

"Dedicated this 12th day of July, 2008 in memory of those persons from the South who valiantly served their country during the Vietnam War (1959 - 1975). Their commitment to their country, to freedom and to each other will long be honored by this memorial which represents, for all time, the human face of those who served."

It is a little known fact that nearly one-third of the casualties experienced by the United States during the Vietnam War were suffered by Southerners. The average age of all those killed was only 20.

Alabama	1,207
Arkansas	588
Florida	1,952
Georgia	1,582
Kentucky	1,055
Louisiana	882
Mississippi	637
Missouri	1,413
North Carolina	1,609
South Carolina	896
Tennessee	1,291
Texas	3,415
Virginia	1,304

The Three Soldiers Bronze detail in Apalachicola is the focal point of the Veterans Memorial Plaza and is adjacent to the Chapman Botanical Garden and the Orman House Historic State Park. Learn more about our veterans and the inspiration for this memorial plaza on our website:

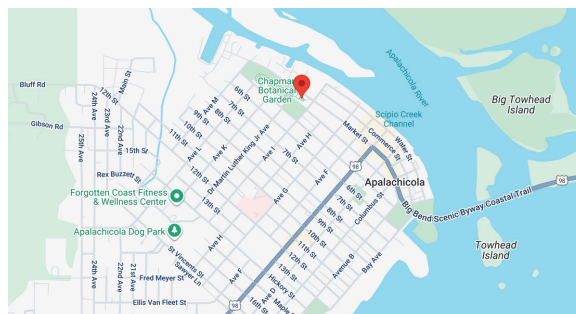
www.ThreeServicemenStatueSouth.org

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Apalachicola Proudly Supports Vietnam Veterans

Our bronze detail was the only copy made from the original molds of the National Monument in Washington, DC.



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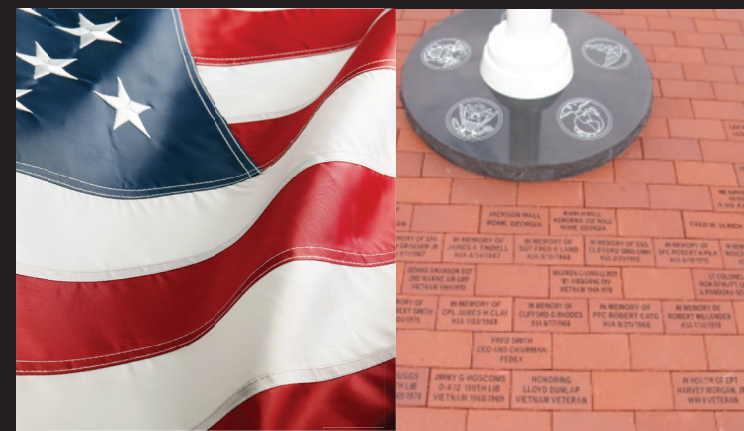


Three Servicemen Detail

VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA
230 MARKET STREET
Apalachicola, Florida



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The Soldiers, the Artist, and the Era

In Xuan Loc, Vietnam, on May 28 of 1969, a nineteen-year-old PFC from Maryland named Jan Scruggs was severely wounded as was his sergeant, Jimmy Mosconis, a self-described “old home-town boy” from the Florida Panhandle port city of Apalachicola.

In 1979, Jan Scruggs conceived the idea of building the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, as a tribute to all who served during one of the longest wars in American history. Today, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is among the most visited memorials in the nation’s capital.

American master sculptor Frederick Hart created one of the most visited monuments in Washington, DC. Hart’s heroic bronze statue “Three Soldiers,” at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was dedicated by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. Hart expressed the desire before he died in 1999 to have a few replicas in other places around the country, so more people could see this iconic work. Only one partial replica (“detail”) was made.

The bond that Sgt. Mosconis and PFC Scruggs formed on the battlefield in Vietnam was rekindled in 2000 when Scruggs, the head of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, paid a visit to his old sergeant in his hometown of Apalachicola. Scruggs then asked his old sergeant if he wanted the first copy of the Three Servicemen statue in Apalachicola. “It was a crazy idea,” Mosconis said.

“It was wild. I said, ‘Yes.’”



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Jan Scruggs,
Frederick “Rick” Hart,
Jimmy Mosconis,
and the
Friends of Apalachicola



Things to Look For

There are many details in our Bronze Detail and there is much to learn from its secrets and the history of this era. Study the statue and our website to see if you can find the answers to this partial scavenger hunt.

1. Why is there a towel depicted in this statue? Did it have a name? Can you imagine the challenge of making a clay representation of a sweaty fuzzy towel?
2. How many total canteens are depicted on this statue? How much total liquid? Here is a hint, the amount of liquid would fill 20 school size milk cartons.
3. Look for the head coverings on our statue. There is only one hat. What name did the soldiers have for this type of floppy fabric hat? Where are the metal helmets?
4. Weapons are a Soldier’s tool; how many do you count and which men are carrying? The biggest gun required two or more men to operate and carry, can you spot this evidence? The smallest weapon may not have been GI issue, but can you spot and understand its significance as reliable back up plan?

Our Bricks, our Stories

There are many ways to submit tributes to local donors, southern states’ veterans, and fallen heroes of all wars.

1. **“Circle of Freedom - Brick Walkway”** leads to our American and POW/MIA flags and displays the physical tributes engraved with their brief homages.
2. **“Circle of Freedom - Service Stories”** is a digital library containing descriptive content relating to an honored soldier or donor. Limited to one content page.

Dedicating a Brick requires a minimum contribution of \$250 and includes the option to add a free Service Story for the person being honored on this Brick.

Submitting a Service Story separately may require a minimum donation to cover setup. Forms are available on our website. Contributions are welcome support for our plaza maintenance and improvements. Thank you!