

MEMORIAL DAY 2022

NEVER FORGOTTEN

Seymour man talks about his service in Korea during the war

I arrived in Korea just shortly after the cease fire. We were on red alert since the Defense Militarized Zone (DMZ) was only on paper and none of the guard towers and fences were in place.

STORY BY
DON HILL
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My duty was a base operations aircraft dispatcher. As the pilots came in and filed their flight plans, I would contact the control tower and give them the information. I would also contact the control center somewhere unknown. They, in turn, would notify me when the plane arrived at its destination.

One of my duties was manning the crash phone. This was a red phone, which when I picked it up it rang at seven emergency stations. These were the crash crew; the flight safety officer; the medics; the air police; my chaplain and the base commander. I ran a test on this every morning, however, one night it wasn't a test.

It was late at night when the control tower notified me that one of our F-94 jets had lost contact after takeoff and they spotted a ball of fire out in the rice paddies. No doubt the jet had crashed.

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Don Hill, a Korean War and U.S. Air Force veteran, salutes as the Seymour Middle School eighth grade choir sings 'Wild Blue Yonder' during a Veterans Day service Nov. 11, 2010, at Gaiser Park. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1925 held the service in conjunction with the SMS Sixth Grade Center.

THE DON HILL FILE

Donald L. Hill
Seymour
U.S. Air force
Airman First Class (three stripes)
Base Operations Aircraft dispatcher
1951-55

DEDICATED TO THE TEACHERS IN THE TRENCHES

A story about Su Chaung Wee, houseboy

I wrote the following story upon my retirement from teaching after 33 years. I dedicated it to those teachers remaining in the trenches.

Su Chaung Wee, houseboy. He was 13 or 14, he wasn't sure; There were no records and he had no parents. He was one of the assigned houseboys at the American air base at Kunsan, Korea. Su Chaung would keep our barracks clean and made sure that our shoes were shined every day. He took pride in his duties and always had a bright smile for us all.

I was pulling night duty as an aircraft dispatcher during my assignment on this base and I would be getting off duty in the morning when most of the other personnel would be going to work. I would be sacked out by the time Su Chaung would come to work.

"Ah, Sergeant Hill, is gentleman" would be Su Chaung's morning greeting. I was always very pleased with Su Chaung's assessment of me.

It wasn't until much later that I found out that the Koreans used the word 'gentleman' in the literal sense as one who was a good-for-nothing loafer. I have been very careful ever since about how to take a compliment.

In the afternoon, when I would get out of the sack and Su Chaung would have finished his daily chores, I would get out my art materials and spend the afternoon drawing and painting. From over my shoulder Su Chaung would view my every movement and would add an, "AH" and an approving nod when he saw the bright colors take shape into something beautiful. Su Chaung liked flowers in everything.



STORY BY
DON HILL

Maybe it was because there were no flowers left in his bomb-cratered country.

Soon I was guiding his hand and watching his eyes shine when he, too, could produce a colorful flower from his flowing brush. Su Chaung Wee became my first student and I became a teacher.

During the months that followed, other houseboys would show up to watch Su Chaung and myself paint beautiful flowers. Then they too, would take up a brush and try their hand at painting. Soon I had to go to Japan to get more art supplies as my 'classroom' grew. Then there were new ones each day. "This is brother ... this is friend ... this is little sister ... they come to learn. You teach?"

"Yes, Su Chaung, I teach."

Then I was called before the tribunal and was told that they couldn't let the kids on base anymore. That my group was getting out of hand. After all they couldn't be sure that some of those kids weren't the enemy. The next day, I borrowed the Korean laundryman's little cart and loaded up my art supplies and met my kids outside the main gate. "From now on we paint in the paddies," I told them, and off I went with my band of a dozen or so little rag-tags, some of which may have been the enemy.

Now if you are not familiar with rice paddies, I must explain that between the flooded paddies were narrow dirt walkways that made it possible to get through the paddies without wading in the water. My classroom took on a new look as the kids would sit along the walkways with their feet dangling in the water. In order to get to each 'student' I would remove my brogans and roll up my fatigues to my knees and wade out in front of them to teach. Now I must also explain that the Koreans used human waste to fertilize

the rice paddies. I have often thought that those who sit back and tell teachers how to teach should wade a few rice paddies.

To paint beautiful things, when there were no beautiful things, was a challenge. Most of my students could not even remember seeing a beautiful flower, yet, the colors would blend on their papers as if by magic and smiles would erase memories of hell.

Again I was called before the tribunal. This time I was overstepping my bounds. It was too dangerous to be off base and they weren't going to send anyone to protect me. Though I was to cease my rice paddy teaching, I knew the learning would not stop. Su Chaung would see to that.

