



# Sauls-Bridges American Legion

## Post 13 News



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## Remarks by President Reagan

It was July 4, 1984, a gorgeous day, and people were waiting patiently for President Ronald Reagan to speak at Point Mallard Park. It was a hot and humid with people quietly talking among themselves, their children running around having a great time. How do I know? I was there!!

I had moved to Huntsville, Alabama and was working for a defense contractor. Mom and dad had come up to visit and at the last minute, we decided to make the 26 mile drive southwest to Decatur, Alabama to hear President Reagan speak. My father, a World War II veteran, was stationed in what was then Calcutta, India as a supply commander. After the war, he went to work in civil service at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida. I grew up on that base and ours was a very patriotic household. My dad wasn't much for large crowds, but he believed this would be his only opportunity to get this close to hearing a president speak, so off we went to join the tens of thousands who had gathered at Point Mallard Park.

At 6:53 p.m. President Reagan took the stage and began to speak. The crowd was still, quiet and even the children had stopped to listen, sensing the importance of the moment. President Reagan was a charismatic speaker and drew his audience in as he spoke of America and the patriotism he witnessed in the small Alabama town.

A brief excerpt from his speech is below as he congratulates Admiral Whitmire on his reception of the Audie Murphy Patriotism Award. Rear Admiral Whitmire served with the Seventh Fleet and commanded Task Force 76, which supported the evacuation of Saigon in April 1975.

“...I want to congratulate Admiral Whitmire on receiving the Audie Murphy Patriotism Award. I knew Audie Murphy. He was a good man. He's buried, as you know, in Arlington Cemetery, and there's a simple stone at his grave that says: “Audie Murphy -- Texas.” But it could say Audie Murphy -- American -- because in one of our roughest hours his courage and plain decency cast a light on the entire Republic.”

In World War II, a unit of ours was routed by a superior enemy force “and Audie Murphy climbed into a World War II disabled tank, up on the turret, and turned the machine gun of that turret on the enemy, and all alone was trying to hold off the hundreds of advancing men of the enemy. At the same time, walkie-talkie radio -- he tried to call for artillery support. And when the artillery commander, wanting to know what his safe range was, asked how close the enemy was to him, Audie said, ‘Well, if you'll wait just a minute, I'll let you talk to them.’ Well, he was actually asking them to direct the artillery fire at his own position, because that offered the best opportunity of stopping the enemy.”

I considered myself to be extremely blessed to hear our great President. He was always down to earth, humorous, and above all extremely grateful to such a great nation and the sacrifices made by its military and their families.

To read the full speech, visit <https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/speech/remarks-spirit-america-festival-decatur-alabama>

***EVERY DAY IS MEMORIAL DAY—AND EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY!!***

# National Poppy Day

## Poppy Wreath

Below: Ruth Langston all in for the veteran "In the Spirit of Service - Not Self." Poppies distribution was all around Tallahassee Memorial weekend.



Right: Auxiliary out supporting our veterans. Peggy Lane and Margie McNeill distributed Poppies over Memorial weekend.



Top Right: National Poppy Day distribution started at Sam's Club on Capital Circle N.E. with Nell Hewitt and Paulette Howell.

Right: Emily Phelps at Bealls on Capital Circle N.E. with Ruth Langston. (Ruth not shown)

Left: Dennis and Dottie Hall are working for the veterans, distributing Poppies in front of Sams over

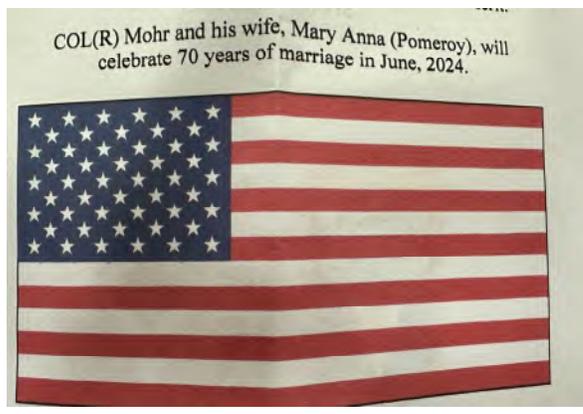
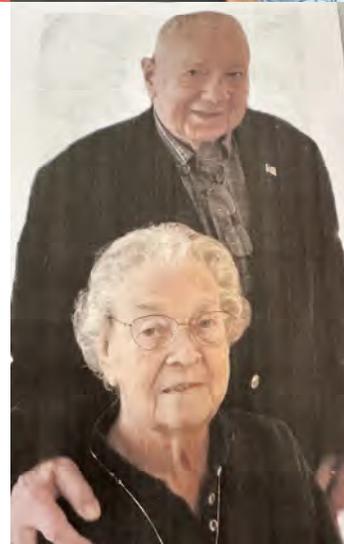


# Post 13 Recognizes Colonel Mohr

Colonel (RET) Charles Mohr was recognized at a recent luncheon.

