A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

With Veterans Day recognized on Saturday, Nov. 11 we take this opportunity to salute those from the area who have served or are serving in the U.S. Military. The photographs and information for the men and women honored on the following pages comes from our readers. Thank you for the submissions, and especially thank you to those who have served or are serving.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWI



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EMILY KRIZAN Emily Krizan served in the Army National Guard; Private First Class from May, 2016 thru present (still serving)



DAN CRAIG Army Paratrooper, Gulf War, 1988-1992



THE DUNN FAMILY The Dunn family. Lawrence served 15 years in the Air Force security forces and Amanda served 4 years in the Air Force. Two sons Nathan and Chris.



BEN TUDOR

22 years USAF retired (TSGT). Aerospace Ground Equipment Technician. 21 years at MAFB, 1 year OASN, ROK, Deployed 7 times.



BRUCE NEUBERGER

Colonel Bruce Neuberger served in the US Marine Corps for 32 years; 1979-2011. Neuberger did his basic training in San Diego CA. During his 32 years he did multiple tours including Operation Desert Shield.



ALOYSIUS M. KLEIN Aloysius M. Klein, Beulah, ND, became a Seaman in 1962, where he served in Vietnam. Klein was in the navy for 10 years and served in the army for 20 years.



JEREMY VIGEN

Jeremy Derreck Vigen, Petty Officer 2nd Class. Served from 2000 to 2005. cryptology: Fast Attack Submarines, SSN 725 USS Helena.



ALICIA LAVENDER

Alicia Krebsbach Lavender. Full time reservist, 22 years of service. 445th Airlift Wing, Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio



ERICA ROBINSON

Erica Krebsbach Robinson Master Sergeant Superintendent, Theatre Communications Control Center assigned to Osan Air Base, South Korea.

REMEMBER





20 years of service







DAVID JOHNSON

Center, ND Branch of service: U.S. Navy (1963-1967)

VERN HARCHENKO

Major Vern Harchenko served in the US Army, National Guards, and Air Force from 1971-2011 for a total of 27 years and 8 months.

JERRY HARCHENKO

Colonel Jerry Harchenko served in the Army and National Guards from 1956 to 2010 for a total of 54 years.



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Garrison Post named after WWI vet Hugh P. Minehan Post #49 American Legion

By STU MERRY

The Garrison Post #49 American Legion is named after a local veteran who lost his life in the line of duty during the War to End All Wars, WWI.

Hugh P. Minehan was killed in action, ironically, on what would become Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1918. Minehan served in the U.S. Army and was killed in France.

The Garrison Centennial History Book lists Minehan. In his biography, an excerpt of a letter his father, Michael, wrote to his mother, Annie. Michael received a letter from a fellow soldier of Minehan with details sharing Minehan's last minutes. It's dated June 12, 1919:

"... He told me all about Hugh, they had just gotten back from furlough and had not yet got their supplies, guns, masks and etc., so they did not need to be up to the front, but Lafromway (unknown to us) said he and Hugh went They were all resting under some trees and Lafromway went back to get a pair of shoes and was gone about 10 minutes when the shell burst close to the bunch, killing Hugh and five others.

Lafromway went back afterward and took his (Hugh's) watch and fountain pen. He wants to keep the pen in remembrance of Hugh. I am sending you the watch. The black on it is due to gas."

Lovingly, Mike.

Information was provided by Clara Yonker.

According to Hugh P. Minehan



Hugh P. Minehan

Post #49 American Legion members, although there is a burial site at the St. Paul Cemetery east of Garrison, there is also a plot at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery & Memorial in France.

The Hugh P. Minehan Post #49 American Legion in Garrison has a number of WWII veterans as members. They include:

Fred Boger George Enyeart Harold (Dee) Edwards Delmer Fliginger Gerald Friese Elmer Herdt Kenny Hopkins Luverne Larson William Phillips Shirley Rustad Margaret Starr John Sinn Harold Uhlich

Post 90 ensures 'Old Glory' waves long & proudly over Oliver County

By ANNETTE TAIT

The tradition of military service in Oliver County has roots that run proud and deep. More than 90 county residents served in The Great War, later to become known as World War I. Shortly after the war ended in 1918, veterans gathered to establish an American Legion post within the county.

At the time of its founding, Post 90 was named the Edward A. Miller Post in honor of the county's first fallen soldier. The Post became Miller-Linn American Legion Post 90 after World War II, in order to honor the first Oliver County casualty of that war, Samuel F. Linn.

Over the years, Miller-Linn Post 90 developed and sustained the tradition of honoring county veterans and our nation's flag through Memorial Day and Veterans Day remembrance ceremonies, participation in the Old Settlers Days parade, graveside ceremonies, color guards, and flag retirement ceremonies.

This past May, Post 90 participated in a ceremony removing Great River Energy's Stanton Station flag from service upon the power plant's closure. The flag was then donated to the Mercer County Museum.

Members also worked with the local Boy Scout troop to hold an official flag retirement ceremony, teaching the scouts the proper way to retire a flag that is no longer in condition to be flown.

"The ceremony teaches them to learn about and learn respect for the flag," Post 90 Commander Clark Gullickson said. "They learn what it means, what the stripes mean, what the canton means, and to show respect."

Members of Post 90 proudly served under the nation's flag, and



Members of Miller-Linn American Legion Post 90 salute the flag as the national anthem plays to open Oliver County's annual Old Settlers Day parade.

encourage individuals and organizations alike to fly the nation's colors. Prompted by seeing flags being flown that were beyond their service lives, the Post established a flag program to serve the community. Members work to educate the public on the proper display of our nation's – and our state's – flag; provide free replacement flags to government agencies, schools, cemeteries, and civic organizations; and provide flags and flagpoles at cost to residents, businesses, and other organizations.

Most recently, Post 90 was instrumental in obtaining Great River Energy's donation of the Stanton Station flagpole, which was then

Miller-Linn Post 90 Legion Flag Program

Miller-Linn American Legion Post 90 encourages residents, businesses, and other organizations to proudly fly the American flag at their homes, business, and other locations throughout Oliver egion Flag Program County. Post 90 helps to obtain and display flags, as well as officially

installed at the Oliver County Am-

moved and raised in a new loca-

tion, like it was here," Veterans Services Officer Ron Otto said

during the dedication ceremony,

likening the movement of flags on

the battlefield to the relocation of

the power plant's flagpole to the

ment for damaged flags and flags

that are beyond their service lives.

Flags may be left in the designated

box in the Oliver County Court-

house entryway, and Post 90 will

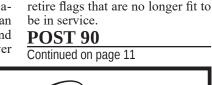
see to their official retirement.

Post 90 also provides flag retire-

"The flag was raised, and then

bulance hall in Center.

ambulance hall.







Honoring those who have served











RICHARD R. BERGQUIST

SPC. Richard R. Bergquist served in the US Army from 1970-1971. He served during the Vietnam War. Wilton, ND/Bismarck, ND



ROBERT LAWSON Robert Lawson served in the Army National Guard as an E7 for 23 years. He was a part of Iraqi Freedom 2003-2005. He was a Bronze Star recipient.





SAMUEL B. REISER Samuel B. Reiser; Lance Cor-

Samuel B. Reiser, Lance Colporal served in the Marines from 2011 to 2014. In 2012 he went to Afghanistan. In 2014 he was part of the Black Sea rotational force that served in Sicily, Romania, and Georgia.



