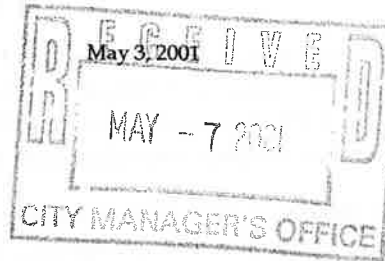
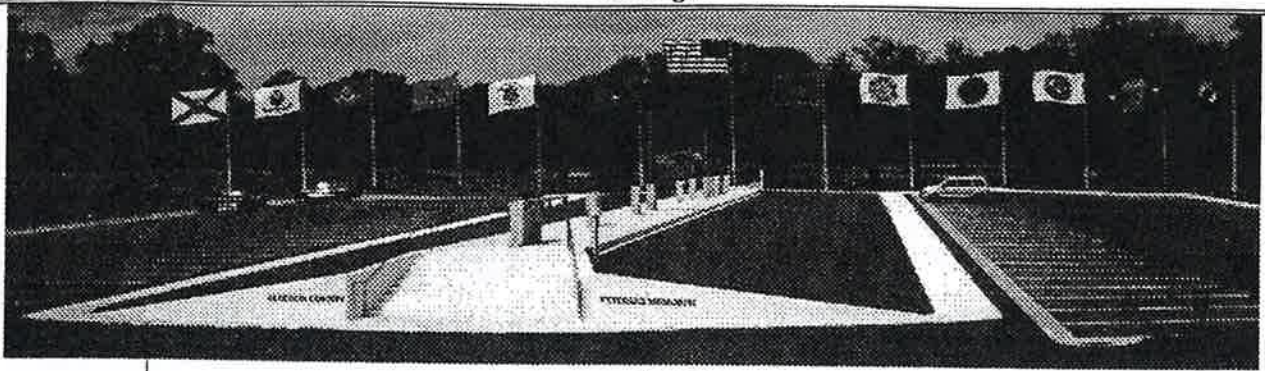


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Dear Misters Bowers and Reid,

Our committee has taken on a new mission of planting 805 trees to represent the hero's of our nation's wars from this area. They made the supreme sacrifice and gave their lives to ensure the freedom we all enjoy each and every day. Attached is a list of these individuals and an explanation of the full mission along with a copy of a recent Gainesville Sun article about the project.

We are requesting your financial support by providing one half of the funds needed to plant and maintain 134 trees in the medians of Archer Road, beginning at the J. Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center and continuing to the intersection of Tower road and Archer road. These trees will represent the heroes from this county and the University of Florida who died during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Since the medians selected on Archer Road are equally in the city and the county we are requesting \$4,500 from each of you, with the remaining \$9000 provided by donations which we will solicit from individuals, businesses and other organizations. At this time we do not want the matching funds, only a commitment, until we have raised our share of the total needed. Dick Bush of the DOT has agreed to this project in principle and arrangements for the trees have been made with Nick West of West Farm Nursery.

The Palatka Holly tree has been selected to represent our heroes in this part of the project. So we have no misunderstanding, we have also asked each of your staffs to assist in the designation of the 409 trees for the WWII UF heroes in the joint grant being submitted to the state for beautification of the Depot area, SW 13th Street to Paynes Prairie.

In addition to the matching funds requested we would also ask the city to provide six signs, (similar to those found on NE 8th Ave), identifying the project. The remaining trees needed to complete this project are going to be planted by other groups with an understanding that no additional funding will be requested from either the city or county governments.

Recently the total mission was approved and endorsed by the "Keep Alachua County Beautiful" committee. The proof that we can accomplish this mission is shown in the picture above. Please contact me at 372-2028 ext. 307 with any questions you or others might have about these requests.

Sincerely,

Jim McCawley

Chairperson

Cc: Norm Thomas, Alachua County

Nick West, West farms Nursery

Meg Niederhofer, City of Gainesville

Jeanne Rochford, Keep Alachua County Beautiful

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A Tree for Our Heroes

Recently volunteers from *BellSouth Pioneers* came to our organization, the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Committee (ACVMC). The *Pioneers* had an idea to plant 126 trees at the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Park on Tower Road to honor the 126 individual heroes from Alachua County who gave their lives during World War II.

We are pleased to announce that this project is underway, with our assistance. Thirty of the 126 trees will be planted on April 22, 2001 at the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Park, and the remaining 96 will be planted by Memorial Day, May 28, 2001 in other parks throughout Alachua County. We plan to take this idea even further and honor all 805 of the women and men from Alachua County and the University of Florida who gave their lives for our country.

These 805 heroes are outlined below.

Group	War	Heroes to be honored	# of Heroes	Sponsor
I	War Between the States	From Alachua County & the University of Florida	63	Sons of the Confederate
II	WWI	From Alachua County	45	VFW Post 2811
III	WWI	From the University of Florida	22	
IV	WWII	From Alachua County	126	BellSouth
V	WWII	From UF <i>Requested</i>	409	The City of Gainesville and Alachua County
VI	Korean War	From Alachua County	16	ACVMC/West Farms Nursery
VII	Korean War	From UF	24	"
VIII & IX	Vietnam War	From Alachua County & UF	100	"

The ACVMC, along with the folks at the West Farms Nursery, will sponsor Group VIII and IX to honor our Vietnam heroes. We will plant 100 trees in the medians starting at the intersection of Tower and Archer Roads and ending at the entrance of the J. Malcom Randall Veterans Administration Medical Center.

To accomplish our mission we are in need of different organizations to become sponsors for Groups I, II, III, VI, and VII. We are negotiating with the city and county governments to jointly sponsor Group V.

What individuals can do is to make a donation to be used to purchase the trees. The cost for the trees that will be planted in the park will be \$40.00 per tree and for the trees to be planted in the median on Archer Road \$100.00 per tree.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation please send it to the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Committee and mail it to 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641. To become a sponsor for one of the groups listed, or for additional information, please call Jim McCawley at (352) 372-2028 extension 307.

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Tree-planting to honor war heroes from area

A tree-planting campaign honoring the 805 men and women from Alachua County and the University of Florida who gave their lives in war is scheduled to begin Sunday.

The Alachua County Veterans Memorial Committee and employees from BellSouth Pioneers plan to plant 30 trees at the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Park off Tower Road. The two groups are expected to plant another 96 trees in other parks throughout the county by Memorial Day.

West Farms Nursery will join the Memorial Committee to plant 100 trees in the median along Archer Road between Tower Road and the J. Malcolm Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Additional organization or individual sponsors are being sought to pay for the remaining trees. Trees to be planted in a park are \$40. Trees to be planted in the median are \$100.

Donations can be mailed to the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Committee at 218 SE 24th St., Gainesville, FL, 32641. For more information, call Jim McCawley at 372-2028, ext. 307.

— Janine Young Sikes