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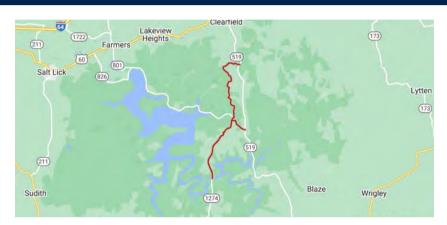
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Repairs on the Way to Pretty Ridge!

We look forward to some much-needed repairs and stabilization on Pretty Ridge Road (KY 1274) next year.

Late next Spring, contractors will make slip area repairs at several locations, perform full-depth cement stabilization of the roadbed, and resurface the pavement with five miles of new blacktop by mid-Summer. The result will be a MUCH better road that won't break down as much in between pavings.

In addition to state transportation funds, about \$800,000 in Federal Lands Access Program funding is being used to pay for this project. We are grateful for this necessary funding and anticipate great benefits in transportation from these improvements.

Hickory Flats Firetower Open

We are thrilled to announce the Historic Fire Tower and Cabin (Hickory Flats Fire Tower) owned by the Route 377 Fire Dept. is now available for overnight stays! Hike in to the location and take your Morehead-Rowan County, Kentucky adventures to new heights!

This project has been a great partnership between the Rowan County Fiscal Court, Route 377 Fire Department, Morehead-Rowan County Tourism, Rowan County Detention Center, Sheltowee Trace Association, and various volunteers and supporters along the way.

This lookout tower was constructed in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Rowan County, Kentucky. The 35-foot-high tower was home to a 200-square-foot cab that contained a wood stove, cabinet, storage box, small table, stool, and two cots. By the mid-1970s, aircraft replaced fire lookouts, and the tower was abandoned. It was damaged in arson on December 3, 2008, and later restored to serve as an overlook. It is listed on the National Historic Lookout Register.

Book now at https://www.moreheadtourism.com/sleep/cabins











Rowan County Courthouse Art Exhibit Ribbon Cutting Coming Soon

Mark your calendars for the OFFICIAL ribbon cutting ceremony for the Rowan County Courthouse Art Exhibit Presented by Artisan Frameworks on October 28 at 3PM at the Rowan County Courthouse (600 W Main Street).

Your Rowan County Courthouse is home to one of the largest fine art exhibits in the state of Kentucky, with several hundred linear feet of hanging rail displaying art from local, regional, and international artists. Pieces are rotated quarterly. The exhibit opened during the pandemic and never got its time in the spotlight. For this special event, there will be a special piece ambassador artwork on display. Join us for this community event that everyone is invited to attend.



Community Contributions:

Friends of the Rowan County Public Library

The Friends of the Rowan County Public Library work to maintain an association of community members who are interested in the wellbeing of the library. "Friend" is far from an empty title: they work hard to recruit members who reflect and represent our community's population. Focusing the public eye on the library's services, facilities, and needs is important, and they step up to this task. Members promote the use and enjoyment of the library, develop supplemental funding for and support the library's policies, and seek to ensure that everyone in Rowan County gets fair library access. Their mission is "to advocate for a partnership between the library and our community, and for quality library service for all the people of Rowan County."

The Friends of the Rowan County Public Library lists their goals as:

- To recruit members from the community on a continual basis, seeking diverse representation to reflect that community
- To sponsor library programs for all demographics
- To plan and implement fundraising activities
- To provide funds for the purchase of library materials and equipment
- To represent the library's perspective to the public and the media
- To develop and provide social and educational activities
- To encourage the donation of gifts, endowments, and bequests to the library

The Friends have a used bookstore right inside the library. They have also provided the library with:

- A popcorn machine for movie nights
- Holiday decorations
- Branded tote bags
- Catering for events
- Supplies and equipment for programs
- · And more

Recently they have been involved with other partnerships across our community, including the Friends of Rodburn Hollow Park to create a Storywalk: The Fox and the Falling Leaves, a fall short story displayed on large posts as you walk the trail. In the coming weeks, the Friends will be helping with the library's holiday open house by providing food and more, as well as other events to be announced at a later date.

To support the Friends of the Library, consider joining today by visiting the library's front desk or calling 606-784-7137.

Updated Subdivision Regulations Adopted

At our last Fiscal Court meeting, we adopted our new Rowan County Subdivision Regulations.

