



Good Morning!

This past week Governor Ron DeSantis selected three inductees into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. I am proud to announce that the late Alma Lee Loy was among those selected, alongside Alice Scott Abbott, and Ethel Thelma Waters.

The Florida Women's Hall of Fame was created by Florida Statute in 1982 to honor women who, through their lives and efforts, have made significant contributions to the improvement of life for women and all Florida citizens. They are pioneers who have broken down barriers, created new opportunities, and championed issues to better Florida and its people. These women will now be immortalized on an honorary wall in the halls of the Florida Capitol.



The "First Lady of Vero Beach" Alma Lee Loy is certainly very deserving of this honor as she was both a trailblazer and a dedicated public servant that worked to strengthen our community and our state. She was a great friend, mentor and community leader and while I miss her greatly, her legacy is cemented in our community.

I consider it a great honor to represent all the citizens and visitors of District 17. Please share [this link](#) with friends and family so that they too can sign up for the [Mayfield Minute](#). If you or someone you know needs my assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I are here to serve you!

Florida Senate Committee Leadership

President Wilton Simpson announced the following Florida Senate Committee Leadership positions this past week:

- **Rules:** Chair Kathleen Passidomo, Vice Chair Ileana Garcia,
- **Appropriations:** Chair Kelli Stargel, Vice Chair Aaron Bean
 - **Agriculture, Environment & General Government Appropriations:** Chair Ben Albritton, Vice Chair Ray Rodrigues
 - **Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations:** Chair Keith Perry, Vice Chair Jeff Brandes
 - **Education Appropriations:** Chair Doug Broxson, Vice Chair Manny Diaz
 - **Health and Human Services Appropriations:** Chair Aaron Bean, Vice Chair Ana Maria Rodriguez
 - **Transportation, Tourism & Economic Development Appropriations:** Chair George Gainer, Vice Chair Ed Hooper

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- **Military & Veterans Affairs, Space & Domestic Security:** Chair Tom Wright, Vice Chair Gayle Harrell
- **Regulated Industries:** Chair Travis Hutson, Vice Chair Lauren Book
- **Transportation:** Chair Gayle Harrell, Vice Chair Keith Perry
- **Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness & Response:** Chair Danny Burgess, Vice Chair Randolph Bracy

This year I have the honor of serving as the Florida Senate Majority Leader, and I am looking forward to working with my colleagues to support the needs of all Floridians.

Space Coast is Finalist for US Space Command HQ

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) recently received confirmation from the U.S. Department of the Air Force (USAF) that Brevard County's bid to host the new U.S. Space Command Headquarters will advance to the final round. The USAF received nominations from 26 states and narrowed the candidates down to six communities.

The EDC led the response to the USAF request for extensive information about the community's ability to host the joint combatant command, working closely with Space Florida, the 45th Space Wing, Brevard County and other strategic partners.

"Florida's Space Coast is the 21st-Century answer for what will give our nation and warfighters the edge on this 21st-Century battlefield," said EDC President and CEO, Lynda L. Weatherman. *"Our unmatched quantity and quality of defense, civil and commercial space assets and expertise offer U.S. Space Command the agility, innovation and boldness needed to project spacepower."*

"Florida's defense and aerospace ecosystem provide unique opportunities that would benefit USSPACECOM," said Frank DiBello, President and CEO of Space Florida, *"and I am pleased that the U.S. Air Force has identified that capability with Brevard County's selection in the down-select process for its headquarters. Space Florida applauds today's announcement and looks forward to working with the State of Florida, the Air Force and our local partners in continuing this effort."*

During the next phase, the USAF will be conducting both virtual and in person visits with candidate locations and anticipate a decision in early 2021.

District 17 Highlights

Brevard County Legislative Delegation Meeting

The Brevard County Legislative Delegation Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Due to concerns stemming from COVID, this year's meeting will be held virtually.

The Chairman of the Delegation this year is Representative Plasencia. The remainder of the Delegation members include myself, Senator Tom Wright, Representative Tyler Sioris, Representative Randy Fine and Representative Thad Altman. We will be meeting in preparation for the 2021 Legislative Session, which will begin on March 2, 2021. The primary purpose of this meeting is to allow government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and local citizens to address the Delegation and present their legislative priorities for the upcoming session.

If you are interested in attending the Delegation meeting the Chairman requests that you fill out a registration form, which can be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/RepRenePlasencia/BrevardDelegation>.

This link also provides information should you wish to provide the Delegation with handouts or should you wish you to speak at the meeting. The link to join the meeting will be sent out 72 hours prior to the delegation meeting to those who have registered online. For more information please contact Steven Thompson at (321) 383-515 or email Steven.Thompson@myfloridahouse.gov.

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is an event held across the country on December 19th that is dedicated to honoring and remembering our veterans through the laying of wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Each and every veteran name is also said aloud during the procession.

As with most events, this year's ceremonies will look a little different due to COVID-19 restrictions. At the time of this publication, participating Brevard Cemeteries will not be open to the public, while Indian River County Cemeteries that are participating will. See participating locations below:

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery
5525 US 1, Mims
(Closed to the public)

Shady Oaks Cemetery
2665 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne
(Closed to the public)

Veterans Memorial Island at Noon
3001 Riverside Dr, Vero Beach
(Open to the public)

Crestlawn Cemetery at 10:00 AM
1216 14th St, Vero Beach
(Open to the public)

Sebastian Municipal Cemetery at 10:30 AM
1921 N Central Ave, Sebastian
(Open to the public)

Thank you to all of the volunteers that coordinate and participate in these special ceremonies to remember the courage and commitment of our service members. For more

information on how to get involved, or to sponsor a wreath, visit WreathsAcrossAmerica.org.

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