



**A REVEILLE WELCOME TO GUEST
SPEAKER SHERIFF AJ SMITH!
JUNE 5, 2026**





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RECALLING D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944!

PRESENTED BY

LISA LUCAS, HISTORIAN,

CGJ MUSEUM

**Commemorating D-Day
June 6, 1944!**



AMERICAN LEGION POST 106

www.FloridaLegionPost106.org

PRESENTS

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

W.R. MARKS
POST
106
APALACHICOLA

WHEN: JUNE 14, 2026 (FLAG DAY) @ 4:30 PM EDT.

LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION POST 106

801 Hwy 98 | Apalachicola, Florida

The Public is Welcome to Attend!

*Food & Drinks
Provided*

Site plan for 2026/2027 Capital Improvements to Veterans Memorial Plaza at 230 Market Street, Apalachicola:
Our iconic statue is our park's show piece, but there is no shady place to sit or put stuff down when you get there.



With the enhancements to the Orman house and the major summer improvements at Chapman Gardens, our own space is falling behind with visitors. Veterans are ageing fast, but we have an excellent opportunity to launch this exciting campaign now. Our combined park amenities & public restrooms will be a great asset to the community, allowing major outdoor events.

Concept Pair of twin pergolas to wrap and embrace our Three Servicemen statue circle.
Creates the much-needed intimate shady seating area where we can visit with the Bronze Boys.



The three soldiers are leaving the jungle passing through an ancient village gate. They will then walk past the American flag and head for home. Completing the story.

Concept of a large shady event pavilion to act as a “Headquarters” or “Home Base” for our 3 Soldiers.
Create the much-needed shady event space for our locals and visitors. Can also present static displays.



Pavilion that could work for us... size this to 28'x16' (2 sections) with **metal** roof in a neutral color.

- The white vinyl will be easy care and **reflect the historic white Orman house** on the bluff overlooking our park.
- Paint the interior **ceiling a light gray or ivory color** to maximize light and to discourage chewing insects.
- Allow **electricity** into this structure to facilitate events and educational activities.
- Allow options of **fans and lights** for comfort, safety, and security.
- **Seating** with weatherproof ADA compliant picnic tables and benches. Color options available.

*Current budget plans are for
4 benches and 4 picnic tables.*





From vendor search... **This pergola but sections of about 12' long x 7' deep x 8' total height.**

- Four sections in total angled to make it *appear* curved, embracing the 35' diameter statue circle on both sides.
- **Add cedar lattice ceiling panels on top** for extra shade and exotic look. Rafters and beams to have decorative end cuts.
- Planning for 23" tall **brass outdoor wall lanterns** between each of the front posts. **Posts** are 8x8 cedar on cement footers.
- **Stain the pergolas an army green olive color** to "*ground*" the structure in our *green* space, letting the dark statue keep focus.
- Within each pergola section we plan on a standalone **8' x 2.5' slatted wood flat bench** mounted on concrete piers. **Benches** are accessible from both walkways and allow back-to-back seating, plus room for personal items.
- **Cancel the existing beat-up ground-based spotlights** and simply run electric wire to each pergola.
- New electric feed will light the new flame-colored lanterns and proposed new smaller LED spotlights that we can mount on the pergolas to "*wash*" the front face of the statue.
- **Extending our circle of Freedom Memorial Brick walkway** will support future memorials and allow our visitors direct access to the flag and statue circles.



... *The Soldiers are walking into the light... Heading for home.*

APALACHICOLA'S VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA

"Walking Our Boys Home" - FUNDRAISER

FUNDRAISING

Our veteran brothers and their families can leave something for our future brothers and their families. We are all getting older, very, very quickly.

1. The statue area desperately needs some intimate shaded seating options.
2. Our plaza desperately needs a large permanent shaded event pavilion where locals and visitors can gather, and static displays can be left out.
3. Extend our Circle of Freedom brick walkway to improve visitor access.

Our vision... The exhausted three soldiers are leaving the jungle passing through an ancient village gate. They will then walk past the American flag and head into their headquarters building. They will now be going home. Completing the story.

