

Punta Gorda has the good fortune to be the home of The Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida, located in Veterans Park, 200 Harbor Walk Drive at the entrance to Laishley Park. Honoring our veterans is rewarding to all who help maintain this commemorative park for our community.



The destruction caused by Hurricane Ian in 2022 included the landscaping and gardens surrounding the Vietnam Wall. Retired Major General Dick Carr, President of the Veterans Wall of Southwest Florida, asked Betsy Spagnolo, a Veterans Park volunteer and Board President of TEAM Punta Gorda, to spearhead volunteer efforts to bring the

gardens back to their beautifully manicured condition. A team effort was

accomplished by volunteers from the Punta Gorda Garden Club, Vietnam Veterans of America, and TEAM Punta Gorda. The volunteers worked tirelessly on two separate days to clean and replant the gardens near the Donor Plaza and East and West ends of the wall. A huge thank you goes to all who worked so hard to make the gardens pristine.



A fitting tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives to keep us all safe. Learn more at <u>https://vietnamwallofsouthwestflorida.org</u>. See all the photographs of volunteers at work at <u>www.teampuntagorda.org</u>.

Betsy Spagnolo, TEAM Board President