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**Ole Skool Band and Tri-County veterans donate \$6,275 to deputies' families**



**Mick Graham, bass player with Ole Skool Band (left) and Jeff Norris, lead guitarist, prepare to leave on their motorcycles after a check presentation at the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday (May 23). Standing and seeing them off is American Legion Post 91 (Trenton) Commander Stan McKercher. Jimmy Norris, the drummer for the Ole Skool Band, had already left on his motorcycle.**



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Most of the veterans at the event on Wednesday afternoon (May 23) are seen here.

## Story, Photo and Video

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TRENTON – The Ole Skool Band of Dixie County sparked an event that brought together organizations of United States military veterans to combine forces to make a relatively large donation to the families of two Gilchrist County deputies who were killed in the line of duty.

<https://youtu.be/RNj6IaZ4IR8>

In this video, Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz tells listeners that these families will always have a friend at the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff said that if nothing else good comes from this horrible tragedy, there is at least one good lesson, and that is that the men and women of the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office are all one family. Also in this video, is the moment where AmVets Post 42 Commander Bobby Hahn presents two checks totaling \$6,275 to survivors of the sergeant and deputy who died in the line of duty.



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Members of the Ole Skool Band are seen here (from left) Jeff Norris, Mick Graham and Jimmy Norris.

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(from left) Ole Skool Band members (from left) Jeff Norris, Mick Graham and Jimmy Norris pause for a photo opportunity immediately after the program was completed.



Sheriff Bobby Schultz (right) speaks about the community being a family.

Joe Oxedine, Judge Advocate for AmVets Post 422 of the

Suwannee River (Fanning Springs), and for AmVets of Florida, is seen at the back of the room as he tells the surviving family members that he speaks on behalf of the post commander as he invites the survivors to call the post for help if there is anything they need. Other AmVets posts and America Legion leaders made the same offer.



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**Sheriff Bobby Schultz (left) accepts a thin blue line memorial work of art made of metal from Chuck Strange of Chiefland Billiards. There is a plaque that will go below this piece to memorialize and honor Gilchrist County Sheriff's Sgt. Noel Ramirez and GCSO Deputy Taylor Lindsey.**



The May 12 Dice Run started and ended at AmVets Post 42 – north of Chiefland.

Riders went to Chiefland Billiards, AmVets Post 88 in Bronson, the City Bar in Trenton, American Legion Post 383 in Old Town, AmVets Post 422 in Fanning Springs, and the Moose Lodge Fanning Springs

The Levy County Sheriff's Office provided a safety escort for the riders as they went place to place to seek a win.

There were several items auctioned and raffled to raise money too. There were give-away door prizes as well during the fun event to raise money for the families.

The party included food and the main cooks were Paul Arnold, Russ Seymore and Chris Hubbert.

Gilchrist County Sheriff's Sgt. Noel Ramirez and GCSO Deputy Taylor Lindsey died after being shot April 19 in a Trenton restaurant.

On Wednesday afternoon (May 23), representatives from several veterans' groups converged on the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office in Trenton where AmVets Post 42 Commander Bobby Hahn presented checks totaling \$6,275 to survivors of the sergeant and deputy.

Ole Skool Band members Mick Graham, bass guitar, Jeff Norris, lead guitar, and Jimmy Norris, drummer, were among the many people in the room when the check was presented Wednesday afternoon.

There were three bands at the event on May 12, with Ole Skool Band being the group who got it all going.

Sheriff Schultz spoke on behalf of the Lindsey and Ramirez families during the presentation program on May 23.

For the military veterans, who gave of themselves for American Freedom, it means a lot to the families who lost two heroes in that senseless, cowardly attack on April 19, the sheriff said.

"The glimmer of hope" from this tragedy, the sheriff said, is that "we know we are all family."

Through the good times and the bad times, the community will stick together and everyone will be together as one team, he indicated.

This act by these veterans, Schultz said, reflects that there is more good in this world than there is bad.

"Sincerely, Sheriff Schultz said, "thank you very much."

Veterans from every post involved in the dice run were part of the event to raise the money. There were representatives from almost every post at the presentation on Wednesday afternoon.