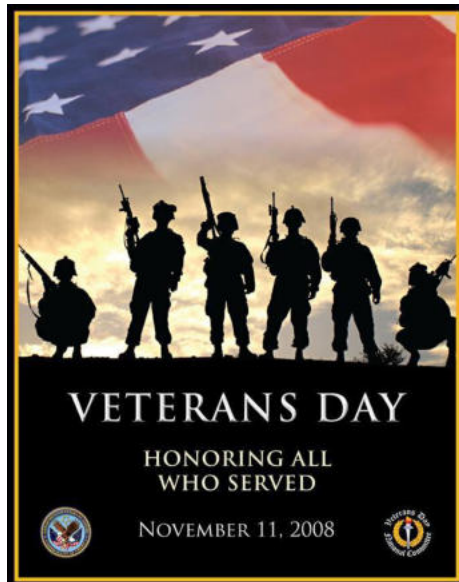




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**How many men signed the  
Declaration of Independence?  
Send your answer to me via text.**



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Have you felt the fall breeze? I think fall is coming so we can cool off.

At the last publication of the press we put a question to you about how many men signed the Declaration of Independence? NO one responded. We will try this time and see who is reading the Press.



**The Northwest Roundup Zoom meeting is October 25th at 4 pm Central time.** Please try to have your delegate attend the zoom meeting and let Laura know so she can send you the code. We have some important Bylaws to consider and we need to vote on officers. Please remember that this is a volunteer-run organization. If you are unable to help this year, please consider volunteering next year. Support your clubs and tell others when you have classes. It is such a wonderful activity when you meet new friends and get exercise!

Clubs would you please keep the Information on your clubs up to date so we can get it in the Panhandle Press. Thank you. NW Roundup next year will be October 22-23, 2027.

Florida will be hosting the 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Daytona! Please try to support this effort by volunteering. Please note it is the last week in June 2027.

Presidents Brian and Barbara McDonald

The Florida Federation website is now at [www.dancergram.com/aa-floridasquaredance.com/index.html](http://www.dancergram.com/aa-floridasquaredance.com/index.html).

Send flyers for Florida Federation website publication to Cliff Reiss at [dgramwebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:dgramwebmaster@yahoo.com).

# NWFSRDA CLUBS

## AGAPE SQUARES

Mondays 6-7 class. 7-8:30 pm dance

Caller: Varies

Cross Point Church Fellowship Hall

214 Partin Dr. Niceville, FL.

CONTACT: Ed Lewis (850) 496-7744

## CAPITAL TWIRLERS

Mondays 7-9:00 pm (MS, P)

Caller: George Lavender

Tallahassee Senior Center

1400 N. Monroe, Tallahassee, FL.

CONTACT: Bob Rankin (850) 421-8886

## EASTSIDE SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Fridays 7-8:30 pm

Caller: Robert & Gwen Doyle, Instructors

Eastside Christian Church

5906 E Hwy 22 Callaway, Panama City, FL.

CONTACT: Robert Doyle (850) 624-1623

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Tuesdays 6-6:30 pm Practice Time

6:30-7:30 pm (Basic, MS)

7:30-8:45 pm (MS, P)

Caller: Nick Hartley

Ragon Hall

2600 Stratford Rd., Pensacola, FL.

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FACEBOOK **Emeraldwavesmodernsquaredanceclub**

INSTAGRAM **@emeraldwavessdc**

## SEASIDE SQUARES

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Caller: Varies

Ragon Hall

2600 Stratford Rd., Pensacola, FL.

CONTACT: Linda Steadman (850) 293-7720

## SWINGING SQUARES

Thursdays 5:15-6:15 pm Rounds Class

6:30-7:30 pm Basic class

7:30-8:30 pm (MS, P)

Caller: Miriam Merriwether

Grand Square Hall

1105 Bob Little Rd, Panama City, FL.

CONTACT: Sandra Lange (850) 832-7317

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Email: [swingingsquaresgshpc@gmail.com](mailto:swingingsquaresgshpc@gmail.com)

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Sundays 2:00-4:00 pm

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[terriwilaby@hotmail.com](mailto:terriwilaby@hotmail.com)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**October 10, 2026 Mainstream Workshop 2-6 pm Grand Square Hall, Panama City, FL.**

