

PARTY DATE: Nov 22, 2025 *(Time frame, late morning till late afternoon)*

Veterans day November 11, 2025, marks the official end of the *Commemoration period for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.*

Due to existing veterans' events and a very hot summer, we find ourselves remiss in celebrating with our three **Bronze Servicemen Brothers**. To rectify this oversight, we propose a "**Party with the Bronze Boys**" to be held in late November 2025.

All veterans, their friends, families, and support animals are invited to this comfortable laid-back party at our **Veterans Memorial Plaza in Apalachicola**. Entrance is free but contributions encouraged and some minimum amount for certain food & drink.

- Comfortable seating, large tables and multiple sized tents for visiting and presentations. Encourage circulation, some sprawling, and limit crowding.
- Simple food like pots of gumbo, baskets of corn bread, fruit, nuts, deserts...
- Add porta potties, bottled water and cold drinks. We will have kegs of locally brewed beer, in our "State" managed park.
- Background music from 1965-1975 to give the proper vibe without deterring conversations. Toe tapping is ok; head banging is bad for hearing aids.
- I would love to have a helicopter parked in the middle of the plaza for a large display. Other physical memorabilia would also be displayed for people to touch. Canteens, belts, helmets, army tent... Provide "*Show and Tell*" displays where participants can bring their memorabilia for a sharing experience. Tags will be provided to make sure presenter gets credit and their item returned. An important sharing and learning opportunity.
- Brochures, story boards, Vietnam maps, merchandise and donation boots. Need assortment of large combat boots to set up on a table for receiving donations.
- We will have forms available for people to submit their "**Service Stories**" to our new digital archive. Will also have scanners setup to grab copies of any photos that people are willing to share to help flesh out their story. Everyone's story, really.

--Jean Bush-- 08/31/2025 *(proposal)*, 10/09/2025 *(final version)*

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PARTY WITH THE BRONZE BOYS

Three Servicemen Detail

VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA

230 MARKET STREET

Apalachicola, Florida



SATURDAY, NOV 22, 2025 11:00 - 4:00

We have been remiss in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war with our brothers. Come join our causal picnic with static displays, maps, stories, and music from the era. Bring your own stories, pictures, and equipment to share.

Food & Beverages
Brick & Story Donations
Scanner & Printer available
Commemorative Merchandise

Comfortable Seating Areas
Military Equipment Display
Ambient Music 1965-1975
Plaza Fundraiser

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