RODNEY RUST Rodney Rust served in the Navy aboard the USS Constellation {CVA-64} from August 1962 to to September 1966.



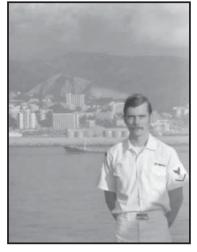
ANDREW SAILER

Andrew Sailer served in the US Air Force from 1943 to 1945. He was a flight engineer on B24 Boomers and was in the Pacific Theater of Operations in WWII. He received: Asiatic Pacific Theater Service Award, American Theater Service Medal Award and Good Conduct Medal Award.



SANDY HOFER

Sandy Hofer served in the United States Air Force. She had 4 years of service.



RON CROWLEY

Ron Crowley served in the US Navy. Pictured in 1972 Barce-Iona, Spain; 3rd Mediterranean Cruise



RUSSELL SCHMIDT Russell Schmidt of Halliday served in the U S Army from 1969 to 1972. He served during the Vietnam War. Russell has







two children Larry and Delynn Schmidt, both reside in Hazen.



ROBERT ROBARGE

Robert Robarge, retired active duty Air Force, 22 years

ROBERT E ALBERS

Sgt Robert E Albers served in US Army from May 1952- April 1954.

CHARLES SCHULZ

Charles "Phil" Schulz served in the US Navy from 1943 to 1946 for a total of 35 months Rating: Fire Controlman Third Class



Letters from the Great War

(EDITOR'S NOTE) This letter was written from Charles to his mother and was published in the Bowman County Pioneer newspaper on September 26, 1918.)

With the American Expeditionary Forces

Dear Mother: --

Through you the rest of the family will have to hear from me. I suppose you have the card long ago that stated I had arrived safe and sound overseas. The country is very odd to one used to modern methods of habitation. The buildings are made of brick and little stone walls divide the farms. These walls run in every direction and form every kind of shape, from tinyest [sic] square to the ghost of a triangle, oblongs, and polygons are not uncommon. The one that took my fancy was one that was round at one end, and came to a peak at the other. The best example I can give to illustrate what it looks like is a fishing net with two kids quarreling over it, one pulling one way and the other the opposite.

The towns are so close together that ot [sic] seems funny, so small of course. I'd read in geographies that the trains were divided into compartments, but the size of the engine and freight cars are shocking, about four of their freight cars would make one of ours, and their engines can be used for scarf pins.

The American Y.M.C.A. saves the day, for it's just like the ones in the good old U.S.A. Not quite so well built, but the homelike atmosphere prevails.

Do you know if Walt is still in St. Paul, Minn? I never hear from him. Get from Estelle, or Mrs. Pelham, Harry Unruh's address. I want to see him. Ask Henry where Supt. Bond is from in Slope county. Maybe I'll meet him some time. He's a physical trainer, is he ot [sic]? Or is he in the Y.M.C.[loss]

Give my best regards to everyone. Take good care of yourself and don't let dad get sick again when winter starts. Have Ica and Henry write to me and tell them I think of them even if I fail to write. I am well and feeling fine. Still got a lot of North Dakota "pep" in me.

I'll close my letter with a great bigkiss [sic] for mother and dad. From your loving son,

Charles 259 Aero Squadron.

Researched and transcribed by University of Mary history student Claire Schindler.

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Letters from the Great War

(EDITOR'S NOTE) Ernest Rasmussen wrote this letter from Base hospital No. 61 on Oct. 9, 1918. It was published in the Scranton Briquette newspaper on November 21, 1918.)

Somewhere in France, Base hospital No. 61 Oct. 9, 1918

Dear mother:

I just lately returned from going "over the top" and believe me it was some experience. I went over at 5 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 26th and stayed there until Oct. 3rd. I was hit in the back by a piece of shrapnel but not bad only a small wound but was sent back for treatment; it is nearly well now and will be able to leave here in a few days for the company again

I have been receiving your letters regular but have been where they would not take mine for the past month. I am always glad to receive mail any time from you. Have been over a good deal of France by this time as we are hardly ever more than a few days in a place at a time.

I am enclosing a clipping from a Paris paper about our division; am also sending you a few souvenirs of France in another letter. The Red Cross is doing some good work over here for the boys for which they are entitled to. How is everything around home by this time? I do not hear much from anyone except relatives; got a letter from Aunt Ethel and also from Aunt Lillie. Have not been able to locate Herbert Wertz yet Have not seen any of the home boys here in France. This part of France must have been real nice before the war; of course there is not much where the fighting is being done, but wreck and ruin. I think it is a miracle how a living thing passes thru it all; but I think If I live thru it could come home and live in Dakota and think it a National park compared with this. Well as it is getting supper time will close, hoping and wishing I could be with you Thanksgiving day [sic]. Write as often as you can and don't worry about me as I have always held my own I think. Your loving son,

Jumping into France: A Stanton native's story

By DANIEL ARENS

Although now 95 years old, Ralph Schwab's memory of Stanton remains crystal clear. As does his recollections of serving in the most famous battles of the Second World War.

Ralph, who currently lives in Rapid City, S.D., knows the Hazen/ Stanton area as home.

"I was born and raised there, and I lived there till I went to the service in '42," he said. He remembered Hazen as being more of the "shopping town" for the family.

Ralph's parents owned a farm about nine miles southwest of Stanton. He identified the location as six miles south of Oliver County 25, and five miles to the east of Hazen.

After joining the 507th Parachute Regiment during World War II, Ralph found himself jumping out a plane in the middle of the night with a couple dozen other paratroopers over the French village of Sainte Mere Eglise, just a half dozen miles from the nearest beaches. It was night (or early morning) of June 6, 1944.

D-Day.

"Yeah, we jumped in about 2 in the morning," he said. After the plane he was in started taking fire from German mortars below, Ralph found himself making what is arguably the most famous parachute jump in history, with thousands of others doing the same throughout northern France during that night.

"I was assigned to more of a messenger for our company," Ralph said.

After three days, the 507th made contact with Allied beach forces, and Ralph recalled staying with them for around a month before he was briefly sent back to England. On Christmas Eve, he was again flying over France, this time making for a forest almost as famous as the Normandy beaches: the Ardennes, site of the Battle of the Bulge.



Ralph Schwab, a World War II veteran originally from Stanton. - Submitted by Mark Schwab

From there, he continued with the 507th through the invasion of northwest Germany over the Rhine River, regrouping with Allied troops coming from the south, and in the final united push across the Ruhr Valley towards Berlin.

After the war, Ralph returned to Stanton for a year, helping his brothers on the farm, before moving to Richardton. Later, he was worked on the constructions of the Garrison Dam, and also lived in Custer, S.D. before finally moving to Rapid City.

Ralph and his wife Dorothy still live in their own home. Their children are scattered, including sons in Arizona, a daughter in Indiana, and a now-deceased daughter who lived in Wyoming.



Ernest Rasmussen, 361 Inf. Co. A., A.E.F.

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CREDIT: State Historical Society of ND This photo of a WWI battle was donated to the State Historical Society of ND by JW Plunkett's great niece, Mary Young.



CREDIT: State Historical Society of ND North Dakota Tribal members, many not even considered American citizens, were honored for their service as WWI Soldiers.

