

**SAVC MEETING  
JULY 21, 2026  
8:00 - Breakfast**

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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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SAVC Meetings - 8:00 a.m.  
3rd Tuesday monthly, Jan - Nov  
Denton Drake American Legion Post 88  
2663 Halls Mill Rd., Mobile, AL  
Breakfast \$5.00



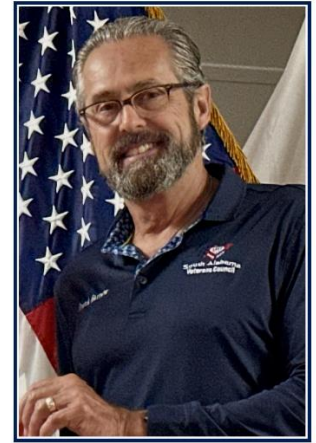
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Fellow Veterans!

Summer has arrived, and the heat and humidity are in full force...of course, that's what we like about living here in Alabama! Congratulations are in order for our newly elected board members...I want to thank you for your continued faith in my leadership, and I hope to continue to represent you well as the president of SAVC. We want to thank COL (Ret) Patrick Downing for his many years of service as the vice-president... we welcome COL (Ret) Phil Quigley as the incoming Vice-President... he has some big shoes to fill. Mrs. Beverly Moritz will serve as Vice President for Logistics, a new position under our current bylaws. COL Shawn Davidson will continue to serve as Vice-President for Operations. Our Secretary and Treasurer will continue to serve...Fran Barber and Tom Schwarz are appointed by the board and do outstanding work each month. I want to announce that COL (Ret) Louis Lartigue, Jr. has agreed to serve as a Member at Large for the SAVC board at my request. He will certainly add a new dynamic to our leadership team.

Our July guest speaker is Lieutenant Colonel Todd Oliver, President of SACMOAA. Military Officers Association of America is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to protecting the earned pay, benefits, and quality-of-life for uniformed service members, veterans, and their families.

I understand we had a good turnout at the June meeting... I was in Germany with my granddaughter as we celebrated her high school graduation and gave her a look at where her people come from... it was a wonderful trip! I also want to give a shoutout to Panini Pete and his team, who presented us with a \$1,752 check from the May Bingo Nite proceeds at the Waterfront Restaurant. A couple attending the event matched the gift with another check for \$1,752... unbelievable! Al and Beverly Messina of Spanish Fort, Alabama, made the additional gift... we hope they attend our July meeting so I can present each of them with our SAVC challenge coin.

I look forward to seeing you at American Legion Post 88...as always, come hungry since breakfast will be served!



Greetings,

Let's Be Grateful!

Read 1 Corinthians 1:4

"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ."

Heavenly Father, we are grateful for all the things you have done, and we are grateful for all the victories that we have won. Heavenly Father, there is no doubt that you have been very good to us down through the years, and we are truly grateful. Now we say thank you for all the love, all the grace, all the mercy, all the salvation, all the forgiveness, all the blessings, all the kindness, all the healing, all the deliverance that you have given us. Our hearts are full of gratitude.

In Jesus Name, Amen!

Pastor Lloyd Michael Austin,  
Chaplain SAVC



**A LETTER FROM A TRUE  
AMERICAN PATRIOT:**

*Col Barrow, this is Al Messina, who made the donation at the Waterfront. I received your invitation to come to your meeting. I'm honored but will not be attending. I'm not looking for recognition. I'm a certified WTC (World Trade Center) survivor, and it was my way of saying thank you for all that our military has done for me and our country. Thank you, and have a Happy 4th of July! God Bless.*

**REPLY FROM SAVC TEAM:**

*Thank you! We will always be grateful for your generosity!*

**SAVC Executive Board**



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**SAVC BEGINNINGS**

Founded by a group of Veterans in 1998. The first meeting was held at the Denton-Drake American Legion Post 88. SAVC was designed to serve as a clearinghouse of information for various Veterans' groups across Mobile, Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Monroe, and Washington counties.

The SAVC is a coalition of Veterans Organizations, supporters, and friends, working together to advance the cause of Veterans and their families throughout the South Alabama region. SAVC is an apolitical organization functioning as a think tank or incubator, generating ideas on how Veterans Support Organizations (VSOs) and the community can recognize the contributions of Veterans and their families.