Our subdivision regulations are an important part of protecting property owners, homeowners, and ensuring safe and sensible development throughout the county. We've been working on this update for a while and will continue to make updates as the county grows. While not much is substantially changed, the new regulations will be easier to understand and better to navigate.

Anyone with questions can contact the Judge-Executive's office at 606-784-5151. The document can also be viewed online at https://www.rcky.us/subdivision-and-manufactured-home-park-regulations.

LIHEAP Providing Low-Income Energy Assistance

To assist low-income households with heating costs, LIHEAP subsidy applications will be open from November 7th to December 16th.

The benefit amount that a household receives will be based on poverty level and the type of fuel used. All eligible households will receive a benefit, with the highest amounts going to those with the lowest incomes and highest heating costs. Benefits will be made payable to the household's primary heating fuel vendor.

For more information, applications, and to see if you qualify, contact Gateway Community Action at 1-800-927-1833 and press option 9, or visit https://gatewaycaa.org/family-services/utilities/.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and domestic violence is a serious but sadly widespread crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels. Over four million Americans are affected each year, and one in three have witnessed an incident. Only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this crime, and this change can begin with you.

Domestic Violence Emergency Services of Gateway, or DOVES, is a non-profit organization that provides safe shelter and free services to domestic violence victims. Read our board highlight at https://www.rcky.us/board-highlights/doves or visit their website at https://dovesofgateway.org/.

October is Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month

There are 1.3 million individuals living in 15,600 nursing homes; and over 800,000 individuals living in 28,900 assisted living/residential care facilities in the U.S. The Federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy. All residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination. We wish to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their rich individuality, and to reaffirm their right to vote and to have a say in their care. Individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme – Inspiring Unity within Our Community – emphasizing the importance of fostering meaningful community within the facility and encouraging residents' connection to their local community.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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Steve Kelsey Road Foreman

We completed some ditching on the Pretty Valley Subdivision and work on the Bullfork Bridge. We've also been working on resolving a drainage issue on Eagle Trace.

We've completed our mowing for the year. Blacktopping will resume shortly. Ditching will continue until winter. We already have salt in reserves and are preparing equipment; rest assured that we are preparing for weather events to come.



Danny Blevins
Ambulance Service

Our volume has been going up and we are on track to exceed 5000 runs this year. We are doing our best to be timely with transfers.. We're thankful for the road department's help in keeping our ambulance fleet healthy. Our staffing is steady. We've secured a couple paramedics from the Fiscal Court's scholarship program and look forward to more recruitment.



Wes Coldiron

Jailer

The jail is currently COVID free.

We're continuing to expand our work release program and now include more local businesses.

For information on inmate services, visit rcky.us/inmate-services. For visitation and inmate information, visit rowanky.goejail.com.



Tyler Brown
Solid Waste and
Floodplain

In our cleanups so far this year, a total of 319 miles have been cleaned with 7,669 bags total. 50 dump sites have been cleaned.

Our last free disposal day had a great turnout with 130 cars.

For information about recycling, visit https://moreheadrecycling.org/ or call 784-1250. The MCRC is open for 24/7 drop off.



Mike Mackin Finance Director

We welcome Cynthia Pennington to our team.

Visit rcky.us/alcoholic-beverage-control,to view our alcohol license application guidelines and the Rowan County Alcohol Sales Ordinance. Rowan County's business regulations and new business checklist are available at rcky.us/occupational-tax. For further information on these, I can be reached at 606-784-6218 or michael.mackin@rcky.us.



Nick Brown
Animal Control
Officer

To see what animals we have in the shelter, visit rcky.us/animal-control. Consider adopting instead of shopping for a pet, and please spay/neuter your pets. This does so much to reduce animal overpopulation in our area and helps us save more animals' lives.

Employee Highlights: MaryAnn Stevens

This month, we'd like to show our gratitude for someone who is an essential part of our county's administration, and that person is MaryAnn Stevens.

MaryAnn has worked with us for years at the Treasurer's Office. Recently, she has been working hard with our new County Treasurer, Lauren Littleton, and our new Payroll Officer, Kala Blevins. MaryAnn is someone who's always willing to put in the work needed to help others, and she has been going above and beyond to do her part.