"The Specter" Doughboy: Thomas Rogers

By CAROLE BARRETT and CALVIN GRINNELL

Thomas Rogers was born into a prominent Arikara family in 1890 or 1891. As a youth, he was also known by his Arikara name, Katanuta. After distinguished service in World War I, Arikara elders gave him the name Skanatunawinag, Charges Alone, to reflect his courage and bravery on the battlefield. Among his fellow soldiers, Rogers was nicknamed "The Specter" in recognition of his extraordinary prowess as a night raider and sniper.

Weeks after the United States declared war on Germany on April 2, 1917, Congress found it necessary to pass a bill to create a national army of conscripted soldiers. In North Dakota, many American Indian men volunteered even though most were non-citizens and so were not obligated to serve. Like Thomas Rogers, many of these men were the sons and grandsons of warriors and scouts from an earlier era and had been raised with stories that memorialized the warrior tradition. More than 200 American Indian men from North Dakota served in the U.S. military during World War I.

Many joined Company I of the 2nd Infantry Regiment of the North Dakota National Guard, commanded by Captain A.B. Welch of Mandan. Welch had deep connections to the tribal communities in North Dakota, especially at Standing Rock and Fort Berthold, so many men from these reservations enlisted in the 2nd Regiment. For a time, Welch and others sought to form a full company of American Indian soldiers, but, ultimately, the Secretary of the Army did not approve of segregating Native enlistees. On August 1, 1917, Rogers came to Bismarck and enlisted. In December, he sailed for Europe and on New Year's Day 1918 arrived in France and was assigned to Company A of the 18th Infantry, 1st Division. He served along with Albert Grass, Richard Blue Earth, and Joe Jordan, all of Standing Rock, as well as Joseph Young Hawk, an Arikara, from Fort Berthold. While in France, Rogers was assigned to the Intelligence Section and served as a battalion runner and sniper. It was here he earned his reputation as "The Specter." Battalion runners served on scouting details at night. The objectives were to determine enemy positions and to capture German soldiers serving as sentries guarding the trenches. If an enemy soldier refused surrender, Rogers would kill them and bring back their uniform blouse. Stealth was paramount during these night raids and Rogers was not armed. He used his bare hands to overwhelm the enemy.

He is credited with killing or taking prisoner 33 Germans on 30 consecutive nights. During the daytime, Rogers served as a sniper and would be stationed in front of his own lines, hidden in brush or weeds. When a German soldier poked his head above the sandbags, he became a target. Rogers was an expert marksman with the reputation for shooting the enemy between the eyes.

Thomas Rogers was honored by the United States military for his deeds on the battlefield. He received a citation for bravery in the attack on Cantigny (May 28, 1918) and for his work as a battalion runner. He was recognized as a "non-commissioned officer of great courage, initiative and intelligence...a soldier of the highest type" who always volunteered for the most dangerous missions. After the Battle of Soissons (July 18-19, 1918), Rogers was cited for bravery "capturing at night barehanded and alone, many sentinels who were taken back to the American camp for questions."

Rogers returned to the United States in September 1918 and served until the end of the war as an instructor in weaponry and sharpshooting. Among his trainees at Camp Lewis, WA, were Robert Dancing Bull and Mark Necklace from Fort Berthold. After the war ended, Rogers returned home to Elbowoods and married Lucy Coffee. In 1926, he received a presidential citation from President Calvin Coolidge for "the valor and very extraordinary meritorious service performed by him" during the war. He was granted a position as a mail carrier in Mandan, a post he filled from 1926-1932. Rogers eventu-



CREDIT: State Historical Society of ND

Thomas Rogers was nicknamed "The Specter" by his fellow WWI soldiers in recognition of his extraordinary prowess as a night raider and sniper.

ally moved back to Fort Berthold where he was a government school employee, active in the Little Shell American Legion, and a member of the Arikara Dead Grass Society. He died in a car accident in 1965 along with his son, Bryan.

Although heralded for his many brave deeds in France during World War I, Thomas Rogers was a quiet man and would not talk about the



Velva's Post 39

By LIBBY DARNELL

Many travelers pass by this establishment everyday without notice. But it is full of history, support and much more.

The American Legion in Velva established Post 39 almost a century ago. Through ups and downs, the Legionnaires have kept it going and serve the needs of many locals.

After soldiers returned from WWI, Congress chartered a patriotic organization for the war-weary veterans. The purpose was to provide support to servicemen.

The American Legion quickly evolved into a nonprofit organization. Widely known, the posts stand as an influential support in their communities.

Velva's Post 39 is named after WWI soldier, Joseph I Weller, when it was chartered on Sept. 9, 1919. Weller, a Velva native, was killed and buried in France in 1918.

Post 39 quickly showed veteran support when a soldier needed help returning to his job. The issue went to the state convention and written exchanges through officials. The soldier was given his former job back with the encouragement of his post.

Velva Legionnaires almost lost their charter shortly after they began. This was due to bad farming years and the opening of a nearby American Legion post. Soon Post 39 returned to their original member count after the nearby post discontinued.

The post home moved several times. The city of Velva gave a lot of land to the Legion after WWII. Post 39 established its home in 1975 on Main Street.

The importance of gaming is relevant to Post 39. Bingo and various other games raise money for the group.

The funds raised are turned into donations. Many local groups, from youth baseball to the care center, receive money from the post.

The Legion building also serves the community. Upcoming hall usage includes the Velva Wildlife Club fundraiser, Wee Winter Whimsy events, and the Dakota Roughrider Saddle Club dance.

With a member count of over 100, Post 39 is holding strong.

A Color Guard also serves at events of formal character. They carry colors, or flags, and hold other positions that symbolize the protection of regimental colors.

Next time you pass by American Legion Post 39, take notice. It represents nearly 100 years of service, support and community outreach.

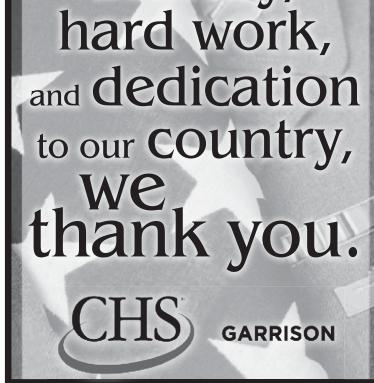
For your **bravery**,

war. He was known as humble and unassuming, qualities admired in an Arikara warrior.

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Seeking out veterans of Vietnam era

By ALLAN TINKER

Jim Paulus, Veterans Service Officer for Sheridan County, has presented many special Vietnam era pins with the help of Legionnaire Ken (Butch) Konschak of Goodrich. He has also made many special presentations on his own. Each pin includes a special letter with the proclamation made by President Obama on May 25, 2012.

Obama proclaimed a period of time to honor more than 58,000 soldiers who died, more than 1,600 still missing and Vietnam veterans who served in the U.S. military during the Vietnam era years from 1955 to 1975.

The lapel pin has the words "Vietnam War Veteran" engraved in a blue circle around an eagle, with stripes and stars in the background. The message, "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You," is embossed on the back of the pin.

