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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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NEXT SAVC MEETING - Tuesday- July 19, 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:



Welcome to 'Summer in the South' on the Gulf Coast. We entered the summer with a bang and it has been warm--no HOT. I am really concerned about our membership and our fellow Veterans, not only because of the heat, but the outbreak of COVID-19 lately. We need to check on our fellow Veterans to see if they need help coping with the heat and health. Take a minute and call on a Vet. Thanks to COL. Pat Downing, we have a great guest speaker this month, Colonel Roosevelt J. Lewis Jr. (USAF-Ret). He is an aviator, businessman, chemist, logistician, former owner of Air Tuskegee, and manager of Morton Field, the original home of the Tuskegee Airmen. He is a noted historian of the Tuskegee Airmen and has lectured extensively regarding leadership, management, and the first-hand lessons taught to him by his numerous Tuskegee Airmen mentors.

Look forward to seeing you at our Tuesday 19 July 2022 meeting. Stay safe and stay healthy.

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



Chaplains Corner:

It's MAINTAIN

Read Titus 3:8

This is a faithful saying, "And these things I wish that you would affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God may be careful to MAINTAIN good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."

The word maintain means to continue. We must affirm constantly to the world that we believe in God, by allowing them to see a pattern of good works in our lives and, in trust, in obedience, in faithfulness, in honesty, in love, and in our attitudes. We must be careful how we let our light shine before men. Don't be unstable or wishy-washy or all over the place, but be steadfast, unmovable always, abounding in the works of the Lord. This will profit men when they see our commitment.

In JESUS' Name Amen!

Pastor Lloyd Michael Austin, Chaplain SAVC



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Stringent training, deployments, frequent moves and, for some, combat, put unique stresses on our Veterans and their families. Our team of health professionals created a unique approach that speaks to a unique set of mental wellness challenges.

The last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II has passed on from this life at 98 years old.

CW4 Hershel “Woody” Williams



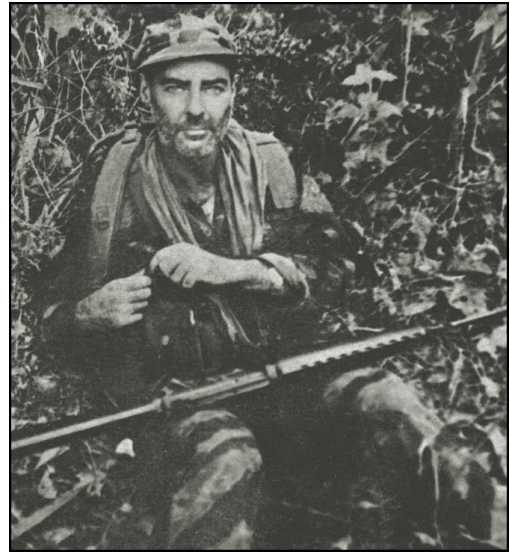
[Remembering WWII Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams - CBS News](#)

Medal of Honor Recipient and World War II Veteran CW4 Hershel “Woody” Williams, died at the age of 98, on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. He was the last living WWII Medal of Honor recipient.

Williams was born on October 2, 1923, and grew up in Quiet Dell in Marion County, West Virginia. He joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Battle of Iwo Jima with 1st Battalion, 21st Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division. Williams received the Medal of Honor on October 5, 1945, from President Harry S. Truman for his “actions, commitment to his fellow service members, and heroism.”

Following his service in WWII, Williams continued to serve veterans and their families as a Veterans Service Representative for the Department of Veterans Affairs for 33 years.

He created the Woody Williams Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that establishes Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments and conducts outreach programs for Gold Star Families.



Robin Moore, a World War II bomber gunner, wanted to tell the story of a new generation of warriors, the U.S. Army Special Forces in Vietnam. He went to Vietnam in 1964 to do research for a book, which is largely based on Green Beret battles at Tinh Bien and Nam Dong. (U.S. Army)

Admittedly, the 1968 film *The Green Berets* is not John Wayne’s best acting or even his best war movie. The “Duke” was too old and fat to be traipsing around on secret missions in the Vietnamese jungle—portrayed in the film by Georgia yellow pines. Still the film remains an important depiction of the Vietnam War because it was one of the first filmed during the fighting and, like the 1965 book with the same title, it is based on actual events.

[How the Green Berets Became Famous | HistoryNet](#)



Do You Remember This Striking Rendition Of ‘God Bless America’ With John Wayne?

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Welcome! The Gulf Coast Resource, Conservation, and Development Council serves Baldwin, Mobile, and Escambia Counties and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. We specialize in environmental, conservation, and community development grants.



