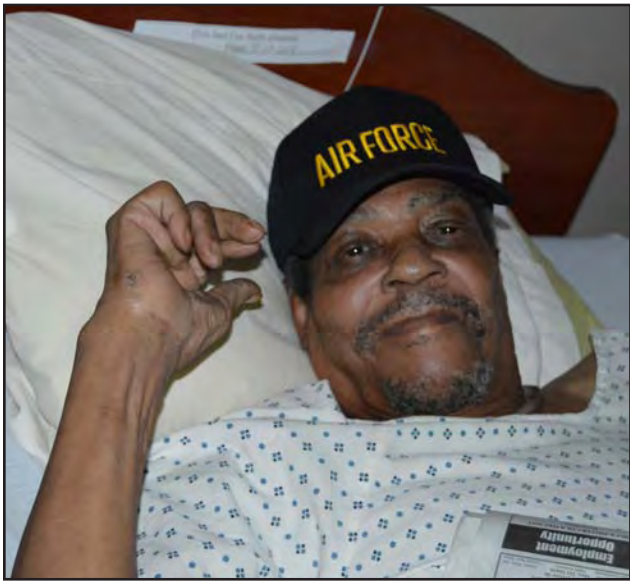


A Salute to Veterans



“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” -- John F. Kennedy



Nathaniel Cray



Philip Williams



James Green

Serving those who served

By CAITLYN BURCHETT

Wearing a zip-up sweatshirt over his hospital gown, a toothless man wheeled himself down the middle of a hallway of the Marshall Health and Rehabilitation Center. Thunder clapped overhead and lights flickered as the power threatened to fail.

The man's slurred shouts began bouncing off the walls, down the corridor.

We take care of the veterans that took care of us.

— Willard “Bill” Crowder

“Help me! Help me!” the man cried out to no one in particular before a nurse quickly came to his side calmly speaking soothing words of comfort.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #9225 Commander Willard “Bill” Crowder did not flinch at the scene as he hobbled down the hall, leaning to the left due to a bad leg, as he followed Post Trustee

Darrel Freund from room to room.

For Crowder, this was not an unusual occurrence at 207 Marshall Drive in Perry, Fla., where VFW members visit the resident veterans three to four times per month.

Crowder dedicates 20 to 30 hours each week to VFW programs when he is not coordinating trap and release animal efforts with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) for his company, RB Nuisance Animal Control, or managing his store, Grandpa’s Trading Post, with his wife Rosa.

“We come to nursing homes to find these veterans that need help. We raise money to buy them underwear, socks — or anything else they may need. We take care of the veterans that took care of us,” Crowder said.

Crowder explained the VFW is a non-profit veterans service organization that works to assist veterans, their families and the community through fundraising, troop support, youth activities and

scholarship programs.

As a veteran with a deep sense of patriotism, Crowder became a member of the VFW in 1974 to make a difference for veterans in distress. After initially

joining a post in Hamilton County, Florida, Crowder transferred to Post #9225 in Taylor County five years ago, choosing to drive more than an hour to be a part of a more active post.

He was elected as Post #9225 Commander in February 2018.

“This post has more comradeship, more community, does more things to help veterans and

is more veteran-focused. Post #9225 does not have a bar, so we are not just sitting around drinking and talking,” Crowder said.

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VFW Post Commander Willard “Bill” Crowder (right) is shown with VFW Post Trustee Darrell Freund (left) and resident Roger Johnson.

Saluting Taylor County Veterans Past and Present



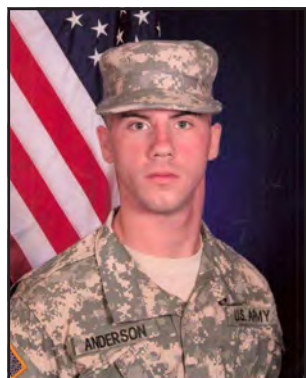
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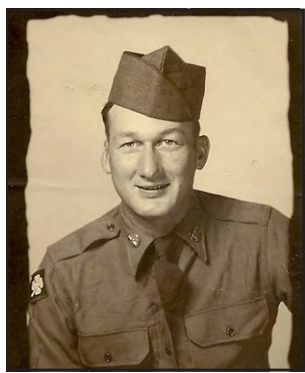
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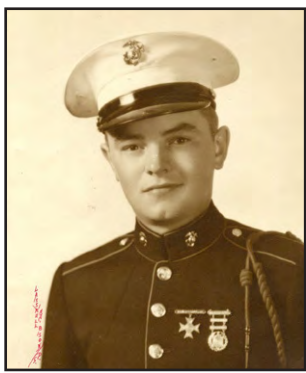
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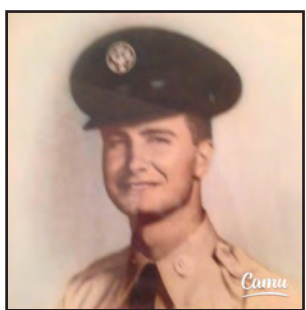
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Events span four days

Friday

Taylor County High School's JROTC will be hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony in the gymnasium. Guests are advised to arrive around 10:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 11:04.

Following the ceremony, there will be a flag-changing ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.

