



THEY SERVED YOU WELL.



— OUR MISSION —

Serving Local Veterans, we:

- ▶ Promote community awareness for veteran needs
- ▶ Eradicate homelessness within our Veteran population
- ▶ Drive the acquisition and establishment of an impactful transition center shelter for local Homeless Veterans
- ▶ Erect and maintain memorials for Fallen Veterans
- ▶ Coordinate Veteran activities within our community, primarily Memorial and Veterans Day Celebrations
- ▶ Promote military goodwill within our community

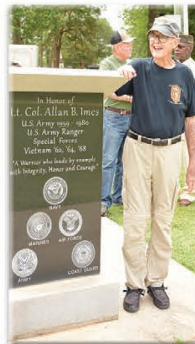
The Griffin-Spalding Military Affairs Committee

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**STAND TALL!
DISCOVER OUR EVENTS.**



- ▶ New Military Memorial Dedications
- ▶ National Guard Sendoffs
- ▶ Memorial Day Ceremony
- ▶ Independence Day Parade
- ▶ Sporting Clay Shoot at Cherokee Rose in August to Fund Veterans Programs
- ▶ Veterans Day Ceremony



Please get involved to more than honor our veteran community.

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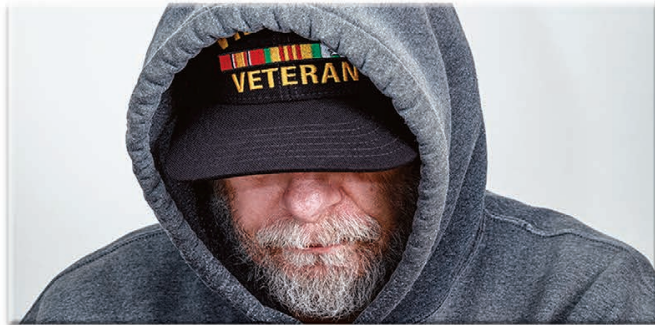


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OUR KEY INITIATIVE IS NOW IN OPERATION.

Understand the Issue.

Spalding County has almost 5,000 veterans. 99%+ are typical productive citizens supporting their families and moving through life as we all do. Sadly, though, we have homeless veterans made so by a myriad of reasons. Our best estimate is between **100 and 130 homeless vets are Spalding County residents on any given day. They have served our country honorably and deserve a hand up.** They, too, can have happy, satisfying lives and a positive future if only we make the commitment to help and **give them that second chance.**



Since its inception, the Griffin-Spalding Military Affairs Committee has provided financial support to numerous Veterans in the community who have various needs that could not be fulfilled by other sources. The committee works predominantly with the other Veterans groups in the community such as the American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Marine Corps League, and DSPIL Waypoint, a veteran's support service.

But today, our committee is mobilizing forces in a new way.

Help support our initiative to renovate a local church campus into a homeless veteran transition center.

Our committee has recommended a solution and successfully lobbied Spalding County to take the bold step to help eradicate veteran homelessness within our community. The County has agreed to purchase and renovate The Hanleiter Methodist Church on West Broad Street in Griffin. This large campus features over 14,810 sq ft plus ample parking and recreational green-space to serve veteran needs efficiently and effectively.



Initial plans call for The Sanctuary and Chapel to be freshened up for events and ceremonies. The Sunday School Building will be remodeled into veteran living quarters and counseling space. The goal is to provide veterans with what they need to subsist while undergoing the individual support programs they agree to when they processed into the program. DSPIL Waypoint will consult on layout throughout the construction process and ultimately will operate the center to deliver their successful Veteran service model.

Bottom-line, when it opens in 2025, this facility will provide safe, temporary living space for homeless veterans while they:

- ▶ **Undergo needed treatment or counseling**
- ▶ **Undertake Job-Skills training, if necessary, to get them re-connected to the community at large.**

We Need You to Come Aboard.

If our mission sounds like something you want to support, then **we encourage you to get involved.** Everyone is welcome, and everyone is needed. You may have precisely the talent or passion that we need to push our goals over the finish line.

- ▶ Go to our website to learn more...▶
- ▶ Make a donation
- ▶ Attend a military event
- ▶ Learn about our fund-raisers
- ▶ Follow our Facebook page
- ▶ Follow the Chamber of Commerce community calendar



Attend a Meeting to Get Started



The GSMAC meets at 10:30 AM. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center, located at 143 North Hill Street.

All are welcome—there is no “membership” requirement. We welcome everyone who has a heart to help veterans in our community.

The Military Affairs Committee was created by the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce in 2006 to recognize veteran contributions to our community and to respond to their concerns. The Committee is a registered 501(c)3 Charitable organization.