



"In Service To Veterans, Their Families and Community"

December 2025

## President's Notes

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 2025

I am 77 years old and recently heard a wonderful Black Minister expounding on things we have to worry about in life.

Here are his words;

*In life you have 2 things to worry about.*

*Will you be sick or healthy? If you are healthy you have nothing to worry about.*

*But if you are sick, you have 2 things to worry about. Will you get better or will you get worse?*

*If you get better you have nothing to worry about but if you get worse, you have 2 things to worry about.*

*Will you live or will you die? If you live you have nothing to worry about but if you die, you have 2 things to worry about.*

*Will you go to Heaven or will you go to Hell? If you go to Heaven you have nothing to worry about but if you go to Hell, **you have 2 things you have to worry about..... Will you be.... EXTRA CRISPY OR ORIGINAL RECIPE'??***

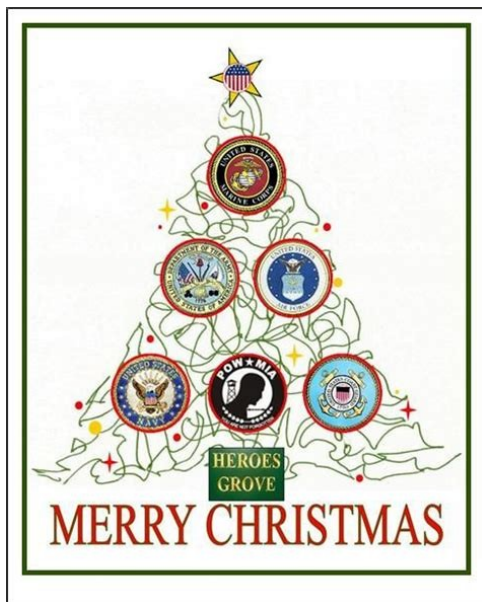
*As we enter the season I would like to wish you all a very Merry and joyous Christmas praying all will be able to get together with family and friends making new memories while you enjoying speaking of the fond memories of Christmas' past, renewing old family ties and friends.*

Just remember there are many who will not be able to do this because many of our Veterans have lost loved ones and many Veterans have

been taken from their families while serving their country. If you know a widow or orphans from these types of situations reach out to them with a phone call or a visit to let them know they are not alone and have not been forgotten. May Christ's mercy and Love shine on you and through you wherever you go this Christmas and Happy New year!

P.S. I will not be able to be at the Annual GVVA 1 Christmas party because one of my grandson's, Tanner Lester, has been learning to play the guitar and his first concert is to be held at his Lovingood Middle School and since I had a part to play in his learning the guitar I want to be there for him. Sorry all of you take 2<sup>nd</sup> seat to him on that day.





### **Sick Call/Prayer List**

Donna Rowe, Harold Hollingshed, Kieran Pavlick, Bill Craig, John Overcash, John Dudley, Blackjack Ollis, Mike Gresham, Tom Foster, Walt Molyneaux, Dave and Gail Hambrick, Gene and Gail Tatum, Patrick Ultsch's Wife, Bill McRae and his family.

If you have suggestions for future Speakers or pictures to show, please pass that info along to Bill McRae, 770-843-3973 or [wmcrae@mindspring.com](mailto:wmcrae@mindspring.com)

### **Upcoming Events**

**January 8, 2026 Board Meeting**  
**January 15, 2026 Chapter Meeting**

### **Membership**

**2026 DUES, \$30.00, ASSOCIATE AND ANNUAL MEMBERS.**

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**Still looking for a new editor.**

### **Member Participation Wanted.**

Submit an article for the Sitrep. We want to hear from you. Send it to: [Gvva1sitrep@gmail.com](mailto:Gvva1sitrep@gmail.com)

### **GVVA LOGO ON SHIRT**

**Bring your shirt to John Drew. First Logo embroidered for free. Each additional \$10.**

### **Vet Connect at Newnan H.S.**

On Friday DEC 12th many vets and Veterans organizations drove IN THE WEE HOURS OF 5:00 am to 7am arriving in the GYM OF THE NEWNAN HIGH SCHOOL TWICE ANNUAL GET TOGETHER KNOWN LOVINGLY by the students as VET CONNECT DAY! Tom Foster is our leader of the pack and every year for the past 21? years he has done a great job of getting GVVA MEMBERS to set up tables to interact with the beautiful young people of NEWNAN HIGH SCHOOL who absolutely love to come see Veterans in the GYM to ask them questions about VIETNAM and what it means to US VETERANS to have served our country even though our country turned its backs on us when we came home. Here are a few pictures of THE NEWNAN HIGH SCHOOL AND MEMBERS OF GVVA who attended: LEADER ~ TOM FOSTER, JOHN BEVICH, GUS VASQUEZ, DAVE THOMAS, KEN BUECHEL. Great fun was had by all.



**GVVA Was Ready for the Students**





**John Bevich and Kay Mack**



**The Gear Displayed**



**Veterans Day in Bartow County**



**Ronnie Futral proudly places American flags on the graves of 38 Veterans that are buried at New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Bartow County, Georgia in honor of Veterans Day.**



**GVVA Banner**



**A Flag on One of the Many Graves**





**Carol Craig Morris, a Daughter of the American Revolution, worked diligently to identify all of these gravesites so our Heroes could receive the honor they deserve.**



## **SID ORR'S FAREWELL AT RALLYPOINT**

**By Dave Hambrick**

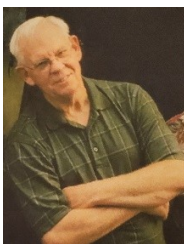
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November 18, 2025

On Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>, Sid's wife Robin and over two dozen of his veteran Brothers, Tunnel Rats Band members, associates and colleagues gathered at Rally Point Bar and Grille in Woodstock, Georgia to pay farewell, affix a Knights of the Round Table brass name late, and have a toast in his name.



