



# Desert of Florida Prince Hall Shriners



## Desert Conference Gala Day 2026



Date: May 28-31, 2026



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# Desert One Stop Shop...

**Proclamation #1**



**Proclamation #2**



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## 79TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & GALA DAY

Greetings Nobles, Daughters and Friends,

Desert Conference/Gala Day 2026 will be held May 28–May 31, 2026, in the Oasis of Tallahassee.

We are excited about your arrival in the Oasis of Tallahassee. During your visit, you will find an award-winning city with everything you could think of to make your short stay in the Oasis enjoyable and pleasurable.

The Desert Conference/Gala Day 2026 Proclamation #1 includes information that you will need to prepare for Desert Conference/Gala Day 2026. Please read the Proclamation in its entirety. This information will also be available on the Desert of Florida Website [www.aeaonmsflorida.org](http://www.aeaonmsflorida.org).

The Desert Conference/Gala Day 2026 Committee is committed to ensuring your stay in our Oasis will be memorable.

[Proclamation #1](#)

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## DESERT CONFERENCE GALA DAY

**MAY 28-31, 2026**

Hosted by Ahmed Temple No. 37  
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**DOUBLETREE  
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101 S. Adams St.  
Tallahassee, FL.  
323011



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316 W. Tennessee  
St. Tallahassee,  
FL. 32301.

**REGISTRATION**

For more information: [www.aeaonmsflorida.org](http://www.aeaonmsflorida.org)



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### Souvenir Journal Ads

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to the Lord

Therefore, as you received  
Christ Jesus the Lord, to walk  
in him, rooted and built up in  
him and established in the  
faith, just as you were taught,  
abounding in thanksgiving.  
Colossians 2:6-7

Lady Cheryl and Pastor David Brown

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## 79TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & GALA DAY PARADE, COOKOUT & GALA DAY ACTIVITIES

ENTRY LINK →





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A green background with a black, cursive slogan "Our Roots Run Deep" written diagonally across the top. Below the text is a close-up photograph of a small, healthy tree with a dense canopy of green leaves and a visible network of orange and yellow roots at the base.



# DESERT OF FLORIDA

OASIS OF TALLAHASSEE



DESERT CONFERENCE 2026



Our Love and Service Runs Deeper



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Greetings:

## DCGD Veterans Project

During Desert Conference Gala Day 2026, with the approval of Deputy of the Desert, HPIP Louis T. Harper (08), and Deputy for the Desert, HPIC Bertha L. Baker (96), the Desert of Florida Temples, Courts, Nobles, and Daughters will collectively support two local Veterans Programs by donating needed items to each of them.

**The chosen organizations:**

**HUD-VASH (Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing)**, a joint effort by HUD and VA that assists veterans who are at-risk of becoming homeless or homeless with rental assistance and intensive case management to help them find and keep permanent housing, connecting them with healthcare, mental health, and other services to improve their lives.

**Tallahassee Veterans Village**, a transitional housing program for homeless veterans, is managed by **Volunteers of America of Florida**, offering supportive services like case management, job training, and counseling to help veterans achieve independence.

**Each Temple and Court is asked to bring a minimum of 10 to 15 items from the list below to be presented to representatives from each organization at the end of the parade on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, as a joint charitable effort and collective donation from the Desert of Florida.**

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dt. Angelia Ross, PC, Veterans Chair – Ahmed Court No.134 at [amarijross@gmail.com](mailto:amarijross@gmail.com) or Noble Stan Youmas, HPP, Veteran's Chair - Ahmed Temple No.37 at [Stanyoumas273@comcast.net](mailto:Stanyoumas273@comcast.net).**

### NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS BEING REQUESTED

Canned Vegetables \* Canned Fruits \* Canned Meats  
(ex. Tuna, Chicken, Salmon with pop tops not requiring a can opener)  
Peanut Butter \* Jelly \* Rice \* Pasta \* Soups \* Stews

### TOILETRIES

Soap \* Deodorant \* Lotion \* Shampoo \* Toothpaste \* Toothbrush  
Feminine Hygiene Kits \* Socks \* Book Bags \* Small Foam Coolers (for Diabetic Supplies)  
\* Toilet Paper \* Paper Towels



## DESERT OF FLORIDA

# VETERANS CARE DRIVE



Join the Desert of Florida Temples and Courts  
as we collect essential items to support  
our veterans in need. With the blessing of Deputy  
of the Desert HPIP Louis Harper and Deputy for  
the Desert HPIC Bertha Baker, we will donate to:



### HUD-VASH

a collaborative Housing and  
Urban Development-Veterans Affairs  
initiative assisting at-risk homeless  
veterans with rental assistance and  
case management services.

### Tallahassee Veterans Village

a transitional housing program for  
homeless veterans, managed by  
**Volunteers of America of Florida**,  
providing supportive services, job training,  
and counseling.

