

June 2022



# South Alabama Veterans Council

An organization for all people, to serve all veterans.

A coalition of Veterans, Friends and Organizations working together to further the cause of Veterans in the South Alabama area

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*Capt Hal Pierce, Bill Atkinson, Spiritus Ameritus SAVC*

**NEXT SAVC MEETING - Tuesday- June 21, 2022 – 8:30 a.m. - Saucy Q**

1111 Government Blvd–Mobile AL

On the web – <http://www.savc.info> - Facebook – South Alabama Veterans Council

## Presidents Corner:



"I want to take a minute to thank all our SAVC folks who attended and participated in the two great events we had last month. Our Armed Forces Day & Blue Star Salute Celebration was a total success. A lot of work went into the 6 months of planning and the execution of the event, and our detail planning paid off with an excellent event. The weather held and the wind was a welcome addition to keep things on the cool side. In addition, the Memorial Day Events also went off without a hitch, and everyone who planned and participated can be proud of our 0700 hrs. Ceremony at the Battleship and the 0830 hrs. Ceremony at the National Cemetery on Virginia St. It was an honor working with the teams that made it happen.

Now we turn our attention to the summer and hopefully have a little time to look back on the past year and get ready for the coming year Veterans Activities. It is also time to enjoy our family and friends, and take time to rest. The SAVC Staff wish you and yours a healthy and safe summer."

Lou Lartigue, President USA (Ret)  
South Alabama Veterans Council



## Chaplains Corner:

Good morning! Let's remember them, Read;

Proverbs 10:77 (a)

"The memory of the Just is blessed;"

Let us take a moment to remember the men and women who so faithfully and heroically wore the uniforms of our armed forces and swore to protect our Country, our values, our principles, our way of life, and our freedom from all enemies, foreign and domestic. We so proudly honor and salute them for making the Ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives so that we may live in the land of the free, and the home of the brave. Now to the families who love and miss them so much; our hearts and prayers go out to you. May our Heavenly Father always comfort you. The memories of the just re blessed. They may be gone, but they will never be forgotten.

In JESUS' Name Amen!

Pastor Lloyd Michael Austin, Chaplain SAVC



## Veterans Recovery Resources

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Stringent training, deployments, frequent moves and, for some, combat, put unique stresses on our Veterans

## SAVE THE DATE!

### June 4 – Alabama Battleship Memorial Park.

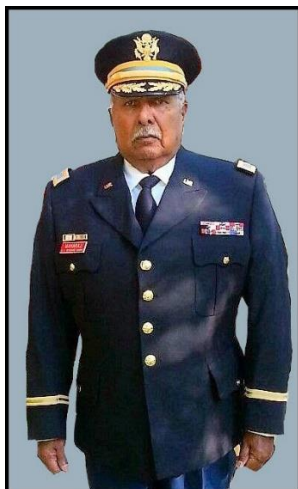
Come see history come to life with our WWII historical reenactors. Activities, demonstrations and meet and greets. Be on the deck of the USS ALABAMA at 1:00 p.m. for the call to battle stations. Vintage airplanes attack the ship and the crew defends her with guns blazing!

### June 4 – 6:00 p.m. Alabama Battleship Memorial Park - Memorial Aircraft Pavilion – the public is invited.



After many years of tireless service to the City of Mobile and its various Veterans causes, we lost a great man and dedicated individual. Raphael Maharaj will always be in the hearts of so many he touched by his kindness and actions.

As his last request, he asked of the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission to see completed, awarding of Medallions to the Laotian members of the United States National Reserve Corps, a group he helped form here in Mobile. That they be recognized for their service to our country as members of the Special Guerilla Unit serving in Laos during the Vietnam War.



## ARMED FORCES DAY BLUE STAR SALUTE

### A message from Harry Sasseman, BSSF, Inc.

We had a very successful 17th Annual Blue Star Salute Event last Saturday (5/21/22). Thanks to Tom and Dee Long, Bruce and Susan Coody, Ted Urquhart, Jeff Newton, and to the members of the South Alabama Veterans Council who made this event happen. We have posted pictures on our Facebook Page and our Website. See the website pictures at this link.