Sid



and

Robin Orr



Sid's Farewell gathering  
Sid's Farewell gathering photo  
taken by Rally Point owner Ralph  
Roger standing on a chair for this  
awesome shot.



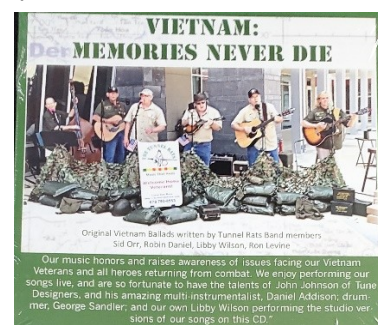
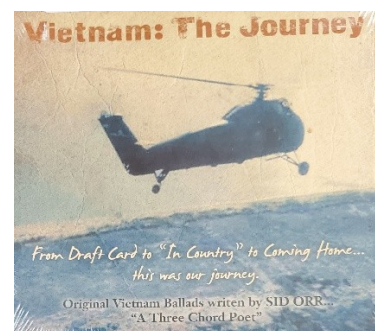
After drinks were served, but before food was arrived both Ralph and Dave shared some words of farewell and then they affixed Marine and Air National Guard Sid Orr's ***Knights of the Round Table*** brass name plate on the rail alongside Brothers Army "Uncle" Bob Humphries and Navy Captain "Smitty" Bill Smith, and all in attendance rose to their feet and a toast was raised by Dave - ***"Welcome Home Brother Sid and know this "You are not alone". Cheers!!***



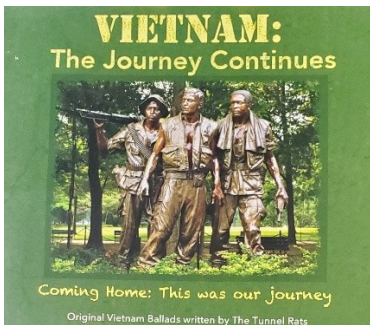
For those of you who do not know, Sid was born in Warrensburg, Missouri on December 23, 1946, he was just shy of his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday when he joined Bob and Smitty

guarding Heaven's Pearly Gates. He joined the U. S. Marine Corps in late 1965 and attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, CA. Afterwards he attended avionics school at Naval Air Training Command in Memphis, Tennessee and went to the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, SC where he worked on a variety of aircraft including the A-4, F-8, F-4B, F-4J, and T-28. Sid went to Vietnam in 1969 where he spent a 13 month tour with HMM-362 helicopter squadron, the "Ugly Angels" as a door gunner on both the UH-34D and CH-46's out of the airbase at Phu Bai.

After his Vietnam Marine Corps service Sid served served for over 34 years at the Georgia Air National Guard working on the aircraft he loved including the C-124, T-33, F-100, F-105G, F4D, F-15 and finally the B-1 Bomber. Sid was a teacher in the Cherokee County Schools, and later he published three Vietnam related music CD albums as the leader of the Tunnel Rats Band that he created.







Sid was a humble veteran when it came to his service recognition, and it was until the display of his medals, ribbons, badges and rank emblems at his Service that we saw the magnitude of his military achievements.



## **GVVA MEMBERS ATTEND A SPECIAL "CENTENARIAN" VETLUNCH BUNCH LUNCH**

**By Dave Hambrick**

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Many of our members were in for a "Centenarian" themed treat on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Marcy, owner of the Historic Cowan Mill in Acworth, three-times-a-year treats 80 or so Veterans to a gratuitous meal in the historic surroundings. At this particular luncheon honorable attention was paid to four (4) WWII Veterans along with a special appearance of **Earline Gaither** (age-100) as **Rosie-the-Riveter**. The four WWII veterans were **Charlie Duncan** (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, age-106), **Russell Vaudrey** (U.S. Army Air Corps crewmember, age -103) **Hibby Margol** (U.S. Army Artillery, age-101) and **Miles Willis** (U.S. Navy, age-98, and turning 99 in January). **Judy Gaither** was also in attendance and escorted her mother **Earline Gaither**, who is a genuine **Rosie-The-Riveter** and worked on B-24 Bombers at the Ford Plant in Willow Run near Detroit, the very Bomber that our own **Russell Vaudrey** crewed during WWII in the Pacific Campaign.



This was an absolutely "top shelf" or "top drawer" production/event and a special thanks to **Kevin Marcy** for paying for and hosting the event with the outstanding organizer and coordinator T. D. Jorgensen as Master of Ceremonies - remarkable. We were represented well with attendance by (and I am sure I missed seeing others and if

*so my apologies are offered):*  
Harold Hollingshed, T.D. Jorgensen,  
Dave Hambrick, Gus Vasquez, Joe  
Curry, John Blair, Dickson Lester,  
Ronnie Futral, Phillip Forsberg,  
Gail Evilsizor, Tom Foster, Roy  
Lantz, John Bevich, John Drew, Lee  
Johnson, Will Holahan, Hal Burke,  
Patrick Ultsch, Dave Thomas, Dennis  
Aloia and Pete Pillar.

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member: \_\_\_ New Life Member \_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_

Membership in the GVVA is open to all veterans and organizations whose members served in the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of conflict. Associate memberships are available to families of veterans and to the public at large.

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Annual Dues \$30, Associate Members \$30, New Members \$30 Life Membership 0-39 yrs. old- \$260, 40-49 yrs. old-\$220, 50-59 yrs. old-\$180, 60-69 yrs. old-\$140, 70+ yrs. old- \$100

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“A lot of who we are is where we’ve been”