On the day that I walked across the ramp toward the plane that was to fly me out of that hellhole forever, Su Chaung came running out waving frantically. "Teacher, teacher, Sergeant Hill," he called. He handed me a scrap of lined notebook paper, stepped back and gave me a smart salute and disappeared among the planes. I waited until the plane had lifted off the runway before I read his neatly written note. I have had that scrap of paper ever since just to remind me why I am a teacher. It reads:

I Cannot but express My hearty Jratitude for your kind intentions
I know One Sagent hill
I Wish you a pleasant Jouney
I hope you will have a good time
And good health
I will not forget forget me not
Su Chaung Wee

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I picked up the crash phone and heard the code response from all eight stations. The crash crew immediately pulled up front for instructions. I gave out the information that I had and instructed them all to assemble at base operations.

A rescue helicopter with the pilot, co-pilot and a crew member aboard, landed on the pad ready to go to the site. As the personnel came in from all directions the airdrome officer assigned them either to the helicopter or a truck convoy. Three boarded the helicopter, while others loaded up in a truck. Since the downed plane was out in the rice paddies it would be difficult to reach other than by helicopter.

The tower again came on and said the helicopter had lost communications. More fire. I immediately put out a call to other bases and one answered that they had a Marine rescue helicopter on the way. I heard it pass over head and then there was silence for what seemed a long time.

I heard the rescue helicopter land out front and a Marine with mud up

to his knees tossed a military hat on the counter. "That's all we could find in the dark." I recognized it as belonging to my chaplain. The results were that all three on board as well as the three members of the helicopter and the two in the jet were all killed.

For over 50 years I tried to locate the families. After the internet came out, I sent my story to the Korean War website. I received an email from my chaplain's son. Mary and I stopped by his home near Atlanta and visited with him and his brother. I also heard from five of the other families. It was a closure for us all.

In October 2003, nearly 50 years after the crash, I received a surprise email from Morris Roberts, son of Chaplain Roberts. He had been surfing the internet and accidentally came across my post on the Korean website. He asked for any information I had concerning the death of his father. It seems, like the others who had contacted me, they had received very little details from the military.

I immediately contacted him and sent to him the chapel bulletin that Chaplain Roberts preached from; a picture of the chapel where he held



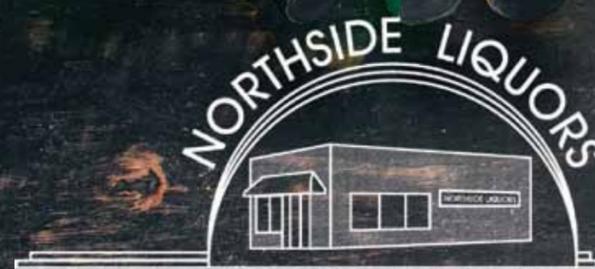
Pictured from left: Don Hill walks away from his barracks in Suwon, Korea, after it caught fire and burned almost everything he owned. Hill, who lives in Seymour, was on duty at the time and a buddy took this photo when Hill first learned of the fire. The cause of fire was never determined. // Hill recently took part in the Indy Honor Flight program to Washington, D.C., to view the war memorials.



services; a clipping from the Stars & Stripes newsletter concerning the crash; and copies of my book, Ramblin's & Recollections. He was overwhelmed. He set out to copy all the

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Korean War veterans slipping slowly into history

I was honored to be invited to take part in the Indy Honor Flight program this last week. It was their 33rd flight. The Indy Honor Flight organization has now sent more than 2,700 Indiana veterans to Washington, D.C., to view the war memorials.



STORY BY DON HILL

This trip was made up of 86 veterans throughout the state. They ranged from 70 to 100 years of age. Each veteran had a guardian to accompany them. I was pleased to have my daughter, Suzi, go with me.

I was one of the few Korean War veterans on this trip. There were only three or four of the World War II veterans. Most of them had already been deployed as well as most of the Korean war vets. Most of this group was Vietnam war veterans.

Honors were bestowed upon us everywhere we went. Crowds at airports, TV cameras, "Thank you for your service" signs and hundreds of well-wishers of all ages snapping pictures greeted us at every stop. The largest was the gymnasium full (I mean standing-room-only) crowd at Decatur Central High School upon our arrival home at 1 o'clock in the morning.

Police escorts, pass-through no-security checking at the airports, luxury buses and every convenience possible were taken care of by the Indy Honor Flight volunteers. There must have been a hundred of them.

I felt like the "old man" of the outfit since I was teaching when these "kids" went off to the Vietnam War. I had visited the memorials six years ago and had rubbed off the names of my former students from the wall.

Naturally, I was honored to stand

at the Korean War monument. All of the monuments are so impressive that they are viewed mostly in silence. Grown men hugging, some weeping. The World War II memorial is so large and grand, which it should be, but the Korean War memorial is so realistic. It is a rifle squad wading through the rice paddies. Nothing glorious. Just a day in war. The memorial is now being added to by adding the names of those who heroically gave their lives there.