We don't know what we'd do without her.



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS: ROWAN COUNTY VETERANS' FOUNDATION

As we prepare to celebrate Veteran's Day and show our gratitude for the service of countless brave men and women, it's also important to recognize the work our veterans are doing here at home and to support them. The Rowan County Veterans' Foundation is one organization that does many projects throughout our community, including managing Freedom Park, the Veteran's Museum, the Memorial Day parade and ceremony, and their annual Veterans' Day essay contest.

The Veterans' Foundation was established in 2000 for citizens to be able to donate directly to their projects such as Freedom Park, its wall, and the Veterans' Museum. As a nonsocial organization, it's different in nature from the American Legion, although both proudly share many of the same members. Any veterans in Rowan County can apply for membership. They appreciate remarkable support from our community.

In their annual Veterans' Day Essay Contest, the Veterans' Foundation encourages youth in our schools to write about important topics relating to the holiday and its impactful meaning. Last year, over 960 students in our county participated in the contest. The Veteran's Foundation coordinates schools' Veteran's Day programs as well.

Their memorial wall in Freedom Park, established in 2002, is a very important effort of theirs to recognize our local veterans. This is a major undertaking; it costs \$5K and requires 84 names to make one section of the wall. There are currently over 3,000 total. Near the back of Freedom Park, you can also visit the Rowan County Veteran's Museum, a free to the public effort to educate our community, preserve military artifacts, and honor the history of our veterans.

The Veteran's Museum is a great resource, with rooms full of diverse artifacts organized by conflict, including uniforms, replica weapons, authentic documents, and much more. Some of the highlights include a handwritten officer's log from the attack on Pearl Harbor (pictured below) and a WWI McClellan saddle. The next page shows some pictures of the museum and its exhibits. They also provide a bookshelf full of military and US history books on many different conflicts and issues, as well as some video tapes and other related educational resources you can check out and return (pictured below). Additionally, they have a display in the Courthouse that is updated with different artifacts periodically.

We recognize the amazing work the Rowan County Veteran's Foundation puts into maintaining these projects for our community. To all veterans, we thank you for your service.

Board Scott Barker- President Larry Law- Vice President Danny Knipp- Treasurer Mike Mackin- Secretary









MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENTS OCTOBER- NOVEMBER 2022

WEEKEND 10/21-22

DOWNTOWN ALUMNI CONCERT BATTSON OATES COMMONS 10/21 AT 7:30, 10/22 AT 6:30

MSU HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME JAYNE STADIUM, 10/22 AT 2PM **COURT CROWNING AT HALFTIME**

HALDEMAN MUSEUM SOUP BEAN SUPPER AND FUNDRAISER. HALDEMAAN COMMUNITY CENTER, 10/22 AT 5-8PM

MSU STAR THEATER **PLANETARIUM SHOWS** 10/22 AT 11 AM FOR YOUNGER **AUDIENCES, 1:30 PM FOR ALL** AGES, 6:30 PM FOR LASER SHOW "FRIGHT LIGHT", 8PM TELESCOPE VIEWINGS

WEEK OF 10/23

AMERICAN LEGION EMPTY BOWLS **FUNDRAISER FOR ROWAN COUNTY** CHRISTMAS, 10/27, 11AM-1:30PM ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL FUN NIGHT FOR KIDS 4-12, 10/27 AT 4-6PM **ROWAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ART EXHIBIT RIBBON CUTTING 10/28 AT 3PM ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER ARTIST MEET AND GREET 10/28 AT 4-5:30PM** MOREHEAD THEATER GUILD PRESENTS: DR. JECKYLL AND MR. HYDE AT ROWAN **COUNTY ARTS CENTER, 10/28,29, 11/4,5** AT 7PM: 10/30 AND 11/6 AT 2PM

WEEK OF 10/30

TURKEY TROT 5K FOR ALZHEIMER'S **AWARENESS- 11/5, CONTACT** MEGAN.LITTLETON@ST-CLAIRE.ORG HOLBROOK DRUGSTORE OPEN HOUSE, 11/5 AT 10AM- 4PM

