

# People Memorialized in SANC

St. Augustine National Cemetery

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# Tour Stops

Begin at Flagstaff

- 1-Leadlay H Ogden
- 2-Michael Longardt
- 3-Phillip L. Brinson
- 4-John C Buckhalt
- 5-William Thomas Jr.
- 6-Francis Alan Ford
- 7-John W Larner Jr.
- 8-Dade Pyramids
- 9-Russell B Palmes Jr
- 10-Wrap Up



# History of Wars

- Second Seminole War (1835-1842)
  - Conflict between the US & Seminole tribe in Florida, primarily over attempts by the U.S govt to relocate them to a territory West of the Mississippi River.
- World War I (1914-1918)
  - Conflict between Allied and Central Powers. Tipping point included the rise of Germany and decline of the Ottoman Empire (now Turkey). Was initiated due to the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austro-Hungary.
- World War II (1939-1945)
  - Conflict between Allied and Axis Powers. Started with the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939.

## Brief History of Wars

### Korea (1950-1953)

-First major conflict of the Cold War, beginning when North Korea invaded South Korea. The war ended in a stalemate after three years of fighting. The border of the two countries still remains.

### Vietnam (1955-1975)

- War stemmed from a long conflict in Southeast Asia that eventually involved the allies of both North Vietnam and South Vietnam against one another. This war started due to influences of the Cold War and decolonization, and lasted for 20 years as a costly “conflict” for the United States.

# What is a Cenotaph?

**Cenotaph is an empty tomb or monument that honors a person or a group of people, who are buried elsewhere.**

# Leadlay Henning Ogden MA 1F (Stop 1)

- March 12 1918
- Colonel Ogden served in several major conflicts, including WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.
- Starting in WWII, served in England, Germany, and France focussing on bomb disposal work.
- Korean War he was recalled to lead within the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Division at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

# Leadlay Henning Ogden MA 1F (Stop 1)



- He served as General of the U.S Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama, overseeing development of missile systems.
- Post wars he served in the Inspector General's Office at the Army Ordnance Missile Command and was part of the Nuclear Weapons Surety Group ensuring the safety of the nations Nuclear Arsenal.
- Ogden passed away at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren.

# Michael George Longhardt MA 10 (Stop 2)

- Born 4/10/46
- Died 12/25/85
- Retired Pilot Commander in the United States Navy
- Immigrated to US 1953 & Became US Citizen 1959
- Married wife Nancy in June 1968
- Graduated Naval Academy 1968
- Pilot during war time, but was not in a conflict





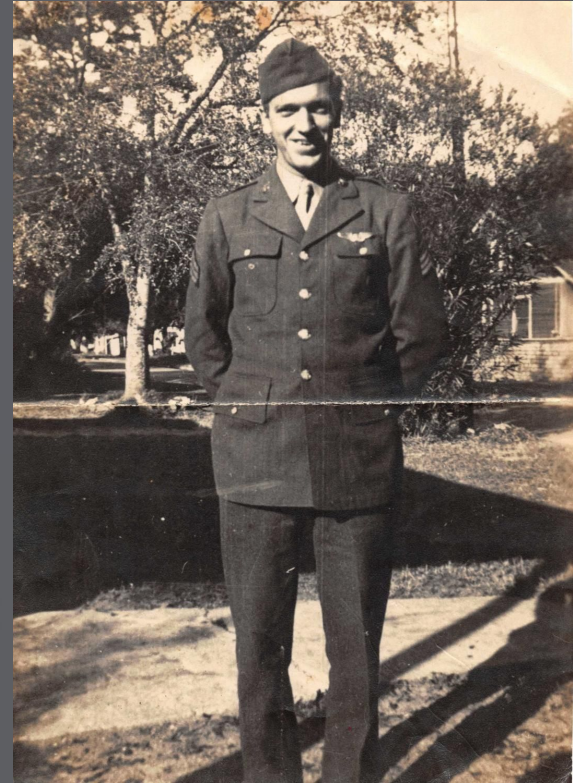
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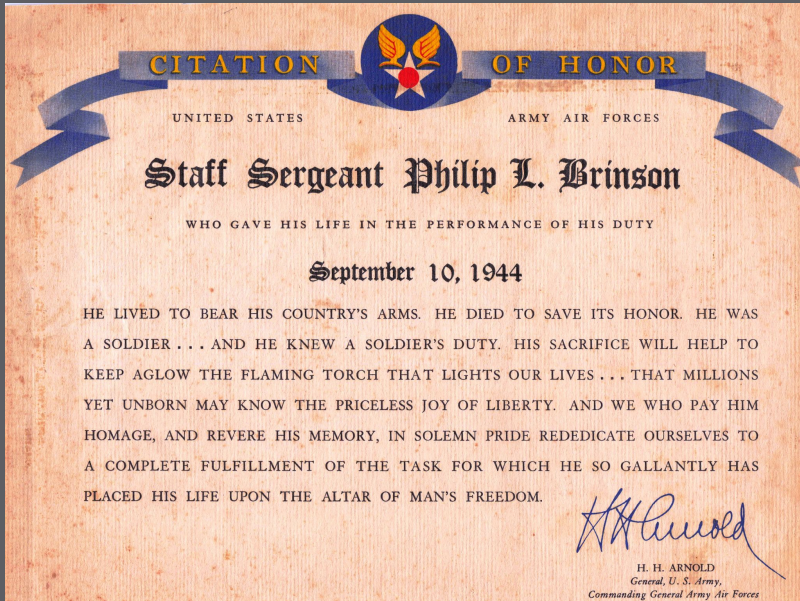
Michael Longardt 1953 Manifest in New York, when he came to the United States from Germany