The annual Veterans Day Luncheon, hosted by the county, will be held at Rosehead Park at 12:30.

Saturday

VFW Post #9225 will be doing a "Buddy Poppy" drive from 8:30 a.m. until at Ace Hardware, Save-A-Lot, Tractor Supply, Wal-Mart and Winn-Dixie.

Sunday

American Legion Post #291 will be hosting a Blue Star Memorial Ceremony in honor of U.S. armed forces on Nov. 11 at the Steinhatchee Community Center at 1013 Riverside Drive at 5 p.m.

Monday

The Steinhatchee Boys & Girls Club will honor veterans with a breakfast and special patriotic presentation Monday, Nov. 12.

Kathi's Krabs will serve breakfast at the Steinhatchee School Family Center from 8:30-9 a.m. to veterans and their guests. Boys & Girls Club members will perform at 9 a.m. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP at (352) 498-4100.



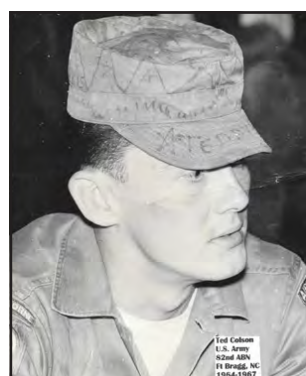
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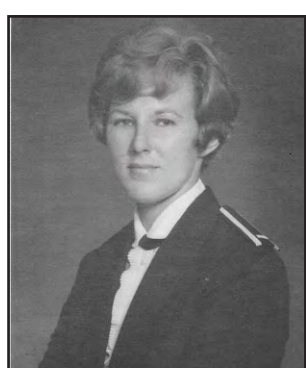
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Veterans Day is a National Holiday celebrated each year on Nov. 11. This day was originally referred to as Armistice Day, marking the anniversary of the end of World War I in 1919. In 1938, this day became a national holiday. In 1954, this day was changed to encompass the time served by all United States Veterans.

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words:

"To us in America, the

reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

Let's all take a moment on this Veteran's Day to honor those ordinary people who have done something extraordinary so that we may all enjoy the freedom we treasure today.

Place settings offer solemn reminders

By **CAITLYN BURCHETT**

Members of Perry Elks Lodge #1851 hosted its annual Veterans Day Banquet on Sunday, Nov. 4 by honoring the memories of 10 deceased veterans, giving thanks to 21 veterans in attendance and recognizing three Taylor County High School (TCHS) essay winners.

Those in attendance stood and placed their right hand over their hearts, as the 24-note melancholy bugle call filled the Elks Lodge banquet room and loved ones paid their respects to the departed veterans.

Family members whose lives have been touched by war closed their eyes and lowered their heads, while veterans stood at attention. One Vietnam veteran's chin – tilted upwards -- quivered as he fought back tears.

A single table with 10 place settings arranged in front of empty chairs was set up in the heart of the banquet hall. In front of each plate was a name tag, reserving the seats in honor of WWII and Korean War veterans, including: Ray Evans, Price Carmichael, Harold Mixon, Harold Young, Robert "Bob" Daniels, James "Buster" Durden, James "JH" Holmes, Ernest Houck, Marty Grier and Donald Grant.

"For a number of years,

the Perry Elks Lodge has selected the first Sunday of each November to say 'thank you' to the thousands who have served our country in the military," Lodge Esquire Ed Harvey said.

TCHS JROTC 1st Sgt. Smith presented the nation's colors. Dan Simmons provided his military vehicle and the Patriot Guard placed U.S. flags lining the road and driveway leading to the Elks Lodge.

During the banquet, three TCHS juniors were presented with checks from the Perry Elks Lodge for placing in the top three spots of a "Why my vote matters" essay competition.

TCHS AP English teacher and head of the English Department Leslie Fletcher announced the top three winners at the Perry Elks Lodge's Veterans Day Banquet Sunday, allowing each student to read his or her essay to those in attendance.

Winners included: Holly Wolferman (first place), Taylor Gillyard (second) and Caleb Holmes (third).

Excerpts from the essays included: (From Holmes): "I want to thank the veterans that are present here. God bless you for your service... My vote matters due to what people had to sacrifice for my privilege to vote a person into a position of



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A military vehicle parked outside the banquet was provided courtesy of Taylor County resident Dan Simmons.

For veterans seeking work

Legion will host career day Nov. 16

American Legion Post #96 will be hosting a career day and resource fair on

Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 312 E. Veterans Drive in Perry.

The event welcomes all that wish to attend, but is geared towards veterans looking for work. "It is veterans helping

veterans and the community. If only one person gets a job, it makes it all worth it," Post #96 Commander James Day said.

and always express my concerns, because without my vote the world I want and the changes I want might never happen. I will make it a point to make sure my voice is heard."

An excerpt from Wolferman's essay: "Bills pass that affect my education, my rights as a minor, even my health. I can't trust that everyone else will make the right decisions for me, I have got to vote

to advocate for myself. If I vote, I make a difference, I become responsible for informing myself of why I voted how I choose to, I say, 'This is what I believe is best. Best for myself, best for my fellow citizens, society, the economy, even for the environment.' My vote matters because my vote is one of many that decides what is best, what should be done, and what we should avoid."