Donation options and complete fundraising details on our website. Apalachicola and the Three Servicemen Statue South board greatly appreciate your support! Our Federal Tax ID is 59-3723250

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE (All options + DAF Direct)
www.ThreeServicemenStatueSouth.org/Fundraising



TEXT (ACH or credit cards)
TSSS (888) 444-8774



MAIL CHECK
PO Box 333, Apalachicola FL 32329



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AMERICAN POST 106 COMMANDER'S UPDATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS, MAY 1, 2026

- FIRST, **WE WANT TO "THANK YOU"** FOR THE HUGE TURNOUT FOR THE MEMORIAL AT VETERANS' PLAZA.
- POST HONORED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FCHS AWARDS NIGHT ON MAY 26. PRESENTED ARMY STOLE & 2 \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HARDWORKING, FINANCIALLY CHALLENGED STUDENTS!
- HAPPY TO **ANNOUNCE 2026 OFFICERS OF 106TH LEGION EXEC. TEAM!**
- JOIN US FOR **POST EXEC. CMTE JUNE 10 & NEW MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE, 3RD THURSDAY, JUNE 18**
- REMEMBER TO JOIN US **SUNDAY, JUNE 14, FOR OUR ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AT LEGION HALL, 801 HWY 98, APALACHICOLA.**



**2026 MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY
MONDAY, MAY 25, '26**







Key Dates & Upcoming Events

JUNE 5, 2026

Please mark your calendars for the following Key Dates and upcoming Events in the area (Click here for more details: <https://www.floridasforgottencoast.com>).

- **June 2 – July 18:** CGJ Museum D-Day Commemoration Exhibits Open
- June 2: American Legion Post 82 Meeting, Lanark
- June 5: Veterans REVEILLE, 3 PM – 98 EATS, Eastpoint
- June 11: Exploring Roots of American Music with Corey Hall (Apalach Historical Society)
- June 13, 27: Evening on Edge of Sea – FSU Coastal Marine Lab
- **June 18:** American Legion Post 106 Meeting, Apalachicola
- July 1: Eastpoint Independence Day Celebrations & Fireworks
- July 2: Carrabelle Independence Day Celebrations & Fireworks
- July 3: Apalachicola Independence Day Celebrations & Fireworks
- **July 3: NO VETERANS' REVEILLE IN JULY – *Enjoy the Holiday Season***
- July 4: St. George Island Independence Day Celebrations & Fireworks
- July 4 – September: Carrabelle's Role in American History Exhibit

TALKING POINTS for Friday Vet Reveille, JUNE 5, '26

- I. WELCOME! BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF.... **JAMES WELCOMES VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS... AND SPECIAL GUESTS...A BIG "THANK YOU TO JAY & STAFF" AT 98 EATS!!** INVITE J'S COMMENTS... **ASK VETS TO SUPPORT JAY'S BUSINESSES!**
- II. **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER CHARLES ELLIOTT... WELCOMES BACK FROM TRAINING!**
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER **SHERIFF AJ SMITH. SCOTT BUSH, ADJUTANT**
 - **AJ NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION... LOCAL BOY WHO RETURNED HOME... LIKE THE "GODFATHER," HE ASCENDS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES IN OUR COUNTY. STRAIGHT SHOOTER...ALWAYS THERE FOR US!**
- IV. **SHERIFF SMITH PRESENTS HIS UPDATE! SHERIFF AJ GIVES US HIS ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF THE STATE OF THE COUNTY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT. WHAT'S GOOD? WHAT'S BAD? SAFETY & SECURITY CONCERNS, AND HOW WE, THE REVEILLE, AND THE COMMUNITY CAN HELP HIM!**
- V. AFTER SHORT INTRO BY JAMES, **LISA LUCAS, CGJ HISTORIAN GIVES 10-15 MIN. REFLECTION COMMORATING ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY, JUN 6, '44.**
- VI. NEXT, **JAMES INVITES NEW VETERANS TO "TELL THEIR STORIES!"**
- VII. **BOOGIE KNIGHT TO TALK ABOUT REVEILLE'S FAVORITE CHARITY, TALLY VETERANS' VILLAGE, HOMELESS SHELTER**
 - **"WE LEAVE NO VETERANS BEHIND... AND WE ALWAYS REMEMBER!" PICTURES OF VETERANS VILLAGE ON BOARD & RECENT DELIVERY...**
 - **PASSES THE HAT... ACCEPT DONATIONS!**
- VIII. NEXT, **KARL IVEY & JEAN BUSH UPDATE JUN 14TH FLAG RETIREMENT EVENT, VETERANS' PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS, & TSSS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**
- IX. **MARK SHIELDS DOES AL POST 106TH UPDATE:**
 - **UPDATES '26 POST ELECTION OUTCOMES**
 - **EXEC. CMTE- 11:30, WED. JUN 10, '26**
 - **106TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 6 PM, JUN 18, 26;**
 - **OTHER ISSUES OR CONCERNS**
- X. **JAMES CLOSSES OUT REVEILLE HIGHLIGHTS- NEXT MEETING, AUG 7, '26**
- XI. **ADJOURN MEETING**