It is known as the "Forgotten War." This is the reason I often wear my Korean War veteran's cap. I do not want it to be forgotten. When people thank me for my service, I have a card I give to them. On one side of the card reads "I wear this Korean War veteran's cap because I can. I returned unharmed. Those on the other side of this card either did not return or came home wounded physically or mentally. I want to

keep the memory of those alive."

On the other side of the card reads "36,574 Americans killed in action / 103,284 Americans wounded in action / 92 Americans killed since the cease fire / 7,800 Americans still missing in action."

The government did not call it a war. They were not there. The Korean War veterans are slowly slipping into history just as the thousands of those in other wars. It seems our youth must stand up to the horrors of war. They do it bravely and honorably in order to ensure the people of the world do not live under tyranny. Sadly, there will be more monuments.

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REMEMBERING COUNTY'S FALLEN

Cox severely injured during World War I

James C. Cox, who was born and reared at Brownstown, was reported last week among the list of those severely injured. He is the only son of, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Cox. His mother, who died about three years ago, is better remembered here as Miss Nora Courts. The young man was born in Brownstown, but-at the age of ten years moved with his parents to Indianapolis.

The following is taken from the Indianapolis News:

James C. Cox, who is mentioned in today's casualty list as severely wounded on May 28, formerly lived in Indianapolis with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Atkins, 1228 Herbert avenue. He formerly was in the employ of the American Hominy Company. Cox enlisted in the infantry at Ft. Harrison in May, 1917, and later volunteered to be transferred to an infantry regiment ready to go overseas.

The last letter received from him in April 1918, did not say he was in action. He is seventeen years old. His uncle has received a telegram telling of the wounding of his nephew.

P.S.: In the Aug. 7, 1918, edition of The Banner, Cox was listed as being killed in action on July 25, 1918, in France.

Relatives Receive Word of the Death of Chester A. Hartwell, Formerly of Seymour.

Geo. Hudson, of Seymour,

received word a few days ago of the death of his nephew, Chester A. Hartwell, who was killed in action in France July 11th. The young man was 22 years of age and lived in Seymour until a few years ago when he moved with his parents to Missouri, where he entered the service. After moving to Missouri, he returned to Seymour, where he was employed as a B. & O. brakeman until about four years ago.

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information and put it in folders and presented copies to all the relatives as a Christmas present. I received letters and phone called from grandchildren, and many of his family. Later my wife and I stopped by Morris's home near Atlanta and visited with him and his brother, David. It was very emotional.

In May 2007, I received an email from Roy Cranmer, nephew of Vernon Cranmer. He too had found the post on

the internet and requested a book and/or information concerning his uncle. He wanted his father to know more about the crash that killed his brother.

I immediately sent copies of my book to his father and later received a request from Anna Cranmer Cheever, sister of Vernon's. They have all purchased copies of my book on the internet.

This makes five families out of the eight victims of the crash that I have been in contact with. It has been very emotional for all of us and a closure as well. Maybe someday I will hear from the others.

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WORLD WAR II

Crothersville Marine killed in World War II

Corporal Albert Earl (Chub) Sweany of Crothersville lost his life September 14, 1944, during an invasion in the Pacific theatre.

Corporal Sweaney, son of Zella Derringer Sweaney, (deceased), and Charles William Sweany, was born October 17, 1919, at Austin, Indiana. He was a graduate of the Crothersville high school with the class of 1937. He received a letter sweater for; basketball and also was awarded a gift for sportsmanship by the Lions' Club at graduation.

Corporal Sweany was a member of the Christian church and the Knights of Pythias. He was an employee of the American Can Company, Austin, previous to his entrance in the service, January 6, 1942, receiving his training at Parris

Island, Camp Elliot, California, and San Francisco, California, before going overseas. He left the States in October, 1942, for the Pacific theatre where it is known that he served in the following places: China, Australia, New Guinea, New Britain, New Caledonia, and Guadalcanal. While overseas he met Marines Burle Scifres and Paul Moody both of Crothersville. Besides the father, Cpl. Sweany is survived by his step-mother, Mrs. Mamie Garriott Sweany; two sisters, Mrs. Elma Sage of Crothersville and Miss Verda Sweany of San Francisco, Calif.; three brothers, Warren, of Crothersville, Paul, of Austin and Edward of the Navy, and fiancée Miss Genevieve Beldon.

Seaman Second Class Roger Stewart of Crothersville lost

his life Wednesday, September 13, 1944, when his ship, the destroyer "Warrington," sank during the hurricane on the Atlantic coast.

His wife received a telegram stating that his body had not been recovered but if it were recovered he would be buried with full military honors.

