



## Club Meeting

South Jacksonville Meets at Southside Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall Buffet Lunch begins at 12:00 PM  
1435 Atlantic Blvd  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM

## Events

March 16th  
[Melissa Nelson](#)

March 23rd  
[Melissa Ross](#)

March 30th  
[Dr. Albert Loh](#)

April 6th  
[Dr. Lauri Wright](#)

No story selected for story\_1

## Birthdays



[Dinkins Grange](#)  
March 29th



PP [Barry W. Covington](#)  
April 2nd



[Tamara Baker](#)  
April 9th

## Club Anniversaries

## Years of Service



PP & PDG [Mike H. Darragh](#)  
02-25-1992

## Weekly Speaker

By Mike Shewey on Friday, March 12, 2021



In 2016, the citizens of Clay, Duval and Nassau counties overwhelmingly elected Melissa Nelson as the State Attorney for Florida's Fourth Judicial Circuit. She pledged to bring her tough but fair approach to the office, while working to restore the public's faith in the justice system.

Driven by the goal of deterring those that drive crime in Northeast Florida, Nelson established the Targeted Prosecution Division and tasked it with aggressively prosecuting the most dangerous drivers of violence.

Nelson also championed building the Crime Gun Intelligence Center, which leverages technology and interagency collaboration to improve collection, management, and analysis of gun crime evidence. It has been called a game-changer for law enforcement. She also led an effort to reinvent the way law enforcement and prosecutors use ballistics technology as an investigative lead generator. These efforts aim to make our communities safer.

Nelson is committed to the pursuit of justice for all. Nelson established Florida's first legislatively funded Conviction Integrity Review Unit and has demonstrated a commitment to pursuing intervention strategies focused on preventing youthful offenders from falling into a life of crime. To do this, she formed the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee to identify and implement results-driven strategies to reduce juvenile recidivism.

Nelson started her career as an Assistant State Attorney in 1997, a role in which she spent 12 years prosecuting cases ranging from misdemeanors to capital homicides.

Recently, Nelson was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Statewide Task Force on Opioid Drug Abuse. She also serves on the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco, and Explosives National Gun Crime Intelligence Governing Board and the Florida Cold Case Advisory Commission.

A native Floridian, Nelson earned both her undergraduate and law degrees with honors from the University of Florida. She and her husband, Jason, live in Jacksonville with their three children.

## Oratory Finals

By Mike Shewey on Friday, March 12, 2021

Oratory champion, Fapianey Alexandre from The Bolles School. Members of the US Army, sponsors of the event, presented the winner with her scholarship letter. Congratulations!



30 Years  
[Tyrie W. Boyer](#)  
02-06-2001  
21 Years



[Les Loggins III](#)  
02-20-2001  
21 Years



PP [Dan K. Robie](#)  
02-01-2011  
11 Years



[Ryan Maloney](#)  
02-07-2013  
9 Years



[Richard L. Miller](#)  
02-06-2018  
4 Years



## Wedding Anniversaries



[Steve F. Madden](#)  
March 13th



[Tom Ranney Jr.](#)  
March 18th



PP & PDG [Mike H. Darragh](#)  
March 21st



[Jorge F. Morales](#)  
March 21st



[Lisamarie Winslow](#)  
March 22nd



[Rick Morales III](#)  
March 24th



[John L. Cumbow](#)  
March 25th



[Meredith L. Porter](#)  
March 28th

## This Week in History

By Mike Shewey on Friday, March 12, 2021

March 16th, 1802 - US Military Academy Established

The United States Military Academy ♦ the first military school in the United States ♦ is founded by Congress for the purpose of educating and training young men in the theory and practice of military science. Located at West Point, New York, the U.S. Military Academy is often simply known as West Point.

Located on the high west bank of New York ♦ s Hudson River, West Point was the site of a Revolutionary-era fort built to protect the Hudson River Valley from British attack. In 1780, Patriot General Benedict Arnold, the commander of the fort, agreed to surrender West Point to the British in exchange for 6,000 pounds. However, the plot was uncovered before it fell into British hands, and Arnold fled to the British for protection.

Ten years after the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy in 1802, the growing threat of another war with Great Britain resulted in congressional action to expand the academy ♦ s facilities and increase the West Point corps. Beginning in 1817, the U.S. Military Academy was reorganized by superintendent Sylvanus Thayer ♦ later known as the ♦ father of West Point ♦ ♦ and the school became one of the nation ♦ s finest sources of civil engineers. During the Mexican-American War, West Point graduates filled the leading ranks of the victorious U.S. forces, and with the outbreak of the Civil War former West Point classmates regretfully lined up against one another in the defense of their native states.

In 1870, the first African-American cadet was admitted into the U.S. Military Academy, and in 1976, the first female cadets. The academy is now under the general direction and supervision of the department of the U.S. Army and has an enrollment of more than 4,000 students.

## Club Leaders



PP [Dean Scott](#)  
April 11th



[Tom Ranney Jr.](#)  
President



[Richard Dow](#)  
President -Elect



[Charles G. Cofer](#)  
Secretary  
Treasurer



[Greg Anderson](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
International  
Service Ave Dir



[Bea Fore](#)  
RI & District  
Awards Chair  
iPast  
President



PP [Gary L. Wilkinson](#)  
Club Service  
Ave Dir



[Lisamarie Winslow](#)  
Mentor &  
Training Chair  
Vocational  
Service Ave Dir



PP [Vicki-lyne Gloger](#)  
Community  
Service Ave Dir



[Julia Kalinski](#)  
Youth  
Services Ave  
Dir



[Crystal Broughan](#)  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



[Bill Langley](#)  
Membership  
Chair  
Past President



[Janet Reagor](#)  
Assistant  
Governor