“On behalf of the Legionnaires of American Legion Sauls-Bridges Post 13, Tallahassee, Florida, it is with great pride and admiration that I extend this citation of meritorious service to you in recognition of your over seventy-five years of outstanding dedication and service to the Florida Army National Guard. We, also, recognize your continued and tireless efforts of aiding both local and national veterans through the American Legion, Honor Flight, MOAA, JROTC, FNG State Family Readiness Advisory Team, Second Tuesday Lunches, and other veteran support groups.

Please accept our gratitude for your life-long contributions to our military and our veterans.”



- ILT(R) Dennis Hall
- MG John Haas, The Adjutant General of Florida
- LTC Patrick Hefferman, FLARNG
- Senator Marco Rubio, Mr. Daniel Paasch
- Senator Rick Scott, Mr. Victor Andrew
- Congressman Neal Dunn, M.D. (FL D-2), Ms. Nicole Smith
- Leon County Sheriff Walter McNeil, Assist. Sheriff Argatha Gilmore
- Leon County Commissioner Nick Maddox
- City of Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey
- City of Tallahassee Police Chief Lawrence Revell,
- Deputy Police Chief of Internal/External Maurice Holmes
- Deputy Police Chief of Operations Jason Laursen
- Deputy Police Chief of Support Tonja Smith
- Deputy Police Chief Executive Michael Suleski
- Honor Flight Tallahassee – Mac Kemp, Chairman
- MOAA – MAJ(R) Cheryl Walters, Tallahassee Chapter President
- American Legion Sauls-Bridges Post 13 - Adjutant Ed Hood
- VFW Post 4538 – Commander Sean Golder
- DAV Chapter 5 - Adjutant Richard Duley
- Bashi-Bazouk – COL(R) Russ Seamann
- LTC(R) Hank Butler
- ISG(R) Robbie Knight
- SFC(R) Jack Levins
- ILT (R) Dennis Hall

“Optimism is a perfectly legitimate response to failure.” ~ Stephen King

## *Florida American Legion Riders*

### *Submitted by Dennis Hall*

On April 23, the Florida American Legion Riders stopped by Post 13 for a time of refreshment and a short break to “stretch” their legs. The following excerpts from an article in the March 29, 2024 edition of the *South Dade News Leader* provides a synopsis of the In-State Unity Ride.

**WHO:** The Florida American Legion Riders.

**WHAT:** The FALR join forces to raise awareness and collect donations for PROJECT: Vet-Relief’s Suicide Prevention Initiative. Three routes (Central, Eastern, and Western) will make their way throughout the state stopping at American Legion Posts along the way and paying their respects at Veteran Memorial sites. All routes will converge together as one to celebrate their long journey at their State Rally in Clearwater, Florida on Saturday, April 27th at OCC Road House & Museum.

**WHEN:** Monday, April 22, 2024 through Friday, April 26, 2024.

**WHY:** Studies shows that 22 veterans a day take their own life. The Florida American Legion Riders find this unacceptable! In 2019, they chose to do their part to eradicate this statistic and dedicate the funds raised through their In-State Unity Ride towards ending veteran suicides. Since then, they have raised over \$520,000 for PROJECT: VetRelief’s Suicide Prevention Initiative, where the funding sponsors veterans through existing programs and services focused on mental health. Detailed information on the program is available at [www.projectvetrelief.org/spi](http://www.projectvetrelief.org/spi).

**ABOUT:** The In-State Unity Ride is one of the largest multi-routes, multiday, statewide motorcycle events, with many of the American Legion Riders traveling from across the state to join together in unified support for this important cause. Currently, more than 6,000 Legionnaires are American Legion Riders. PROJECT: VetRelief, established in 2014, is a program of The American Legion, Department of Florida. The program focuses on two services: emergency assistance and suicide prevention. When dealing with a life emergency, they support our service members and their families with immediate financial assistance. The Suicide Prevention Initiative focuses on training or mentoring veterans through existing mental health treatments, programs, or processes to prevent suicide. Their mission is to keep food on the table or the lights on while a family works through a trying time and to decrease the suicide rate to zero!