Cubbie and I wish everyone a happy Veteran's Day!

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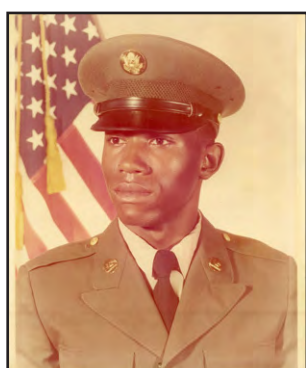
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Army 1978-1994



Willie James Gent
Army 1973-1982

VFW working to become more involved in community to make sure veterans and their families get assistance

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Crowder said the VFW and Post #9225 visit local schools to teach kids about history and the Constitution, raise money for veterans through "Buddy Poppy" distributions and help many of the veterans in Taylor

County and neighboring counties that have no one.

Crowder enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1957 for three years, serving just under two years at Fort Jackson in South Carolina and 13 months overseas.

"Korea, 13 months. First Cavalry Division, Third

Medium Tank Battalion, 40th Armor," Crowder said, summing up his foreign combat experience, momentary hesitation punctuating his words.

While enlisted with the U.S. Army, Crowder was a gunner on a tank in Korea during the post-war time of 1958. He was 19 years old.

"I do not talk about that," Crowder said firmly when asked about his personal experiences in Korea.

At the time of Crowder's deployment, the First Cavalry Division was assigned the mission of patrolling the "Freedom's Frontier" Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) along the southern border of Korea. The First Cavalry's objective was to hold its position for 24 hours until support could be mobilized if attacked by enemy forces, as it was the only U.S. division in direct contact with the enemy.

"Back in 1957, you either went to school or got drafted. A bunch of us boys decided to enlist to see the world and serve our country. It was just a thing people did back then," Crowder said.

Through the VFW, Crowder routinely works with homeless veterans who are unable to come back to society because they suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), helping them to apply for grants, disability benefits and re-connect with their families and society.

"Due to combat stress or whatever happened to them in the military, they aren't the same. It affects their wives, husbands, children, mothers and fathers. Everyone feels the pain caused by time spent in combat zones," Crowder said.

Crowder considers himself one of the "lucky ones," as he only suffers from a service-related hearing disability in his right ear due to the echoing noise of shooting 90-millimeter tank guns inside what was essentially a metal box.

"The gun was in my right ear. I have tinnitus so bad, sometimes I can't hear over the ringing," Crowder said after apologizing for continuously leaning in to hear what the veterans were saying during their conversations.

Motioning to the left sleeve of his white-collared shirt, Crowder explained the significance of the black patch placed there. Embroidered in white lettering, the patch read: "POW * MIA. You are not forgotten."

"This is for the people that never came home. There are 124,000 prisoners of war (POW) and missing in action (MIA) from World War I (WWI) to now. We have 25 cemeteries across

the water that are full of some 130,000 American soldiers," Crowder said.

"I know from war time with explosives, John Doe might be right next to you one minute and gone the next. There are a lot of MIA -- especially in Korea and Vietnam," Crowder continued. "We need to go find our missing soldiers and bring them home. Their families need to know. They need closure."

No matter which branch you are from, we are brothers. I will stand up for him, and he will stand up for me.

— Willard "Bill" Crowder

himself available 24/7.

"Every time I see him, he is doing something for the VFW," Freund said.

In recent months, Crowder has been working to get the community and Post #9225 more involved. Through the VFW post, Crowder said his goal is to make sure veterans and their families are getting the assistance they need — whether it be financially, physically or emotionally.

"In working with the community, we can get more support, more feedback and connect with more veterans in need," Crowder said.

As Veterans Day approaches, Crowder is spending his time between running his businesses, visiting veterans and preparing for "Buddy Poppy Day," the bi-annual distribution of hand-assembled artificial red flower pins by the needy and disabled veterans organized by the VFW.

The "Buddy Poppies" will be distributed at five locations in Perry on Nov. 10 in honor of the blood shed by American service men and women.

"There are fields of beautiful red poppies across the water. The color red just stretches out across the fields like a blanket," Crowder said, recalling the image of Flanders Field near Belgium just before a frown formed on his face.

"Nearly 700,000 service men and women have died since WWI, and there are 20 million of us that have served. No matter which branch you are from, we are brothers. I will stand up for him, and he will stand up for me. I do this, and will continue to do this, because he gave his time to protect America and our way of life and our Constitution. Without those, we would not be living free," Crowder said.

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Years of service lead to decades-long career

At just 19 years of age, Ralph Carlton found himself on foreign soil manning a 40 millimeter anti-aircraft gun, working to protect his Battery D brothers and the people of France from Germany. The time was 1944, and World War II (WWII) was in full swing.

Better known by the Taylor County community for his smiling face and warm hugs, former Clerk of Court Carlton got his start handling official records and documents in Japan during the demobilization of the U.S. Army in 1945, after switching from artillery to communications due to a leg injury.

Carlton's 70-year career in the Taylor County Courthouse all began when he was drafted into the U.S. Army for WWII. He spent one year stateside and then shipped overseas, where he fought in the European Theatre until the war ended in 1945.