<https://bluestarsalute.org/annual-blue-star-salutes>.

You will need to scroll down below the "Download section". There is a Slideshow and below that is a short story on Michael Sullivan who honored the memory of his Friend Captain Ray Smith at the event.

This link takes you to a local FOX10 TV station who covered the event.

[Blue Star Salute honoring the price of freedom](#)

This link will carry you to more coverage of the AFD BSS event.

[AFD/BSS 2022 - photographybyfran](#)

### Fallen Heroes 5K Run Results:

[Little Red Hen Productions Race Results \(productionsbylittleredhen.com\)](#)



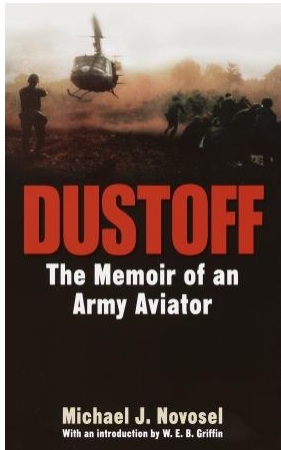
**ALABAMA'S CHALLENGE  
FOR PREVENTING SUICIDE  
AMONG SERVICE MEMBERS,  
VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES**

In February 2022, Alabama's Challenge launched a statewide campaign of holding a town hall and Veterans resources and job fair in various cities around the state. The first event was held in Dothan, with the second held in Mobile on May 23. Alabama's Challenge plans to hold future events in Tuscaloosa, Huntsville, Birmingham, and Montgomery.

The town hall featured a host of guests, including Mayor Stimpson. Alabama's Challenge Co-Chairs Paulette Risher and Kent Davis provided an overview of the statewide initiative and a panel of community, state, and federal representatives discussed their services and answered questions from the community. The panel included representatives from the ADVA, Alabama Crisis Centers, 988 Crisis Line, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, South Alabama Veterans Council, Veterans Recovery Resources, AltaPointe, and Alabama Suicide Prevention Resources Coalition.

You can learn more about Alabama's Challenge and Veterans well-being resources by [clicking here](#). For more information, the public can contact the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs at (334) 242-5077.

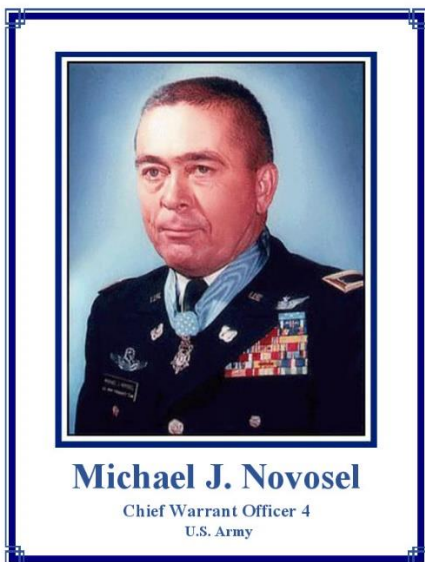
**Fort Rucker to be renamed to honor Alabama Medal of Honor recipient CW4 Michael J. Novosel**



CW4 Novosel was an honored World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veteran. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam.

CW4 Novosel’s forty-four-year career as an aviator in the Army Air Corps, U.S. Air Force, commercial pilot and instructor, and Army Aviation is filled with his devotion to our Country and the love of flying. In his book “Dustoff--The Memoir of an Army Aviator,” he chronicles his life as an aviator and a family-man. A must-read for all aspiring aviators.