Anyone interested in supporting the SAVC mission is encouraged to join the Council. SAVC has grown and matured into a respected group of Veterans and friends who confidently advocate with our local, state, and federal government representatives. SAVC is an apolitical organization; the council does not endorse candidates, but it encourages a well-informed public to vote. SAVC serves as a think tank or incubator, generating ideas on how Veterans Support Organizations (VSOs) and the community can acknowledge the contributions of Veterans and their families.

**SAVC JULY 21, 2026 Meeting  
GUEST SPEAKER**

**Lieutenant Colonel Todd Oliver, USMCR**

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Lieutenant Colonel Todd Oliver was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama. After graduating from St. Paul's Episcopal School in 2001, he attended Birmingham-Southern College, majoring in Business Administration. He graduated in 2005 and was accepted to Officer Candidate Course 195.

He attended Officer Candidate School in summer 2007 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on August 10, 2007. He reported to The Basic School on August 19, assigned to Fox Company until March. Afterward, he attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant Oliver completed the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course in 2009 and was assigned to Delta Battery, 2/14, as a Platoon Commander, deploying to Nimruz Province, Afghanistan, for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). After returning, he joined Kilo Battery, 2/14, as Executive Officer and deployed again in 2011 for OEF.

Captain Oliver returned and served as Fire Direction Officer/Assistant Operations Officer for 2/14 for two years. In September 2013, he joined Mike Battery, 3/14, as Guns Platoon Commander and Forward Observer for two years. Returning to 2/14, he became Executive Officer for Kilo Battery. After becoming a Major, he went back to Headquarters, 2/14, as the HIMARS Planner for the battalion.

In 2017, Major Oliver took command of Kilo Battery, 2/14, and deployed a detachment supporting Task Force Southwest 19.2. Afterward, he served as the Future Operations Officer for 14th Marine Regiment, then as Operations Officer and Executive Officer for 2/14.

After leaving the 14th Marine Regiment, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and assigned to the 4th Marine Division as Future Operations Officer. Now, he is Fires Planner for Marine Forces Pacific.

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, a graduate of Expeditionary Warfare School and Command and Staff College, has received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is Operations Manager at Budweiser-Busch Distributing and lives in Mobile, Alabama, with his wife, Maggie.



LT Col. Todd Oliver USMCR  
PRESIDENT, SACMOAA

**IMPORTANT JULY DATES**

July 4, 1776: Declaration of Independence  
 July 4: 4th of July in the Port City  
 July 4: Mobile Bay Fireworks Cruise  
 July 9, 1918: U.S. Army Warrant Officer Corps est.  
 July 25: National Hire a Veteran Day  
 July 27: Korean War Veterans Day  
 July 28: National Buffalo Soldiers Day  
 July 29, 1775: Army Chaplains Corps est.

**UNITED STATES CONGRESS**

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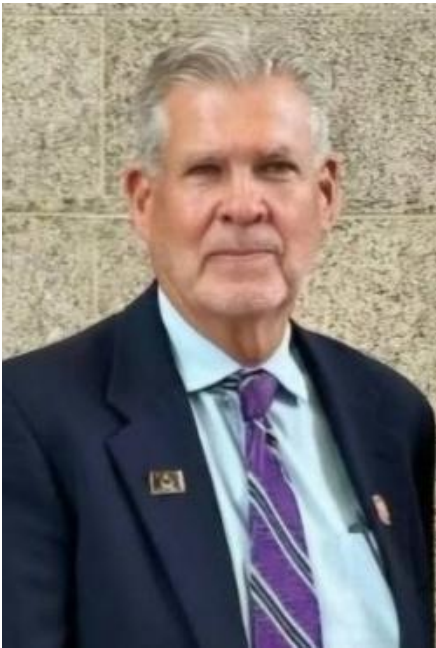
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**South Alabama Veterans Council**  
**VETERANS SPOTLIGHT**

**Colonel Phillip Eugene Quigley,**  
**US Army (Retired)**



Colonel Quigley was recently elected Vice President of the South Alabama Veterans Council. He is the son of a Korean War Navy Veteran and the nephew of three WWII Veterans. He is a native of Naperville, IL. His family moved to Mobile and later to Tuscaloosa, where he graduated from Tuscaloosa County High School in 1979.

