

ANASTASIA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT, Seat 5

1. WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS ELECTED POSITION?

As an incumbent, I have served a total of 16 years on the Mosquito Control Board, and the only Chairman of that Board to serve for four straight years. While on the Board I have accumulated unique, valuable experience and direction on how the Board can best function to continue to help lead the AMCD in the future. During my leadership, AMCD was relocated from Anastasia Island to center county. The island property was turned over to the county, saving taxpayers millions of dollars. Under my guidance, our mosquito control district now has a state-of-the-art research facility to study mosquitos and control methods, and the new facility has a dedicated hangar with a helicopter to spray remote areas. After attending the St. Augustine Law Enforcement Academy, I became a Deputy Sheriff for 33 years. For 28 years in the County School system I was supervisor of a management team that developed operating budgets. I am retired from the Army, and active as a volunteer in the community – at the Elks Lodge, as a Palmetto Lodge Nobel Grand, in local political organizations, Sertoma Club, Boy Scouts, life member of the NRA, member of Turning Point at Calvary Church.

2. IF ELECTED, WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THIS OFFICE AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN THIS POSITION?

I am currently the Operations Committee Chairman at the AMCD, and a driving force in creating an aerial program. As the population of St. Johns County continues to grow, the need for mosquito control will also. I have enjoyed being dedicated for many years to controlling mosquitos in our county and maintain memberships in both the Florida and American Mosquito Control Associations. I want to continue my efforts to assist in providing the best, most efficient, environmentally friendly mosquito control in St. Johns County.

3. WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE COUNTY?

Protecting our quality of life, and in particular building public awareness and environmental concerns has always been my goal. I look forward to AMCD improving/paving the way for the use of sterile mosquitos. AMCD needs to improve on a drone program and approve an educational facility to educate our children on the wonderful world of insects, partnering with the county school system. I want to ensure that we use every means available to reduce chemical use and keep St. Johns County as green as possible. I want to continue to serve and protect the people of the County by using my experience, sound judgment, gathering of facts, and listening to my constituents.

4. WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?

St. Augustine High School, St. Augustine Law Enforcement Academy, Deputy Sheriff, St. Johns County 33 years, Military 26 years, Manager of St. Johns County School System 28 years.