"I have seen more of France than Florida," Carlton said with a laugh.

The European Theatre of Operations of the U.S. Army was a military forces formation that directed operations in Europe. This included the north of Italy and the Mediterranean coast from 1942 to 1945, after a full-scale war broke out across Europe after the invasion of German troops.

The European Theatre included the Army Ground Forces, U.S. Army Air Forces and Army Service Forces.

"The Germans were still in parts of France when we first got there. The people of France were so happy about American troops arriving, giving us soldiers hugs. They were so proud of the American troops," Carlton said.

Carlton does not talk of his experiences in the U.S. Army's Battery D of the anti-aircraft artillery,

instead choosing to focus on the kindness of the people of France, describing how they volunteered to do the soldiers' laundry, cook for the soldiers, and even offered the troops land to set up camp in the countryside.

The people of France were so happy about American troops arriving, giving us soldiers hugs.

— Ralph Carlton

"The French were so accommodating. They would help us in any way they could," Carlton said.

While the end of WWII was not announced until

Sept. 2, 1945, the war in Europe ended months prior, and the demobilization of the U.S. military forces began.

"There was a point system for who got to go home first. If you were married, that was a point. The people with the most points were sent back first," Carlton explained.

As a young, single 21-year-old who had just spent over a year abroad, Carlton was reassigned to communications and processing in 1945.

Carlton was soon out from behind an anti-aircraft gun in France, only to be sent to Japan, where he worked to process soldiers' documents and orders so they could return to the United States — a position he held until 1946 when he was sent home to Perry.

"Besides some typing experience from high school, it was my time processing soldiers in Japan

that qualified me to work records at the Taylor County Courthouse," Carlton said.



Ralph Carlton

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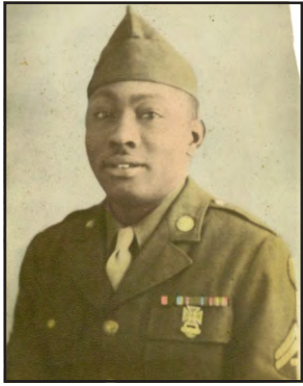
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Billy Hall
USMC 1984-2003



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Army 1943-1946

Special thanks to Burchett, Southerland

University of Florida (UF) graduate and Harvard University journalism student Caitlyn Burchett played an essential role in composing, producing and designing this inaugural Veterans Day special edition.

Burchett graduated UF earlier this year with a Bachelor of Science degree in public relations with highest honors (Summa Cum Laude) and is now pursuing a Masters in journalism with Harvard University.

In the midst of her studies, Burchett has interned with Perry Newspapers, Inc., working as a special contributor and writing over a dozen news and feature

stories over the past several months.

In addition to interviewing a number of local veterans, attending several veteran-related events and authoring a number of feature articles, Burchett spent many hours formatting photos and designing these pages to recognize hundreds of local veterans featured within these pages.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Burchett and Supervisor of Elections Dana Southerland (who initiated the "Veterans Wall of Honor" on display at her office) for their tireless work to ensure local veterans are honored this Veterans Day.

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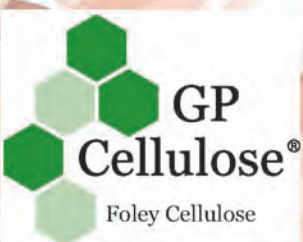
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--Andrew Bernstein



U.S. Navy Air Corps



Donald Grant

Donald Grant served in the Navy Air Corps prior to enrolling at FSU in 1946. Soon after graduating from FSU with a bachelor of arts degree in zoology, Grant returned to Perry and opened Perry Auto Supply, the local NAPA store, which his family still owns and son Billy operates.



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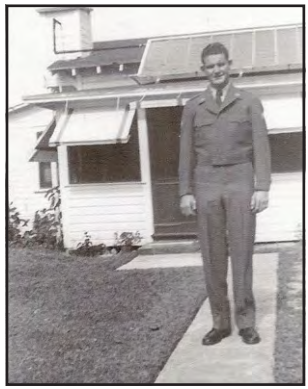
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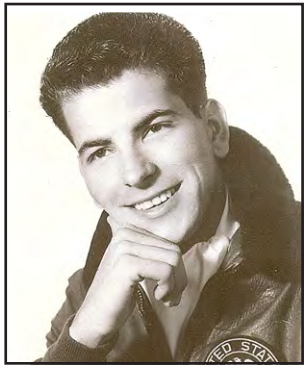
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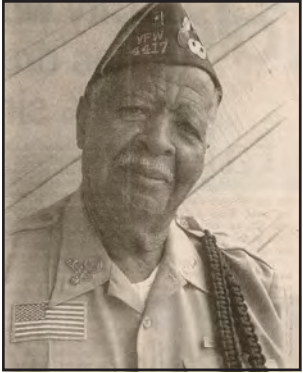