Vision

Gulf Coast RC&D will lead in making the Gulf Coast Area a better place to live.

Mission

Promote, protect and develop natural resources to secure social and economic benefits for people in the Gulf Coast Area.

About us

The Secretary of Agriculture approved the Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council in March of 1993. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, the County Commissions, and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Baldwin, Escambia, and Mobile Counties were named as the official sponsors of The Council. The Gulf Coast RC&D Council's Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from each of the seven sponsoring organizations. These volunteers commit themselves to carrying out plans, programs, and projects to help improve the area.

The purpose of the Gulf Coast RC&D Council is to provide local leadership in developing and carrying out a plan for the orderly conservation, improvement, development, and wise use of natural resources thereby improving economic opportunities. The organization cooperates and assists in carrying out local and regional plans of other organizations and agencies. Gulf Coast RC&D is working to create an awareness of the need for orderly development and conservation of area resources. The organization is working to secure the required technical, financial, educational, and other services required to develop and accomplish its goals and objectives.

[Home \(gulfcoast-rcd.org\)](http://gulfcoast-rcd.org)



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Coffee County – Enterprise Chapter 9

Geneva County Satellite Office

To All Department of Alabama Officers and NSO's

Chapter 9 Coffee County- Enterprise invites you to the Grand Opening of our Satellite Office. Located in the city of Geneva, AL on the 13th of July at 10:00 am for a ribbon cutting with a reception to follow. 414 E. Magnolia Ave Geneva, AL 36340. **Please RSVP by the 8th of July to davgenevaoffice@gmail.com.**

Satellite Office Manager,

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New to TRICARE? Handbook Helps You Learn Your Health Plan Options

By TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – If you're curious about your TRICARE health plan options, the [*TRICARE Choices in the United States Handbook*](#) can help. Whether you're on active duty, separating from service, retiring, or a family member, this all-in-one handbook provides an overview of your stateside health care options. It also describes your pharmacy, dental, and vision coverage options.

"The *TRICARE Choices in the United States Handbook* is a great starting point to show you what stateside health plans may be available to you and your family members," said Robert Agnello, deputy chief of Digital Communications at the Defense Health Agency. "The handbook also gives an overview of how to enroll in a plan, how to get care with your plan, and costs."

[New to TRICARE? Handbook Helps You Learn Your Health Plan Options > TRICARE Newsroom > Articles](#)

Camp Lejeune water contamination health issues

If you served at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune or Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River in North Carolina, you may have had contact with contaminants in the drinking water there. Scientific and medical evidence has shown an association between exposure to these contaminants during military service and development of certain diseases later on. If you have qualifying service at Camp Lejeune and a current diagnosis of one of the conditions listed below, you may be able to get disability benefits.

[Camp Lejeune Water Contamination Health Issues | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#)

July

7/1 Women's Army Corp & Cadet Nurses Corp Established (1943)/Air Force Nurses Corps Established (1949)
 7/2 US Army Air Corps Established (1926)
 7/4 Independence Day.
 7/25 National Hire a Veteran Day
 7/27 Korean War Armistice Signed (1953)
 7/28 WWI Began (1914)
 7/28 National Buffalo Soldiers Day
 7/29 Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary
 7/30 Navy Women's Reserves (WAVES) Established (1942)



Veteran Owned Business List

In partnership with the SAVC and Scuttlebutt Radio Network, we are creating a Veteran Owned Business List. Please register if you are a VOB or an organization helping veterans/military and share with other Veteran business owners. The aim of this effort is to provide support to and increase awareness of Veteran Owned Businesses.

<https://alabamaveteransresourceguide.com/>

About the Riders



American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veteran's homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001

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 American Legion Legacy Run will take place Aug. 21-25, 2022; those wanting to participate can [register here](#).

Medal of Honor recipient Gary Wetzel, a Legion Rider from Post 434, will await the ride on its final stop and be a part of its closing ceremonies. Later that evening, Legacy Run participants will be able to take part in a bike night outside of the nearby [Harley-Davidson Museum campus](#) upon the conclusion of activities at post 434.



If you have any questions, you can forward them to legacyrun@legion.org.

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship helps ensure higher education is a possibility for children who lost a parent to death on active duty, or suffered a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or greater by VA, since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

[Donate Now \(mylegion.org\)](#)

Please check the [RESOURCES](#) page for the latest available Legacy Run documents and merchandise links.

Coast Guard picks Austal for \$3.3 billion Offshore Patrol Cutter program



The Coast Guard awarded Austal USA a contract worth up to \$3.33 billion to produce up to 11 Heritage-class Offshore Patrol Cutters, with Austal beating out a large field of other shipbuilders, including incumbent Eastern Shipbuilding Group.