MOREHEAD VISITOR CENTER HOLIDAY KICKOFF SALE, 11/5 AT 10AM-4PM

WEEK OF 11/6

TWIN KNOBS SEASON CLOSING 11/6

BRIDAL EXPO AT MEADOWVIEW 11/6 AT 2-5 PM

CORNHOLE FOR A CAUSE BY MOREHEAD-ROWAN COUNTY YOUNG **PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION FOR EASTERN KY FLOOD RELIEF AT** FRANKIE'S PLAZA, 11/12 AT 10AM- 5PM

AMERICAN LEGION SOUP BEAN **SUPPER, 11/12 AT 4-6PM**

HALDEMAN BRICKYARD CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, 11/12 AT 6-8PM

WEEK OF 11/13

MOVIE NIGHT AT ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11/17 AT 5PM

JOHN SECOR AUTHOR EVENT AT COFFEE TREE BOOKS, 11/18 AT 11AM-1PM

RECURRING **EVENTS**

"NATURE AND PEOPLE"- 10/26 - 11/15 AT KENTUCKY FOLK ARTS CENTER; OPENING RECEPTION: 10/26 AT 5-7 P.M.

WATERCOLOR CLASS ART EXHIBIT AT ROWAN COUNTY ARTS **CENTER THROUGH OCTOBER 28TH**

ZUMBA GOLD AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, **EVERY MONDAY, 6 PM**

CRAFTIN AROUND FOR 13+ AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND MONDAY MONTHLY, 10 AM-2 PM

CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3RD MONDAY MONTHLY, 11AM-1PM

STORYTIME AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: **TUESDAYS AT 10:15 AM FOR TODDLERS** TUESDAYS AT 11:15 AM FOR PRE-K (3-5) THURSDAYS AT 4 PM FOR AGES 5-12

DEVICE ADVICE AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1ST TUESDAY MONTHLY, 10AM-NOON

A GOOD YARN- SIT AND STITCH AT COFFEE TREE BOOKS, TUESDAYS AT 4PM, SATURDAYS 10AM-1PM

ON BOARD- GAME NIGHT FOR 13+ AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, LAST TUESDAY MONTHLY, 4-6PM

CHOW CLUB- COOKING CLUB FOR ADULTS AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY- 4TH TUESDAY MONTHLY, 11AM-1PM

TEEN ANIME CLUB (13-17) AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1ST WEDNESDAY MONTHLY, 4:30-6:30 PM

LEGO CLUB FOR 5-12 AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND WEDNESDAY MONTHLY, 4 PM

TEEN GAME NIGHT (13-17) AT THE ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3RD WEDNESDAY MONTHLY, 4 PM

WRITER'S WORKSHOP FOR 13+ AT ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, LAST WEDNESDAY MONTHLY, 4:30-6:30 PM

LOCATIONS, HOURS, AND CONTACT INFO

ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER: MONDAY-FRIDAY: 10AM-4:30PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY **ROWAN COUNTY ARTS CENTER** CALL: 606-783-9857 EMAIL: RCAC@MOREHEADTOURISM.COM

VISIT: ROWANCOUNTYARTSCENTER.COM

ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9AM-7PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 9AM-5PM

ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CALL: 606-784-7137 **VISIT: ROWANCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG**

MOREHEAD CONFERENCE CENTER CALL: 606-780-9694 EMAIL: MCC@MOREHEADTOURISM.COM

VISIT: MOREHEADCONFRENCECENTER.COM

KENTUCKY FOLK ART CENTER: MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10AM-4PM CALL: 606-783-2204 **EMAIL: KFAC@MOREHEADSTATE.EDU** VISIT: MOREHEADSTATE.EDU/KFAC/

ROWAN COUNTY VETERANS' MUSEUM SATURDAY 10AM-2PM, OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT CALL: 606-776-3147

> MOREHEAD RAILROAD AND HISTORY MUSEUM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 11AM-5PM CALL: 606-784-5122

> > **HALDEMAN MUSEUM WEDNESDAY- SUNDAY 10AM-8PM** CALL: 606-780-4043

City- County Christmas Dinner Returns

We invite all citizens of Rowan County to join us for the 30th annual City-County Christmas Dinner! The dinner will be held at the Carl Perkins Center on December 1st and will begin at 4:30pm.