“It is love alone that gives worth to all things.” ~ Teresa of Ávila

## *American Legion Riders continued*



The Riders who visited Post 13 travelled the western route (yellow) on the map. Their "Ride" began on April 22, at Pensacola, they rode across the "Panhandle", along the "Forgotten Coast", through the "Big Bend" and down the "Nature and Sun Coasts". The "Ride" ended at Clearwater on April 27, for a statewide rally joining the other two Rider groups. The western route was 810 miles long and took 18 hours 15 minutes of riding time.

The Florida American Legion Riders were welcomed and greeted to Post 13 by Legionnaires Cindy Laskowski, Jay Lindsey, Hosea Battles Jr., Dwayne Meyer, Paul Lucarelli, Gina Mikesell and American Legion Auxiliary Unit President Nell Hewitt.



Legionnaire Cindy Laskowski (R) receives a Certificate of Appreciation from the Florida American Legion Riders as they take a "break" from their "Ride". Cindy received the certificate on behalf of Post 13 for the warm welcome and refreshments the Post provided to the Riders.



## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Members:

I love summer!! As a native Floridian, it rarely gets too hot for me. Growing up in Panama City, Memorial Day always kicked off our summer. Then the sidewalks rolled up after Labor Day. Not so anymore! Year round tourists on our beaches and fun for all ages as I just experienced in a trip to Destin. You couldn't move! North Florida does have the world's most beautiful beaches!

If traveling to the beaches is not your thing (because it is really hot), Tallahassee has plenty to offer. With our many parks, golf courses, springs and outdoor eating venues, get out and enjoy. Summer sports, including our Sauls-Bridges American Legion baseball team. Come out and check out their games!

We'll also have plenty of summer activities and events at the Post. Keep a watch on the calendar. Volunteers are always welcome!

As always, we are grateful for your support. ~ Paula Wilkins

"What do you do when there's nowhere to turn? You drive straight ahead." ~ Leslie Gordon

## *Post 13 Certificates of Appreciation Submitted by Dennis Hall*

Adjutant Ed Hood presented Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of Post Commander Vic Hannah to the following individuals for welcoming the Florida American Legion Riders and providing refreshments. Certificates were awarded during the May 9, Post General Membership Business Meeting. Top Row Left: Cindy Laskowski, Jay Lindsey. Middle Row: Hosea Battles, Jr., Dwayne Meyer. Bottom Row: Paul Lucarelli was also recognized for 15 years of service in the American Legion, and Gina Mikesell.



“Imagination, not intelligence, made us human.” ~ Terry Pratchett

## *Post 13 Certificates of Appreciation continued*

Adjutant Ed Hood presented a Certificate of Appreciation, on behalf of Post Commander Vic Hannah, to American Legion Auxiliary Unit President Nell Hewitt (below left) for her assistance on welcoming the Florida American Legion Riders to Post 13 on April 23. The certificate was presented at the Post General Membership Social on May 23.

During the May 9, Post General Membership Meeting, Adjutant Ed Hood presented a Certificate of Appreciation, on behalf of Post Commander Vic Hannah, to Legionnaire William Fisch (below right) for his outstanding service to Post 13 as the Post Finance Officer (PFO). Legionnaire Fisch prepared in depth financial statements for each month as the PFO and is stepping down as the Post Finance Officer. Legionnaire Jay Lindsey has agreed to be the new Post Finance Officer pending his election at the June 13, Post General Business Meeting.



### **VETERAN MENTAL HEALTH COPAY EXEMPTION**

Beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs are exempt from copays for their first three mental health appointments each year. Those who have previously paid copays beginning in the latter half of 2023 will receive automatic refunds. The first refunds are backdated to June 27, 2023, and the benefit will end on December 29, 2027. “While the copay exemption applies to outpatient visits for mental health care and substance use disorder,” it does not cover medication copays.

“Lawmakers included the exemption in the Joseph Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022, also known as the Cleland-Dole Act, signed into law in December 2022 to address a range of needs in addition to mental health care.”

This article by Amanda Miller originally appeared on [Military.com](https://www.military.com).

### **MEDICARE PART B PREMIUMS**

“The standard Medicare Part B monthly premium will reach nearly \$300 a month by 2033 according to the annual Medicare trustees report, which also includes projections for income-adjusted rates in coming years.

Beneficiaries would see a projected 5.9% increase in their standard premium for 2025, moving from \$174.70 this year to an estimated \$185 next year, per the report. After a smaller projected increase to \$186.90 in 2026, the estimated rate rises more than \$100 over the next seven years, to \$299.80 in 2033.”

<https://www.moaa.org/>

“Great difficulties may be surmounted by patience and perseverance.” ~ Abigail Adams



## “In the Spirit of Service, Not Self”

Dear Auxiliary Members:

June is a hectic month for the Auxiliary. We've just concluded the National Poppy Drive, a significant event where we raise funds to support veterans and their families. We will report to FSU for Girls State on June 17. Before we know it, we're back to school, and fall will be upon us. We could use some cooler weather!