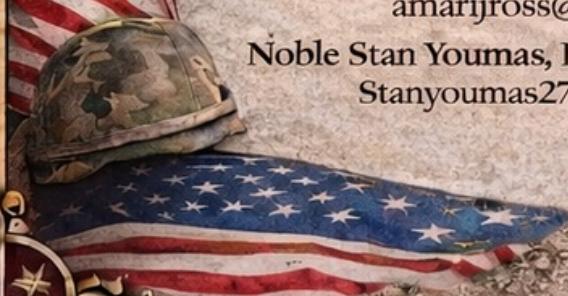
#### PLEASE CONTRIBUTE A MINIMUM OF 10 TO 15 ITEMS FROM THIS LIST

- Canned vegetables, fruits, tuna, chicken, salmon (pop tops preferred)
- Peanut butter, jelly, rice, pasta, soups, stews
- Toiletries: soap, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene kits, socks.
- Backpacks, small foam coolers, toilet paper, paper towels.

#### FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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### FIRST AID



First Aid stations will be manned both on and off-site during Gala Day for minor care. Those patients requiring emergency care and transport to an acute care facility will be handled by EMS. The First Aid Committee reminds you to bring your medication, take your medication as scheduled, and stay hydrated in order to have the best experience ever during Desert of Florida/Gala Day 2026. Listing: Area Hospitals, Dialysis Center and Other Services.

### Hospitals

#### Tallahassee Memorial

1300 Miccosukee Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32308  
(850)-431-1155

#### Capital Regional Medical

2626 Capital Medical Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32308  
(850)-325-5000

### Late Night Pharmacy

#### CVS

3035 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301  
(850)-877-5168

#### Walgreens

1202 N Magnolia Dr.  
Tallahassee, FL 32308  
(850)-877-3075

### Dialysis Locations

#### DaVita

2410 S Adams St,  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(833)-373-2073  
or  
1607 Physicians Dr,  
Tallahassee, FL 32308  
(833) 373-2164

### Mobility Scooter Rental

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### 24 Hour Pharmacy

#### CVS

5466 Thomasville Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312  
(850)-893-8116

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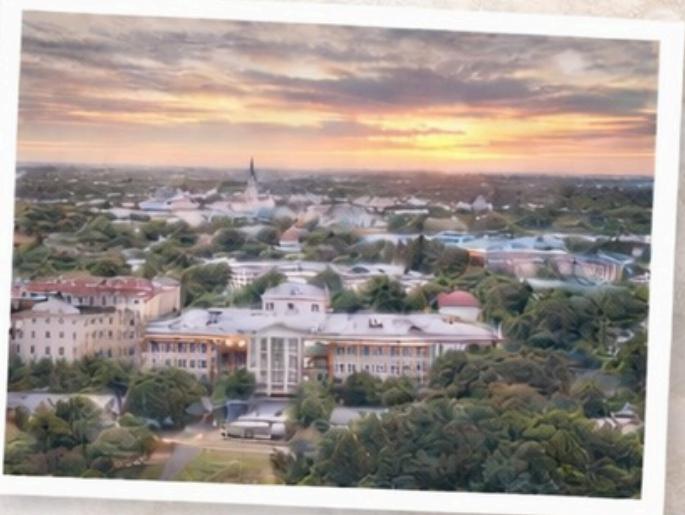
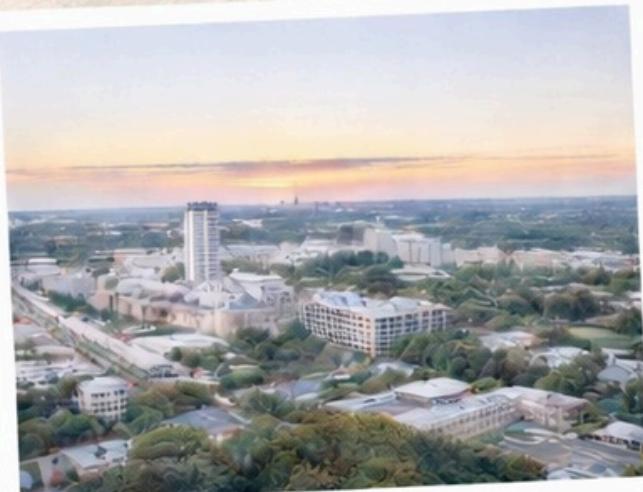
*Wednesday, May 27, 2026*

22nd Floor of the State Capitol

400 S Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL

**6:00pm - 9:00pm**

Light Hors d'Oeuvres Served



Join us for a *chill* evening of *fun and friendship*  
as we welcome visiting **Nobles and Daughters**  
arriving early to Tallahassee for  
**Desert Conference Gala Day 2026!**



