

# Three Servicemen Statue South

*A Southeastern Region Vietnam Veterans Memorial Located in Apalachicola, Florida*

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## The History What Is It?

**T**he Vietnam Veterans Memorial was established in 1979 by a group of Vietnam veterans as a symbol of the nation's honor and recognition of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War during the mid-1950s through the early 1970s.

The Memorial, located in Constitution Gardens at the National Mall in Washington D.C., is known for the "Wall of Honor" inscribed with the names of more than 58,000 persons who gave their lives during the Vietnam War or remain missing. Another important element of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a larger than life-size bronze sculpture that was added in 1984 as a moving evocation of the experience and service of the Vietnam veteran.

Known as the Three Servicemen Statue, this memorial was designed by the late Frederick Hart, a renowned American sculptor. He envisioned replicas to be located throughout the United States as a nationwide tribute to Vietnam veterans.

## The Statue

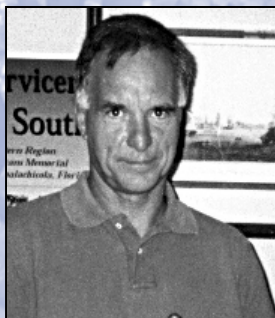
**T**he bronze sculpture depicts a realistic image of Vietnam servicemen, and is a symbol

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## Sept. 11 National Tragedy Unifies Local Effort To Remember War Veterans

*"Donations to this effort are now more personal,"*

*- Jimmy Mosconis - Three Servicemen Statue South*



ization, Jan Scruggs, as a way to remember Vietnam Veterans nationwide.

Events of September 11 have given volunteers and contributors to the Florida Vietnam Veterans project a whole new perspective on its significance.

"We get notes and letters from folks that really touch your heart," says Mosconis. "And we've received support from some pretty remote sources," he added, noting a donation from a gentleman from England.

"Everyone is looking at this project with a renewed patriotism and support for all our military servicemen and women who are currently fighting for freedom. Donations to this effort are now more personal."

So far the Three Servicemen Statue South Organization has raised \$80,000 in donations for the \$1.5 million project.

Not surprisingly, says Mosconis, most of the support for the project has come from veterans of all military branches.

"We've received donations and support from men and women of all military branches - not just Vietnam Veterans," Mosconis says. "Obviously, this is a memorial intended to honor Vietnam Veterans but it touches veterans of all military service in the South."

The organization is currently awaiting a site review of three potential Apalachicola-based memorial locations from nationally renowned Washington architect Dr. Harry Robinson. Once the preliminary reviews are complete, the organization, along with the City of Apalachicola, will finalize the memorial location.

## Contribution Levels Set

**The Three Servicemen Statue South organization recently adopted sponsor categories for contributors. To find out about those contribution levels or to see how you can help make a difference, please fill out the form on the back and mail to: Three Servicemen Statue South, P.O. Box 68, Apalachicola, FL 32329**

[threeservicemenstatutesouth.org](http://threeservicemenstatutesouth.org).

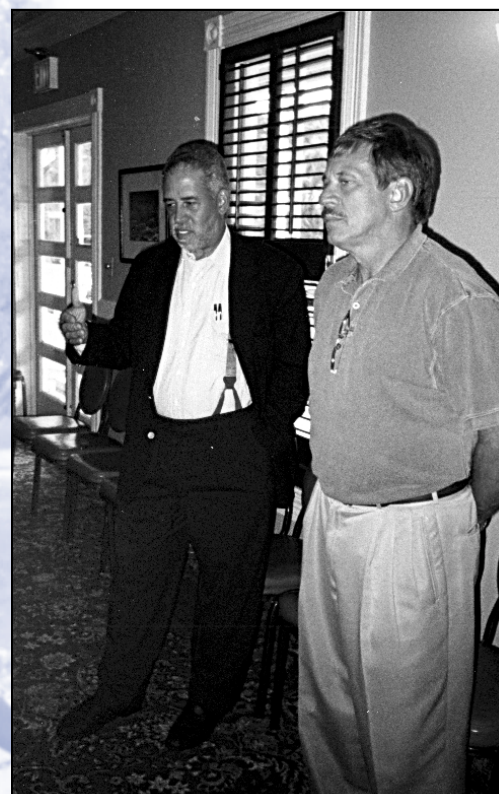
## Veterans Memorial Website Established

**T**he Three Servicemen Statue South organization recently uploaded its nationally-linked website which is appropriately entitled "www.threeservicemenstatutesouth.org."

The site features the history of the project as well as project updates and an online contribution form.

The site has already caught the eye of several veterans groups who have linked it to their site, including the Vietnam

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*VVMF Founder and President Jan Scruggs, along with nationally acclaimed Washington architect Dr.*

*Harry Robinson, traveled to Apalachicola during the fall to do a preliminary site survey for placement of the Three Servicemen Statue South replica.*



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# Project Comments

As contributions are received, many people include poignant and insightful comments. We'd like to share some with you as we receive them.

