

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 — and families of veterans 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 674-8568 for more information.*



Edward Lamar McWhite

Yeoman 1st Class Edward Lamar McWhite has served in the U.S. Navy since 1995, participating in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom and earning many awards and decorations during his tours of duty. He continues to serve the nation today.

One of the names forever etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall is Calhoun Countian **Gary Lee Maloy**, who died in combat on August 14, 1968, in Vietnam. **Spc. Maloy** served with the 4th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. This photograph is one of the last ones his family received before he was killed in action.



Gary Lee Maloy



2010 ELECTION DATES



I WANT YOU TO VOTE IN HONOR OF A VETERAN

Visit us on Facebook to view more photographs! Go to votecalhoun.com for more information.

Staff Sgt. Charles A. Fetzer served with the 144th Transportation Co. of the Florida Army National Guard and was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



PRIMARY ELECTION
August 24, 2010

Last day to register to vote or change party affiliation for Primary Election
July 26, 2010

GENERAL ELECTION
November 2, 2010

Last day to register to vote or change party affiliation for General Election
October 4, 2010

COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

1. *Gene Thomas, U.S. Army*
2. *Miles Eldridge, U.S. Army Air Corps*
3. *Verna Patterson Roberts, U.S. Army*
4. *The Miles Brothers: A.C. (U.S. Air Force), Artis (U.S. Army), Robert L. (U.S. Air Force) and Donald Ray, Benjamin Henry, Adell, and Odell (all U.S. Army)*
5. *Ronald M. Gilliard, U.S. Air Force*
6. *Talisha D. Patterson, U.S. Army*
7. *Raymond Smith, U.S. Navy*
8. *J.D. Godwin, U.S. Army*
9. *Mike Tucker, U.S. Marine Corps*

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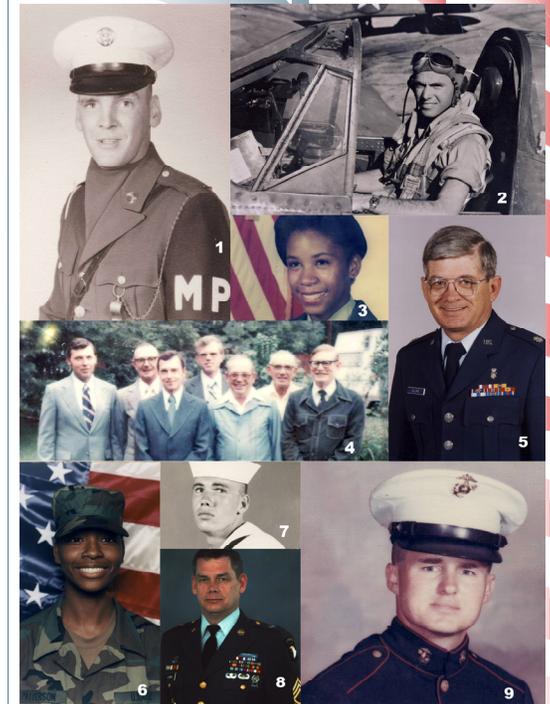
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Freedom is never free.
—Author
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CALHOUN COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

VOTE IN HONOR OF A VETERAN

Generation after generation of our families have been affected by the various conflicts and wars our nation has had to fight. The Global War on Terrorism, 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 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 and service members the respect they deserve for protecting our democracy.

Several other Florida counties and other states have variations of the **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** program that are tailored to fit the needs in their communities.

Let's give our veterans and service members the recognition they have earned. The next time you vote, **Vote in Honor of a Veteran**.



Gene Laramore

During World War II, **Willard Eugene Laramore** had a military deferment so that he could farm, but when it was time to renew, he didn't since he knew he'd be drafted. He was captured and held as a prisoner of war by the Germans for six months. Twice wounded, **PFC Laramore** was liberated by the 14th Armored Division in June 1945, just a short time before the war ended.

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** badge after he or she votes. The stick-on badge 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.



Natalie Corbin

Natalie Corbin serves in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a petty officer 1st class. She signed up in 2003, and specializes in intelligence. **PO1 Corbin** is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.



David Pitts

U.S. Navy Gunner's Mate David E. Pitts served during World War II from 1941 to 1945.

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 may **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** by going to the polls on election day, voting, and then proudly wearing a **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** badge displaying the name of the veteran or service member of the voter's choice.

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.

VETERANS HONOR WALL

The corridor wall outside of the Elections Office in the Calhoun County Courthouse has been designated as our **Veterans Honor Wall**, and each photograph submitted is placed on the wall. Since the beginning of the program in October 2005, we have posted over 400 photographs.

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.

NOW ON FACEBOOK! With special permission from the veteran or a family member, we are now featuring veterans on our office Facebook page. Visit our Web site, www.votecalhoun.com, for more information and for a direct link to the Facebook page.

Master Sgt. Thomas H. Aycock, the operations non-commissioned officer for the 146th Expeditionary Signal Battalion of the Florida Army National Guard, Jacksonville, is shown here teaching Iraqi boys knot-tying techniques at Victory Base Complex, Baghdad. A longtime Scout leader in Lake, Liberty and Calhoun counties, it was natural for **Sgt. Aycock** to become involved with international Scouting during his deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Airman Cornelius Davis served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, the predecessor of the U.S. Air Force. During World War II, **Airman Davis** was a member of the prestigious Tuskegee Airmen, a group of dedicated, determined young men from every area of the country who enlisted to become America's first black military airmen.

Air Force Master Sgt. David Neal Barnett was present on December 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was bombed during World War II. **Sgt. Barnett** survived and continued his military career, which spanned from 1938 to 1960.