# Phillip Lester Brinson MA 3 (Stop 3)

- Borne November 16, 1916 in Mayport Florida.
- Enlisted in the Air Forces on March 4 1941.
- Served as a tail gunner in the 476th Squadron of the Army Air Forces.
- On September 10, 1944 Brinson's B-26 Bomber was hit by flak over Boulogne, France. The aircraft crashed into the English Channel.
- He was initially MIA, but was later declared as dead, his body never being recovered.
- Awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, presented to sister.



# Phillip Lester Brinson MA 3 (Stop 3)



# John Carmen Buckhalt MA5 (Stop 4)

- March 23 1923
- August 19 1942
- Enlisted into the Marines in 1942 to fight in World War II.
- Served with Able Company, First Battalion, 1st Marines, where he was very popular with his platoon mates.
- Killed in Action near Papanggu Village, Guadalcanal on August 19 1942 due to fatal injuries to his arm and head.
- His remains were never recovered.



# William Arthur Thomas Jr. MA 6 (Stop 5)

- Born 1/23/40
- Died 4/21/72
- Captain of the US Air Force in the Vietnam War
- Member of Headquarters Squadron, 18TH Tactical Fighter Wing, 13TH Air Force
- He was a Pilot on a Tactical Aircraft
- Married
- Body recovered after his aircraft crashed at sea
- On Vietnam Memorial DC Panel/Line 4W/131
- Years of service 1962-1972



# William Arthur Thomas Jr. MA 6 (Stop 5)



Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC

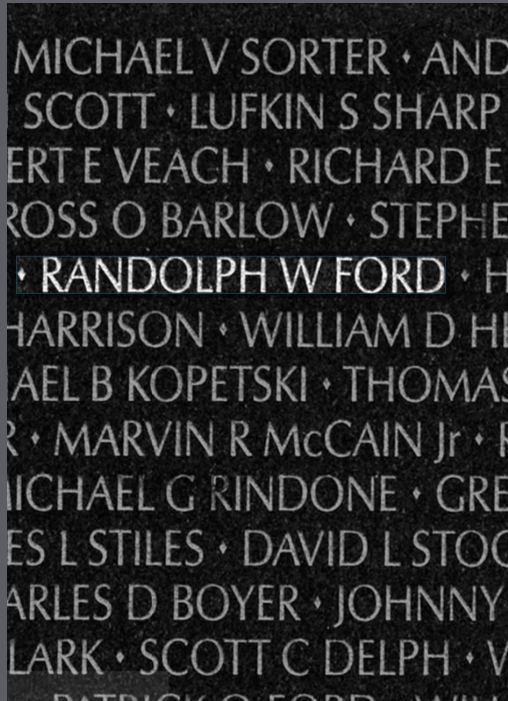
# Francis Alan Ford MA 9 (Stop 6)