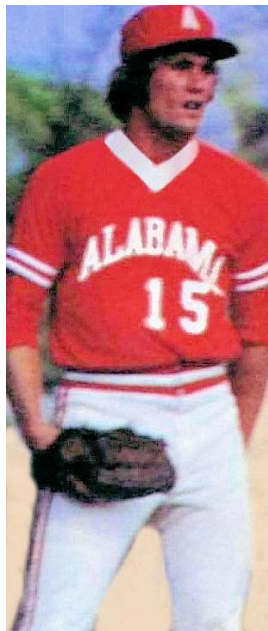
He attended the University of Alabama, graduating in 1983 with a BS in Marketing. While there, he played varsity baseball, served as ROTC Cadet Captain in the SMP (selected for Ranger Challenge), and served as a ROTC Cadet in the Army Reserves at the 75th Field Hospital. Phil did radio and TV podcasts on iHeart and Cumulus, and hosted a baseball and football show on WRTR. Phil lives in Fairhope, AL.

In 1993, Phil transitioned from active duty to the Army Reserve as a Major (O-4). He reported to the 5th Medical Group as the S-3 Officer and also served as a Regional Manager at Carl Zeiss Vision. During this period, he enrolled at UAB, earning his MBA through the executive night program.

In 1994, he moved to the 121st ARCOM. By January 1996, the ARCOM was dissolved, leading to the formation of the 81st Regional Support Command in Birmingham. In September 2008, the 81st RSC was inactivated. Afterward, Phil joined the 3rd Medical Command in Forest Park, GA, where he retired as a Colonel in 2009.

In 2023, Phil retired from Carl Zeiss Vision and joined Sage Health. He is the Vice President of Marketing for The Mobile Bay Area Veterans Commission and the Vice President of the South Alabama Veterans Council. He is also a member of the Downtown Rotary Club in Mobile, AL.

He served on the Board of the Autist Foundation in Daphne, AL; served on the board of the Letterman of USA; served as Past President of the Jackson, MS Touchdown Club; served as Past Chairman of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame; and served on the Executive Board of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame for three years.





## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

### ROTC/JROTC LEADERSHIP AWARD

Alabama State Commander Dr. Andrew Del Gaudio of The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 2206 Gulf Coast will present the ROTC/JROTC Award to two local individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve our youth in the JROTC/ROTC program at the University of South Alabama and the Mobile County Public School Board.

The award is presented annually. The recipients of the award will be announced at the Purple Heart Salute to be held on August 7 at the Daphne Civic Center.

### [The Purple Heart Patriot Project](#)

**U.S. Army Sergeant Roger Ward III**, a native of Prattville, represented his fellow Purple Heart heroes as Alabama's representative at the multi-day tribute to the courage and sacrifice of America's combat wounded.

The Purple Heart Patriot Project offers all-expense-paid trips for Purple Heart recipients nationwide to visit the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and other related historic sites. Each trip includes one representative from each state. Inspired by the Honor Flight Network and Gary Sinise Foundation's "Soaring Valor Flight," the project honors Purple Heart heroes by flying them to memorials.

These visits allow Purple Heart veterans to connect with others and feel appreciated by a grateful nation honoring their courage and sacrifice for future generations.

Ward joined the U.S. Army in June 2001 and served five years with the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. On April 5, 2003, in Karbala, Iraq, his M2A2 Bradley was hit by an RPG and small-arms fire, catching fire. Ward and another soldier climbed onto the burning vehicle to rescue trapped crew members under enemy fire. He was injured by the blast and smoke inhalation, resulting in a TBI.

Along with his Purple Heart, SGT Ward received medals like the Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

## DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY (DPAA)

### PFC. JOSEPH DILE CHANCERY



**PFC Joseph Dile Chancery**, great-uncle of Christie Cumbie Chancery of Gardberg and Kemmerly, will be honored for his service and sacrifice during the Korean War.