Wilber Miller
Army 1950-1960

Saluting Taylor County Veterans Past and Present



James R. Monk Sr.
Army 1970-1977



John H. Monroe
Army



William Monroe
Army 1954-1956



Ponce Morgan
Navy 1944-1952



Terry J. Morris
Army 1978-1981



Larry D. Murphy
Army 1963-1967



Luke Murphy
Army 1963-1969



Lowell T. Neeley
Air Force



Josh Noland
Army 1956-1963



Thomas Randal Noles
Navy 1958-1989



Sheila Noles
Navy 1985-2013



Tim Noles
Navy 1990-1994



Lyn Odom
Air Force 1965-1967



Richard L. Olsen
Navy 1955-1961



Carl Padgett
USMC 2008-2013



David Padgett
Army 1967-1972



Elizabeth Padgett
Air Force 1968-1970



Freddy "Ted" Padgett
USMC 1966-1970

"Better than honor and glory, and History's iron pen, Was the thought of duty done and the love of his fellow-men." -- Richard Watson Gilder



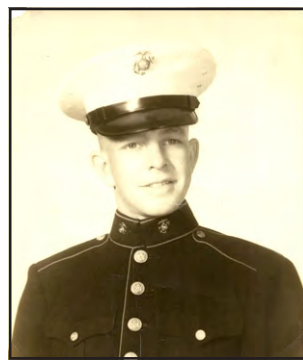
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Larry Padgett
Army 1969-1971



Shane Padgett
USMC 2006-2012



Bobby Joe Parker
USMC 1956-1962



Clarence W. Parker
Army



Danny Parker
Army 1969-1971



Derek L. Parks
Army 2004-2006



Joshua Patterson
Air Force 2011- Present



John Pegg
Army 1949-1955



Martha F. Pitts
Army Nurse Corp.



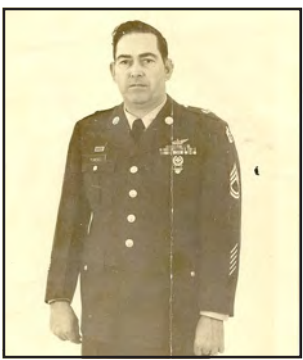
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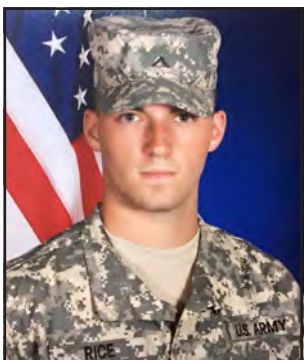
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Air Force 1987-1993



Thomas M. Reams, Sr.
Air Force



Charles A. Reaves
Army 1978-2002



John Daniel Rice
Army 2015- Present



John R. Rice III
Army 2001-2010



Freddie E. Rogers
Army 1964-1970



Jimmy Rollings
Army 1966



Isadore F. Rommes
Army 1967-2005



Dennis E. Ross



Taylor County Veterans,
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Dana Southerland
Taylor County Supervisor of Elections



The "Veteran's Wall of Honor" currently has over 250 veterans' photos covering a single wall, but the Supervisor of Elections office is hoping to fill all the walls of the training room at the new location (433 U.S. Hwy. 19 North) to provide a daily reminder of the sacrifices they made so that we can enjoy the many freedoms we take for granted — including the freedom to vote.

Submit a veteran in your family to 'Wall of Honor'

Taylor County Supervisor of Elections Dana Southerland has made it a personal priority to help honor all veterans -- both past and present -- by displaying their picture on a "Veteran's Wall of Honor" in her office. "If you or a member of your family served in any of the military branches either during wartime or peace time, or if you have a family member that is currently serving, we would like to honor them

by displaying their photo in your Supervisor of Elections office," Southerland said. Visit www.taylor-elections.com and click the "Vote in Honor of a Vet" link on the left-hand side of the homepage for more information. The "Veteran's Wall of Honor" currently has over 250 veterans' photos covering a single wall, but the Supervisor of Elections office is hoping to fill all the walls of the training

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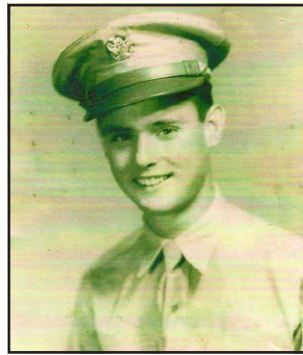
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Laymon L. Sadler
Army



Charles M. Sessions
Army



Mack Sessions
Army 1943-1945



James Norman Shaw
Navy 1959-1963



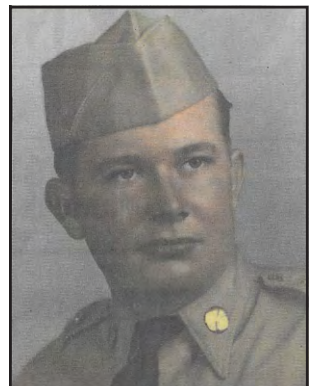
Edward C. Sheffield
Army 1949-1954



Roscoe Sheffield
Army 1959-1968



John R. Silvestri
Navy 1946-1948



Lum L. Slaughter
Army 1948-1951



Larry Simmons, SPC4 Vietnam, 1965 - 1967

Deployed from Ft. Lewis with the 4th Infantry Division to Tay Ninh Province in 1966. Later served with the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta. A grateful family appreciates his taking a soldier's risk for all of us.