On May 24, we observed the official National Poppy Day, a significant event for us all. Our Auxiliary members, including you, were crucial in distributing Poppies at various locations around town. Your collective efforts were not only visible at the National Cemetery on Sunday and Oakland Cemetery on Monday for services but they were also celebrated. Did you notice the new "POPPY" wreath used at Oakland Cemetery? Yes, it was nothing but poppies. Our very own Peggy Lane made it. At Girl State last year, Peggy was instrumental in creating the Poppy wreath for the Vietnam Memorial across from the capitol. The Auxiliary has reconstructed its donation process; today, society no longer carries cash. The Auxiliary is now accepting the Cash App and Venmo to keep up with the ever-changing world. It works. We're using this method for donations only.

Our Girls State staff, including some of our dedicated members, will report to FSU on Monday, June 17, to prepare for the delegates arriving on Thursday, June 20. Florida Girls State is an event and a unique and coveted educational opportunity for young women. It offers a weeklong hands-on program involving a mock city, county, and state government, providing invaluable citizenship training. We are proud to be a part of this transformative event, and your involvement, your dedication, and your support make it even more special.

The American Legion Auxiliary, District 2, held its Constitution Conference on June 1. This conference is a crucial event where the Units within the District report their achievements, elect a delegate to represent the District at the National Convention, and elect a District President. It's a platform to come together, share our successes, and elect leaders who will guide us in the coming year. We are proud to announce Debra Mann, a member of Unit 241 Sneads, was elected as District President. Join me in extending a heartfelt congratulations to Debra!

The Auxiliary's fiscal year begins July 1; Unit 13 typically holds its installment of officers with the Post at the June social. However, this year, Unit 13 has four members of the Executive Committee on staff with Girls State and will not be available for installation. Your presence, support, and commitment to our cause are crucial as we install officers at our July meeting. These officers are vital in guiding our organization and supporting our mission. Please join me in pledging encouragement, guidance, support, and prayers to all members as we work to support the veteran and their families. We hope to see you at the July General Membership Meeting.

Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative will hold a Stand-down on July 12 - 13, 2024. The event will be at the Lawson Center on the campus of Florida A&M University between 10:00 and 3:00 each day. The event is open to all veterans at no cost, and on Saturday, caretakers will also have the opportunity to receive services. Time is still available to volunteer to sign up; give me a call, and I'll help direct you to the area of your expertise.

**Mark your calendar:** The ALA EC meeting will be on July 11 at 5:30 p.m., followed by the GM at 6:00 p.m. We will discuss important matters such as upcoming events, financial reports, and new initiatives. Your presence and input are highly valued.

For God and Country,  
Nell Hewitt, President  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Sauls-Bridges, Unit 13



“Courage is very important. Like a muscle, it is strengthened by use.” ~ Ruth Gordon

## ***General Membership Business Meeting held May 9, 2024***

### ***Submitted by Dennis Hall***

The 2024-2025 partial slate of Post Officers was voted upon and the following election results were confirmed.

Post Commander: Cindy Laskowski - uncontested

1st Vice Commander: Rodney Keener - uncontested

3rd Vice Commander: Larry Clayton - uncontested

Chaplain: Eric Smith - uncontested, a second nominee, Ted Horbowy, withdrew his nomination

Sergeant at Arms: Dwayne Meyer won with 18 votes. Paul Lucarelli received 16 votes.

Historian: Dennis Hall - uncontested

Two Positions did not have a nomination and remain vacant:

2nd Vice Commander: vacant

Post Finance Officer: Jay Lindsey agreed to serve, pending election of the June 13, Post General Membership Business Meeting

Did you know the Post Adjutant is appointed by the Post Commander and approved by the Executive Committee?

The Adjutant is not elected by the Post General Membership.

Congratulations to all elected, and the Post is looking forward to your leadership during the 2024-2025 year. An Installation Service of Officers is scheduled during the June 27, Post General Membership Social.



Above Pictured left to right: Sergeant at Arms, Dwayne Myer; Post Commander, Cindy Laskowski; 1st Vice Commander, Rodney Keener; Historian, Dennis Hall; Chaplain, Eric Smith; Adjutant, Edward Hood; not pictured 3rd Vice Commander Larry Clayton.



Above Adjutant Ed Hood counts the votes for Sergeant at Arms as Legionnaire Don Gerteisen verifies the count during May 9, Post General Membership Meeting.