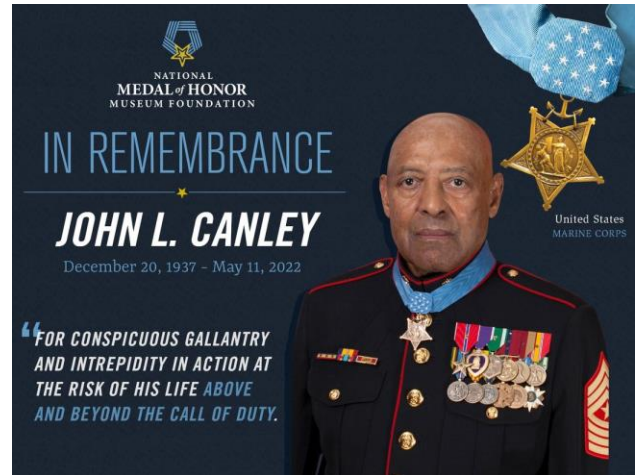
His legacy at Ft. Rucker and Enterprise is well known. The main road at Ft. Rucker is named in honor of CW4 Novosel and his bronze bust is located at the post museum.



[Fort Rucker to be renamed to honor Alabama man, Medal of Honor recipient Michael Novosel - al.com](http://al.com)

**National Medal of Honor Museum**

The National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation mourns the death of Marine Sergeant Major John Canley, who earned his Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War, but would not receive the award until 2018, following the discovery of previously unavailable evidence and a review by the Department of Defense. Canley passed away on May 11, 2022, in Bend, Oregon, with his family by his bedside. With his passing, there are now only 64 living Medal of Honor recipients.



From left, Eddie Davis and his brothers Julius, Octavius, Lebronze, Frederick, Arguster and Nathaniel pose for a photo behind a family picture during a reunion at a hotel-casino on July 12, 2019 in Tunica, Mississippi.

TUNICA, Miss. — The sons of Ben and Hattie Davis give special meaning to the term “band of brothers”.

Eleven in all, their combined 158 years of service to the U.S. military make them brothers in arms as well as brothers raised on a family farm in rural Alabama.

[11 brothers from Alabama, 158 years of U.S. military service \(nbcnews.com\)](http://nbcnews.com)

## FLAG DAY JUNE 14, 2022

As the legend goes, it was George Washington and two other members of the Continental Congress who asked Betsy Ross to sew the first American flag sometime in the late spring of 1776. The young widow was only in her early 20's when she completed the first flag with thirteen stars arranged in a circle.

A year later, the Continental Congress officially adopted the design for the national flag, and henceforward the Stars and Stripes symbolized the U.S. around the world.

The first Flag Day was celebrated in 1877 - the flag's centennial. Later, in 1916, a grass roots movement resulted in President Woodrow Wilson issuing a proclamation that called for a nationwide observance of Flag Day on June 14. More than three decades later, Flag Day was made a permanent observance by Congress who in 1949 resolved "That the 14th day of June of each year is hereby designated as Flag Day."

**Why red, white and blue?** To the original members of the Continental Congress, red stood for hardiness and courage, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance and justice.

**Why thirteen stars and stripes?** They represented the thirteen American colonies which rallied around the new flag in their fight against the British for self-governance.

The thirteen colonies included Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Virginia.

To this day, thirteen stripes still commemorate the original colonies. Instead of thirteen stars, today the number of stars on the US flag has grown to 50, representing every state in the Union.



## FLAG ETIQUETTE

### HOW TO FOLD THE FLAG



Bring corners together lengthwise.



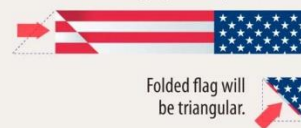
Fold again lengthwise



From stripe end, bring corner to flat edge



Fold in triangle pattern up to stars end



Folded flag will be triangular.

### FLYING THE FLAG AT HALF-MAST

Hoist flag to top of staff before lowering to half mast; raise to top again before lowering at sunset.

### How long flag flies at half-mast



**30 DAYS**  
Death of a president or former president

### 10 DAYS

Death of current or former vice president, chief justice or speaker of the house.

### 1 DAY

Death of a governor, U.S. senator or representative.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Fly the flag at half-mast until noon, then raise to top of flagpole.

## USA JAGVETS

A message from Joshua Missouri:

I am transitioning to another institution. My last day in the office will be 5/27/2022.