The following military veterans received honors from Goodrich and McClusky and surrounding areas: Roger Tessmann, Army 1967-69; Don Hagen, Air Force 1965-69; Jim Paulus, Marine Corps 1972-74; Morris Broeckel, Army 1964-66; Welborn Majors, Navy 1961-65; Mervyn Imers, Army 1957-59; Timothy Erdmann, Army 1971-73; Milton Helm, Army 1959-61; Bruce Johnson, Navy 1962-67; Bob Laumer, Navy 1979-82; Thomas Sauter, Army 1969-75; Myron Berg, Army 1965-92; Vernon Lasher, Army 1965-67; Darvin Engel, Air Force 1958-62; Kenneth (Butch) Konschak, Army 1966-69; Dennis Konschak, Army 1960-62; Marvin Kissee, Air Force 1943-53; Alan Engel, Air Force 1963-2003, Gordon Felchle, Army 1956-58; Charles Faul, Sr., Army 1954-56; P. Gorden, Army 1957-58; Manny Alves, Navy 1961-66; Myron Morris, Army 1959-66; and Clayne Anderson, Army 1969-71.

Sheridan County Veterans Ser-

vice Officer Paulus and Kenneth Konschak Goodrich Legion Commander provide information on Vietnam era veterans from Nov. 15, 1955 to May 15, 1975 and attended 2017 Drake High School or were spouses of those who did, who received pins for their service during this term. They have also visited veterans in their home, in care facilities, met them in restaurants and meetings, and been referred to them by other pin recipients.

Veterans from the Vietnam era who attended the Drake High School 100-year reunion include both those who were "in country" and "era" veterans who did not serve directly in Vietnam

In country veterans were Adrian Tuchscherer, Wayne Volk, Leonard Stanley, Robert Gange, Dennis Vollmer, Arlyn Lemer, James Jacobson, Charles Toy, Roger Weigel, Robert Stancel, Frankie Paulus, and Keith Bruner.

Vietnam era veterans were: Thomas Weninger, Gary Miller, Gary Hoffer, Edward Shink, Alvin Smith, Leroy Miller, Terry Lemer, Mike Tasker, Raphael Thomas, Dennis Heydt, Richard Paulus, Alfred Ritzke Jr., John Erickson, Robert Bartsch, Noel Hanenberg, Myron McCarty, Edgar (Monty) Benoy, Leonard Paulus, Kenneth Fiskum, Jerry Nissen, Weston Kemper, Howard Witham, Gordon Davis, Roger Lemer, Anton Lemer, Delton Blumhagan, Gary Ganske, Robert Richter, Julius Gange, Allan Schiele, Carol Christianson, Alvin Bruner, Paul Kemper, Dan Rieder, Richard Mack, Lawrence Merbach, Allan Krantz, Dwight Knuth, Kenneth Konschak, Dennis Schiele, David Traiser, Dean Adam, Robert Adam, Melvin Ziebarth, and James Paulus.

Sheridan County Veteran's Service Officer James Paulus presented Vietnam-era veteran Orville Rhoads with the special pin the Veterans Administration awards



Veterans of American Legion Albert Block Post # 56 and visiting veterans pose with Vietnam pins, Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

those who served during this time of war and conflict.

Rhoads received his pin on his 77th birthday at his home and served from 1958 to 1962 in the U.S. Army, serving the majority of his enlistment in Germany as a supply clerk at a Specialist 4th Class rank, in the 205th Transportation Battalion at Flak Kaserne in Ludwigsburg.

Paulus read the following Proclamation 8829 of May 25, 2012. Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War when he presented Rhoads with his pin. Rhoads passed away on May 17, 2017.

As a result of intervention by Paulus, others from McClusky have also received their pins from Paulus, including Orlan (O.J.) Hanson, Jerry Reiswig and Brian M. Tinker.

Others who would like to receive the special recognition of their service during this time can contact Paulus at 701-465-3329.



U.S. Army Veteran Specialist 4th Class Orville Rhoads received his Vietnam Era pin from Sheridan County Veteran's Service officer James Paulus on April 30 at his home.

By the former President of the United **States of America, Barack Obama**

"As we observe the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, we reflect with solemn reverence upon the valor of a generation that served with honor. We pay tribute to the more than 3 million service men and women who left their families to serve bravely, a world away from everything they knew and everyone they loved. From Ia Drang to Khe Sanh, from Hue to Saigon and countless villages in between, they pushed through jungles and rice paddies, heat and monsoon, fighting heroically to protect the ideals we hold dear as Americans. Through more than a decade of combat, over air, land, and sea, these proud Americans upheld the highest traditions of our Armed Forces. "As a grateful Nation, we honor more than 58,000 patriots-their names etched in black granitewho sacrificed all they had and all they would ever know. We draw inspiration from the heroes who suffered unspeakably as prisoners of war, yet who returned home with their heads held high. We pledge to keep faith with those who were wounded and still carry the scars of war, seen and unseen. With more than 1,600 of our service members still among the missing, we pledge as a Nation to do everything in our power to bring these patriots home. In the reflection of The Wall, we see the military family members and veterans who carry a pain that may never fade. May they find peace in knowing their loved ones endure, not only in medals and memories, but in the hearts of all Americans, who are forever grateful for their service, valor, and sacrifice.

"In recognition of a chapter in our Nation's history that must never be forgotten, let us renew our sacred commitment to those who answered our country's call in Vietnam and those who awaited their safe return. Beginning on Memorial Day 2012, the Federal Government will partner with local governments, private organizations, and communities across America to participate in the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War-a 13-year program to honor and give thanks to a generation of proud Americans who saw our country through one of the most challenging missions we have ever faced. While no words will ever be fully worthy of their service, nor any honor truly befitting their sacrifice, let us remember that it is never too late to pay tribute to the men and women who answered the call of duty with courage and valor. Let us renew our commitment to the fullest possible accounting for those who have not returned. "Throughout this Commemoration, let us strive to live up to their example by showing our Vietnam veterans, their families, and all who have served the fullest respect and support of a grateful Nation. "Purpose and symbolism of the <u>pin:</u>



'To recognize, thank and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

"The pin features an eagle, representing courage, honor and dedicated service to the nation. It is one