“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.” ~ Seneca

## *General Business Meeting continued*

### *Submitted by Dennis Hall*

The following new members and transfers were voted to be added to Post 13, during the May 9, Post General Membership Business Meeting:

Redmond Gautier, USMC, New member

Michael Jones, US Air Force, New member

Lee Skornia, US Army Reserve, New member

Calvin Blue, US Navy, transferred from Post 400

Daniel Kictarek, US Army, transferred from Post 193 in South Carolina.

Welcome to Post 13 and we look forward to getting to know you and are happy to have you serving with us.

Post 13 held its annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 27, at the Oakland Cemetery in downtown Tallahassee. The service began at 1100 hours. Chaplain Eric Smith prayed the invocation. Legionnaire David Wilson was the keynote speaker. David honored 17 Gold Star families and shared remembrances for each of their love one's military service. Each Gold Star family received a certificate noting their love one's name and appreciation from Post 13 for their military service.

The following service members' families were honored:

Clemon Alexander

Clifford M. Armstrong

Marvin Zion Brock

Chandler Jackson Dawson

Kelvin D. Frazier

Percy W. Geuin

Joseph R. Harris

Carlton Jerry Johnson

Michael Paul Knight

Henry McClenton

William Heyward Messer

Cliff Millender

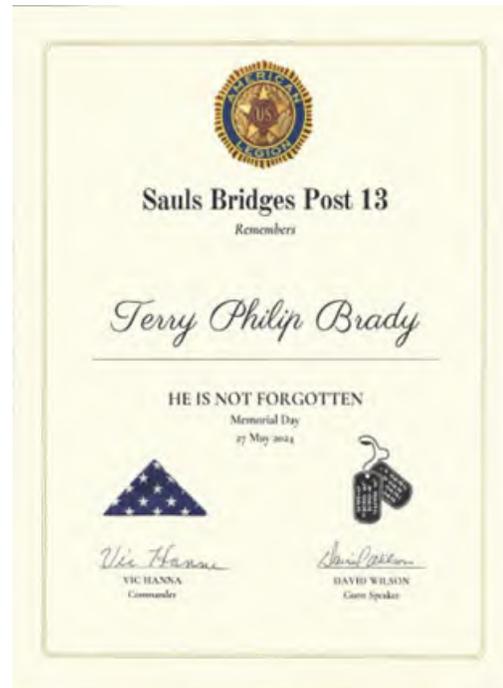
Hollis Gregory "Greg" Miller

James Timothy Sheffield

Anthony Simmons

Shawn Elliot Simmons

Johnnie P. Stephens



### SAMPLE CERTIFICATE

Several city and county governmental elected officials were in attendance. The Big Bend Honor Guard provided the firing detail and Legionnaire John Froude played "Taps" to end the service.

"The heart is wiser than the intellect." ~ Josiah Gilbert Holland

## *Many Thanks!* *Submitted by Dennis Hall*

Thank you, Paul Lucarelli, and others for the loading, setting up, tearing down, and returning the tents, tables, and chairs for the service to the Post.



“Chance favors only the prepared mind.” ~ Louis Pasteur



Thousands of men and women have served in the United States Armed Forces from Leon County. These men, 168, from Leon County, were either killed in action, died from their wounds, died from disease, or were missing in action (MIA). May we never forget their payment for our freedoms. This may not be a complete list. Thanks to Legionnaire David Wilson for his assistance in documenting these names.

#### World War I (27)

PVT William T. Appleyard, US Army 18 October 1918  
 1LT John Gross Boone, US Army 18 October 1918  
 CPL Robert R. Clemons II, US Army  
 PVT George P. Dingley, US Army  
 PVT Ira O. Gerrell, US Army 14 December 1917  
 PVT Robert Lee Harvey, US Army 13 October 1918  
 PVT Andrew Lee Hopkins, US Army 5 January 1918  
 PVT Neil F. Hutchinson, US Army 28 July 1918  
 PVT Augustus Lamb, US Army  
 PVT William Thomas Lee, US Army 30 September 1918  
 PVT Joseph A. McCelvy, US Army 30 September 1918  
 PVT Wilee Mimms, US Army 28 September 1918  
 PVT Benjamin H. Payne, US Army 10 October 1918  
 CPL Willie W. Pridgeon, US Army 10 July 1919  
 PVT Walter T. Quinn, US Army 4 March 1919  
 PVT Phillip Randolph, US Army 3 November 1918  
 SGT William B. Revell, US Army 23 March 1918  
 CPL Claude Sauls, US Army 14 September 1918  
 PVT Alexander Scarborough, US Army 5 December 1917  
 PVT Connie C. Smith, US Army 11 October 1918  
 PVT Curtis E. Shelton, US Army  
 PVT John W. Traylor, US Army 5 April 1918  
 Apprentice Seaman Abram Clifford McDougall, US Navy 8 January 1918  
 Apprentice Seaman Walter Hatchaway, USNR 15 Jan 1918  
 Seaman 2 Class Willie Maxwell Joyner, USNR 10 Oct 1918  
 Water Tender Daniel Webster Syfret, US Navy 25 Oct 1918  
 Seaman 2 Class Franklin Jerome Knight, USNR 22 Feb 1919

