

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.



Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Lockhart of Blountstown presents an American Flag to his daughter, Mia, at a ceremony marking the first anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our homeland. **Sgt. 1st Class Lockhart** is a member of the 83rd Troop Command of the Florida Army National Guard, Tallahassee.

Photo by Melanie Aycock



**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 photo: Spc. Clarissa Hayes and Sgt. Daniel Cooper**, both of Blountstown, of the 144th Transportation Co., Florida Army National Guard
- Bottom left photo: Staff Sgt. Chris Everett** of Blountstown, U.S. Army
- Bottom right photo: SK2 John A. Coxwell** of Blountstown, U.S. Navy

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

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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**.

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.



U.S. Army Pvt. William Thomas "Bill Tom" McClellan, father of Tommy McClellan and Deborah Lee Edwards of Blountstown, made the ultimate sacrifice in Europe in 1945 during World War II.



VETERANS HONOR WALL

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

A "**Vote in Honor of a Veteran**" biography binder will be kept in the Elections Office for the general public to view. No confidential information of any kind will be included.

ALL MAY VOTE IN HONOR OF A VETERAN

You don't have to be related to a veteran to vote in honor of one. You don't even need to know a veteran personally.

Any registered voter in Calhoun County can sign up to **Vote in Honor of a Veteran**. You may select any veteran in the program.

You'll do your part by simply going to the polls at election time and casting your ballot in honor of YOUR veteran. It's that simple. Spread the word.

Pvt. 1st Class Carmon Bracewell (now deceased) of Blountstown served in the U.S. Army's 77th Infantry Division during World War II. **PFC Bracewell** is the brother of Joe and Glenn Bracewell.