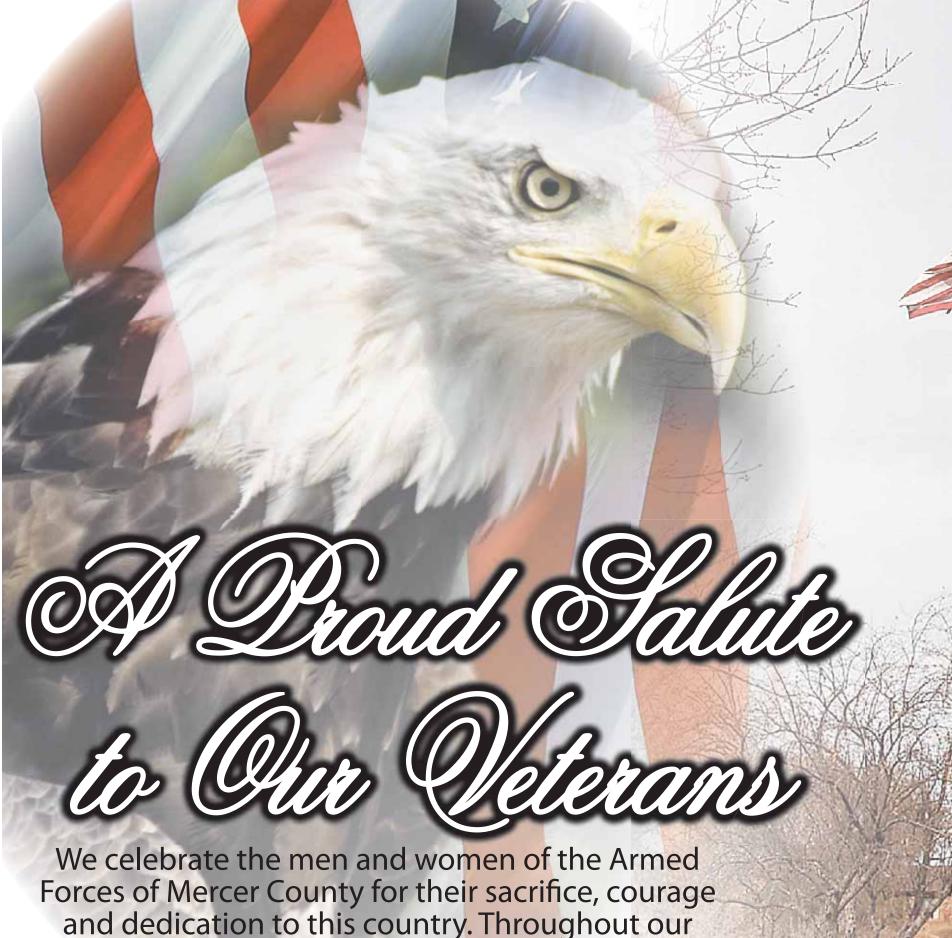
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and dedication to this country. Throughout our nation's history, those who have answered the call of duty deserve our recognition and our thanks. We respect the sacrifices their families have made, and remember with gratitude those who have lost their lives defending this great nation.



As we acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of WWI we pay tribute to those veterans from Mercer County who served. April 6, 1917 – Nov. 11, 1918

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As part of the centennial remembrance of World War I, two North Dakotans are busy combing the state for monuments, parks, memorial buildings, and plaques that honor those who served in World War I. Susan Wefald of Bismarck is searching for those memorials dedicated between 1918 and 1941 and Robert Greene of Arvilla is participating as he works to locate all veterans' memorials in the state.

In 2015, Wefald started hunting for World War One Memorials. In January of that year, she read a magazine article about Mark Levitch of Washington, DC, who was conducting a nationwide search for World War monuments. Levitch is project director of the national World War I Memorial Inventory Project. The article reported that he was hoping to find a person or organization in each state willing to help him locate the monuments and memorials. Wefald contacted Levitch and volunteered for the work in North Dakota.

Two years later, Wefald has identified 45 buildings, parks, monuments, memorials, and plaques in North Dakota built between 1918 and 1941 and dedicated to WWI veterans. As she continues her search, she welcomes tips from the public. "I have had a wonderful time learning the stories of these memorials by reading old newspaper articles, interviewing community citizens, and reading old guidebooks to the state," she commented. "I have also enjoyed travelling across the state to visit these important monuments."

During her search she realized that North Dakota had a World War I monument that dates to May of 1918 located in Minot's Rose Hill Memorial Park. That was unusual because most monuments were dedicated after Armistice Day on November 11, 1918. In the case of this monument, the Girls Military Squad of Minot had raised funds and erected it on Memorial Day 1918. Levitch believes that this monument appears to be the first permanent memorial in the nation dedicated to local soldiers who died in the war. "I was thrilled to know that this beautiful 1918 marble monument erected by Minot women was so important," said Wefald.

We fald turns over all information she finds to both the North Dakota Historical Society and to the national World War I Inventory Project. Information about the World War I memorials and monuments is located at the State Historical Society of North Dakota's website.



CREDIT: Susan Wefald, Bismarck

Although Wefald's emphasis

has been to locate only memorials dedicated exclusively to World War I veterans, Robert Greene has been touring the state identifying monuments dedicated to North Dakota veterans who have died in any war. Greene has taken on this project in behalf of the American Legion.

"Almost every town and city in the state has a veteran's monument of some kind," said Greene. "I have found monuments dedicated to Civil War soldiers as well as those dedicated to the War on Terror." He has collected information on more than 200 veterans' monuments in North Dakota.

Greene and Wefald share information with each other, as both serve on the North Dakota World War One Centennial Committee. "We are both committed," said Wefald, "to preserving these public monuments which celebrate the contributions made by men and women in service of our country."

Among the WWI monuments and memorials that the two have identified are courthouses and public halls in Belfield, Bismarck, Bottineau, Cando, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Flaxton, Kenmare, Linton, Mandan, Minnewaukan, Minot, Mohall, Mott, New England, Noonan, Rolette, Rugby, Stanley, and Towner.

Monuments and plaques exist at Williston, Wahpeton, Pembina, Steele, Minot, Northwood, Leeds, Lisbon, Hankinson, Drayton, Drake, Carrington, Amidon, and at the bridge between Bismarck-Mandan. Other memorials include parks at Grand Rapids and Spiritwood Lake, the 1927 University of North Dakota memorial football stadium, the Jamestown College gymnasium, and the Liberty Memorial Building and its nearby French boxcar on the capitol grounds at Bismarck.

Underwood marines still answering the call

By SUZANNE WERRE

It might be hard for most folks to imagine how fighting in Afghanistan or working with engineers from NASA would translate well to doing street, sewer, water and lagoon maintenance for a city.

But it's that work ethic that was instilled in Neal Repnow, Underwood's maintenance supervisor, and Jake Boozenny, a laborer for the city of Underwood, that enable the two to work well together, which in turn works well for the city.

Boozenny was in the marines for eight years, from 2004 until 2012, serving in Djibouti, Africa and in Afghanistan. When he finished his tour of duty, he was a sergeant.

When Repnow left the marines to come home and take care of the family business after his father was injured in an accident, he was a lance corporal. He had planned on making the marines his life's work, but things turned out differently, he said.

"The marines was going to be my career, but ... you've got to go with the flow," said Repnow.

"The flow" has led him to being Underwood's maintenance supervisor for the past few years, and this spring Boozenny was hired by the city as a part-time worker.

Both agree that their time in the marines helps them with their job, which can be messy, timeconsuming, and unpredictable. It also helps them work together and understand each other.

On being a marine, Boozenny said, "It's not something you do it's what you become."

What you become is respectful and honorable. And you learn how to work, and don't quit until the job is done.

"Nobody is left behind," added Repnow. There's no distinction in ranks, he said.

"Nobody is left behind," reiterated Boozenny.

That idea of leaving no one behind applies to not only the military, but to getting a job done.

Just the fact that they have so many of the same ideals and phi-



Underwood's city maintenance workers Neal Repnow, left, and Jake Boozenny are both former marines, now putting their marine mindsets and work ethic together for the betterment of Underwood.

losophies has helped them become a pretty good team. Although, noted Repnow, the other part-timer for the city, Bob Zietz, has been an ideal employee, too – often he's taken care of something on Repnow's "to-do list" before Repnow has had a chance to get to it

Boozenny hasn't progressed that far yet.

"But we're off to a good start," said Repnow.

He was glad to hear that the city's new hire had been a marine.

"For me, hiring him kind of tells me that training for the job is going to be easier because that person knows what they should do.'