#### World War II (79)

PFC Joseph A. Anderson, US Army  
 TECH 5 William D. Atkinson, US Army 22 December 1944  
 2 LT William H. Anderson, US Army Air Corps 9 Sept 1945  
 PFC Clifford M. Armstrong, US Army 3 November 1944  
 TECH 5 William D. Atkinson, US Army 23 December 1944  
 PFC Larry C. Baker, US Army  
 1LT Benjamin H. Bridges Jr., US Army Air Corps  
 SSGT Fred E. Brock, US Army 13 February 1945  
 SGT Franklin B. Buck, US Army Air Corps  
 TECH 4 Wilson Burnett, Jr., US Army Air Corps  
 SSGT Leonard W. Clark, US Army Air Corps 17 July 1944  
 TECH 5 Willie L. Davis, US Army Air Corps  
 SGT James P. Dykes, US Army 6 June 1944  
 2LT Charles W. Ferguson, US Army Air Corps 19 Sept 1942

Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 2024 Historian

PVT Willie Gaines, US Army  
 PVT Joseph W. Hall, US Army 3 September 1943  
 PVT Clarence J. Harvey, US Army 24 October 1944  
 PVT William A. Herring, US Army  
 PFC Maurice F. Hogan, US Army  
 PFC Noah Hudson, US Army  
 PVT Joseph R. Kears, Jr., US Army  
 1LT Etienne J. Labat, Jr., US Army Air Corps 24 July 1944

#### World War II (continued)

PVT William L. Maddox, US Army 7 October 1944  
 CPL Willie N. Martin, US Army 1 February 1943  
 PVT Everett E. Melton, US Army 10 April 1943  
 1LT William H. Messer, US Army 6 June 1944  
 CAPT Frank L. Miller, Jr., US Army  
 PFC Gordon H. Miller, US Army 10 July 1943  
 SSGT Edmund C. Moore, US Army  
 1LT David L. Ozbolt, US Army Air Corps 20 July 1944  
 PFC James S. Rickards, Jr. US Army 20 January 1945  
 SGT William S. Roberts, US Army Air Corps 2 Feb 1943  
 PVT Lawrence Rogers, US Army  
 CPL Harrold Scott, Sr., US Army  
 PVT Marion B. Shephard, US Army  
 SGT James L. Smith, US Army Air Corps  
 PVT Guy R. Strickland, US Army  
 PFC Ausley M. Sutton, US Army Air Corps 28 October 1944  
 TSGT Norris Wilson Thomas, US Army Air Corps 19 July 1944  
 SSGT Raymond F. Thompson, US Army Air Corps  
 TECH 4 Maurice H. Watson, US Army 29 January 1945  
 CAPT Joe H. Gray, US Army Air Corps 21 Oct 1942 (MIA)  
 CAPT Herbert C. Kaufman, US Army 9 July 1943  
 PFC Daniel Franklin, US Army Air Corps 11 Nov 1943(MIA)  
 SSGT Willis D. King, US Army Air Corps 11 February 1944  
 PFC Roscoe Graves, US Army 23 June 1944  
 1LT Linza T. Whiddon, US Army 7 September 1944 (MIA)  
 PFC Henry H. Gaskins, US Army 10 September 1944  
 2LT William B. Woodward, US Army Air Corps 10 September 1944  
 TSGT Enoch E. Kelley, US Army 1 October 1944  
 PVT James R. Maddox, US Army 9 October 1944  
 PVT Charles P. Dawson, US Army Air Corps 24 October 1944 (MIA)  
 PFC George H. Fender, US Army 27 February 1945  
 PFC Frank J. Burns, US Army 3 April 1945  
 SGT Alfred Weekley, US Army 19 April 1945  
 PFC Herman E. Lawhon, US Army 27 April 1945  
 1LT William E. Bradley, USMCR  
 TSGT William H. Coahran Jr., USMC  
 PFC James W. Cook, USMCR 1 March 1945  
 PFC Ralph Emerson Crawley, Sr., USMC 9 June 1945  
 PFC Robert W. Custance, USMC 16 June 1944  
 Pharmacist's Mate 2 Class Joseph Thaniel Dean, USNR  
 Ensign Marvin Polk Frink, USNR  
 SGT Arthur S. Hamilton, USMR  
 PFC Herbert L. Howard, USMC 9 July 1944  
 LT Thomas Cabot Johnson, USNR  
 PFC Hayword L. Jordan, USMCR  
 PFC Phelps W. Long, USMCR 16 December 1943  
 2LT Francis W. Lowry, USMCR 20 February 1945  
 LT Harvey Hill Luce, USNR  
 LT Charles Woodward Nelson, USNR  
 PFC Clifford Eugene Phillips, USMCR

