home
9. **Alwyn C. Cashe - Orlando**  
State Veterans' Nursing Home



### FDVA OFFICES

- A. FDVA Tallahassee Office - Capitol
- B. FDVA Headquarters & Executive Offices - Largo
- C. FDVA Benefits & Assistance Division - Bay Pines

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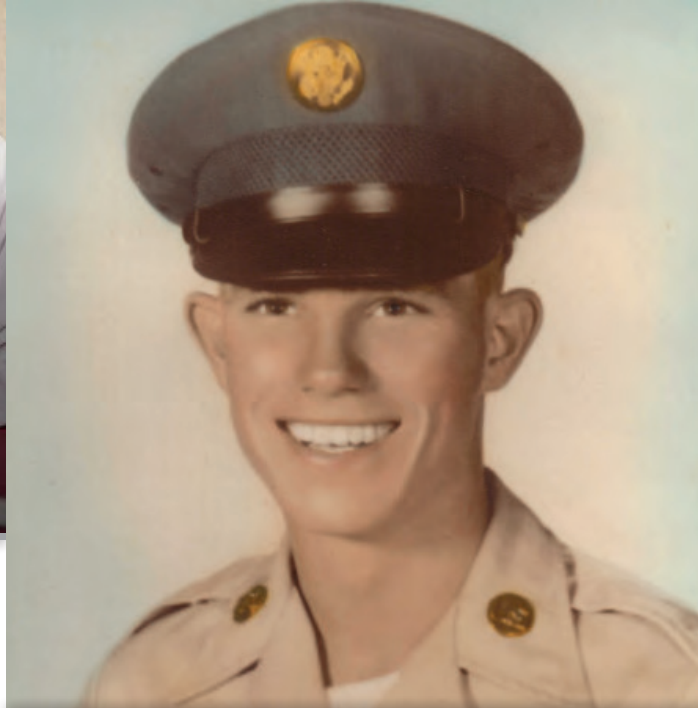


## Who We Are

The Ardie R. Copas State Veterans' Nursing Home in Port St. Lucie is a 120-bed facility which accommodates all residents, including specialized care for those with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

This state-of-the-art facility is intended to reflect a small house design with six 20-bed houses. Each house has its own home kitchen, living room and quiet room. This will provide a nurturing and secure environment and offer support to veterans who require long-term care due to chronic health conditions or injuries.

Services include medication management, various therapies and meal preparation. The facility will heighten each resident's stay by providing a number of entertainment and recreational options. The main building has a community center with a Hero Center and provide activities that include board game competitions, scheduled excursions and community events, making Copas a friendly environment for spending time with other residents, family and friends.



### Medal of Honor recipient Ardie R. Copas

The Ardie R. Copas State Veterans' Nursing Home is named in recognition of Sergeant Ardie R. Copas who distinguished himself on May 12, 1970, while serving as a machine-gunner near Ph Romeas Hek, Cambodia. When his convoy was ambushed, Copas repelled the enemy under heavy fire, holding his post while his wounded comrades were evacuated. Copas was killed in action.

## 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 (772) 241-6132.

## What We Offer

- 120 beds, with both private and semi-private rooms
- HandiCare Lifts in every room
- Cable television in every room
- Daily housekeeping and laundry services
- Family style dining
- U.S. Postal Service daily delivery
- Complete in-house pharmacy service
- Barber and beautician services
- Daily activities and field trips
- Specialized wound care
- Hospice services

## Supporting the Home

Under the IRS tax code, monetary donations to specific state veterans' homes are tax deductible. Per Florida Statutes, all such donations are to be used for the benefit of the home and its residents. You may also support the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund by making a \$1 contribution when renewing your Driver License. License plates honoring the individual Armed Services and certain veteran-related plates are available to the general public. The additional surcharge on these plates goes into a trust fund for the operation and maintenance of our state Veterans' homes. Thank you for your support.

## Job Vacancy Announcements

FDVA strives to provide competitive wages and benefits to all our valued team members. Come join an agency where we advocate with purpose and passion for our state's veterans, their families and survivors. To view a current listing of job vacancies, log onto People First at [peoplefirst.myflorida.com](http://peoplefirst.myflorida.com).