"In Service To Veterans, Their Families and Community" November 2026

Presidents notes for November

Lots of Veterans events happening in NOVEMBER :

On SAT November 7~ Atlanta Veterans Day Parade, GA Military Veterans Hall of Fame Banquet in Columbus, and the Say Their Names event.

On SAT November 14 ~ AMERICAN LEGION POST 29 ~MARIETTA VETERANS PARADE

In fact the whole month of NOVEMBER was dedicated in honor of all Veterans and their families by Trump in 2022 Here is what the VERTANSLIFE magazine had to say about it.

"Yes, November, which is already home to Veterans Day on the 11, is also National Veterans and Military Families Month which emphasis the things civilians don't have to deal with that we all take for granted, including the difficulties that comes with military families having to move regularly, the stress of deployment, the loneliness of single parenting, the stress of constantly having to start all over again in each new base or city, the problems for children with stating in new schools always being on the outside looking in and so on. Veterans definitely need to be praised for their commitment and bravery. As one wrote, "To be a Veteran, a service member, or the family of one, is to have endured and survived challenges most Americans will never know. To be the family of one of those proud patriots is to sacrifice more for our country than most Americans will ever give,"

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) also goes on to acknowledge the importance of the month and the sacrifices these families endure. In its separate statement, the DoD also mentioned the strides being made through its Taking Care of Our Service Members and Families initiative for the long-term support of military families. **November is National Veterans and Military Families Month** and that means many different things to many different people, including civilians who may be looking to support those who keep us all free, as well as, their families who support them.

November is recognized as National Veterans and Military Families Month, a time to honor and appreciate the sacrifices made by veterans and their families. This observance has been

celebrated since 1996 to acknowledge the strength and resilience of military families.

On October 23, 2026 many GVVA members drove to the Woodstock Ralley Point/Semperfi restaurant to participate in the Memorial Honors which Dave Hambrick put together for one of our Brothers in arms and a member of the Knights of the Round Table for TOM FOSTER. Kim Foster and some of her family members were able to be there. It was a great crowd and beautiful fitting memorial for TOM FOSTER, he is missed already. (See the pictures in DAVE HAMBRICKS Report).

On OCT 26 many of our GVVA Veterans attended the weekly Veterans Lunch Bunch in the TOMATOES COUNTRY BUFFETT with our own GVVA Hall Burke filling for T D Jorgensen and it appeared many of them went home with extra smiles and weight. (SEE PICTURES below)

There will be lots of VETERANS DISCOUNTS around towns, Cobb County and the State look for them on NOV 11th Veterans Day Free Meals 2026: 44 Chains Confirmed, 13 Discounts and a Printable List;

44 chains confirmed free Veterans Day meals for Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026, plus 13 discounts, Great Clips cards through Dec. 4, ID rules and a printable list.

Veterans Day 2026 Offers Confirmed So Far

Editor's Note: The list of offers was removed as it was received after the applicable date.:









Have a Great VETERANS MONTH!

President GVVA

Painter Dickson Lester

Marietta Veterans Day Parade, November 14. Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance teamed up with Huey Helicopter Association Entry 26 and GVVA entry 27 and traveled together. Fun was had by all. GVVA float riders were John Vevich, Ronnie Futral, Robert Kees, Pres. Dickson Lester (driver, Chris Lester, Pete Pillar, Chaplin Roy Lantz and Afghanistan Army Veterans Elijah and Salam. Bill McRaea rode in the helicopter with several veterans.





GVVA Ready to Go.



Entire Group with the Huey



Rear View of the Huey

GVVA Christmas Party

$25 per person.

December 9 6:00 PM at: The Historic Cowan Mill 4271 Southside Drive, Acworth, GA 30101

Must Pay at the November Meeting

Sick Call/Prayer List

Harold and Linda Hollingshed, Kieran Pavlick, John and Linda Dudley, Dave and Gail Hambrick, Gene and Gail Tatum, John Dudley, Lee Johnson

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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

Upcoming Events

NOTE: No General Meeting in December|

November 19 6:00 PM Monthly Meeting,
December 9 6:00 PM– Christmas Party
Historic Cowan Mill
Address: 4271 Southside Drive, Acworth, GA 30101 –
December 11 8:00 – 3:00 **Vet Connect, Newnan High School Gym.**
January 15, 2027 General Meeting

_Membership
2026 DUES, $30.00, ASSOCIATE AND ANNUAL MEMBERS.
Charles Langston
charleslangston46@gmail.com
Director of Membership

Member Participation Wanted.
Submit an article for the Sitrep. **We want to hear from you!** Send it to**: Gvva1sitrep@gmail.com**

GVVA LOGO ON SHIRT
Bring your shirt to Charles Langston. First Logo embroidered for free. Each additional $10.

November Guest Speakers

Our Speaker this month will be our own Roy Lantz. Roy is going to present for our enjoyment a large part of the world famous literary creation by Charles Dickens entitled "A Christmas Carol". Roy will play the part of Ebenezer Scrooge along with most of the other characters in this acclaimed masterpiece. It's getting to be that time of the year, and Roy will make it both interesting and entertaining.