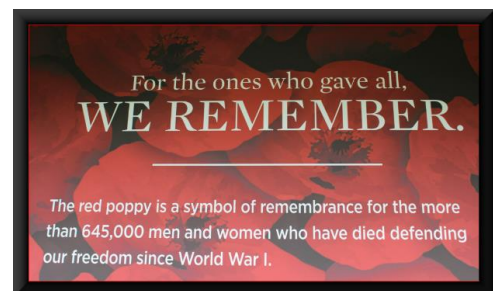
I apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause you, and I want you to know that I would love to stay in contact with you follow me on LinkedIn at

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/joshua-missouri-6667b93b>.

If you have any questions regarding our previous business together; all information pertaining to the University of South Alabama should be directed to

[Vets@southalabama.edu](mailto:Vets@southalabama.edu)

-Joshua Missouri



The poppy as a symbol of war casualties started with a poem. In the spring of 1915, a Canadian artillery unit brigade surgeon named Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae saw bright red poppies blooming on the war-torn fields where so many soldiers had lost their lives, and he was moved to write "In Flanders Fields."

[Memorial Day Poppies: The Significance Behind the Red Flowers \(rd.com\)](https://rd.com)



### Just a Common Soldier

*Cynthia House MGySgt (Ret) read "A Soldier Died Today" During the Memorial Ceremony held on Memorial Day at the National Cemetery, Mobile, AL.*

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.  
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.  
And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,  
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,  
And the worlds a little poorer, for a soldier died today.  
He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,  
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.  
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,  
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.  
When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.  
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.  
Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land  
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,  
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?  
A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives  
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.  
It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,  
That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know

It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,

Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?  
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend  
His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,

But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part

Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.  
If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,

Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,

Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.

--A. Lawrence Vaincourt

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### **Rest in Peace - Edward Detiege American Legion Post 250 Chaplain**

**An interview with Ed Detiege:**

<https://youtu.be/uVHE6lX45rA>

*Historical Truth 101 - Unlocking and preserving history one interview at a time.*

Funeral plans are pending for Ed Detiege.

## WE REMEMBERED THEM TODAY

**Memorial Day 2022** began in Mobile with The Flag Lowering ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in honor of those service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.



### **REMEMBER - A ceremony was held at the National Cemetery in Mobile, AL.**

Mobile National Cemetery is a United States National Cemetery located in the city of Mobile, Alabama. It encompasses 5.2 acres (2.1 ha), and as of the end of 2005, had 5,326 interments. It is an annex to the larger Magnolia Cemetery. Mobile National Cemetery is administered by Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Florida, and is currently closed to new interments.

Mobile National Cemetery was established in 1865, when Union troops occupied the city of Mobile after the Battle of Mobile Bay, during the Civil War. Initially, casualties of the battle were interred in a section of the city-owned Magnolia Cemetery, but they quickly had a need for more space, and a plot of 3 acres (1.2 ha) was granted to the Army by the city in 1866. By 1871, the cemetery had 841 interments, mostly soldiers whose remains were moved from other nearby battlefield sites.

Mobile National Cemetery was listed, along with the rest of Magnolia Cemetery, on the National Register of Historic Places on 13 June 1986



### **REMEMBER -Our fallen heroes were honored during a ceremony at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort.**



The commemoration featured a wreath-laying ceremony, a moment of silence followed by a rifle volley, the playing of Taps, and an Honor Guard salute. The cemetery also had an American flag at the grave of each fallen Alabama Veteran, which were placed by local members of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. Maj. Cathleen E. De La Garza, (Retired) U.S. Air Force, delivered the keynote address.