Repnow has his own mantra one he learned from being in the marines.

"Do what I say. Watch what I do. Then you know what to expect," said Repnow.

He wouldn't have his employees do anything he wouldn't be willing to do himself, he added.

His theory is give the employees the basic knowledge for the basic jobs, then keep adding more knowledge and more responsibility, so by

Jake Boozenny Served from 2004-2012. Sergeant in the Marine Corps.

the time he's ready to go, his successors will be able to do even more and keep moving forward with improving the city's maintenance.

He's been giving Boozenny pretty broad instructions for jobs letting him get familiar with the basics of particular job before he starts getting into the nitty gritty. It's not taking him long to get familiar with a lot of aspects of the job.

Since he started with the city this spring, Boozenny hasn't gotten to respond to a phone call in the middle of the night telling him there's been a water line break, but he's prepared to answer the call.

Repnow recalls that the longest time he was on the job without getting a break or any sleep was 72 hours. That's just part of the job, he said.

So Repnow and Boozenny will be ready this winter at 2:00 in the morning, 20 degrees below zero, they'll both be there – answering the call.

Because that's what marines do. And everyone knows, once a marine – always a marine.







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KENT LARSON

Kent Larson, Sargent U.S. Army served in the U.S. Army from 1968 – 1971. He served in Vietnam from July 1969 to July 1970, with the 101st Airborne Division, Eagle Camp, South Vietnam. He was awarded with: Bronze star, Army Commendation medal, National Defense medal, Vietnam Service medal and Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal.



JOHNNY BUECHLER

CMD 3/c USNR Johnny Buechler served from 1945 to 1946. He was in Okinawa and the Philippians; served in the Seabees, dock hand and cooks helper. Lifetime member of VFW Post 7759 Beulah

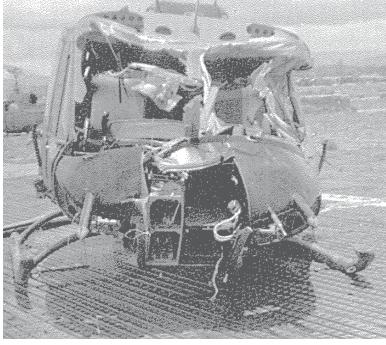
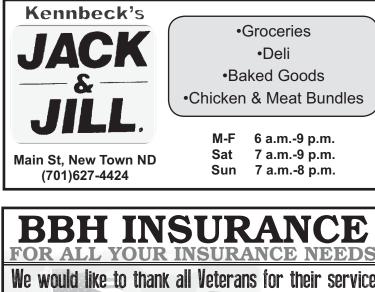


Photo submitted by Richard Stark









Lawrence O Flatla served in the

US Army as a 1st Sergeant

RAYMOND IVERSON JR

Raymond Iverson Jr. joined the Army in 1973 to 1975. He was stationed in Korea. He then joined the Army Reserves until 1986 when he then entered the National Guards until he retired



Leon Pfeifer enlisted in the US Air Force in 1962 until 1984, serving a total of 22 years. He served in Thailand during the Vietnam War.



MICHAEL PERRY Specialist (E4) Michael Perry -US Army National Guard from September 2009 to Present.

Belgium.

While in Normandy he was shot below the eye; the bullet came out behind his ear. He spent 3 months in a hospital in England; listed as MIA.

He was sent back to war where he was captured by the Germans. He escaped by taking one of the captors guns which is still around to this day.

He then fought in the battle of Bulge and was shot in the lower back where he had shrapnel lodged in his back. He was discharged in 1945.

He received the following: Bronze Star Medal, Am Theater Service Medal, 2 European African Middle Eastern Theater Service Medals, 2 Purple Hearts, 3 Overseas Service Bars, 5 Good Conduct Medals, and 6 Bronze Arrowhead.

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1187 BORDER LANE WASHBURN, ND as a Staff Sergeant in 1998.



LONN D. IVERSON

Lonn Iverson joined the Army in 1996. He entered basic at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he also attended AIT training. He was then stationed at Camp Gary Owens in Korea where he was on patorl on the DMZ (the border between North and South Korea).

He was transferred to Fort Carson, Colorado where he was a Bradley Driver the first year there. He is now the company commanders driver. He is a Specialist 4th Class. His tour in the Army ended June

3, 2000.



RAYMOND IVERSON SR

Ray Iverson Sr. joined the Army

in 1942. He was an Automatic

Riffleman. He served in Nor-

mandy, Rhineland, Central

Europe, Germany, France and

VERNON IVERSON

Vernon Iverson was a Sergeant in the Army in 1942. He was stationed in Utah, Texas, Washington and Oklahoma.



RAY G. WICKLANDER

Raymond G. Wicklander; Lieutenant Commander served in the Navy Air Corp. in 1941 to 1981. In 1941 he served as a pilot in the Bombing Squadron 19 attached to the USS Lexington.

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CREDIT: State Historical Society of ND -- Becky Graner collection US Army Nurses gathered for a photo before leaving New York City for World War I duty in France. This photo is from the collection that was donated by Becky Graner, Nurse Consultant, ND Nurses Association on October 21, 2011.

North Dakota Nurses in the Great War

By BARBARA HANDY-MARCHELLO

Sarah Sand of Grand Forks was one of nearly 300 nurses from North Dakota who volunteered for Army service during World War I. She had been recruited by the North Dakota Red Cross at the Bismarck hospital where she worked. Sand was an experienced nurse, but received more than four months additional training for duty at the war front.

At Camp Jackson, South Carolina, she supervised the care of 285 patients in the segregated African-American pneumonia ward and did a stint in surgery. Finally, on September 27, 1918, Sand and other nurses, along with hundreds of soldiers, boarded a transport ship for France. On board, Spanish influenza sickened many and took the lives of nearly 500 soldiers and two nurses

Sand was assigned to a hospital called Base 60 in the Meuse-Argonne sector. She was issued a gas mask and helmet, items she used whenever German airplanes attacked the hospital. Her duties were to distribute medicine, deliver food and water to the wounded and ill soldiers, and complete, if possible, a record of work on her shifts. Sand noted in her brief memoir that she was often too busy to keep proper records, because, in addition to her other duties, she had to dress the wounds of as many as 60 soldiers a day.

The workload did not let up after the armistice (November 11, 1918). During the next five months, she treated soldiers with pneumonia and other infectious diseases and wrapped the legs of soldiers suffering from "trench legs," a condition caused by standing too long in the cold water of the trenches. She wrote that she had wrapped so many legs that she thought all soldiers had trench legs. Sand's official duties ended April 10, 1919, almost a year after taking the Oath of Allegiance in Bismarck. Nationwide, 12,000 nurses served at the front or at stateside military hospitals during the war years. However, by the summer of 1918, the Army asked for 1,000 more nurses every week. To meet the demand, Harry Curran Wilbur, executive secretary of the North Dakota Red Cross, compiled a list of all the graduate nurses in the state, noting the names of those willing to serve with the Army, and the reasons given by those who did not want to go into the service. Hospitals were urged to reduce the number of nurses on staff and at the same time sick people were encouraged to go to the hospital rather than stay home with a private duty nurse.



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Women who had given up careers in nursing to marry and raise a family were now asked to return to work in order to replace an unmarried nurse who could then volunteer for Army service. The campaign was successful. Not only did North Dakota fill its quota of graduate nurses, but 370 more young women entered nursing school and enrolled in the student nurse reserve.