[Coast Guard picks Austal for \\$3.3 billion Offshore Patrol Cutter program - Breaking Defense](#)



Marty Batura and the crew from Worldwide Aircraft are working in the Aircraft Pavilion assembling one of two vintage airplanes that have been donated to the Battleship Memorial Park.

The first airplane being assembled is the Boeing-Stearman Model 75. This small aircraft is a biplane trainer that was used in the U. S. Army Air Corps (later the U.S. Army Air Force) and the U.S. Navy. Students and instructors flew in a tandem position as part of their standard flight training. Over 10,000 Boeing-Stearmans were produced during the 1930s and 1940s. Following the end of WWII, the military divested themselves of the famous trainers. They were then sold to private citizens as war surplus and went on to be popular airplanes among crop dusters and aerobatics pilots.

Watch for photos of the finished project. More to come!

Airplane Assembly - Part 2

The team from Worldwide Aircraft has completed the assembly of the Boeing-Stearman. The Stearman will be on display in the Medal of Honor Aircraft Pavilion. Be sure to take a look at it when you visit.

The second airplane, a Grumman Goose, will be assembled in September. Watch for that post in the early fall.



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VETERANS RECOVERY RESOURCES

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Now It's Our Turn.

For some, their training equipped them to handle almost any situation—except coming home. If you are a Veteran facing difficulty returning to civilian life, we're there with empathy and specially-trained professionals. That way, we can help you and your family members find renewed strength and confidence in life.



A Program Of  VETERANS RECOVERY
RESOURCES

Upcoming Schedule and Events

- July 8-10 - Junior Open Water Scuba Diver Course - Panama City Beach, FL
- July 9th - Full Day Off-Shore Deep Sea Fishing Trip - Destin FL
- July 9-10th - Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver Course - Ponce De Leon / Panama City Beach FL
- July 10th - 2 Tank In-Shore Dive Trip - Panama City Beach FL
- July 11th - PADI Open Water Scuba Diver Course - Mobile AL
- July 25th - H2O Dive Club (and MORE) Meeting - Mobile AL
- July 30th - Spearfishing Trip - Destin FL
- July 31st - 2 Tank In-Shore Dive Trip - Panama City Beach FL
- August 1st - PADI Open Water Scuba Diver Course - Mobile AL
- August 5th - Full Day Off-Shore Deep Sea Fishing Trip - Destin FL
- August 17th - Shark Cage Dive - Georgia Aquarium
- August 27th - Spearfishing Trip - Destin FL
- August 28th - 2 Tank In-Shore Dive Trip - Panama City Beach FL
- August 29th - H2O Dive Club (and MORE) Meeting - Mobile AL
- September 3rd - Full Day Off-Shore Deep Sea Fishing Trip - Destin FL
- September 5th - PADI Open Water Scuba Diver Course - Mobile AL
- September 7th - Shark Cage Dive - Georgia Aquarium
- September 7th - Whale Shark Dive - Georgia Aquarium
- September 15-18 - H2O Reunion - Panama City Beach FL
- September 17 - 2 Tank In-Shore Dive Trip - Panama City Beach FL
- September 24th - LULU Dive - Orange Beach AL
- September 25th - Spearfishing Trip - Destin FL
- September 26th - H2O Dive Club (and MORE) Meeting - Mobile AL
- September 28th - Shark Cage Dive - Georgia Aquarium
- October 16-22 - Veterans Immersion Event

[H2O Scuba Courses and Events — VRR Programs and Community Events \(squarespace.com\)](#)

Awesome Aircraft Paint Jobs That Dominate the Skies

If you've ever seen a custom painted aircraft, then you know that a standard plane paint job just doesn't cut it anymore.

Shark Fighter

This sweet old-school military aircraft looks about as real as the shark from Jaws. Joking aside, this is a well-done paint job. If Santa's Reindeers were actually A-10 Warthogs, then the next aircraft is how Christmas Eve would look...



Duracell Wrap

It looks just like a battery! Add in the fact that these Duracell AA batteries are going into a big bin for Toys for Tots donations makes it all the more cooler.



MORE:

[Aircraft Paint Jobs That Rule The Skies - Yeah! Motor \(yeahmotor.com\)](http://yeahmotor.com)

DIXIE REGION GATHERING OF THE GUARD

The 2022 Patriot Guard Riders Dixie Region Gathering of the Guard was hosted by the Patriot Guard Riders of Alabama. This event allowed members of the six states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee) which comprises the Dixie Region to meet to renew friendships and establish new friendships, and to honor the memory of those who have passed after the previous Gathering. This enhances the volunteer's belief that there are "No Borders" in the Dixie Region. In keeping with the "No Borders" guideline, PGR members from outside the Dixie Region were also welcome!

