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Florida's Old and New Capitols

*During the past two weeks I have been spending my time in the district re-connecting with constituents and local organizations. Last week I attended the St. Lucie County Chamber Legislative Review meeting at Tradition with other members of the St. Lucie Legislative Delegation. I also participated in the Indian River County Chamber's Governmental Issues Committee meeting held this past Friday.*

*These are all excellent examples of working together at a local level to better serve the constituents of District 80. My office and staff are always available to assist you with questions or difficulties you may have with a state agency. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your comments or concerns.*

*Debbie Mayfield*

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS**



Watching over and advocating for Florida's more than 1.6 million veterans is the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. FDVA is the state agency responsible for assisting, without charge, Florida's veterans, their families and survivors in improving their health and economic well-being through quality benefit information, advocacy and education.

Veterans and their families can visit the Florida Vets First one-stop web portal, which provides information and links to services ranging from employment to health care, housing, education and benefits for veterans. For more information please click the links below or visit [www.FloridaVets.org](http://www.FloridaVets.org).



Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc.



I recently visited the National Navy UDT-Seal Museum located in Fort Pierce, Florida. It was an excellent educational experience for me and what an honor to know that Fort Pierce is the birthplace of the Frogman!



The museum is currently fundraising for the construction of a brand new museum. This facility provides a unique, interesting and valuable view into the history of Naval Special Warfare by providing exhibits that are engaging to anyone. Most importantly the museum is the only facility in the United States that showcases the history and heritage of America's brave Naval Commandos.

I would encourage you to visit the museum with your entire family. Likewise, if you would like to offer financial support please contact the museum at 772-595-5845.

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2012 DELEGATION  
MEETING

The Indian River County Legislative Delegation will meet on Friday, **August 26, 2011**, for the 2012 Legislative Delegation Meeting.

For more information please contact our district office at 772-778-5077

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## FLORIDA REDISTRICTING PUBLIC MEETINGS SET

The Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate will host more than two-dozen public meetings on redistricting throughout Florida. Public meetings will serve as an opportunity for citizen input.

Following are some of the area individual meeting details. Please visit the Florida Redistricting website by clicking the logo above for information regarding special accommodations and ways Floridians can participate via social media.



**July 27, 2011 (Wednesday)**

**Orlando** – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Bob Carr Performing Arts Center ([Online RSVP](#))

**July 28, 2011 (Thursday)**

**Melbourne** – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Brevard County Commission Chamber ([Online RSVP](#))

**August 15, 2011 (Monday)**

**Stuart** – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Blake Library ([Online RSVP](#))

## TAX RELIEF



I believe keeping Florida a low-tax, low cost state is vital to our state's prosperity. This session the Legislature passed several pieces of legislation aimed at providing tax relief for Floridians.

Through a combination of tax relief measures and appropriations the Legislature shaped an Economic Development Package that provides \$126 million in economic development incentives. We also approved a 3 day, sales tax holiday on clothing, shoes, and school supplies. This Tax Holiday is set to take place August 12-14, 2011. This law in particular will help provide relief to Florida's families as they prepare for the school year.

Additionally, Florida lawmakers passed legislation to provide corporate income tax relief to Florida's businesses. The measure we passed will actually eliminate the corporate income tax liability for approximately 15,000 of Florida's small businesses.

Tax relief is not just about providing relief to families, seniors, and businesses, it is also about stimulating our economy. I believe we can speed up our economic recovery by keeping taxes and burdensome government regulations low, reducing state spending while maximizing the value of every tax dollar the state collects, and pursuing policies that encourage entrepreneurship and re-investment in our state.