After 70 years as MIA, he will be returned to his family and laid to rest near his home on Purple Heart Day, August 7, 2026. REMEMBER

On March 24, 2026, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified the remains of Pfc. Joseph Dile Chancery, missing from the Korean War.

Chancery entered the U.S. Army from Alabama and served with Battery A, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported killed in action on Nov. 28, 1950, during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, as his unit fought Chinese Communist Forces at the P'ungnyuri Inlet, on the east side of the reservoir. The soldiers of Batteries A and B fought CCF troops hand-to-hand to prevent them from capturing the artillery pieces. Battlefield conditions made it difficult to evacuate those lost in battle, and Chancery's remains were not accounted for during or after the war. In 1954, the United Nations Command, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the Chinese People's Volunteer Army exchanged the remains of war dead in an effort called Operation GLORY. The U.S. was unable to positively associate any Operation GLORY remains with Chancery using the forensic tools available at the time, and in 1956, all unidentified Korean War remains were transferred to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. On March 29, 2021, DPAA's Korean War Disinterment Project team exhumed a set of remains from the NMCP and sent them to the DPAA laboratory for further study and forensic analysis. The laboratory analysis and the totality of the circumstantial evidence available identified the remains as those of Chancery.

He is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed on the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.



**Mobile Bay Area Veterans  
Commission  
And  
The South Alabama Veterans  
Council**

Cordially invite you to join us in honoring

**America's Veterans**

at a special ceremony recognizing our

**Purple Heart Recipients**

Friday, August 7, 2026

**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Baldwin County Youth Orchestra

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Purple Heart Ceremony**

**6:00 p.m.**

Daphne Civic Center

2603 US Hwy 98, Daphne, AL 36526

**PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS PLEASE RSVP**

**Purple Heart Reception**

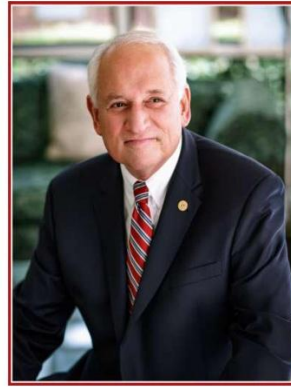
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**Purple Heart Recipients Special  
Meet and Greet**

**Reception Host: Retired USN Rear Admiral  
W. Kent Davis and Retired U.S. Army  
Maj. Gen. Michael Sumrall**

The Purple Heart is the nation's oldest military medal, awarded to United States Armed Forces Service members who are wounded or killed in combat. It was created by General George Washington in 1782 as a Badge of Military Merit to recognize heroic acts by his troops.



**Patriot of the Year 2025**

Upon completion of his bachelor's degree in 1967, Hawkins was commissioned as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a platoon leader during the Vietnam War. For his combat duty, he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and a citation from the Korean Marine Corps.

**Guest Speaker**

**Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr.**

**Chancellor of Troy University**

A Purple Heart and Bronze Star veteran as well as the currently longest-serving chief executive of a public university in the United States, Dr. Hawkins has had a huge impact on Troy University, where he is in his fourth decade as chancellor.



**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Alabama State Commander  
Military Order Purple Heart**

**Andrew M. Del Gaudio, PhD.  
Retired U.S. Marine Officer  
Combat Wounded Veteran**

Dr. Del Gaudio, executive director of the University West Florida Office of Military Services and the Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz Center for Leadership.

Dr. Del Gaudio is a retired Marine Corps infantry officer with a distinguished 26-year career.



Carla Bininki, American Legion State Auxiliary President, and Sharon Bunton, District 33 President, will provide the Purple Heart Cake and decorations for the reception room.



**PP HOSPITALITY GROUP**

Panini Pete will provide the refreshments for the Purple Heart Recipients reception room.



**Thank you, Devoted Health Insurance,** for sponsoring an ad in the MOPH convention booklet. National Convention in New Bern, North Carolina, on July 13–17, 2026.