The war was an important event in the professionalization of nursing. The Army demanded nurses who had undergone at least two years of formal training, a requirement which strengthened nursing schools and gave nurses professional standing.

Nurses, however, were not enlisted in the Army or Navy. They were paid well and received some benefits such as insurance, but did not have rank. This created problems for them when they encountered officers who disagreed with the care they gave patients. Nevertheless, nurses commanded their wards and made sure that enlisted orderlies

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CREDIT: State Historical Society of ND -- Becky Graner collection Sara Sand in her WWI nursing uniform. Sand served as a nurse

in France from 1918-19. She was born in Grand Forks and later lived in Fessenden.

for her service including the Citadel of Verdun and the Victory Medal with the bar of France. The North Dakota chapter of the American Nurses Association presented her with the Citation of Honor in 1952.

Sand's commitment to her profession was forged and strengthened in the Army hospitals of war-torn France. A credit to her home state and her profession, she remained a member of the Red Cross Nurse Rserve for 14 years and continued her career as a surgical nurse in North Dakota and California for many years.

Letters from the Great War

(EDITOR'S NOTE) Milton Lang of Mercer, North Dakota wrote this letter which was originally published on September 27, 1918 by the Hazen Star newspaper.)

Sept. 13, 1918

Dear Slip:

As we are through for the day, with the exception of blinker test tonight will give you a vague idea of this training station. I won't mention Norfolk for the simple reason it don't deserve mentioning. As one of our chief petty officers said: "If the people of Virginia, especially Norfolk, went to God's country they would get run over by a funeral.'

The base here contains about 50,000 sailors and is situated along the bay, or, rather, the harbor. The part I am in contains the detention camp and different schools such as coxwains [sic], petty officers, company commanders, cooks, band, radio, signal electric, aviators, mechanics, and others. I spent two weeks in the detention proper and one week in the outgoing detention camp, or rather, unit. While in those camps I received eight shots and two vaccinations and I guess I was the only one in the company that it didn't knock out, which shows some more of your Eastern tenderness. After spending one week at the Virginia Beach rifle range I volunteered for the signal service in which school I am now studying. By the way, I received my first glimpse and also first bath in the Atlantic while at the rifle range. I won't forget my impression for sometime as I made it in the sand when a breaker rolled me in shore.

Our company now consists of 107 men, all of us in one bungalow which is divided into two sections. First section of company in forward end and second section in aft end. Each squad leader is responsible for his squad in falling in, lashing hammocks, slinging hammocks, piping down at tatoo [sic], and hitting the deck at reveille. A squad is detailed each morning to clean up which means scrub deck, benches and desks. Floor is then swept after chow, at noon, at night. If any one disputes the fact that the Navy isn't sanitary tell them to enlist and the first morning in detention will change their minds. Some of the fellows the first morning at detention found blisters on their hands after finishing the scrub down. Each company has a mess hall to eat in and each company takes turns in serving mess for one week. This week we have had regimental guard which has kept us rather busy as we are studying from eight in the morning until four in the afternoon and then one hour's blinker practice after chow in the evening. We are taught everything in the bluejackets' manual besides the various ways of signaling which seem endless when learning them. There are five different ways used, each different from the other besides the various signs and codes. This may seem funny but I haven't seen a battleship at close range and have had very little boat drill. I suppose we will get this when we go abroad ship which we do after graduating. This course we have to finish in eight weeks which is the reason for being so busy. We rate good chow and all we can eat which is evident by everyone gaining from five to ten pounds in two months. Last Labor Day we had a real feed with plums, grapes, pears, ice cream and smokes for a windup. Our commanders are of the best which showed up in one of them at inspection last Saturday ...

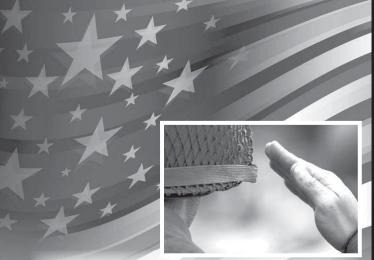
Well Slip, tomorrow we have captain's and bag inspection so must "pipe down" and straighten out my sea bag and wash my ditty [sic] clothes.

Best regards to everybody and here's hoping I get across the pond soon.

M.E. Lang, Signal School, Co. 717, N.O.B. Hampton Roads, Va.

Researched and transcribed by University of Mary history education student Tanner Hintz.

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prepared food, chopped wood for heat, and cleaned the wards so that nurses could attend to the medical needs of their patients.

Like many other nurses, Sarah Sand received awards and honors

Barbara Handy-Marchello, Ph.D. is a historian and writer for North Dakota Studies who taught Women's History and the American West at the University of North Dakota for 15 years.



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Letters from the Great War

(EDITOR'S NOTE) Lee Schwartz wrote this letter from France to his father. The letter was published in the Langdon Republican newspaper (also known as Cavalier County Republic) on December 26, 1918.

Dear Father:

Well today is Sunday and as I have a little spare time will write you a letter. This will be your Christmas letter and I can now write everything I can think of. Before now we could not do that.

I have seen some hard times over here but am still the same old boy and I expect to see you soon as we are going to the sea. I am sure glad the war is over as I did not expect to get back when I first came over here. I was just over for three weeks when they took us up the back lines. We were under shell fire for 24 hours. It made me thing of father and mother when those big one came over our heads.

When night came they took us out of the dugout and back a few miles. As we were marching along the road the Germans shelled the road to beat ---, as we went over a bridge a shell passed within ten feet of me, the fire flew all around me and I sure stepped high then. You ought to see the fine houses the Germans had in the woods and the Yanks had some time to get them out of here.

We have been hiking now for nine days and expect to hike some more before long. I expect to be home before spring but you know it will take some time to get everything straightened up. I have no money or I would send you a Christmas present. Have not had any pay since I left the States but hope I will have some soon.

We stay in towns around here. There is a church in every town. I was to church this morning but I could not understand anything.

The weather has been nice all the time but the last few nights the ground froze and it looks like snow. Hope this finds you all well and it leaves me all O. K. Your Son,

Lee R. F. Schwartz Co. A. 328 A. E. F O. P. O. 742.

Researched and transcribed by University of Mary history student Andrew Pike.

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Letters from the Great War

(EDITOR'S NOTE) Alex Robertson sent this letter from Belgium to his mother on November 19, 1918. It was published in the Langdon Republican newspaper (Cavalier County Republic) on December 26, 1918.)

American Ex. Forces, with the Marines, Nov. 19, 1918.

My Dear Mother:

It is just a few days over a month since I last had a chance to write a letter; and I would have written before if it had been possible. I am well and although this has been the hardest drive of them all it has not bother me any. You can imagine how glad we were to know that the armistice had been signed. I was in the big drive that ended it all and was only a few kilometers from the front when the firing ceased. The night before we were on the front line ready to go over and make an attack but some reason or other we did not make it. It won't be long now I hope until I can tell you all about it. The experiences of the last thirty days have been the most trying of all and we sure are glad that it is over. I am in Belgium now and on the way to Germany. We are hiking and are not far behind the Huns. I was lucky enough to be in one of the divisions which is making this trip, that is the second division. No doubt you have heard of it before now. The next will be from Germany. I don't think we will be there long, though and then home.