## DESERT CONFERENCE & GALA DAY 2026. OASIS OF TALLAHASSEE DESERT OF FLORIDA.



AHMED TEMPLE #37 & AHMED COURT #134

**HPIP LOUIS T. HARPER** **HPIP DR. BERTHA BAKER (96)**  
**IMPERIAL DEPUTY OF THE DESERT** **IMPERIAL DEPUTY FOR THE DESERT**

**MAY  
28**

**6PM-10PM**

# The Heritage FEST

# TALLAHASSEE FAIRGROUNDS

**441 PAUL RUSSELL RD, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301**

**Cultural attire encouraged but not required**  
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 **IMPACTFUL INITIATIVES  
BECAUSE LEADERSHIP MATTERS...**

Memorial Service: 8:00 AM

Public Program: 9:00 AM

**Nobles: Summer Dress Regaled \* Daughters: Dress with Regalia**



St. Jude Children's  
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Finding cures. Saving children.



 American  
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Association.  
Connected for Life



Friday, May 29, 2026  
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

# SOUTHERN SOUL

*“All White”*

## Extravaganza

*Featuring*



TALLAHASSEE  
NIGHTS LIVE



Friday,  
May 29th  
2026

1105 East Lafayette Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Doors Open  
7:00 PM

# Pathway to Wellness \* NCHI Walk



Saturday, May 30, 2026  
The Park on Park Avenue





# HPIP EARL HAUGABOOK

## PASS & REVIEW / COOKOUT

**Saturday | May 30, 2026**  
**10:00 AM — 3:00 PM**

### 📍 **North Florida Fairgrounds**

441 E. Paul Russell Rd.,  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

#### → **EVENT OVERVIEW** ←

Temples and Courts are invited to plan and prepare their own meals for this signature Pass & Review and Cookout event. Whether it's a fish fry, crab or seafood boil, or a classic barbecue, this is a time to fellowship, showcase your culinary talents, and enjoy the spirit of unity and tradition.

#### → **WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE** ←

- All Temples and Courts
- Nobles and Daughters in attendance

#### → **IMPORTANT NOTES** ←

- Please bring your own tents (maximum size 20' x 20'), portable chairs, and tables to ensure comforts and shade.
- You are welcome to bring your own **grills** (large, small, or portable). Please be mindful of space and neighboring Temples and Courts.

#### → **REGISTRATION** ←

**RSVP Required**



- In the spirit of camaraderie, all participants are encouraged to prepare enough food to share with fellow Nobles and Daughters. Sharing great barbecue, seafood, dishes, and sides is what makes a tailgate special!



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### LOCAL PLACES TO CONSIDER VISITING

#### Restaurants

- JoEllens'
- Curbside BBQ & Seafood
- Soul Vegetarian
- Chicago Chicken & Grill
- Chopped & Smoked
- The Wing Man
- Pineappetit
- HempLade Vegan Cafe
- Halisi Africa
- CK Crab House

- \* Leon's At Lake Ella
- \* Early's Kitchen
- \* Midtown & 3rd
- \* O'Leans Cafe
- \* 509 Caribbean Cuisine
- \* Ma's Diner
- \* Flavorzs Kitchen
- \* Signature Lounge
- \* G&G Caribbean

#### Shopping \* Tours

- Governors Square Mall

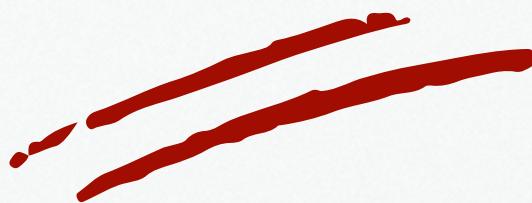
#### History & Culture

- Riley House Museum
- Florida Historic Capitol Museum: Explore Florida's political past and present in the old Capitol Building.
- Mission San Luis: A restored Spanish colonial mission offering a look into 17th-century life.
- Tallahassee Museum: Features local wildlife, historic buildings, and treetop adventure courses on 52 acres.
- Goodwood Museum & Gardens: A beautiful historic estate with gardens.
- Railroad Square Art District: A hub for artists, galleries, and unique shops.

#### Nature & Outdoors

- Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park: Stunning formal gardens, especially beautiful in spring.
- St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge: A vital coastal refuge with birdwatching and the historic St. Marks Lighthouse.
- Wakulla Springs State Park: Home to one of the world's largest and deepest freshwater springs, with glass-bottom boat tours.
- Cascades Park: A downtown park with trails, an amphitheater, and a great view of the Capitol.
- Leon Sinks Geological Area: Explore unique karst topography and sinkholes.
- Unique & Fun
- Tallahassee Automobile Museum: More than just cars, with collections of unique items like presidential canes and oddities.

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