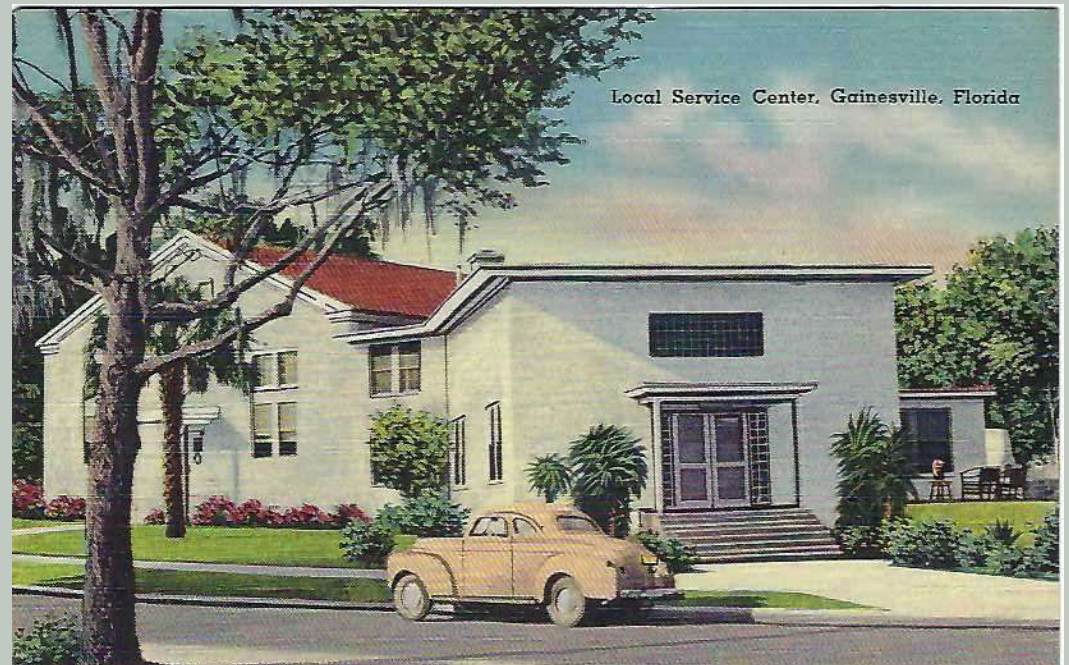

Gainesville Servicemen's Center / Thelma Boltin Center History



Melanie Barr

County Historical Commission

Presentation to the BoCC on June 27, 2023

Unidentified serviceman standing next to sign pointing the way to the Gainesville Recreation Dept.'s Service Center.

WW 2



View showing servicemen gathered around piano at the Gainesville Recreation Department's Service Center.



The Servicemen's Center offered R&R to soldiers from Camp Blanding and other nearby areas



View showing servicemen dancing at the Gainesville Recreation Department's Service Center.



Servicemen at the Gainesville Recreation Department's Service Center writing letters home.

Meals were provided (below)



"Cousin" Thelma, community leader



Storyteller Thelma Boltin standing next to a bottle collection at a hobby show in Gainesville, Florida.



Building is significant to GNV Rock & Roll History



Photo source: Asylum Records



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Performing at the halftime show during Super Bowl XLII on Feb. 3, 2008 in Glendale, AZ.

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State Historic Marker in 2008