On Friday, 24 June 2022 the PGR participated in a funeral mission followed by a ride-by visit to William F. Green State Veterans Home, then lunch at Street's Seafood Restaurant, Bay Minette. The group rode to FlightWorks Museum at AirBus on Brookley Field.

Saturday there was a ride to Battleship Park for Battleship, submarine, aircraft, and military equipment tours.

The Hellfighters transferred the Rolling Glory 3 flags to PGR that afternoon.

The Guest Speaker at the dinner was Gold Star Mother Penny Rauhuff (Ride for the Fallen - Justin Coleman) Keynote Speaker Commander Pete Riehm USN (Ret)



FROM FACEBOOK:

CMDR PETE RIEHM USN (Ret)

June 25, 2022

"Tonight I had the incredible privilege and pleasure to address the annual Dixie Division "Gathering of the Guard." The Patriot Guard Riders are the great Americans from across the country who ensure our first responders, military, and veterans are laid to rest with dignity and respect. They selflessly shield the mourning families from any rogue radicals trying to disrupt a funeral. The PGR is protecting our American traditions and preserving our values of duty and service. The PGR honors all our heroes and they set the example that we should never forget any sacrifice. Every life, every sacrifice, and every service to our country is important. Thank you PGR for always reminding us."



Hellfighters USA Host Rolling Glory 3, A Tribute To The 13 Fallen Soldiers Of Kabul Attack

On Saturday, June 11th Hellfighters USA hosted Rolling Glory 3, a nationwide unifying relay of American Flags that began in California and will end at its final destination of Washington D.C.



This event was to honor the thirteen American soldiers who gave their lives during a suicide attack at Kabul, Afghanistan on August 26, 2021.

In the relay, each state has a "Passing of the Colors" as the Rolling Glory Run moves from one state to the next, carrying the thirteen American flags representing the thirteen heroes.



From Chatom to Mobile, Richard Clark, CVMA 28-6 and PGR did a hand-off of the 13 Flags at the Dixie Region Gathering of the Guard in Mobile AL. The PGR in turn will be headed to Georgia.

With only two stops in Alabama, Chatom was honored to host these for 5 days.

Note; these flags are being flown on motorcycles from California to DC by Bikers in honor of those 13 heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan.

[Hellfighters USA host Rolling Glory 3, a tribute to the 13 fallen soldiers of Kabul attack | News | impact601.com](#)



CVMA 28-6 - Nationals 2022 Louisville KY



Local CVMA CHAPTERS 28-6 and 28-8 attended the annual convention

We are an Association of Combat Veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles as a hobby. As a registered 501(c)(19) veterans' charity, our mission is to support and protect those who have defended our country and our freedoms. Our focus is to provide assistance and help to individual veterans, veteran care facilities, other veteran organizations and registered charities. We sponsor and participate in many veteran-related motorcycle (and other) charity events each year, and as a non-profit organization, donate to various veteran causes.

Our membership is comprised of Full Members (those with verified combat service), Supporter Members (those who have non-combat military service and have a strong dedication to helping veterans), and Auxiliary Members (Spouses of both Full and Support members). We have members from all 50 states and numerous countries abroad, including combat areas.

Please note that we are an ASSOCIATION and NOT a MOTORCYCLE CLUB (MC). Although we may be in a geographic area, we do not claim territory. We do not have a club house. We do not wear cuts or colors, but rather vests. The patch on our back is one piece.



'Old Glory Relay'; Celebration of American flag in Mobile as it heads to World Games

['Old Glory Relay'; Celebration of American flag in Mobile as it heads to World Games - al.com](https://al.com)

[Veterans Begin 3,100Mile 'Epic Journey' Carrying American Flag to The World Games 2022 - The World Games 2022 | Birmingham, USA \(twg2022.com\)](https://twg2022.com)

The relay is an epic journey where thousands of America's military veterans will each have their turn carrying the same American flag on a 3,100-mile route through 15 states to the Opening Ceremony of The World Games 2022 in Birmingham.

An expected 3,600 athletes from more than 100 countries will compete in exciting and emerging sports from July 7-17 at The World Games 2022, which is organized with the support of the International Olympic Committee and takes place every four years. This year marks the 11th edition of The World Games and the first that will be held in the U.S. since 1981.



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SAVE THE DATE - SAVC — July 19 meeting
Our meeting starts at 0830 a.m., but we like to gather earlier for breakfast or coffee and just talk about Veterans Stuff and what is going on. — Lou