**KEY NOTE SPEAKER - Cathleen De La Garza is Uniti Fiber's Senior Vice President of Service Delivery and Order Management.**

As a commissioned officer in the United States Air Force, De La Garza was among the first female combat pilots in the US military, serving as an F-15C fighter pilot for twelve years. Her tours of duty included Operation Southern Watch and Operation Noble Eagle in the Middle East and stateside

Follow the link for more coverage of Memorial Day 2022  
[MEMORIAL DAY 2022 - photographybyfran](#)

[ARLINGTON SOUTH VIRTUAL TOUR - photographybyfran](#)

**The National Association of the Daughters of the Confederacy** was organized in Nashville, TN on September 10, 1894, by founders Mrs. Caroline Meriwether Goodlet of Nashville and Mrs. Anna Davenport Raines of Georgia. At its second meeting in Atlanta, Ga. in 1895, the Organization changed its name to the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The United Daughters of the Confederacy was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia on July 18, 1919. On May 28, 2022, Llene Cox, President of The Bonnie Blue Flag Chapter 2124, Alabama Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following individuals for their service to our country:

Edward Phillip Evans USA; Coburn Franklin Goodwin, Jr; M. Earl Thompson, USN; Thomas Wesley Archer, USMC.



Llene Cox, President, Edward Evans, USA, MOPH



Thomas Wesley Archer



M. Earl Thompson



Coburn Franklin Godwin, Jr.

## Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery – Arlington South:

The call to serve was answered by many, Saturday before Memorial Day...veterans resting at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort were remembered as Boy Scouts ...Cub Scouts...Girl Scouts ...sisters...brothers ...families ...placed flags at each headstone. Memorial Day is a time to remember that freedom is not free. The name of each veteran was read as each flag was placed in the ground. Special thanks to all who helped make the day special ...families of our veterans are grateful....(Thank you Margaret Coley)



## Legacy Run Registration

The American Legion Legacy Run will take place Aug. 21-25, 2022. The 1,200-mile ride will leave from the USS Alabama Memorial Park in Mobile, Ala., on Aug. 21 and travel through Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois before winding up at American Legion Post 434 in Oak Creek, Wis. – a 20-minute drive from Milwaukee, the site of the 2022 American Legion National Convention.

**The Legacy Run Registration is for riders, passengers and supporters of The American Legion Legacy Run.**

Please [sign in](#) or create an account to get started.

Here are [help instructions](#) to create an account.

# VA publishes Interim Final Rule for Legal Services for Veterans Grant Program

**WASHINGTON** — As part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' national homeless prevention efforts, VA published an Interim Final Rule which allows VA to enhance the provision of legal services for Veterans experiencing or at risk for homelessness.

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[VA Homeless Programs](#)



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These grants will also satisfy section 5105 of the Act, which requires VA to partner with outside organizations to provide legal services to women Veterans.

"Providing full access to justice and legal services for Veterans takes unified, inter-agency partnerships, from the Federal level down to states, cities and communities at the grassroots-level where Veterans work and live," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "This first-of-its-kind grant will ensure that legal services are available nationwide to Veterans in need."

LSV-Homeless builds on existing [legal services](#) offered to Veterans through partnerships between VA and legal service providers in communities across the U.S. Services provided by the new grants will support Veterans' legal needs related to such housing, family law issues, income support, criminal defense, and requests to upgrade the characterization of a discharge.

A Notice of Funding Opportunity with instructions on how to apply for a grant is expected to be published in September 2022 once the Final Rule for the grant program is complete.

Get information on [LSV-Homeless](#). The Interim Final Rule is available for public inspection preview at [LINK](#). The official version of this IFR is scheduled to publish June 1.

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**ALABAMA'S CHALLENGE FOR PREVENTING SUICIDE AMONG SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES**

## Suicide is a National Public Health Concern

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Text 838255



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June	
PTSD Awareness Month	Month of June
Homeownership Month	Month of June
D-Day	June 6
Women Veterans Day	June 12
Army Birthday	June 14
U.S. Flag Day	June 14
National Flag Week	The week that includes June 14th
Father's Day	Third Sunday in June
Juneteenth	June 19
Veterans Golden Age Games	July 18 to 23, 2022
Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday	June 23
PTSD Awareness Day	June 27



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SAVE THE DATE - SAVC – June 21 meeting  
Our meeting starts at 0830a.m., but we like to gather earlier for breakfast or coffee and just talk about Veterans Stuff and what is going on. – Lou