

MARION COUNTY



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

July 16, 2026

The Honorable Carl Zalak, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
601 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34471

Ref: \$22,500 from LETF

Dear Chairman Zalak:

I am requesting your concurrence in the expenditure of Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500) from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for donations to:

Marion County Sexual Assault Center	- \$ 10,000
Marion County Memorial Honor Guard	- \$ 10,000
Boy Scouts of America	- \$ 2,500

Total - \$22,500

I certify that this request meets the requirements of Chapter 932 of the Florida Statutes and that there are no recurring expenses for subsequent fiscal years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheriff Billy Woods

cc: Kathy Bryant, Commissioner
Craig Curry, Commissioner
Matt McClain, Vice Chairman
Michelle Stone, Commissioner
Mounir Bouyounes, County Administrator
Greg Harrell, Clerk of the Court
Audrey Fowler, County Budget Director
Jeremiah Powell, MCSO Chief Financial Officer

Billy Woods, Sheriff

Marion County Memorial Honor Guard, Inc.

2306 SW 20th CT, Ocala, FL, 34471

www. <https://www.memorialhonorguard.com/>

352-250-9699

June 15, 2026

Honorable Sheriff Billy Woods
Marion County Sheriffs Office
692 NW 30th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471

\$10,000 Approved

Dear Sheriff Woods,

The Marion County Memorial Honor Guard, (MCMHG), is a wholly independent, all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) veteran organization. We receive no funding or operational support from city, county, state, federal, or veteran service organizations. Our mission is sustained entirely through charitable donations from businesses, organizations, and individuals who believe like we do - that our veterans deserve to be honored with dignity, respect, and gratitude.

During the past two years alone, the MCMHG has rendered dignified military funeral honors at 412 services at the Florida National Cemetery, in addition to 167 funerals and ceremonial events throughout Ocala and Marion County. Our Honor Guard provides full military funeral services, including a chaplain, rifle team for the three-volley salute, the playing of Taps, formal flag presentation to the family, and a final salute to our fallen heroes. We proudly serve more than 46,000 veterans in Marion County and, when called upon, veterans in neighboring counties as well.

As our nation approaches the **250th Anniversary of the United States of America**, the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard is launching **The Final Salute, a five-year commemorative and sustainability campaign** to ensure that we can continue this sacred mission well into the future. In recognition of your leadership, shared values, and longstanding dedication to compassionate service, we respectfully invite the **Marion County Sheriff's Office** to serve as a **Chairman Sponsor** for this historic campaign.

Our proposed strategic collaboration reflects our deep commitment to this partnership and to honoring those who have served our country with courage and sacrifice. We would be honored to have the **Marion County Sheriff's Office** stand with us as a lead partner during this once-in-a-generation milestone.

Thank you all for your continued support and for all that you do for veterans, their families, and our community. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss this campaign with you further.

With sincere appreciation,

The Final Salute 2026 Campaign Managers,

Steve Petty
Steve Petty, President

Bob Levenson
Bob Levenson, CEO



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
PO Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

MARION COUNTY MEMORIAL HONOR GUARD INC
C/O STEPHEN O PETTY
2306 SW 20TH CT
OCALA, FL 34471

Date: 05/27/2026
Employer ID number: 33-1020918
Person to contact: Name: Ms. Dong
ID number: 5662411
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending: September 30
Public charity status: 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required: Yes
Effective date of exemption: May 2, 2026
Contribution deductibility: Yes
Addendum applies: No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter. Your exemption under IRC Section 501(c)(3) is effective as of the date listed at the top of this letter. You were exempt under Section 501(c)(19) prior to this date.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2024

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**Open to Public Inspection**

A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10/01/2024 and ending 09/30/2025		
B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization MARION COUNTY MEMORIAL HONOR GUARD INC Doing business as Veterans Memorial Honor Guard Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 2306 SW 20th CT City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Ocala, FL 34471	D Employer identification number 33-1020918
	F Name and address of principal officer: Stephen Petty 9121 SW 83rd LN, Ocala, FL 34481	E Telephone number 352-216-6724
	G Gross receipts \$ 92,398	H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list. See instructions.
	I Tax-exempt status: ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (19) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527	H(c) Group exemption number
	J Website: https://www.MemorialHonorGuard.com	
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other	L Year of formation: 2002	M State of legal domicile: FL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>As a war veterans organization, we are proud to provide Funeral honors and assistance to all military veterans and their families during their time of need, and to provide any and all patriotic services when requested.</u>		
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	11
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	11
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	46
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	80,132	92,398
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	0
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	11,000	0
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	91,132	92,398
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	0	0
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	0	0
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	78,520	70,784
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	78,520	70,784
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	12,612	21,614
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	119,907	144,159
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	79,139	59,017
		40,768	85,142

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer

Date

Stephen Petty, President

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

Firm's name

Firm's EIN

Firm's address

Phone no.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Cat. No. 11282Y

Form **990** (2024)



04/22/2026

Dear Sheriff Woods,

On behalf of the Marion County Sexual Assault Center, I hope this message finds you well. We are reaching out to invite the Marion County Sheriff's Office to partner with us as a valued sponsor for our upcoming "Sip, Savor and Support" event, benefiting survivors of sexual assault throughout Marion County.

This special event is designed to bring our community together to raise awareness, strengthen support systems, and generate critical funding for survivor services including advocacy, counseling, legal assistance, and prevention education. Every dollar raised directly impacts individuals and families seeking safety, healing, and hope.

As a trusted leader in public safety and victim advocacy, the Marion County Sheriff's Office plays a vital role in protecting and supporting survivors in our community. Your partnership in this event would not only provide meaningful financial support but also demonstrate a united front in the fight against sexual assault.

We would be honored to have your sponsorship support and welcome the opportunity to recognize the Marion County Sheriff's Office during the event through promotional materials, event signage, and community acknowledgments. Your involvement would send a powerful message that survivors are not alone and that our community stands with them. Thank you for your continued service to Marion County and for considering this important request.

Sincerely,

Betsy Weber (MTC)

Betsy Weber
Executive Director

\$10,000. — LOTUS MARION

APPROVED
[Signature]



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL

Sheriff Billy Woods
Marion County Sheriff
692 NW 30th Ave
Ocala, FL 34475-5608

Approved
[Signature]

Donor ID #8882
Gift ID #40354
June 9, 2026

In keeping with your wishes, this reminder is being provided to make a payment on your pledge to the North Florida Council, BSA.

Thank you so much for your continued interest and support of the Character Education, Physical Fitness and Citizenship Training Programs of Scouting!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

2026 Friends of Scouting AVD - Ocala	
Total Pledge Amount	\$2,500.00
Total Payment Received	\$0.00
Pledge Remaining Balance	\$2,500.00
Current Amount Due	\$2,500.00

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE. REGISTRATION #CH338 NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Please RETURN bottom portion with your payment OR you can make your payment online at <https://weblink.donorperfect.com/FOS2026>



North Florida Council, BSA
521 Edgewood Ave. S.
Jacksonville, FL 32205

JUNE 2026

Current Amount Due: \$2,500.00

Please ensure that your check is payable to:
North Florida Council, BSA

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
Check #: _____

2026 Friends of Scouting
AVD - Ocala
Donor ID #8882 / Gift ID #40354

Sheriff Billy Woods
Marion County Sheriff
692 NW 30th Ave
Ocala, FL 34475-5608

Payment Amount: \$ _____
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AmEx
Card Holder Name: _____
Signature: _____
Card #: _____
Exp. Date: ____/____/____ 3-4 Digit Code: _____