**October 25, 2026 Northwest ZOOM meeting at 4 pm CDT**

**October 30, 2026, 7:00-9:30 pm, Spooktacular, at Seaside Squares with Nick Hartley**

**November 6, 2026, 7:00-9:30 pm, – A Gathering before Thanksgiving, Seaside Squares, Pensacola, FL. with Ted Kennedy. Please bring non-perishable food items to support the Manna food bank.**

**November 14, 2026, Plus Workshop 2-6 pm Grand Square Hall, Panama City, FL.**

**December 5, 2026 Holiday Workshop 2-6 pm, Panama City, FL. (details coming).**

**December 6, 2026, NWFSRDA Holiday Dance Party, 2-4:30 pm at Ragon Hall. See flyer**

**December 7, 2026, Christmas Party Capital Twirlers \***

**December 11, 2026, 7:00-9:30 pm, Seaside Squares Christmas Dance with Ted Kennedy . Please Support Manna Food bank.**

**December 17, 2026, Swinging Squares Christmas Dance**

**December 31, 2026, 1:00-4:00 pm, New Year's Eve Party with Nick Hartley**

**December 31, 2026 Swinging Squares New Years Eve Dance**

**January 22 or 29, 2027 (until determined) January Shine, Seaside Squares**

## PANHANDLE PRESS SUPPORTER

**Gold: Jackie Kramer 6-2026  
(A long time Northwest dancer)**

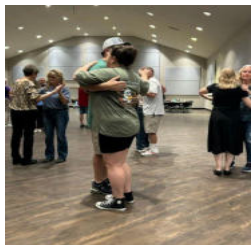
# AGAPE SQUARES

We graduated a new class in June. Our newest dancers have worked on some Plus calls over the summer and are back to be Angels for our new class, ready to begin on September 28<sup>th</sup>. We had two very successful Open Houses, so whether they make the commitment or not, they have been exposed to this fun and challenging activity. Thank you, Agape Squares for showing up for the Open Houses to help, and for welcoming every person who visited! Let's keep it up and try to meet and make each one feel welcome. Nick has shown us that we don't have to divide a couple. If we see someone struggling, we can offer, but not insist, their choice! We do want to be sure that our singles have an experienced partner, so we still need our Angels. We have some ladies learning both parts and that will be fun, challenging, and a help to our club overall. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations and blessings to Hanna and Caleb on the birth of their sweet baby girl (Reagan Renee) on September 15th. We had a baby shower for them in August before our Monday night day which was fun.

The Roundup with Jet Roberts turned out great. Now, we are responsible for our next Roundup. Barbara and Alec, as officers of NWFSRDA and also Agape members, have secured what was PASARDA Hall and a caller. We will need all hands on deck from Agape to help with this event. All working together to get it done will make it fun and doable. SAVE the DATE October 22-23, 2027!

Mondays you will find us dancing with class from 6-7 pm, then dance 7-8:30 pm.



# CAPITAL TWIRLERS

Capital Twirlers is continuing to dance under the guidance of our caller, George Lavender, on Monday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm EST at the Tallahassee Senior Center. The address is 1400 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Colin Graves has been running a plus group on Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm EST also at the Senior Center, but in the art room. Anyone interested in attending this plus group should email him at **ctwirlersvp@gmail.com** to ensure that we have enough to dance. Guest prices for both the Monday night dance and Tuesday night plus group are \$5.00 per person. We are tentatively looking to hold our Christmas dance on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. More information and a flyer to come soon! If you have any questions, please email Emily, our secretary, at **ctwirlerssecretary@gmail.com**.

Emily Chambliss, Secretary



## EASTSIDE SQUARE DANCE CLUB



Eastside Side Squares meet at the Eastside Christian Church,  
5906 E Hwy 22 Callaway, Panama City, FL.

Robert and Gwen Doyle, Instructors

# EMERALD WAVES SQUARES

Emerald Waves Squares in Pensacola, FL. has had plenty to celebrate in 2026! Our LGBTQ+ inclusive square dance community continues to grow with new dancers discovering just how much fun modern square dancing can be. One of our summer dances welcomed 39 dancers, including 18 newcomers! We've continued building on that momentum with weekly Mainstream and Plus dancing, monthly social dances, and a big focus on making newcomers feel welcome from the moment they walk through the door.

September brought one of our biggest highlights: Rainbow Stroll 2026! Approximately 70 dancers and visitors from across the United States came to Pensacola for a weekend filled with dancing, friendship, laughter, and community.