“...Thank you for your contribution to our country.”  
- Jim Y. (USAF NHN Frang, VNam 1967-68)

“I think you and your friends have come up with a wonderful idea. It would be such an asset to Apalachicola. Hopefully, I will be getting more people interested in this project. My heart will always be in our hometown as my family demonstrated in the past.”  
- Mrs. Kathryn T.

“I would like to tell you how delighted I am with your efforts on behalf of the Three Servicemen Statue. You certainly deserve the thanks of all of us. I'm sending this contribution in the name of my late husband, Lt. Col. John V. Sherlock who was a veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.”  
- Mrs. Vivian S.

“Saw and read write-up in News Herald this a.m. and want to be a part of your great goal! I served with 13th ABN Div. in WWII as young paratrooper and CG-4A Glider rider, so I do have an understanding of what is hoped for and I know you will succeed.”  
- Richard D.

This newsletter will also be distributed in an online format in coming months. If, in the interest of saving paper and postage, you would rather receive the online version, please let us know by emailing us at [info@threeservicemenstatuesouth.org](mailto:info@threeservicemenstatuesouth.org).

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## The War

The Vietnam war was the longest in our nation's history. Approximately 2.7 million Americans served in the war zone; 300,000 were wounded, approximately 75,000 permanently disabled, and more than 58,000 were killed.

The American advisory role began in the mid- 1950s. In 1964, U.S. personnel numbered approximately 20,000. By passing the “Gulf of Tonkin” Resolution on August 7, 1964, the U.S. Congress authorized the President “to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression.” In March 1965, the first American combat troops landed in Vietnam. In mid-1969, at the height of U.S. involvement, American military personnel in Vietnam numbered 550,000. Under a treaty signed by North Vietnam, South Vietnam, the Viet Cong and the United States, a cease fire went into effect on January 28, 1973. On April 30, 1975, the Government of the Republic of Vietnam surrendered to the advancing North Vietnamese forces and all remaining U.S. civilian and military personnel were evacuated.

During the war, American servicemen and women served their country with heroism and determination under some of the most difficult circumstances ever encountered. Tragically, upon their return home they received virtually no recognition for their service and sacrifice because of the raging domestic controversy over U.S. policy in conducting the war.

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of their courage and devotion to their country. The three men represent various ethnic backgrounds.

## Where Will It Be Placed?

In honor of Frederick Hart's wishes, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. and the Frederick Hart Estate decided to replicate the first of the Three Servicemen Statues for placement in the Southeast, the geographical region from which the majority of Vietnam soldiers hailed.

Apalachicola, Florida will be the site of the first Three Servicemen Statue replica. Located in the Florida Panhandle region, Apalachicola is 85 miles south of the state capital of Tallahassee.

## What Will The Statue Mean for the Southeast?

Apalachicola is representative of the many small Southern towns that were home for large numbers of Vietnam service members. It is expected that the Three Servicemen Statue South will become a popular destination for those wanting to pay tribute to the men and women who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War.

## Project Publicity Increases

The Three Servicemen Statue South organization recently created 500 fundraiser packets which include a cover letter, mission statement, letters from Jan Scruggs and Apalachicola Mayor Alan Pierce, and applicable news articles.

The group is grateful for all of the publicity that was generated as a result of team member David Butler's efforts. Butler recently traveled to a D-Day Museum opening of the Pacific Theater Exhibit in New Orleans and distributed our material in addition to his World War II materials. Thank you very much, David. David also displayed our posters, and they are back in the office if anyone else needs them for a fundraiser or booth.

The Prudential Resort Realty Holidays 2001 Vacation Rental Guide mailed out recently displays an article and photo of the Three Servicemen Statue South project with a request for contributions. Thank you very much, Helen Spohrer, Board member and owner of Resort Realty for the wonderful publicity.

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Veterans Motorcycle Club located at “[www.usa\\_vet.home.att.net/index.html](http://www.usa_vet.home.att.net/index.html). Any Vietnam Veterans group interested in linking the Three Servicemen Statue South website to theirs should contact: Jimmy Mosconis, 850-653-1318.

Yes! I Want To Help!

How Can I?

Effort to bring the Three Servicemen Statue project to Apalachicola are funded primarily by private donations. The estimated cost of replicating the Three Servicemen Statue and associated memorial facilities is \$1.5 million. If you are interested in helping to bring this memorial tribute to Vietnam Veterans to Apalachicola, please fill out the contribution form (on the back) and send your tax deductible donation to: Three Servicemen Statue South, Inc., 99 Market Street, Suite 204, P.O. Box 68, Apalachicola, Florida 32329. (850) 653-1318, [www.threeservicemenstatuesouth.org](http://www.threeservicemenstatuesouth.org).

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