Aubrey Smith
Army 1979-1985



John D. Sons, Jr.
Navy 1986-2006



John David Sons, Jr.
USMC 1960-1964



Jim Southerland
Navy



Joel W. Staland
Air Force 1950-1954



Tommie Staland
Air Force 1960-1980



Oscar Starling, Sr.
Army



Morris G. Steen, Sr.
Army 1933-1955



Kelsey Stephens
USMC 2012-Present



Eugene Stewart Jr.
Navy



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Samuel Stockton
Army 1967-1969



Larry E. Stroud
USMC 1958-1962



Jim Sullivan
Air Force 1986- Present



Jimmie Sullivan
Army 1960-1962



John W. Sumpter
Army 1969-1977



Quinton E. Sumpter
USMC 2007-2011



Clayton Swearingen



Barry L. Taylor
National Guard
1957-1965



Lewis Thomas
Army



Robert L. Thomas
Navy 1967-1968



Beverly Thompson
Navy 1962-1965



Wilton W. Terrell
Air Force 1950 1972



Charles Henry Turner
Air Force



Richard M. Tuttle
Army Air Corps



Timothy E. Walker
Army 2016- Present



Eddie Wambolt
Air Force 2007- Present



William S. Wartford
Navy 1991-1994



Merle L. Watford
USMC 1991-1995



Cebrum Watkins, Jr.
Navy 1980-2000



Erdman West Jr.
Army 1941- 1946



Clinton D. Wheeler
Army 1939-1945



Lewis Leon Whetsel
Navy 1980-2000



Theodore Whetzel, Jr.
USMC 1967-1969



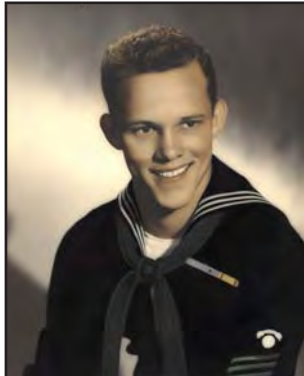
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Navy 1971- 1991



E.W. Whiddon
Army 1957-1963



James E. Wiggins
Army 1962-1997



Edwin E. Williams
Navy 1952-1956



Kelby Williams
Navy



Robert Williams, Jr.
Navy



Robert Williams, Sr.
Army

AMERICAN LEGION POSTS #96 & #291

The American Legion is a patriotic veterans organization committed to mentoring youth, advocating for patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security and

the continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans. The American Legion is comprised of 27 programs categorized under four pillars: Veterans Affairs and

Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth. The American Legion and its members work to support communities and veterans through VA volunteer fundraising, American Legion Baseball and charities.

To qualify to be a member, applicants must have served in the United States Armed Forces as active duty during the WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, or Gulf War/War on Terrorism era. The American Legion extends membership to veteran family members through its brother and sister organization, the Sons of the American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Riders.

For more information on Post #96 of Perry, contact Commander Jim Day at FALPost96@gmail.com. For more information on Post #291 of Steinhatchee, contact Commander Butch Cantrell or a representative at <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost291Steinhatchee/>.



Willie Williams
Navy 1979-2000



William C. Wood Sr.
Army 1963-1965



Courtney Woodfaulk
Army 1970-1972

VA Outpatient Clinic offering many services

The Perry Veterans Affairs (VA) Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) is designed to enhance access to health care for Veterans residing in the surrounding rural areas.

Veterans will have access to Primary Care, Mental Health, Social Work, Laboratory and various Specialties via Telehealth.

Veterans may enroll for comprehensive healthcare services by calling 850-223-8387.

Online registration is also available at <http://www.va.gov>, which includes information regarding benefits.



Please feel free to stop-by or call: 1224 North Peacock Ave. Perry, Fla., 32347.

Phone: 850-223-8387. Fax: 850-584-2249



Bill Wright
Navy 1944-1947



Joe Yarborough
Army



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Thanks, Veterans!

Free shuttle available to VA hospitals

The Taylor County Veteran's Service Office assists residents who served honorably in the Armed Services of the United States to obtain any and all benefits for which they may be eligible.

The Veteran's Service Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment.

The office may be reached at (850) 838-3513.

The county offers a weekly shuttle service to VA hospitals. The shuttle leaves on Tuesdays (Lake City) and Thursday (Tallahassee).

The scheduled pick up site is at the Taylor County Administrative Complex located at 201 E. Green Street at 7:30 a.m.

The shuttle returns to the administrative complex pick up site late afternoon. If either day is a holiday there will no shuttle service that week.

There is no cost for veterans using the shuttle service, but reservations must be made to ride the shuttle by 12 noon on Monday before or Friday at noon if Monday is a legal holiday.

For reservations, call (850) 838-3553.

VFW Post #9225

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

The VFW's mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve our veterans, the military and our communities and to advocate on behalf of all veterans.

The organization works to ensure veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Fundraising for veterans, troop support, youth

activities, volunteering and scholarship programs are just a few of the ways VFW assists veterans, their families and the community where posts are located.

To qualify to be a member of the VFW, veterans must have served at least one year on foreign soil or in a combat zone and pay an annual \$35 membership fee.