Sixty-six men were saved from a probable crew of two hundred thirty. Seaman Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stewart, both deceased, age 25, was born near Crothersville. A graduate of the Crothersville high school class of 1936, he received a letter sweater for four years of basketball. He was very active in the Baptist church, of which he was a member, also in the B. Y. P. U. and the Young People's Community organization. He

was a clerk in the C. J. Briner grocery store for three years preceding his entrance into the Navy, May 12, 1944, and received his "boot" training at Sampson, New York. He also took a course in radar at Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Survivors are his wife, the former Miss Doris Patrick; two small sons, Eddie, age 3, and Wayne, age 18 months; three sisters, Mrs. Clarice Owens, Mrs. Laura Alice Zarse and Miss Emo-jean Stewart of Scottsburg; and three brothers, Maurice Stewart of Ida Grove, Iowa, Carl Stewart in a camp in Arkansas and S/Sgt. Forrest Stewart, who is stationed in Iran.

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VIETNAM WAR

Military rites for soldier killed in war

Private First Class Kenneth Merle Branaman, third Jackson County soldier to die in the Vietnam war this year, will be buried with full military honors Friday afternoon in Fairview Cemetery, in Brownstown.

A military detachment from Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis will conduct the rites.

Preceding the military, rites, funeral services for Pfc. Branaman who died last week of combat wounds in Vietnam, will be conducted at 2 p.m. from the Winklepleck Funeral Home in Brownstown. The Rev Harold Barnett, Christian minister from

Austin, will be in charge.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Thursday at the Winklepleck Funeral Home at Brownstown.

Pfc. Branaman was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Onis G. Branaman, Seymour R3.

Pfc. Branaman's body, escorted by S/Sgt. Jesse Johnson, will arrive in Indianapolis about 12:45 a.m. Thursday.

Few details have been learned about the 21-year-old soldier's death.

An Army officer told the family Pfc. Branaman suffered a fatal metal fragment wound.

He had been serving on a machine gun crew as an

ammunition carriers.

The officer later reported he had received a special delivery letter, stating Pfc. Branaman was fatally wounded in the head by a hand grenade or other light explosive.

Pfc. Branaman, who had been in service less than a year, had a number of military awards to his credit. He was holder of the National Defense Service Award, Vietnam Service Medal, S.P.S. Rifle Medal and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Pfc. Branaman, who had served in Vietnam, since February of this year, also has been awarded the Purple Heart,

posthumously.

Other survivors include two sisters, Miss Rita Gale Branaman, at home, and Mrs. Loretta MacKinnon of Indianapolis, six brothers, Glen Branaman of Clearspring, Bernard Branaman of Norman, Darrell Branaman of Seymour, and Jerry, Gerald Dean and Larry Gene Branaman, all at home; to grandmothers, Mrs. Mable Gray of Ewing and Mrs. Effie Branaman of Elizabethtown.

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KOREAN WAR

Pvt. Hawn to be awarded medal posthumously

Ceremonies to be held on courthouse lawn Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock next Tuesday morning, on the thirty-fourth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended the first World War tribute will be paid a Jackson county boy for bravery on another battlefield when the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service will be awarded posthumously to Pvt. Roscoe Lloyd Hawn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hawn, of Tampico. Pvt. Hawn lost his life in Korea on July 10 the first day he was sent to the front lines.

The presentation ceremonies are to be held on the courthouse lawn in Brownstown with Lt. Col. John H. Hahn,

National Guard Instructor, of Bloomington, making the presentation to Pvt. Hawn's parents.

Members of Camp Jackson Post No. 112, American Legion, are planning special Armistice Day ceremonies in connection with the presentation of the award.

Presented by the President of the United States of America, authorized by executive order, the Medal is accompanied by a citation which reads as follows:

"Private Roscoe L. Hawn, US55218800, Infantry. United State Army, Company F. 279th Infantry Regiment, 45

Infantry Division, distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military

operations against an armed enemy in Korea, from 7 May 1952 to 10 July 1952. Serving as a rifleman, Private Hawn cheerfully accepted the responsibilities of his position. He worked industriously to assure maximum efficiency, repeatedly exhibiting his technical skill. By mean of his diligent effort, he contributed materially to the effective consummation of his unit's overall assignment. On the night of 10 July 1952, while participating in a battalion offensive, Private Hawn was mortally wounded. Private Hawn meritorious service reflects high credit on himself and the military service."

Pvt. Hawn body's was returned to the States early

in September and funeral rites were conducted from the Tampico Christian Church on September 13, followed by burial in Russell's Chapel Cemetery.

Pvt. Hawn, who would have been 23 years old November 3, grew up in Tampico where he was well known and popular with young people throughout the community. He attended the Tampico High School and was engaged with his father in farming before he entered the service. He trained at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., and was sent to the Far East last May. He was Mr. and Mrs. Hawn's only son.

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Marshall McKain to be buried Thurs. at Spraytown

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. McKain killed in Korea by sniper October 21, 1951, was inducted Sept. 9, 1950.