Sitrep Editor Wanted!
Still looking for a new editor of the Sitrep.

October Meeting
GVVA Honors
Mr. Michael Eldridge
South Cobb High School



Michael Eldridge speaking



Michael Eldridge, Lisa Cupid, Dickson Lester.



South Cobb H.S. ROTC



Lisa Cupid, Principal Tommy Perry, Dickson Lester



The GVVA Patiotism Award



South Cobb Family

Happy Veterans Day and Student Vet Connect

Good morning to all of our veterans and supporters. I wanted to take a moment and say thank you to all of our service members who have fought to protect our great country. We are eternally grateful for your service to our country and community and your continued service as you continue to impact and pour back into the younger generation. We owe you all a debt of gratitude that will never be enough for all that you have sacrificed for us over the many years of service you all have contributed to this country. Thank you, God Bless you, and God Bless the United States of America.

Along with this Henderson and I wanted to send a reminder that Student Vet Connect is exactly one month away today! We are so excited to see each and every one of you and look forward to spending the day with you. If you have not responded

yet please let us know as soon as possible even if it is just a maybe so we can add you to the list so we can get a final head count as we get closer to ordering food. If you have already responded thank you so much and again we can't wait to see you all December 11th here at Newnan High.

Zack Colley
Newnan High School
Social Studies and History Department

TOM FOSTER'S BRASS PLATE AND PHOTO CEREMONY

Dave Hambrick
Past President, GVVA Foundation, Inc.
Past Vice President, GVVA (State)
Past President, Chapter 1, GVVA

On Friday, October 23rd around 35, or so, of Tom Foster's fellow brothers of the Semper Fi/Rally Point Knights of the Round Table, family, friends, colleagues and associates gathered to pay tribute to Tom by attending a Brass Plate and Photo ceremony in his honor.





Dave Hambrick coordinated the event along with Rally Point owner Ralph Roeger. Here are the comments from the lunch ceremonial event,

"Well, today we're going to have our lunch as usual, but today is special because we are going to honor one of our brother Knights of the Round Table -
U. S. Army Specialist 4th Class **Tom Foster,** who passed away only a few weeks ago.
Most of you all know our **Knights** story, but for the benefit of those who don't please be patient and listen-up once again.

We have been enjoying lunch, stories, camaraderie and group therapy for several years at the Semper Fi Bar and Grille just around the corner and now relocated here at Rally Point.

A few of the Georgia Vietnam Veteran Alliance members were looking for a common lunch place when the Semper Fi Bar and Grille was chosen by it's President at the time, **Bob Humphries** and a few other, at its beginning almost 11 years ago, and we have been coming here since then. Well, **Bob Humphries** every Friday sat in the same chair at the little round table for all those years.

Just over 2 years ago now, in September 2024 Army Sergeant **Bob Humphries** passed away.
After Bob's passing I discussed with Rally Point owner Ralph Roeger about placing a brass plate on **Bob's Chair**, similar to those you see on the back of church pews, or the back of

seats in a museum, or like the back of the seats at the Strand Theater, or the front or back of bench seats. Ralph advised me that their chairs are routinely rearranged based on their needs, but he would dedicate a wall rail, near where Bob used to sit in weekly, for us and named those of us as **"Knights of the Round Table"**. Accordingly, a Brass Plate was affixed to the rail. Ralph also had created an Honor Wall for various heroes he chose to honor where framed photos could be displayed, and Bob's photo was placed on the Honor Wall.

Now at the time Ralph allocated the rail to use for our deceased Knights, he cautioned us not to add to it too quickly.

Well, only about 90 days later another Brother Knight Navy Captain **William "Bill" known to us as Smitty" Smith** passed away, and his brass plate and framed photo were honored here.

And, within only 5 months later our Brother Knight Marine Sergeant and leader of the Tunnel Rats Band, **Sid Orr** passed away and his brass plate and framed photo were honored here.

So, we barely caught our breath when only 3 months later our Brother Knight Army Sergeant **Tommy Hemphill** (one of the "Magnificent Bastards") passed away, his brass plate and framed photo were honored here.

And, two months later another Brother Knight Marine Sergeant **William "Bill" Craig,** a Forward Observer for the Magnificent Bastards, passed away, his brass plate and framed photo were honored here.

Well, just 6 weeks later another Brother Knight Air Force Master Sergeant **Jim Hogan** passed away, and his brass plate and framed photo were honored here.