**So, we did a thing on June 23:** Steve Carey, President, and Phil Quigley, VP of Marketing for the Veterans Commission, spoke at the Mobile City Council meeting. The Veterans Commission, whose Chairman of the Board is Mayor Spiro Cheriogotis, spoke about the upcoming Purple Heart Salute on August 7 at the Daphne Civic Center. The event is free and open to the public; join us as we honor our heroes who served our country to preserve our freedoms. 🇺🇸💜🇺🇸



Neil, Bill Bergman, Phil Quigley, Fran Barber, Nick Matranga, and not pictured, Steve Carey

**June 16, 2026 - Voting day at SAVC**

New officers will be installed at the July meeting. Col Downing filling in for Col Frank Barrow who was on vacation. Paul B Miller, our guest speaker, was presented a challenge coin by Col Downing, as well as Gerri Jenkins, Mediacom, who covered Breakfast. John Kilpatrick accepted a grant for the Vets Recovery Foundation; Margaret Coley received the grant for WF Green Veterans Home for purchase of a piano. Sophie and Paulette came through again with a great breakfast.



**SERVICE ACROSS GENERATIONS.**

We are proud to celebrate Lloyd Michael Austin on receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System in recognition of his distinguished service as a guest speaker and his continued dedication as a Veteran and public servant during the Black History Commemoration event. Lloyd's commitment to serving fellow veterans and his passion for making a difference continue to inspire those around him. We are grateful for his unwavering dedication to the veteran community and for the impact he makes every day. Congratulations, Lloyd, on this well-deserved honor!



Admiral Kent Davis, Lloyd Michael Austin



**Sign Unveiling Ceremony**

*In celebration of our Nation's 250th anniversary, join us for the unveiling of the American Patriots Way signage marking the official name change of State Highway 225 to American Patriots Way.*



**IN GOD WE TRUST**

*West Mobile Republican Women's Club  
Celebrates America's 250th Birthday*



**Quilts of Valor  
will be honoring  
several veterans**

August 11th, District 1  
Congressional Candidates speaking

**Welcoming Jeremy Clark  
with Vets to Cowboys**

**Jack Burns for Jerry Carl  
John Mills  
Austin Sidwell**

*July 8th, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall of  
Woodridge Baptist Church  
2700 Schillinger Road S., Mobile, AL  
Lunch at 12:15 p.m. / Meeting at 12:30*

**Saturday, July 25, 2026  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**National  
Cowboy  
Day**

Hands-on training bridging military  
discipline with agribusiness.

**Event Topics**

- ✓ Working Cattle in Coral System
- ✓ Trailing and Hauling
- ✓ Available Resources

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**Lunch provided at 12 PM**



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**SAVC, CAVC, NAVFOC, AND RRVC  
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VETERANS UNITE**

In addition to the South Alabama Veterans Council, which covers seven counties in southern Alabama, three similar groups are currently active elsewhere in the state: the Central Alabama Veterans Collaborative (CAVC) in Birmingham, the North Alabama Veterans & Fraternal Organizations Coalition (NAVFOC), and the River Region Veterans Coalition (RRVC) in and near Montgomery, AL. SAVC, CAVC, NAVFOC, and RRVC can collaborate to advocate for the state's large veteran community.



South Alabama Veterans Council

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Central Alabama Veterans Collaborative

(CAVC) [www.facebook.com/AlabamaCAVC/](https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaCAVC/)



North Alabama Veterans & Fraternal

Organizations Coalition (NAVFOC) [www.navfoc.com](http://www.navfoc.com)



River Region Veterans Coalition – Central

Alabama in and near Montgomery, AL RRVC

[www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574462792355](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574462792355) RRVC is a non-profit/apolitical coalition of public and private sector organizations that serve military veterans in the River Region of central Alabama.



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## SAVC Meeting Minutes June 16, 2026

Publix provided pastries, and breakfast was prepared by Post 88 AUX chefs, Sophie McGill and Paulette Flynn.

Mediacom, Gerri Jenkins, hosted breakfast for everyone.

**1. Welcome and Call to Order:** Vice President Pat Downing, COL USA (Ret), called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., with 60 in attendance. The location was the American Legion Post 88.