Last rites for Marshall McKain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. McKain, Cortland, will be conducted at the Spraytown Free Methodist Church, Thursday after noon at

2:00 o'clock with burial in the Spraytown cemetery. Military services will be in charge of the Brownstown Post Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Serving with the U. S. Army as a private first class, he was killed by a sniper on October 21, 1951, as he was riding in a Jeep. He was inducted into the

army on September 9, 1950 and received his training at Fort Knox, Ky. After going to Japan in January, 1951, he had special training at Etajima school there for three months before being sent on to Korea. Prior to his induction he was employed at Arvin Industries, Columbus.

He was born Jan. 2. 1926, in

Jackson county and always lived here until he entered the armed services. He was a member of the Freetown I O. O. F. lodge.

Besides the parents, he is survived by one sister, Miss Lois Marshall, at home.

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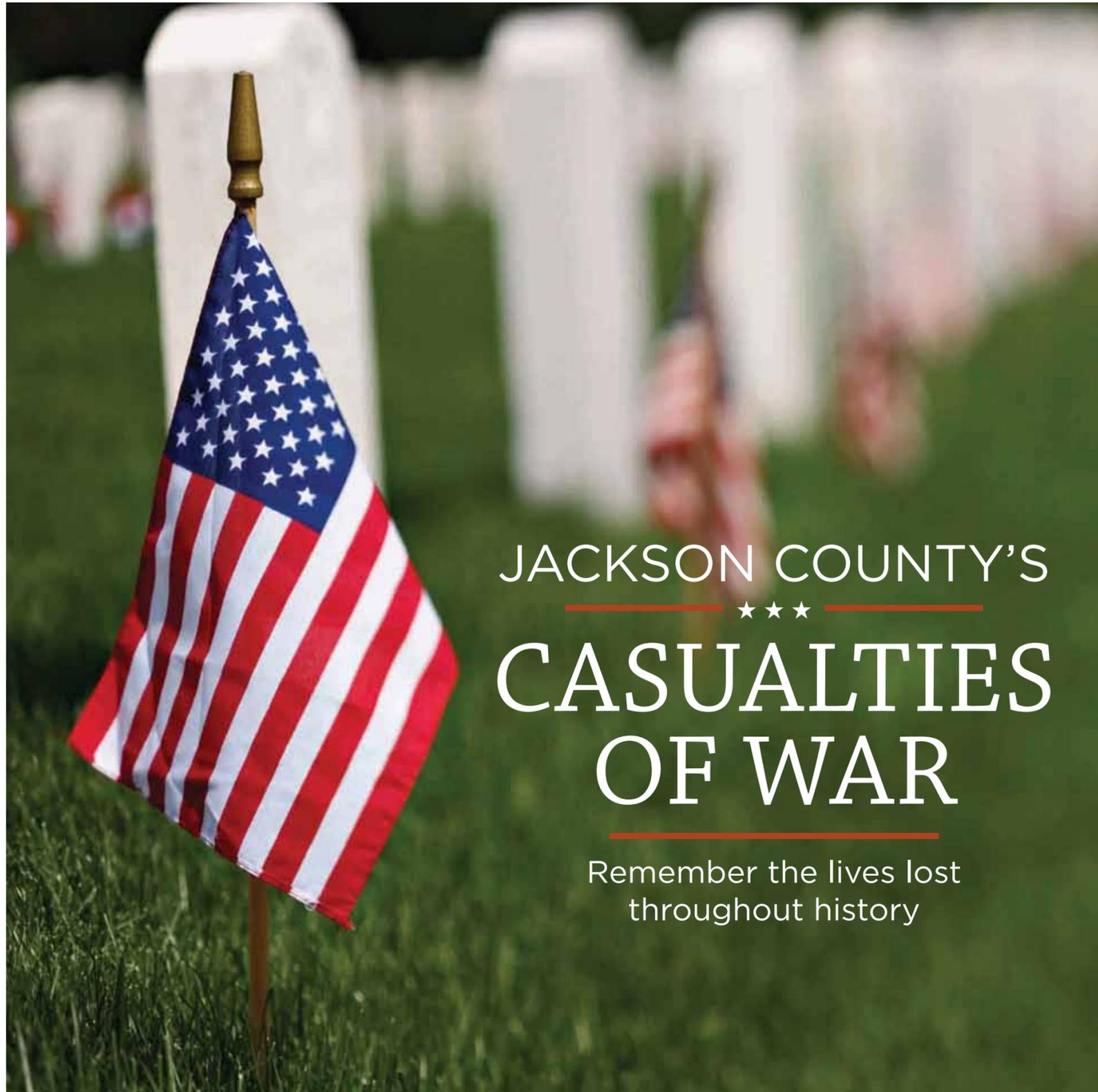
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World War I (July 28, 1914 to Nov. 11, 1918) 31 dead

Stanley G. Akers, of Pleasant Grove, (found dead Oct. 17, 1919, near his Pleasant Grove home while home on furlough from Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville)

Fred Allman, of Brownstown Township (reportedly died Oct. 14, 1918, in a hospital in France).

