

PEACETIME OR WAR

- ☆ *All veterans who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States — during peacetime or during wartime or who are now serving — are eligible to participate.*
- ☆ *Veterans or family members may submit biography forms and photographs. Family members may submit forms for deceased or MIA veterans.*
- ☆ *It's not necessary that the veteran be a Calhoun County resident; however, the veteran must have a connection to Calhoun County (via family, employment, etc.).*
- ☆ *Call the Elections Office at 674-8568 for more information.*



Staff Sgt. Francis J. Baker Sgt. 1st Class Freeman B. Baker

Brothers **Francis** and **Freeman Baker** served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Together they gave many years of service to our great country. **Sgt. 1st Class Freeman Baker** served 20 years and was stationed in France, Germany and Belgium in addition to serving in Vietnam. **Staff Sgt. Francis Baker** served four tours in Vietnam and was stationed in France and Germany during his 15-year career.



**I WANT YOU
TO VOTE
IN HONOR OF
A VETERAN**

We need your participation to make this valuable program a success. You may make copies of the biography form or this brochure and distribute them as you wish.

Completed forms should be returned to the address at the bottom of the form. If you have any questions, please contact Margie Laramore, Melanie Aycock or Angie Senterfitt at 674-8568.

COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

Top left: Theodis Lamarr Gibbs, U.S. Air Force, Security Specialist

Top center: Pvt. Paul Bryant Griffin, U.S. Army

Top right: GM 1st Class Aubrie G. Mears, U.S. Navy

2nd row left: Pvt. 1st Class Robert E. Barton Sr., U.S. Army

2nd row center: Sgt. Weldon D. Parrish, U.S. Army

2nd row right: Machinist 2nd Class Drew Peacock Jr., U.S. Navy

3rd row left: Lance Cpl. Roger Waterman, U.S. Marine Corps

3rd row center: Staff Sgt. Walter M. Potts, U.S. Air Force

3rd row right: Lance Cpl. Columbus Jackson, U.S. Marine Corps

Bottom left: James Issaac Baker, U.S. Army (Rank Unknown)

Bottom center: 1st Sgt. Parry G. Dolin, U.S. Army

Bottom right: Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Clemmons, U.S. Army

With each reprint of this brochure, veterans' photographs will be replaced with photographs of other veterans. We hope to feature as many of our veterans as possible.

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Freedom is never free. –Author Unknown



**CALHOUN COUNTY
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

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Generation after generation of our families have been deeply affected by the various conflicts and wars our nation has fought. The global war on terror, which includes Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, affects every single one of us today and continually reminds us of the freedoms we often take for granted — freedoms that our veterans fought for and freedoms that our military continues to fight to defend today.

The sacrifices our veterans have made on behalf of this great state and nation stand as examples that emphasize the need for us to take our responsibilities seriously, especially our **right to vote**.

The Calhoun County Supervisor of Elections Office is pleased to introduce the **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** program to our voters. While new to Calhoun County, this program is not new around the state and country. Several other Florida counties and other states have variations of this program that are tailored to fit the needs in their communities.

The goal of Calhoun County's **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** program is to encourage voter participation among our entire voting population, as well as to have another avenue to teach our voting-age youth about the sacrifices our veterans have made and continue to make every day so that we may continue to live in a democratic society. By exercising our right to vote, we show veterans the respect they deserve for protecting our democracy.

Veterans have always served us honorably. Let's give them the recognition they have earned. The next time you vote, **Vote in Honor of a Veteran**.



Lt. Col. (Ret.) Tammy S. Rushing served 20 years in the U.S. Army, deploying to Kuwait for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom before her retirement in 2004. Among her decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. LTC Rushing continues serving today as Calhoun County's Veterans Service Officer.

HERE'S HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Veterans and family members of veterans who wish to participate will complete and submit a photo and a short biography on a **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** biography form. The form may be completed by a family member of a veteran, a veteran, or by family members of deceased veterans or missing in action veterans. (The photograph will be scanned into our computer while you wait, time permitting, or you may return later to pick it up.)

On election day or during early voting, the voter who votes in honor of a veteran will receive a "**Vote in Honor of a Veteran**" sticker after he or she votes. The sticker will have a space to write the veteran's name and may be worn by the voter or displayed elsewhere to show respect, honor and pride for our veterans and service members and to also encourage others to go to the polls and vote.

All Calhoun County voters are encouraged to **Vote in Honor of a Veteran**. And it's not necessary to be related to a veteran to vote in honor of one. Any registered voter in Calhoun County can sign up to **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** by selecting any veteran in the program.

We hope to personalize the voting experience for everyone and show our gratitude to those who have given so much to us all so that we may continue to live in freedom and exercise our right to vote.



Sgt. Angela "Angie" Senterfitt served for four years in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic, crash recovery team member and crew chief. Her husband, Olen "Bo" Senterfitt, served in the Air Force in the same area of operations as Angie. The Senterfitt family came to Calhoun County from Okaloosa County to accept the pastorship at Page Pond Assembly of God in the Chason Community. An experienced elections worker, Angie also works part time in the Calhoun County Elections Office. With her knowledge of and experience in the elections field, we are very fortunate to have her on our team.

VETERANS HONOR WALL

The corridor wall in the Calhoun County Courthouse outside of the Elections Office has been designated as our **Veterans Honor Wall**, and each veteran's photograph that is submitted will be posted on the wall.

A **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** display book, which will contain the biographies of veterans participating in the program, is being put together for future display in the Elections Office. No confidential information of any kind will be included.

If you have something you'd like to include in the display book, please let us know.



Army Pvt. 1st Class Charles E. "Sonny" Clark, right, made the ultimate sacrifice during combat in Vietnam on July 9, 1966. He was 20 years old. PFC Clark's memory is cherished by his mother, Falfa Clark of Blountstown, shown above as she views her Fallen Hero's photograph on the Veterans Honor Wall, and his sister, Glenda Clark of Tallahassee.

PFC Charles E. "Sonny" Clark