The VFW appreciates monetary donations in the form of cash, checks or gift cards to be used to purchase necessities for the disadvantaged veterans in Taylor County and surrounding areas.

To donate or become a member of the VFW, stop by Post #9225 at the Taylor Senior Citizen Center any Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to speak with a VFW member.

The Cross of Malta

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States adopted for its symbol the Cross of Malta, which has a heritage of honor, duty, sacrifice and courage that dates back to the 11th century.

The Cross of Malta trademark was issued June 9, 1931. Pursuant U.S.C. Title 36, Chapter 7A, Sections 111-120, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has the exclusive right to the use of its name and the sole exclusive right to the use of the emblem and badges adopted by the corporation. Additionally, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has registered the precise logo appearing on your merchandise with the United States Patent Office.

A description of certain aspects of the VFW's Cross of Malta are as follows:

- There is an eight-pointed Maltese Cross.

- Upon the Cross is superimposed the Great Seal of the United States, encircled by the name, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

- Within the circle is the American eagle, the emblem of a proud nation whose warriors of many generations have fought and sacrificed to preserve the free man's way of living.

- Between the four arms of the Cross, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has added the sun's rays to emphasize the vigor and warmth with which the present day brotherhood defends our ideals.

Every detail in the VFW emblem has definite meaning. The Cross, the rays and the seal together symbolize the vows, purpose and character of men and women who have traveled far from home to defend humanity. The Veterans of Foreign Wars is the world's oldest and largest overseas war veterans organization. It is chartered by the Congress of the United States. That

charter states specifically that the objects of the VFW shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; that its members shall preserve and strengthen comradeship; that they shall maintain allegiance to the government of the United States and fidelity to its laws; that VFW members shall foster true patriotism, extend American freedom and defend this nation from all enemies



Local Veterans Groups

1. American Legion Post 96, Perry, Fla. first Tuesday at 7 p.m., 312 Veterans Dr.
2. American Legion Post 291, Steinatchee, Fla. Second Thursday, 7 p.m.
3. AMVets Post 20 and AMvets Riders: last Saturday 9 a.m., Riders, second Friday at 10 a.m.
4. Sons of Confederate Veterans, fourth Thursday at North Orange Street. Call (850) 584-5725
5. Taylor County Veteran's Service Office: Phone: (850) 838-3513.
6. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9225: (Beginning in December) second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Taylor Senior Citizen Center, Suite 15, 800 W. Ash St.

Grandfather & Granddaughter

Christian (Fred) Lutz
U.S. Navy, 1979-1988
Proudly served aboard the "USS Vreeland" and "USS Benjamin Stoddert."
Thank you for your service.

Shawna Montgomery
A 2018 graduate of TCHS. Proudly serving in the U.S. Army, having graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.
Thank you for enlisting, and we are all very proud of you.
"Be Army Strong."
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In honor of Tillman R. Clark and all veterans of war

Liberty's Bell

No greater love does a man have, than to lay down his own life for someone else!

Thank a veteran, for they gave their youth, their health, a peace-filled mind, and oh so many gave their all, none of their sacrifices were small!

For our freedom they answered the call!

The voice of a veteran speaks loud and clear, the memories of war are always near!
Day and night, I fight them with all my might!
For my eyes will always see, my mind will always remember, my heart will always grieve, for all that I have had to do on behalf of my God, my country, my flag and the bell of Freedom's precious ring!

Everyone must remember, the freedoms that we enjoy today were not free, and they never will be!

We the people should give thanks to God and all of the veterans, their praises we should forever sing, for without them, we the people would be under the thumb of someone else's decree!

Tillman R. Clark

The bell of liberty, would ring no more, the silence would be deafening.
No country, no flag, no God to call our own!
If the veterans had not been there, this would have been such a horrifying state of affairs!
We should, each and every day, not just once a year, thank God and thank a veteran, for they freed us from this nightmare!
When the day was done, Liberty was fought for and won!

The voice of a veteran speaks loud and clear, my eyes will always see, my mind will always remember, my heart will always grieve, for all that I have had to do on my journey through a war called hell, For God, country, flag and the ring of, Liberty's bell!

Thank you Daddy, and all the veterans of war, for your service.
Your daughter, Christine Clark Grantham and Larry (L.C.) Clark, your son.

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A LASTING REMINDER OF THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF TAYLOR COUNTY'S VETERANS

In 2002, shortly after being elected to the city council, Pam Feagle helped organize a committee made up mostly of veterans that began preliminary plans for a local Veterans Memorial Park.

That original committee consisted of Feagle, Ed and Jamie Sheffield, Al Grubbs, Louie Grubbs, Tom Smith, "Big" Steve Holton, Barney Cobb, then-City Manager Bill Brynes and Bruce Foster.

"When I was first elected to public office in 2001, I wanted to do something special for all of our veterans. A veteran's memorial park seemed like the best answer to honor all of our local Taylor County veterans," Feagle said.

Feagle met Ed Sheffield, a former Korean prisoner of war, and his wife, Jamie, at a local function in 2002.

"They were the first ones that I shared my vision with and agreed to help me without any hesitation," Feagle said.