Start your holiday season in the company of your friends and neighbors over a delicious meal provided by your city and county employees and elected officials. This is one will be the first we've had since the pandemic began, and we hope to bring back the holiday spirit and community unity it provides. This is a dinner for everyone, rich and poor, to enjoy a meal together as one community,

Join us in the spirit of the season this December 1st. We hope to see you there.



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HALLOWEEN EVENTS

To highlight some of the details on Halloween events that we couldn't fit in our community calendar, here's a list with more information and other details for your convenience.



- Poppy Mountain October Fest- Music, Games, Inflatables, Camping, Trunk or Treat, and More- October 21-22nd- call 606-784-2277 or visit poppymountainmusicfestival.com
- 2nd Annual Pet Halloween Contest- Hosted by Roll Over Ice Cream at Morehead City Park- October 22nd at 2pm
- Don Greenhill Park Trunk or Treat and Car Show- Proceeds go to 606 Elite and RCSHS Lady Vikings- October 22nd- Registration Opens at 8am, Judging Starts at noon, awards at 3pm- each car is asked to bring candy for trunk or treaters- call 606-336-6331 or 859-404-1316
- Benchmark Family Services Trunk or Treat- Oct. 27th at 5-7pm
- North Fork Senior Living Trick or Treat- Oct. 27th at 5-7pm
- MSU Student Nursing Association Trunk or Treat-Oct. 27th at 5-7pm
- Mr. Gatti's Halloween Bash- Oct. 27th at 6-9pm
- Frankie's Plaza Halloween Events- MSU Night on Oct. 27th at 10pm; Costume Contest Oct. 29th
- Slurrin Turtle Halloween Costume Contest- Oct. 28th
- Morehead City Park Pumpkin Glow- Oct. 29th, drop off ends at 5pm, glow 8-10pm
- Brooklyn Belle Trunk or Treat Oct. 29th, 5-8pm
- MKM Soap and Haldeman Brickyard Trunk or Treat, Oct 29th, 6-9pm
- Say Boo to Drugs- Morehead Main Street- Oct. 31st- 6-8pm, contact Jeff@printusa.com

Rowan County and the City of Morehead's Trick or Treat will be October 31st from 6-8pm



Traveling the the Stars

Public Talk and Book Signing with

Les Johnson

NASA Engineer and Author

Thursday November 3, 2022 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Space Science Center

Can we go to the stars? Interest in traveling to a planet circling another star seems higher now than at any time since the beginning of the Space Age. With the ever-growing catalog of extrasolar planets, now numbering in the thousands, and the advent of the Breakthrough Starshot project, a privately funded, \$100M effort to develop the technologies necessary to send a spaceship to the nearest star, many are asking if such a voyage may be possible. Les will provide a summary of the challenges and the possibilities, based on real science, to answer this question. His short answer is, "yes — if we are up to the challenge!" Les will also describe his journey from Ashland, Kentucky to NASA, fulfilling his dream of working in the space field.

Pieces of History: Rowan County Veterans Buried Abroad Article by Cindy Leach

November 11, 1919: President Wilson proclaims the first Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

Nearly 130,000 American war dead lie buried on foreign soil. The American Battle Monuments Commission maintains 26 American cemeteries and 32 federal memorials scattered across 17 foreign countries. Thousands of soldiers were being buried on the battlefields in individual or communal graves by their comrades. They were often buried where they fell in action, or in a burial ground on or near the battlefield.

Graves and burial grounds situated in the area of a battlefront were often damaged by subsequent fighting across the same location, resulting in the loss of the original marked graves. Some bodies simply could not be retrieved from underground. Added to this, the technical developments in the weaponry used by all sides frequently caused such dreadful injuries that it was not possible to identify or even find a complete body for burial.

These factors were generally responsible for the high number of "missing" casualties on all sides and for the many thousands of graves for which the identity is described as "Unknown".

Following World War I, the United States government recognized a need for a burial and repatriation policy for America's war dead. Over the course of the conflict, more than 116,000 Americans lost their lives in Europe. Under provisions of the law, families of the dead were entitled to select permanent interment of a loved one's remains in an American military cemetery on foreign soil or repatriation of the remains to the United States for interment in a national or private cemetery. The majority of families chose repatriation. Approximately 30 percent, however, chose permanent interment in Europe.