We were especially excited to welcome Nick Hartley and Michael Kellogg as our featured international callers, who kept the squares moving and brought plenty of energy and fun to the weekend!

For us, success isn't just about filling squares, it's seeing a first time dancer come back the next week, watching new friendships form, and creating a space where people feel like they belong.



We're excited about where Emerald Waves is headed, and proud to show that square dancing can be welcoming, inclusive, social, and a whole lot of fun in 2026. Keep dancing, keep welcoming new people and keep making waves!

# SEASIDE SQUARES

We started off July with a bang by celebrating our Nation's birthday on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with Nick Hartley calling. We enjoyed dancing to many patriotic songs throughout the evening.



On July 17<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Beach Blast with Ted Kennedy calling. Ted especially enjoyed his "bathing beauties" all dancing in one square together. It was a great evening with good dancing, a lot of laughter and, of course, good food.



On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, folks from Mobile's Port City Squares, Panama City's Grand Squares and Niceville's Agape Squares joined us for our Saturday afternoon 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dance.



It would have been even more fun if we'd had more dancers; however, those in attendance had a great time. Ted Kennedy called a great dance. Round dancers enjoyed dancing to Susan Wolford.



We were dark for the weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> for the second annual Emerald Waves Squares Fly in.



Congratulations to Emerald Waves Squares on a great weekend.

## HAPPY HALLOTHANKSMAS Y'ALL

**Friday October 2, 2026, Fair Night with FUNNEL CAKE** and Nick Hartley calling.

**Friday Oct 30, 2026, 7:00-9:30 pm - *Spooktacular*** with Nick Hartley. Costumes are welcomed.

**Friday Nov 6, 2026, 7:00-9:30 pm – *A Gathering before Thanksgiving*** with Ted Kennedy, please bring non-perishable food items to support Manna Food Bank

**Friday Dec 11, 2026, 7:00-9:30 pm – *Christmas Dance*** with Ted Kennedy, please bring non-perishable food items to support Manna Food Bank

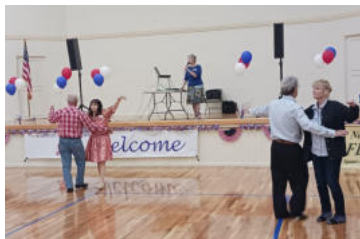
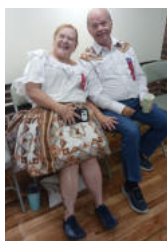
**Thursday Dec 31, 2026, 1:00-4:00 pm – *New Year's Eve Party*** with Nick Hartley

**January 22 or 29th, 2027** tentatively January Shine. Caller Ted Kennedy

**February 5, 2027** Tentatively Mardi Gras Dance

**March 12, 2027, Tentatively Shamrock Shimmer.**

## ROUNDUP PICTURES



# SWINGING SQUARES

## October Events

**Themed Dance – Pumpkin Patch Promenade - 29 October 2026.** Our first dance of the quarter will be the Pumpkin Patch Promenade, where we'll award prizes for the funniest, most creative, most pumpkin-patch-like, and best duo costumes. We encourage everyone to dress according to the theme, as prizes will be based on creativity and theme participation.

We'll also have a couple of fun games for bragging rights, including a Pumpkin Walk—similar to a cake walk, but featuring fall treats instead of cakes. Participation is completely voluntary.

### **Mainstream Workshop 2:00-6:00 pm**

- **10 October 2026** – Mainstream Workshop Hosted by Miriam Merriweather, this workshop is geared toward beginner dancers, new Mainstream dancers, and any angels who would like to participate.

## November Events

**Themed Dance – Turkey Trot Hoedown -19 November 2026.** Our second dance of the quarter will be the Turkey Trot Hoedown. Come dressed in your November hunting gear as we “hunt” for our turkeys—the more camo, the better! Prizes will be awarded for Most Creative, Funniest, and Best Couple. We'll also have a few fun games between tips.

### **Plus Workshop 2:00-6:00 pm**

- **14 November 2026** – Plus Workshop Hosted by Miriam Merriweather, this workshop focuses on learning and practicing the new calls added to the Plus program and introducing new Plus dancers to Plus-level dancing. This workshop is open to:

- Anyone ready to learn Plus
- Anyone who needs to learn the new Plus calls
- Anyone wanting to improve their Plus dancing skills and confidence

Experienced Plus dancers are encouraged to attend—your strength and familiarity with the calls help create a supportive learning environment for everyone. Our goal is to make this a positive, helpful workshop for dancers at different levels without discouraging anyone who is still growing into it.