At this time, I'm going to ask the GVVA current President Dickson Lester to read a Proclamation, and he did –



PROCLAMATION

The Rally Point Grille/Semper Fi Bar and Grille make the following Proclamation regarding Thomas "Tom" Foster, and a Rally Point/Semper Fi Knight of our "Knights of the Round Table"

Whereas: Tom was drafted into the U.S. Army, only 2 months after his 19th birthday in 1966, and

Whereas: Tom, at his boot camp graduation was awarded the American Spirit Award, and

Whereas: Tom was assigned to the 5th Infantry Division, Ft Carson, Co and didn't think he'd be going to Vietnam, so he got involved with playing football, and getting ready to start boxing, and

Whereas: Tom was sent to Vietnam and found himself serving with Company A, 4th Battalion 23rd Infantry, and

***Whereas*: Tom, on April 28, 1968, was involved in an intense combat involvement, and**

***Whereas*: Tom's personal bravery, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty, distinguished himself for heroic action and he was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his valor, and**

***Whereas*: Tom was wounded twice and was hospitalized in Japan and the Korea before returning home, and**

***Whereas*: Tom, after active service, started his own company and served as President and CEO of "Concur", a Coldwater Mist Curing System company, and**

***Whereas*: Tom, while a member of the Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance for over 20 years was actively involved with the Student-Vet Connect Program with the History and Social Studies Department at Newnan High School, and**

***Whereas*: Tom was inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame as Inductee Number 71 on 7 November 2017, and**

***Accordingly*, it is appropriate, and an honor, that a brass plate and a framed photo be placed on the Wall of Honor for his recognition.**

RALPH ROEGER
Rally Point Grille/Semper Fi Bar and Grille, Woodstock, GA

After the Proclamation was read, both Dave and Ralph affixed Tom's plate to the rail to join his fellow Knights plates and Ralph placed a frame photo of Tom on the Honor Wall.





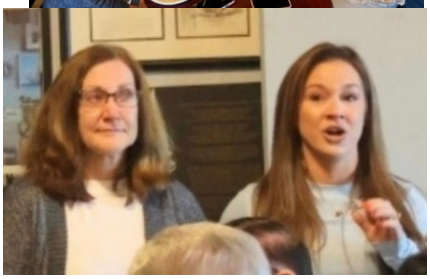




After affixing the brass plate many of Tom's fellow Knights and colleagues made several complimentary comments before great toasts were made to Tom.

Tom's wife Kim, his daughter Whitney Foster Crutchfield and his brother-in-law Steve Johnson attended the ceremony. At the end of the ceremony Whitney gave a very emotional and moving "Thank You" to the Knights, and others, for being with Tom during his final days.

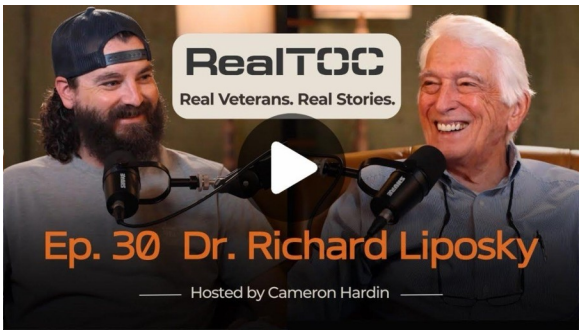




GVVA Member Dr. Richard B Liposky on You Tube.
Check it out.

From Doc,
Below is a link on you tube posted by Realtoc on my service as surgeon in Vietnam.

Don't use the link in the photo.



Episode 30
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xP_Jec2SOHE

At The Airport



John Bevich

While some guys went to lunch others went to the airport and made World Famous 🌭 🌭 hand touched chili 🌭 🌭 'sFor the troops getting out of basic training.

Tunnel Rats Band at the Trunk-A-Treat, Mountain View Methodist Church



10/25/2026.

Great time for all of the Tunnel Rats Band members.

Look forward for the next year, God willing.

God bless.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Chapter 1, GVVA is to provide quality services and support, based upon the concepts of self-esteem and self-improvement, to advocate patriotism, to promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, and to recognize those who served, and honor those who gave their lives in the Vietnam War, and to promote the positive image of the Vietnam Veteran, their dependents and the widows and orphans of deceased Vietnam Veterans throughout the State of Georgia in order to enhance and enrich their lives and the lives of their families. And further, to provide the same service and support to all veterans of all wars and to our communities' first responders.

General Purpose

Chapter 1, GVVA will be a community based service organization. It will identify, initiate and expand programs within the limits of manpower and finances. Chapter 1, GVVA will aggressively perform fund raising activities for veterans, their families and community. These services will include, but not limited, transition and homeless assistance, employment services, PTSD and substance abuse, leadership and scholar-ship program and other essential needs of human existence. And further, to provide the same service and support to all veterans of all wars and to our communities' first responders.

GVVA Chapter One Website

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Marietta, GA 30064
770-528-3254
http://veterans.ga.gov/marietta. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday
VA National Cemetery, Canton ,Georgia - arrangements for veterans burial :
1-800-535-1117
VA Assistance & Benefits Info:
-800-1MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)

https://
www.AmericanDisabledVeterans.com

VA Regional Office (claims)
1-800-827-1000
VA Hospital 404-321-6111
VA Center Counseling 404-347-7264
Military Honors Survivor Assistance:
Air Force – Dobbins ARB
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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.

Full Name_____**Date**____/____/**20**_____
Address_____
City_____ **State**_____ **Zip**_____
Daytime Phone_____ **Evening Phone**_____
E-mail Address **(to receive the newsletter):**_____
Branch of Service_____ **(A Copy of your DD-214 is Required)**
Combat Tours_____
Unit(s)_____**Other Veteran's Organization**_____
Annual Dues_$30, Associate Members $30, New Members $30Life 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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