Out of the 209 Rowan County men in the US Armed Forces in WWI, 15 were killed and 31 were listed as casualties. These figures were supplied to the Rowan County News by Jack Cecil of Morehead. At least 56 men from Rowan County were killed in WWII.

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery and Memorial-Belleau, France-WWI

This 42-acre WWI cemetery is located in the foothills of Northern France, and is the final resting place for casualties from the Battle of Belleau Wood and the Battle of Château-Thierry, where many Americans lost their lives. The cemetery contains 2,288 burials, 251 of which contain unknown remains, while the memorial wall of the chapel (built over the location of the trenches from the battle) lists 1,060 soldiers missing in action.

<u>Cpl. George A. Jones</u> (Elliottville) Corporal, 18TH Infantry, First Division, Kentucky. Unknown birth – 7/21/1918 France. In addition to his burial in Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, his name is commemorated on another monument in Buzancy, France.

Cimetière communal de Champigny-Bourgogne, France

Smith, Ashpy Evans. Staff Sergeant, 60th Bomb Squadron, 388th Bomb Group, Left Waist Gunner on B-17F #42-3293 "Slightly Dangerous" MACR 3113. Killed in Action. 1/17/1905-9/6/1943. Enlistment date 9/23/1942, was employed at the Mayflower Tourist Camp at time of enlistment.

Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial- Moselle, France

Located just outside Saint-Avold, Moselle, France, this cemetery and memorial covers 113.5 acres and contains 10,489 graves, the largest number of any American WWII cemetery in Europe. Those interred died mostly in the autumn of 1944 during the drive to the Siegfried Line as the Americans sought to expel the Germans; they were mainly part of the U.S. Third and Seventh Armies. <u>Tabor, Bascom H</u>, PFC, FOD (1/24/1921-9/11/1944). 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division. Enlistment date 10/19/1939.

Pictured: Aisne-Marne American Cemetery and Memorial, Photo Source: https://www.flickr.com/photos/jinterwas/4872219059/

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial- Meuse, France- WWI

This 130.5-acre World War I cemetery is located east of the village of Romagne-sous-Montfaucon in Meuse, and contains the largest number of American military dead in Europe. Most of the 14,246 interred here lost their lives during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. The walls of the chapel include tablets of the missing which are inscribed with the names of those soldiers who fought in the region and in northern Russia, but have no known grave.

Pvt. ElishaConn (Smile) Private, 23 Infantry, Second Division, Kentucky. 2/28/1893 Rowan Co, KY -10/7/1918 France. Pvt. William Cundiff (Morehead) Private First Class, 165th Infantry, Second Division. 5/13/1895 Rowan Co, KY – 10/14/1918.

Pvt. William Matchy Jordan (Morehead) Private, 6 Infantry, Fifth Division, Kentucky 1/17/1895 Rowan Co, KY – 10/14/1918 Pvt. (William) Thomas Rigsby (Craney) Private, 6 Infantry, Fifth Division, AEF 2/8/1896–10/14/1918

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial-Nettuno, Italy

Established in Nettuno, Lazio, as a temporary wartime cemetery on January 24, 1944, two days after the landing at Anzio and Nettuno – codenamed Operation Shingle[1] – the site covers 77 acres. A large field of headstones contains 7,861 graves of American military war dead. The majority of these men died in the liberation of Sicily, in the landings in the Salerno Area and at Anzio and Nettuno, and in air and naval support in the regions. The site also includes a chapels whose white marble walls contain the names of 3,095 of the missing.

James, Ray, Corporal, Killed in Action. 1913-11/12/1944. Enlistment date 5/12/1941.

Toler, Ernest Clayton Seaman 2 Class USNR, (1925-7/11/1944).

Somme American Cemetery and Memorial-Bony, France

Situated 0.5 miles southwest of the commune of Bony, Aisne, in northern France, this cemetery is located on a gentle slope typical of the open, rolling Picardy countryside. The 14.3-acre cemetery was established in October 1918 on ground that saw heavy fighting just before and during the Battle of St Quentin Canal. It contains the graves of 1,844 U.S. military dead from World War I. Most lost their lives in the assault on the Hindenburg Line while serving in American II Corps attached to the British Fourth Army. Others were killed in operations near Cantigny. An additional 333 names are listed on the wall of the chapel, in remembrance of the missing.