Walter Arbuckle, of Seymour (killed in action July 25, 1918; first Seymour man to be killed in action during the war)

Francis M. Brewer, of Vallonia (died July 17, 1918, at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. He had been ill for several months and underwent surgery in the spring and did not recover his strength).

Frank W. Burbrink, of Peter's Switch (died of Spanish influenza, Oct. 5, 1918, following a short illness at Camp Muster, Michigan)

Pvt. Robert S. Casebolt, of Vallonia (listed as severely wounded Oct. 16, 1918 by the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces).

Cadet Henry E. Cobb, of Seymour (died April 23, 1918, at a hospital at Elling Field near Houston, Texas, following a short illness with pneumonia).

James C. Cox, a Brownstown native who later lived in Indianapolis with aunt and uncle (severely wounded on May 28, 1918. He was later listed as killed in action July 25, 1918, in France).

Virgil Fountain, of Norman Station (died at sea of pneumonia in Oct. 11, 1918).

Vance H. Gossman, of Driftwood Township (passed away of tuberculosis on Aug. 28, 1919, at the U.S. army hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison following a lingering illness. He was the second Driftwood Township boy to die while in action).

Michael Charles Graves, of Seymour (died at sea aboard the USS Solace in 1918 following an illness with pneumonia).

Orvil E. Greenlee (no information available).

Hubert Hackman, of Tampico (died Oct. 28, 1918 at Camp Sheridan in Montgomery, Alabama, after a brief illness with the influenza).

Martin A. Hagan (no information available).

Chester A. Hartwell, 22, of Seymour (killed in action on July 11, 1918, in France).

Lebert Huckleberry, of Sidney, Illinois, formerly of Crothersville (died in October 1918 at Camp Taylor).

Pvt. Harry A. Leslie, of Seymour (fatally wounded by shrapnel on Aug. 26, 1918, during hard fighting at Anzac Ridge in the Ypres Salient in Belgium. He died at an American hospital the following day).

Albert M. Lewis, of Crothersville (killed in action Oct. 4, 1918, in France).

Clarence Lockhart (no information available).

Fred R. Lubker (no information available).

James Lucas, of Hamilton Township (killed in 1918 in action in France).

Carl Mitchell (no information available).

Leslie L. Mount, of Crothersville (died Feb. 14, 1918, of peritonitis at Parris Island, South Carolina).

Pvt. William J. Myers, Seymour, (died Oct. 2, 1918, of pneumonia at a hospital in Indianapolis)

James H. Pruden, of Cortland (died in August 1918 at the base hospital at Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville).

Joseph E. Schill, of Indianapolis formerly of Crothersville (died Aug. 9, 1918, of wounds received in action).

Pvt. James Bain Stewart, of Clearspring (died from disease in France. He was the first Jackson County man to die in the service of his country during World War I).

Louis J. Tabor, of Columbus, formerly of Jackson County (died of wounds received in the battle of Argonne).

Charles W. Thompson, of Brownstown, (killed in action July 1918).

Arvie R. Wilson (no information available).

Pvt. Edward P. Zimmerman, of Seymour, (killed in action Oct. 28, 1918).

World War II (Sept. 1, 1939 to Sept. 2, 1945) 72 dead

Staff Sgt. Jesse Ault, of Seymour, Army, (killed in action Jan. 5, 1945, in Belgium).

Pvt. Carl Robert Baker, Army, (killed in action June 9, 1943, in France. He was the first Owen Township youth to be killed in action).

Seaman First Class Feltner Baker, Navy (killed when the USS John Penn sank off Guadalcanal on Aug. 3, 1943).

Fireman Controlman 3rd Class Thomas Leon Barksdale, Navy, (killed July 30, 1945, when the heavy cruiser, the USS Indianapolis, went down off Leyte).

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Pvt. Newton H. Bechtel, Army (died Feb. 2, 1945, at Brooks General Hospital in San Antonio, Texas).

Lt. James F. “Bud” Beldon Jr., Army (died Dec. 12, 1944, in a French hospital of wounds received Dec. 12, 1944, while fighting with an infantry division of the First Army; received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star).

F. Blackwell (no information available).

Staff Sgt. Edward W. Blair, Army, (killed in action on May 8, 1945, on Luzon).

2nd Lt. Virgil F. Bobb, Army (commissioned on field; killed in action on March 2, 1945, in Germany).

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Pfc. Clyde Davers, of Medora, Army (died Oct. 2, 1944, while serving in Germany).

Pvt. Roy J. Davis, of Seymour, Army (died in Japanese prison camp).

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Pfc. Curtis E. Findley, of Seymour, Army (killed in action Feb. 10 in Italy).

Pfc. Eathel L. Fish, of Bedford, formerly of Norman, Army (killed in action on May 18, 1944, on Wake Island).

Pfc. Donald Fleetwood, of Norman, Army (killed in action October 1944 in Italy).