The committee met regularly to discuss the park plans and location. Initially, the committee felt the memorial park should be located near the duck pond adjacent to the Boys & Girls Club. However, they eventually decided to site the park at its present location on North Jefferson Street.

The committee spent countless hours and a several years planning, researching Taylor County veterans who were killed in action (KIA),

raising the needed funding, clearing the lot, digging ditches and installing the plumbing and electrical — which was accomplished by committee members and volunteers — in addition to designing the monuments, wall of remembrance, benches and bell tower.

Lastly, the landscaping was carried out mainly by committee members in the heat of the summer in 2006 in order to have the park ready just prior to the dedication.

"Committee members put their hearts and souls into building this sacred park. Several of these volunteers are no longer with us, but those who remain know they are looking down and are very proud," Feagle said.

"The committee wanted a place that would recognize and remember all Taylor County veterans. This team of hard-working volunteers raised over \$500,000 for construction of the park, using the money to buy the KIA monument, POW monument, each individual war monument, benches, flag poles, landscaping, pavers

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The local Veteran's Memorial Park was planned, designed and constructed by a volunteer committee with donated money.



Perhaps the most somber monument at Veterans Memorial Park is the killed in action wall, which dominates the central plaza, listing the names of Taylor County veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice from World War I to present.



The park is home to a number of benches -- sponsored by families and businesses -- dedicated to the service and memory of local veterans.

Those Listed on Veterans Memorial Park Monuments

- Jack Agerton, Sam Agner, John Agner, Wm Agner, Chad Albritton, J Albritton, Clif Albritton, R Allen, Bradley Allen, Ralph Anderson, Louis Anderson, John Andrews, Malloy Andrews, William Andrews Jr., James Arnold, Clarence Askew, Charles August, Henry Austin, Archie Austin, Roy Barker, John Barnett Sr., John Basnar Jr., John Basnar Sr., J Bass, Reed Bass, Luther Bates, Ted Baumgardner Jr., Joseph Beach Jr., H Beaty II, Gordon Bell, Leon Bennett, Richard Bennett, Dennis Bennett, David Bennett, Wm Bennett, Wm Bennett Jr., Leon Bennett Jr., Wm Bennett Sr., Victor Benon, Shorty Benton, Dudley Benton, Bill Bettilyon, Alan Bird, Edwin Blair, Thomas Blankenship, Wm Blanton Sr., James Bloodworth, Charles Blue, Sam Blue, Dan Blue, Carl Bodiford, Jack Bodiford, Charles Borkland Jr., Winston Bowden, Wm Bowden, Melvin Bowden, Robert Bowden, Robert Bowden, James Bowden, Donald Bowden, J Bradshaw, Terri Bradshaw, Wayne Bradshaw, Ned Bradford, Zara Brannen, Joe Brannen, Steve Brannen, William Brannen, Walter Brannen, Christopher Brannen, Lovett Brasby, Vernon Brock, Paul Brock, Harry Brooks, William Brown, Charlie Brown, J Brown, Hubert Brown, H Brown, Alva Browning, Dave Browning, Henry Browning, Robert Brunson, Robert Bruton Jr., Charles Bryan Jr., Billy Brynes, Calvin Buchanan, L Buckhalter, R Buckhalter, Dallas Buckhalter, Gaines Burford, Clement Burgess Jr., Jonny Burke, Joe Burroughs Sr., Joseph Byrd, William Byrd, Earl Cannon, Joseph Cannon, Earl Cannon, Thomas Carlton, Charles Carlton, T. 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Several slots left for veteran monument

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and the first two block wall monument bases," Feagle added.

According to Feagle, the current 11 large block wall bases have been sponsored, but the upper part of each (where the names of veterans are inscribed) must be sponsored to help cover the cost of the monument and shipping.

"We have not yet been able to identify a donor to cover the entire cost, however

when they could not afford the cost themselves, there have been several veteran's names inscribed that were paid for by individual donors or family members.

The local Veteran's Memorial Park was planned, designed and constructed by a volunteer committee with donated money.

"There is not — nor has there been — another dedicated source of funding that can be used to pay for names to be placed on the wall," Feagle said. "Donations are welcomed."

Jamie Sheffield is currently working on another block wall monument, and there are a few slots left at a cost of \$130 per name.

If anyone is interested in adding a name or sponsoring a veteran who may not be able to afford the cost, please contact Jamie Sheffield at (850) 584-8550.

"I want to say thank you to everyone who worked on or donated to the park," Feagle said. "Most of all, I thank the ones who made the sacrifices for myself and our country. Thank you for your service."



World War I Memorial



World War II Memorial



Korean War Memorial



Vietnam War Memorial



War on Terrorism Memorial



POW-MIA Memorial



Steinhatchee is ready for Veterans Day

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291, along with members of the American Legion Post 291 and the Sons of the Legion, have the streets of Steinhatchee ready for Veterans Day. On Tuesday morning, volunteers, along with the American Legion family, came together and lined the streets with 372 crosses and flags honoring local veterans living and deceased. "If you want to see something that really touches your heart, we invite you to drive through our small town and see just how much we appreciate those that have served," said Karen Tidwell, president of Unit 291 Steinhatchee. "A special thanks to all the workers that took the time to help get the crosses out."

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