## December Events

We plan to host a couple of special events in December. Save-the-date details for planning purposes:

- **5 December 2026 – Holiday Workshop** (details forthcoming)
- **17 December 2026 – Christmas Celebration Dance** (theme announcement coming soon)
- **31 December 2026 – New Year's Eve Dance** (details forthcoming)



# GRAND SQUARE HALL REGULAR DANCE SCHEDULE

**1105 Bob Little Rd., Panama City, Fl. 32401**

President: Kathie Kern (850) 896-5798

Building Manager: Jon Kern (850) 228-8568

**SUNDAY: AVAILABLE**

**MONDAY: BOP & SWING DANCE CLUB**

Doors Open & Lessons 6:30-7:30 pm

Dance 7:30-9:00 pm

Contact: Don Pitts (850) 348-2670

**TUESDAY: COUNTRY BALLROOM INFUSION**

Dance 6:30-8:30 pm

Contact: Joe Gray (850) 258-9847

**WEDNESDAY: AVAILABLE**

**THURSDAY: SWINGING SQUARES**

Rounds class 5:15-6:15 pm

Contact: Miriam Merriwether (850) 974-0091

Squares class (New Class) 6:30-7:30 pm

Dance 7:30-8:30 pm

Contact: Sandra Lange (850) 821-7317

Joseph Sellers (404) 295-4091

Caller: Miriam Merriwether (850) 974-0091

**SATURDAY: OPEN FOR SPECIAL DANCES**

Contact: Jon Kern (850) 228-8568

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

Visitors are always welcome! All clubs occasionally cancel. Please verify with contact. Grand Square Hall is owned & operated by dancers of the Panama City Square & Round Dance Association, a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving our square & round dance heritage.

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**(850) 293-7720**

**Please call to verify dancing is happening.**

## **MONDAY**

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5:00-9:00 pm

Instructor: Justin Grubb

(850) 503-9978

## **TUESDAY**

### ***EMERALD WAVES***

Continuing Class and Dance

6:30-8:30 pm

Contact: Tim Tharp

(703) 585-7177

## **WEDNESDAY**

Country & Western Dancing

6-10:30 pm

Contact: Justin Grubb

(850) 503-9978

## **THURSDAY**

Advanced Square Dancing

6:00-8:30 pm

Caller: Nick Hartley

## **FRIDAY**

### ***SEASIDE SQUARES***

Mainstream/Plus Squares

7:00-9:00 pm

Callers: Varies

Contact: Linda Steadman

(850) 293-7720

ragonhall3@gmail.com

## **SATURDAY**

Assorted Activities

## **SUNDAY**

### **OPEN**

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# NWFSRDA 53<sup>RD</sup> ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 22-23, 2027



CALLER  
NICK  
HARTLEY



CUERS  
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17 INDUSTRIAL ST NW  
FT WALTON BEACH, FL 32548

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
BARBARA MCDONALD (850) 217-2890

# 72<sup>nd</sup> Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention Registration Form (Please Print)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
 YOUTH First Name \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please circle all levels you plan to participate in at the convention:

Squares: M P A C Rounds: 2 3 4 5

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| Convention Ribbon       |     | X | \$    | = |       |
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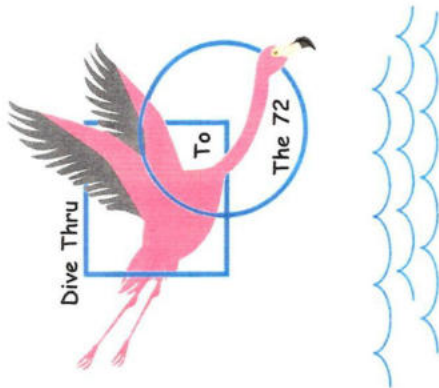
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A dancer who is not an Association Member will be a Provisional Member of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers for the duration of the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention after acceptance of the registration form. The application for registration signifies that the dancer will abide by the rules of the Convention, local Regulations and Laws.