Ensign Robert Fleetwood, of Seymour, Navy (killed in a plane crash in February 1943 on the Atlantic coast).

Pfc. Verlas W. Fleetwood, Army (killed in action on Feb. 20, 1945, in Manila).

Pfc. Carl D. Fox, Army (no information available).

Lt. j.g. Charles Owen Frost, of Seymour, Navy (died on Aug. 24, 1941, from battle fatigue in the U.S. Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Maryland).

Pfc. John R. Gambrel, of Tampico, Marines (killed in action on June 15, 1944, on Saipan).

Tech. Sgt. Hershel Ray Gresham, of Vallonia, Army (tailgunner killed Nov. 30, 1944, during a bombing mission over Leipzig, Germany, while serving with the 8th Air Force).

Pvt. Howard W. Kriete, of Seymour, Army (killed in action in October in Italy).

Cpl. James F. Kriete, Army (died in July 18, 1945, in Czechoslovakia).

Pfc. William Landau, of Seymour, Army (killed in action Aug. 6, 1944, in France).

Sgt. George N. Larkin, Army (killed in action Dec. 20, 1944, in Italy).

Pfc. Albert M. Lewis, of Crothersville, Army (became lost in the waves and washed overboard while on battery convoy Oct. 2, 1944, near Daytona Beach, Florida).

Cadet Frank W. Lewis, of Seymour, Army (killed Jan. 7, 1943, in an army airplane accident at Pecos, Texas).

Pfc. Glenn E. Loper, of Seymour, Army (killed in action Sept. 11, 1944, France).

Cpl. Willard A. Mackey, of Seymour, Army (killed in action March 1, 1945, in Germany).

Radarman William A. Martin Jr., of Seymour, Navy (lost at sea Sept. 17, 1945, in a typhoon in the South Pacific).

Pfc. Clarence H. McConnell, of Ewing, Marine Corps (killed in action May 10, 1945, on Okinawa).

1st Lt. William Kenneth McKain, of Seymour, Army (killed May 4, 1945, in the crash of an army airplane in California).

Staff Sgt. Robert D. McKinney, of Freetown, Army (killed in action Jan. 13, 1944, in Italy).

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Pvt. Newton H. Bechtel, Army (died Feb. 2, 1945, at Brooks General Hospital in San Antonio, Texas).

Lt. James F. “Bud” Beldon Jr., Army (died Dec. 12, 1944, in a French hospital of wounds received Dec. 12, 1944, while fighting with an infantry division of the First Army; received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star).

F. Blackwell (no information available).

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Force).

Sgt. Wesley W. Gumm, Army (killed on the Western Front in 1945).

Seaman Loren W. Hancock (no information available).

Rondall C. Harbaugh, of Freetown, Navy (killed in action when his ship was hit and sunk by Japanese torpedoes in 1944).

Pfc. Max Harrington, of Seymour, Army Air Corps (killed Oct. 21, 1941, in crash of his army plane in Panama).

Pfc. Paul Hattabaugh, of Vallonia, Army (killed in action while serving in the Pacific Theater).

Pfc. Omer H. Heckman, of Cortland, Army (killed in action May 28, 1944, in Italy).

Staff Sgt. Warren N. Henderson, of Carr Township, Army (killed in action on Jan. 21, 1945, in the Southwest Pacific).

Pfc. Lawrence Havener, of Seymour, Army (missing in action Dec. 16, 1944, in Luxembourg).

1st Lt. Billy Elbert Hubbard, Army (died of an accidental gunshot wound on Aug. 15, 1943, at Camp Hyder, Arizona).

Pvt. William O. Hunnicutt, of Seymour, Army (listed as missing in action Sept. 26, 1944, when his division was forced to retreat during

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Pfc. Winfred A. Tidd, of Seymour, Army (killed March 9, 1945, on Luzon).

Sgt. James Edward Tinch, of Seymour, Army (killed in action Jan. 19, 1945, on the western front in Europe).

Technician 5th Grade Ermil R. Trapp, of Seymour, Army (killed in action Sept. 15, 1944, in France).

William H. Trapp, Navy (no information available).

Electrician's Mate Max G. Tudor, Navy (missing in action on Nov. 6, 1943, after the USS Foote, on which he was serving was torpedoed).

Staff Sgt. Harold "Pete" Vance, of Seymour, Army Air Force (reported missing Nov. 4, 1944, after the Flying Fortress he was in, was hit and damaged over Hamburg, Germany. He was later declared dead).

T/4 Walter Waldkoetter, of Seymour, Army (killed on D-Day June 6, 1944).

Pfc. Donald Albert Walker, of Crothersville, Army (killed in action Jan. 4, 1945, in Germany).

Pfc. Clayton C. Weddel, of Norman, Army (killed in action Nov. 20, 1944, in Germany).

Pfc. Charles R. Wells, of Seymour, Army, (reported missing in action on April 7, 1945, in Italy).