Machinist's Mate 2 Class Ausley Lee Scarborough, USNR  
 PVT William Smith, USMC  
 Machinist's Mate 3 Class Walter Britt Stephens, US Navy  
 CPL John M. Strickland, USMC  
 PSGT Earnest I. Thomas, Jr., USMC  
 LT(JG) John Eaton Wagner, USNR 22 July 1942  
 2LT Jack B. Whitaker, USMCR 31 December 1944

#### **Korean Conflict (11)**

PVT James Brown, Jr., US Army 25 July 1950  
 SGT John Wesley Ford, US Army 28 November 1950  
 CPL Edward D. Trueblood, US Army 16 February 1951  
 SGT John P. Bryan, US Army 2 June 1951  
 PVT Eddie Robinson, US Army 7 June 1951  
 CPL Thomas Wilson, Jr., US Army 2 November 1951  
 CPL Earl Holiday, US Army 21 November 1951  
 SA Commie Eugene Price, US Navy 21 April 1952  
 CPT Elliott Dean Ayer, US Air Force 25 July 1952 (MIA)  
 1 LT Bill Gray Fain, US Air Force 8 February 1953 (MIA)  
 PVT Richard Cratic, US Army 23 March 1953

#### **Vietnam War (34)**

SFC Jack McBride Lisle, US Army 1 January 1963  
 PVT Clayton Leon Cruce, USMC 21 June 1965  
 1LT John Richard Ballard, US Army 29 August 1966  
 CPT William Edward Johnson, USMC 6 October 1966  
 LCPL Doyle Wells Reeves, USMC 11 March 1967  
 LCPL Joseph P. Williams, USMC 5 April 1967  
 CPL Marvin Zion Brock, US Army 16 April 1967  
 PFC Jerry Grant Ingram, US Army 27 September 1967  
 PFC Elzie Eugene Samuels, US Army 2 October 1967  
 PFC Oscar Lee Thomas, US Army 6 November 1967  
 LTC Joseph P. Seymore, US Army 21 January 1968  
 PFC Donald Ray Brogdon, US Army 13 May 1968  
 SGT Clyde Steven Himes, US Army 26 May 1968  
 HN Danny Wade Alday, USMC 14 June 1968  
 SP5 Daniel Eugene Deese, US Army 23 July 1968  
 CPL Terry Philip Brady, USMC 29 September 1968  
 PVT James Timothy Sheffield, US Army 3 December 1968  
 CPT Hugh Mcneil Byrd, Jr., US Army 6 January 1969  
**(MIA)**  
 SGT Fredrick Nathaniel Ash, US Army 5 March 1969  
 SGT Carlton Jerry Johnson, US Army 5 March 1969  
 PVT James Timothy Sheffield, US Army 3 December 1968  
 CPT Hugh Mcneil Byrd, Jr., US Army 6 January 1969  
**(MIA)**  
 SGT Fredrick Nathaniel Ash, US Army 5 March 1969  
 SGT Carlton Jerry Johnson, US Army 5 March 1969  
 CPL Julius Augusta Mitchell, US Army 10 March 1969  
 SP4 John Lee Bendor, US Army 11 March 1969

“As long as we say their names, they will not be forgotten”, Legionnaire David Wilson.

#### **Viet Nam War (continued)**

1LT Johnnie Perry Stephens, US Army 22 April 1969  
 LCPL Willie Brown, USMC 24 April 1969  
 SSGT Henry McClenton, US Army 3 June 1969  
 SGT Hollis Gregory Miller, US Army 18 June 1969  
 SGT Ervin Jones, US Army 6 July 1969  
 SP5 Thomas L. Dukes, US Army 13 July 1969  
 PFC Alan Daryl Harvey, US Army 11 August 1969  
 CPT Michael Ralph Odum, US Army 11 September 1969  
 LT John Jackson Parker, US Navy 4 March 1970 **(MIA)**  
 CWO Robert Dennis Black, Jr., US Army 11 January 1971  
 SGT Frank Emanuel Williams, US Army 31 January 1972  
 CPT Joseph Richard Harris, US Army 8 April 1972