Donations to the Florida Federation, the Florida Callers Association, the Round Dance Council of Florida or their Conventions are not tax deductible for income tax purposes

# 72<sup>nd</sup> Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention



February 26 & 27, 2027  
 The Center at Deltona  
 1640 Dr. M.L.K. Blvd, Deltona, FL 32725

## Trail-End Dance:

(Donation at the door)  
 The Center at Deltona  
 Thursday, February 25, 2027  
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 Squares and Rounds 7:00 - 9:30 PM

|                                                                                                                        |                                                              |
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## Host Hotel for the 2027 State Convention:

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407-805-9111

\$129 King; \$149 Dbl Queen (+taxes & fees)

GROUP NAME: Square Dance DEADLINE: 01/28/27

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For up-to-date information

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER & SHOW

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Keep an eye on the convention website for the menu

REGISTER EARLY ~ **DEADLINE:** February 12, 2027  
Friday, February 26, 2027, 4:30p-6:30p in the Main Hall.

Ticket price: \$45 per person

| Ribbon Type                    | 1/18/26 -<br>5/31/26                | 6/1/26 -<br>10/31/26 | 11/1/26 and<br>later |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| All Weekend                    | \$50                                | \$55                 | \$60                 |
| Weekender<br>Fri eve & all Sat | \$40                                | \$42                 | \$45                 |
| Single Day                     | \$35 Available at Registration ONLY |                      |                      |

\*\*All prices are in USD All prices are per person.

Please register early

Returned ribbons cheerfully refunded until Feb 26, 2027, for any reason.

Service Charge for NSF or returned check: \$35

## Dress code:

Casual for morning and afternoon sessions

Square Dance attire for the evenings is admired but not required

**Make checks payable to: 72<sup>nd</sup> FSDC and mail to:**

Jenny Green Phone: 863-220-2542

108 Mound St. Email: [jagreen535@gmail.com](mailto:jagreen535@gmail.com)

Longwood, FL 32750

Any dancing child under the age of 16 will be admitted to the convention free of charge WITH A PAID DANCING ADULT.

**For security purposes, purchasing by credit card through the mail will not be permitted.**

**FREE PARKING**



# NWFSRDA HOLIDAY DANCE PARTY

**SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2026**

**2:00 - 4:30pm (central)**

## FEATURED CALLERS



**NICK HARTLEY**

Fairhope, AL



**JASON RALEIGH**

Grove City, OH

**\$16 per person - NWFSRDA members \$8**

**Dancing levels: Mainstream through Advanced**

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## RAGON HALL

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Contact:  
Tim Tharp  
850-703-9171



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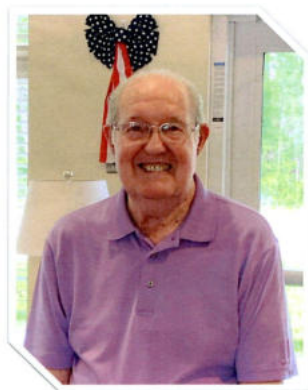
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# Caller Howard Foley Wood Memorial



*Howard Foley Wood*

*May 18, 1932*

*August 21, 2026*

**Foley Wood**, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, passed away on August 21, 2026, in Fort Walton Beach. He was born on May 18, 1932, in Wausau, Florida.

Foley lived a life marked by service, teaching, and a deep connection to others through both discipline and joy. He served his country in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, and served during the Korean War. Following his military career, he continued to shape and guide others as a Fort Walton Beach High School Jr ROTC instructor for 19 years.

Beyond his military and educational service, Foley was widely known for sharing his love of dance and music with the community. He was a professional square dance caller and instructor for 30 years, as well as a Country and Western dance instructor. Through these roles, he brought people together, taught with enthusiasm, and created lasting memories for many who knew him. Foley was also a Master Mason and Shriner of the Hadji Temple in Pensacola. He also belonged to numerous other organizations, including Billy Bowlegs, American Legion, VFW, and Lodge Order of Moose.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart and loving wife of over 74 years, Mary Nell Wood; his brother, Donald Edwin Wood; and his sister, Geneva Greer. He was preceded in death by his father, Alex Wood; his mother, Phelicia Wood; his sisters, Linda Adams, Janice Wood, and Patricia McEntire; and his brother, Avery Wood.

Foley will be remembered with respect and gratitude for his years of military service, his dedication to students, the happiness he shared through dance and instruction, and his participation in his various affiliations and organizations.