**2. Opening Prayer & Pledge:** Chaplain Endel Lee, USN (Ret). Pledge: Neil Bruyn. Col Downing thanked Mediacom and Gerri Jenkins for providing breakfast, presented Gerri with a SAVC Challenge coin, and thanked Paulett and Sophie for preparing breakfast. Col Downing welcomed everyone and thanked Duane Cross for allowing SAVC to hold its meetings at Post 88.

Col Downing invited individuals running for office to introduce themselves and speak a few words.

**4. Newsletter & Minutes:** Fran Barber-Bruyn, Secretary –May minutes are in the newsletter; special section for Chaplain Austin available 24/7 for prayer requests.

**5. Treasurer – Grant** presented \$300 to Vets Recover Foundation John Kilpatrick – Vets Recover, Veterans Endowment Fund Golf Tournament, and \$500. To WF Green toward purchase of piano received by Margaret Coley.

The Waterfront Restaurant and PP Productions presented SAVC with a donation from the proceeds of the May Bingo night, which was matched by Al Messina and his wife.

**6.** Col Downing introduced the guest speaker, Paul B. Miller, of Uncivilized Rebirth. After his speech, Col Downing presented a challenge coin to Paul.

**7. Navy & Veteran News:** No report

**8. Current Veterans Activities and AL News:** Jim Jeffries – gave Jim's report; keep Jim in your prayers.

**9. AL State Veterans Cemetery: Joe Buschell.** Reported on the progress of the new Veterans cemetery in North Alabama, 5037 internments in Spanish Fort Cemetery.

**10. USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park:** Genavese Harris, BMP reported on 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration presented by City of Mobile.

**11. Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs:** No report

**12. VMRT: Fran** no report

**13. J Gary Cooper, MPM Chapter 33:** No report

**14. Alabama Chapter 92nd Buffalo Soldiers:** No report

**15. Topics of Interest:** Patrick Jump Warrior Legacy Ranch, Gulf Coast Veterans Community Center Gulf Coast Veteran Home Relief Team is now available to assist veterans and military families facing challenges with home maintenance, repairs, and other critical needs. The stable is finished; just added bees to their project; raffle kicked off to Veterans Day. Jeremy Clark, Vets to

Cowboys, open house July 25. **RSVP to 251-375-4499.**

Endel Lee reported on the Memorial Day Flag relay-

Rob Stratton - Local Veteran Employment Rep (LVER) - Keith C. Battle Jr., Disabled Veterans" Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP), Phil Quigley reported on the Purple Heart Salute on August 7.

Rych Agency Medicare and Estate Planning, Derrick Rych, Mark Thompson, and Brandon McFarland were introduced. John JoeDec presented information on Morrison's Restaurant discounts for veterans; drivers are also needed for the VA van, and Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Rick Moritz. Fran Barber reported on the Purple Heart Salute. David Blair of Military Affairs USA reported on the new facility being built at South.

Judge Hardesty requested prayer for the B52 community regarding the recent accident. Jackie Barnett reported on Vet Connect.

Col Pat Downing announced his retirement from the SAVC executive board, but not farewell.

### ELECTION OF SAVC OFFICERS:

**The meeting was turned over to Vice President Operations, Robert Davidson**

**“Today we take part in Democracy in Action”**

**Current Bylaws require secret ballots; the situation is that all candidates are in place, with no opposition, so on the executive level we have created an opportunity by which the bylaws can be amended:**

*“I, Robert Davidson and Vice President Operations, move that the Executive Board amend Article IV, Section 3, by adding the following sentence: ‘When only one candidate is nominated for an office and no other candidate is placed in nomination at the close of nominations, the Secretary may suspend the secret-ballot requirement for that office only, and the presiding officer may declare the nominee elected by acclamation, provided that no member present objects. If any office is contested, the election for that office shall be conducted by secret ballot.’”*

***The motion was approved by the executive board via email.***

*Names of people who have been listed for office are:*

*Frank Barrow, President*

*Phil Quigley, Vice President*

*Robert Davidson, Vice President Operations*

*Beverly Moritz, Vice President, Logistics*

*Those being the unopposed candidates, the floor was opened for a vote. Yeas were unanimous; there being no Nays. Yeas were heard. The motion carried, and the election was complete.*

**17. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.  
Fran Barber, Secretary**