#### **Post Viet Nam War (2)**

Senior Chief QM Vernon T. Foster, US Navy Persian Gulf  
 USS Stark 17 May 1987  
 SGT Jesse “Nathan” Aliganga, USMC Kenya 7 August 1998

#### **War on Terror (15)**

CPO Matthew Bourgeois, US Navy (SEAL) Afghanistan 28 March 2002  
 Ensign Jerry O. Pope, US Navy (SEAL), Yemen 17 Oct 2002  
 SP4 Robert A. Wise, FLARNG US Army Iraq 12 Nov 2003  
 FSGT Alan Gifford, US Army Iraq 16 September 2005  
 LCPL Daniel B. Chaires, USMC Iraq 25 October 2006  
 CPL Julian M. Woodall, USMC Iraq 22 May 2007  
 MSGT Shawn E. Simmons, US Army Afghanistan 28 June 2008  
 CPT John Tinsley, US Army Afghanistan 12 August 2009  
 PFC Anthony W. Simmons, US Army Afghanistan 8 July 2010  
 PFC Brandon M. King, US Army Afghanistan 14 July 2010  
 1LT Robert M. Kelly, USMC Afghanistan 9 November 2010  
 TSGT John W. Brown, US Air Force Afghanistan 6 Aug 2011  
 LCPL Steven P. Stevens II, USMC Afghanistan 22 June 2012  
 2LT Justin L. Sisson, US Army Afghanistan 3 June 2013  
 SSGT Carl P. Enis, US Army Iraq 15 March 2018



## National Korean War Veterans Memorial—The Mural Wall

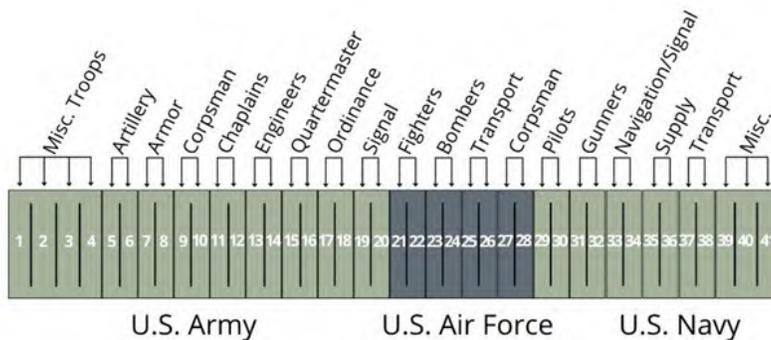
In 2020 I did an article on the National Korean War Veterans Memorial. As you remember, the Memorial consists of four (4) parts: *The Statues*, *The Mural Wall*, *The Pool of Remembrance*, and *The United Nations Wall*. In the 2021 newsletter, I did an article on *The Statues*. I'd like to take the second part of the Memorial and describe a little more about it. This year: *The Mural Wall*.

The Mural Wall is called a grand martial mural and contains the etchings of 2,400 soldiers obtained from Korean War photographs held in the National Archives. "The etched images are devoid of insignia or name tapes, making them representative of all who served." It is made out of California Black Academy granite and depicts "Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps personnel and their equipment."



Close up of Mural Wall by Carol Highsmith

The Mural Wall sits along the south border stretching to the west of the National Korean War Veterans Memorial in the District of Columbia. It was designed by Louis Nelson Associates of New York, New York and fabricated by Cold Spring Granite Company in Cold Spring, Minnesota. This is also the company that engraved the 911 names on the Wall of Remembrance.



The wall is organized and depicted by military branch.

Image provided by the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation

<https://www.nps.gov/kowa/learn/historyculture/mural-wall.htm>

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- JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- JULY 12 STAND-DOWN**
- JULY 13 STAND-DOWN**
- JULY 25 POST 13 SOCIAL 6:00 PM PROGRAM 6:30 PM**
- JULY 25 NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN DAY**
- JULY 27 NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY**
- JULY 28 NATIONAL BUFFALO SOLDIERS DAY**
- JULY 29 ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS ANNIVERSARY**



Malibe Pitts KIA 80 years ago in Normandy. He is Commander Vic Hanna's uncle, a true hero!



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# JULY 2024



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28 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967  <b>NATIONAL BUFFALO SOLDIERS DAY</b>	29 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10  <b>ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS ANNIVERSARY</b> 	30 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	31 6:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS OPEN TO PUBLIC	1 AUGUST 3:00 - 5:00 pm Legal Collaborative	2 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967	3 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967

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