- Born 1/28/1898
- Died 1/27/80
- Graduate of the US Naval Academy
- Retired Lieutenant from the US Navy & Veteran of WWI
- He was a Atlantic Fleet Commander & Gunnery officer on a aircraft tender
- He married Wife Marian in 1934
- Had a son, Randolph, who was a POW after plane crash in Vietnam in 1968. Had two daughters Gwendolyn and Charlotte and eight grandchildren
- Became Dean of Faculty-Northwestern Military & Naval Academy in Wisconsin
- Wrote a Book "Know your Navy"



Francis Ford headstone  
St. Augustine National  
Cemetery

# Francis Alan Ford MA 9 (Stop 6)



Randolph Ford Vietnam  
Memorial DC



Randolph Ford Inscription on  
headstone St. Augustine  
National Cemetery



# John William Larner Jr. B 694 (Stop 7)

- John was born September 8, 1927 and died January 10, 2002
- Son of John William Larner and Emilie Susan Brambach
- John was a teenager when World War II began and left high school at 16 to work.
- He was an aircraft assembler when he was drafted, entering the Army at the age of 18.
- John was a military policeman (PFC) and served in Company C, 793rd Military Police Battalion, 3rd Army, with the Occupation Forces after World War II
- He traveled to Germany aboard the *S.S. Marine Perch*, and arrived at Bremerhaven on 29 May 1946 and rode in railroad boxcars south to Nuremberg.
- He was stationed at the War Crimes Prison and the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg during the last six months of the trials.



# John William Larner Jr. B 694 (Stop 7)



John on a troop ship returning to the U.S.

# Dade Pyramids Southern End (Stop 8)

- The Florida Indian Wars began with the murder of an Indian agent at Fort King on December 25, 1835.
- While enroute from Ft Brooke (Tampa) to Ft King (Ocala) 106 officers & men under command of Major Francis L. Dade, were ambushed by hostile Indians on December 29, 1835.
- All but two men were killed in the attack.
- Remains of Major Dade and those who perished with him are interred beneath these pyramids.



Major Dade Monument Story  
at St. Augustine National  
Cemetery

# Dade Pyramids Southern End (Stop 8)



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# Russell Bagby Palmes Jr. D 94 (Stop 9)

- Born September 19, 1916 in Tyrone New Mexico to Russell Bagby Senior and Golda Anne Palmes.
- Enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve and served as Chief Storekeeper aboard the USS Frederick C. Davis, a destroyer escort involved in anti-submarine warfare.
- Frederick C Davis was a highly important to WWII. Primarily responsible for conducting anti submarine patrols in North Atlantic.
- On April 24th, 1945 it was struck by a torpedo from German Submarine U-546, causing a massive explosion and sinking quickly.



# Russell Bagby Palmes Jr. D 94 (Stop 9)



- Attack resulted in the loss of 126 crew members, Palmes being one of the crew members lost.
- One of the final Naval engagements in WWII, weeks before Germany's surrender in May of 1945.

# The Mother of Palmes

Russell Palmes' mother, Mrs. Russell B. Palmes (Golda), was recognized as a Gold Star Mother and was honored (as the President of Gold Star Mothers) to flip the illumination switch at the flag ceremony in Saint Augustine Florida.

A Gold Star Mother has lost a son or daughter in military service. This flag illumination took place in 1975, to honor deceased war veterans.

Starting Aug 26th of that year, the flag was illuminated constantly. Only 10 cemeteries across the country were selected for this honor, and Mrs. Palmes was able to illuminate this flag to honor her sons.



# Wrap Up



**Penny**-You visited the grave

**Nickel**-You went to basic Training with Veteran

**Dime**-You served together

**Quarter**-You were there when they died

- Return to the Flagpole

- Discuss the tradition of leaving coins on Veterans graves

- Pass out pennies & allow students time to put a coin on a grave