Cpl. Troy Mullins (Haldeman) Corporal, Company A, 18th Infantry, Ist Infantry Division. 7/1898 Elliott Co, KY - 5/14/1918.

Manilla American Cemetery and Memorial- Metro Manila, Philippines

Located in Fort Bonifacio, within the boundaries of the former Fort William McKinley, this 152-acre cemetery contains 17,206 graves, and has the largest number of graves of any cemetery for U.S. personnel killed during World War II. Many of the personnel whose remains are interred or represented were killed in New Guinea, or during the Battle of the Philippines (1941–42) or the Allied recapture of the islands. Twenty-three Medal of Honor recipients are buried or memorialized at the Manila cemetery. Also honored are the five Sullivan Brothers, who perished when their light cruiser was sunk in June 1942.

Stevens, Major, PFC, (KIA Missing in Action East China Sea, died on the ship Arisan Maru (Japanese Prisoner of War ship) on 10/24/1944, Burial in Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines. Monument Fort William McKinley, Manila, Philippines). 60th Cavalry Regiment, 60th Coast Artillery Regiment (Antiaircraft), Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bays.

Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial- Margraten, Netherlands

This 65.5-acre site is located along the famous Cologne-Boulogne highway, originally built by the Romans and used by Julius Caesar. Hitler's legions advanced over the route in 1940, overwhelming the Low Countries, and later used it to withdraw four years later. The cemetery is the final resting place for 8,301 American dead, most of who lost their lives nearby. An additional 1,722 names of American missing are inscribed on the walls of the cemetery's court of honor. Stevens, Leonard Dallas, Private First Class, Killed in Action. 9/10/1923-2/3/1945. Enlistment date 7/13/1943.

Background Picture: Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial Source: Jean-Christophe Verhaegen/AFP/Getty Images

Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial-Normandy, France

On June 8, 1944, the U.S. First Army established a nearby site as a temporary cemetery, the first American cemetery on European soil in World War II. After the war, the present-day cemetery was established a short distance to the east, in Colleville-sur-Mer. The cemetery is located on a bluff overlooking Omaha Beach, one of the Normandy Invasion landing beaches, and the English Channel. It covers 172 acres and contains the remains of 9,387 American military dead, most of who were killed during the invasion of Normandy. It includes the graves of Army Air Corps crews shot down over France as early as 1942, three American women, and the graves of two sons of President Theodore Roosevelt.

<u>Williams, Joseph Ralph</u> (8/21/1916-6/19/1944 Basse-Normandie, France) Motor Machinist's Mate First Class, US Navy Reserve. Missing, later declared dead June 20, 1945, Normandy and bombardment of Cherbourg, June 19, 1944, English Channel. Memorial in Normandy American Cemetery. There is a stone in the Williams –Turner cemetery in memorial to him.

It was reported that Seaman Joe Williams' landing craft made three trips during the Normandy Invasion. The first one may have been on June 6th (D Day). The last trip was on the 19th and that's when they hit the mine. There were behind another craft that got hung up and Joe's vessel went around it to complete their run and hit the mine. They were transporting a load of Sherman Tanks and the 300th Army Engineers. (findagrave.com)

North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial-Tunisia, North Africa

At the 27-acre North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial in Tunisia rest 2,841 of our military dead, their headstones set in straight lines subdivided into nine rectangular plots by wide paths, with decorative pools at their intersections. Along the southeast edge of the burial area, bordering the tree-lined terrace leading to the memorial is the Wall of the Missing. On this wall 3,724 names are engraved. Rosettes mark the names of those since recovered and identified. Most honored here lost their lives in World War II in military activities ranging from North Africa to the Persian Gulf.

<u>Turner, George Harrison</u>, PVT, 31st Signal Construction Battalion, U.S. Army, KIA. 10/13/1905-11/27/1943. He enlisted in the Army on December 10, 1942 in Huntington, West Virginia.

Burial at Sea

Catron, Herbert Owen, Seamen First Class, US Navy, Reported Missing.

7/28/1924-5/17/1944 Honolulu, Hawaii, Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii. Originally reported missing, lost in Vanuatu (New Hebrides)

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"To us in America, the reflections of armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." - Woodrow Wilson

Tri-County's Pets of the Month



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JARRED MOORE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, 11/21