Pvt. Herbert H. Wheeler, of Brownstown, Army (killed in March 1, 1944, at the Anzio beachhead in Italy).

Johnny White, Army (no information available).

Robert White, Army (no information available).

Pfc. Archie Whitsett Jr., Army (killed in action Jan. 15, 1945, in France).

Pfc. Harold M. Wieneke, Army (killed in action Dec. 13, 1944, on the Italian front).

Pfc. Marlen N. Williams, of Medora, Army (died of injuries received Jan. 4, 1945, in Belgium).

2nd Lt. Earl H. Wunning, Army (reported missing in action Feb. 25, 1944, during a raid over Germany).

Motor Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Eldon E. Wood, of Reddington, Navy (killed May 25, 1945, off Okinawa).

Sgt. George M. Woodson, Army (killed Nov. 4, 1943, on the European Front in Italy).

Pfc. Albert J. Wright, of Brownstown, Army (reported missing in action Jan. 8, 1945, in France).

Korean War

1950-53

12 dead

Cpl. Floyd N. Acton, of Cortland, Army (reported missing in action on May 17, 1951).

First Lt. Lynuel Bevers, of Clearspring, Air Force (killed in action in the crash of a C-119 transport he was piloting from Japan to Korea).

Sgt. Joseph H. Brock, of Medora, Air Force (reported missing in action on Feb. 12, 1951. Listed as killed July 10, 1951).

Pfc. Harold R. Clark, of Louisville, Army (reported missing in action Feb. 13, 1951. Later died in captivity in North Korea).

Pvt. Clarence R. Edmonds, of Seymour, Army (died July 6, 1952, at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He had been ill for the past month).

Sgt. James Earl Farley, of Seymour, Air Force (died of Hodgkins' disease Sept. 23, 1951, at Camp Atterbury Base Hospital).

Pvt. Roscoe Lloyd Hawn, of Crothersville, Air Force (killed in action July 10, 1952, his first day of combat, while serving as a rifleman in a battalion offense in Korea).

Pvt. John R. S. Holmes, Army (no information available).

Warrant Officer Albert J. Kurtz, of Crothersville, Army (died Nov. 28, 1952, at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, California, where he had been flown seriously ill from Korea on Nov. 7).

Pvt. Marshall F. McKain, of Spraytown, Army (killed in action Oct. 21, 1951, in Korea).

Pfc. Earl G. Rosemeyer, of Crothersville, Army (died in a wreck in Kentucky while en route to report for duty and assignment at Fort Lee, Virginia, after a visit with his family).

Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class Walter J. Sutton, Navy (died Feb. 9, 1952, in an automobile accident at Camden, New Jersey).

Vietnam War

(Nov. 1, 1955 to April 30, 1975)

13 dead

Pfc. Kenneth Merle Branaman, of Seymour (killed by enemy machine gun fire while engaged in a search-and-destroy operation on July 19, 1966, near Cu Chi).

Pfc. Dale Eugene Carmichael, of Freetown (died of hostile fire on April 25, 1967, in Quang Tri Province).

Spc. 4 Gary Lee Clark, of Seymour (died of non-hostile action on June 24, 1969, in Kontum Province).

Command Sgt. Major William H. Clevenger, 49, of Seymour (died as a result of wounds received June 6, 1969, at base camp in Vietnam when the area came under attack by hostile rocket fire).

Lance Cpl. William Manson "Bill" Daulton, of Medora (killed Oct. 24, 1970, as a result of a hostile land mine during maneuvers in Quang Nan Province).

Spc. 4 Martin Douglas Goen, of Medora (died April 6, 1971, in Quang Duc Province).

Spc. 4 Thomas Leon Guthrie, of Medora (died of hostile fire while on a combat operation in Gia Dinh Province).

Lance Cpl. James Elmore "Pete" Harrell, of Cortland (killed in action March 29, 1967, near Da Nang).

Cpl. Homer Howard "Ricky" Haws, of Seymour (killed April 15, 1968, in Thua Thien Province).

Lance Cpl. William Dean Laraway, of Seymour (killed April 11, 1967, of fragmentation wounds from a grenade while on patrol in Thua Thien Province).

Lance Cpl. Jackie Dean Reynolds, of Seymour (died of wounds sustained from small arms fire on March 4, 1966, in Pleiku).

Howard Earl Rothring Jr., of Crothersville (died while on a combat operations on April 14, 1969, in Hau Nghia Province).

Spc. 4 Thomas Arthur Stevens Jr., of Seymour (died May 28, 1968, from hostile fire in Thua Thien Province).

War in Afghanistan

(2001 to the present)

Hunter Hogan, of Norman (killed in combat on June 23, 2012, in Afghanistan).

Iraq War

Army Spc. Carter "C.J." Gamble, of Seymour (killed in action by small arms fire in Iraq on June 24, 2007. At the time, he was the first soldier killed in action since Goen of Medora in 1971).