I cannot understand about John and have written the Red Cross in Paris and told them to cable you if they receive any word from him. I hope though that you have heard by now and no doubt have. Hope you will keep well and am glad the worry of the war is over. Your loving son,

Alex

Researched and transcribed by University of Mary history student ndrew Pike.



CECIL BERG

Sergeant, Company G 359th Infantry 90th Division. Serving 1942 - 1944, Military Specialty -Rifleman, Two Campaigns: Normandy and Germany. Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, European Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal.



ALBERT MILLER

From Hazen; was drafted by the Army in 1918. At 23 he became a machine gun bearer in Halifax, Canada; England and France, serving for 11 months. He returned home by way of Mediterranean Sea, Africa, Spain and Portugal, arriving in New York in 1919 and was discharged.



BEN JOSE

Corporal Ben Jose served in U.S. Army 1943-1946. Served nine months in Marseilles, France. He received: American Theater service medal, the European-African-Middle-Eastern service medal, and good conduct medal World War II veteran.



VICTOR H. WEISZ

Corporal Victor H. Weisz, inducted into the U.S. Army in March of 1953 to 1955. Basic training at Camp Roberts, California. Upon completion, was sent to Germany.



CODY HAGEN

Cody Hagen, Corporal served in the Marines from 2010 to 2015.



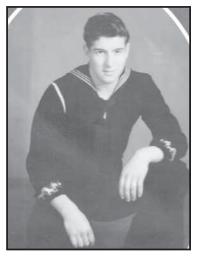
CLARENCE BUECHLER HAROLD "DEE" EDWARD

Private 1st Class Clarence Harold "Dee" Edwards at 18 (Larry) Buechler. Served in National Guard in



ERHART ZIEMANN

Corporal Erhart Ziemann served in the US Marines from 1944 to 1946. He earned the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, expert rifelman, and good conduct medals.



years old was called to service



BOB KASTNER

Drafted into the Army April 1966 to April 1968. Earned rank of SP5 in Vietnam as a Combat

Letters from the Great War is a project conducted by students of Dr. Joseph T. Stuart, associate professor of history at the University of Mary in Bismarck. Students researched at the North Dakota State Archives to provide transcripts of letters for use by the North Dakota Newspaper Association and the North Dakota World War I Centennial Committe

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Medic from Oct. 1966 - Oct. Korea. 1967.



DON WUNDERLICH ARTHUR F. VARTY

Don Wunderlich; US Army, Sonarman, Third Class. Served from 1944 to 1946.

Arthur served in the US Army from 1955 to 1958 and the reserves until 1962. N.C. and Germany.

RICHARD STARK

Richard Stark served the Army from 1961 to 1970.

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By EDNA SAILOR

In each of our communities we know their names well. Bangen Moen in Plaza, Arthur Solie, Parshall; William Hanson, Makoti; Beck Sherven Foreman, New Town; Byron Kulland, Western North Dakota Vietnam Veterans of America, and Myron B Johnson Nathan J. Good Iron, New Town.

However many of us have never known or have forgotten details about those men who died for our country. In Tribute to these namesakes we pause a moment here to learn more about these fallen heroes and acknowledge their important legacy to their communities. We honor their memories. We are thankful for their service and the ultimate price they paid for our freedom.

American Legion Beck Sherven Foreman post 290, New Town. **Charles Beck**

Originally a farm laborer from Van Hook before WWI, Beck was one of the first in our area to be killed in action on July 18, 1918. He is buried in Soissons, France.

Beck was among veterans who were impacted by the Garrison Dam in 1952 when Post 102 in Van Hook merged with Post 252 in Sanish to form the new American Legion Post 290 in New Town.

Previously the Charley Beck Post in van Hook bore his name when it was organized there in 1919. It was during this time that the Van Hook Park was formed although the Legion did not have its own dwelling for their business and meetings. They rented various rooms for that purpose at the time.

Richard S. Sherven

Richard Sherven was originally from the Charleston-Sanish area. He enlisted in the US Navy and served in the Asiatic pacific theater. He was an Electricians Mate, third class. He was entombed in the USS Arizona when it was sunk by the Japanese December 7, 1941 in Hawaii. When the Sanish, Van Hook and New Town legions combined in 1952 his name was added to the Legion post in New Town which then became Beck Sherven post 290.

Roger Foreman

Foreman entered the United States Army in September of 1968. He was first stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington. From there his military duties took him to Vietnam where he served in the 101st Airborne, Third Infantry.

Prior to his death, Sgt. Foreman was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with the accompanying

Citation:

"For distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground

Operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam from September 5, 1968 to July 18, 1969." Foreman was also awarded an Air Medal, Combat Infantry Man Badge for personal service and high personal risk in active ground combat (CBI), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star and the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon according to Post 290 documents. Foreman received a second Bronze Star with V device for his valor posthumously. It was awarded for his action in the engagement in which he was mortally wounded. Foreman's story appears in a book written by Jerald W. Berry about the men who died in served with the 101st Airborne Division, Third Battalion during the Vietnam war. Foreman's name was added to the American Legion Post 290 name in winter of 2016. Byron K. Kulland Chapter 487 Vietnam Veterans of Western North Dakota

Byron K. Kulland

Byron kulland grew up on a farm about 9 miles north of New Town. He graduated from New Town High School. He enlisted in the Us Army and became First Lieutenant of the 196 Light Infantry Brigade, F Troop, and 8th Cavalry and served in Vietnam.

In April of 1972 he was the pilot of a UHIH helicopter that was on a mission to pick up downed Air Force personnel. His helicopter was shot down and search was impossible due to heavy enemy fire. He was listed as Missing in Action until one group of POWs returned home. Among them was a man who had also been on the helicopter. He witnessed the helicopter incident and reported Kulland KIA. In April of 1973 his MIA status was updated to Killed in Action.

Kulland was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross posthumously. He is honored on the Vietnam Veterans wall, panel 2W, Row 27 in Washington D.C. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on April 29, 1994.

Samuel Hamilton American Legion Post 119 Plaza

Before there was a Bangen Moen Post 119 in Plaza, there was a Samuel Hamilton Post 119.

It was formed in October of 1919 with about 20 WWI veterans. It was named after Samuel E. Hamilton who was killed in action August 4, 1918. The post was short lived as within a few years the membership dwindled as two thirds of the members moved away from the community. On January 22, 1922 the membership decided to dissolve the post. Some veterans joined a Legion post in Makoti for the interim. World War II changed that situation. As veterans came home from that War, interest in establishing a post in Plaza developed again.

Plaza Bangen Moen Post 119 Plaza

Forty six WWII veterans brought American Legion Post 119 back to life in 1945. It has two namesakes: Quentin R. Bangen and Gerhard P. Moen were chosen to represent the post.

Quentin R. Bangen

Sergeant Bangen began his overseas tour in 1942. He achieved the rank of Sergeant where he served in the 168 Infantry 34 Infantry Division in the North African Theater in WWII. He was killed on September 11, 1944 in Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart. He is buried in the East Community cemetery, Plaza.

Gerhard P. Moen

Moen enlisted in the Army at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. At the time he was described as a single, general farm hand from Mountrail County. He achieved Sergeant and served in the 358 Infantry 90 Division in Europe. He was killed June 11, 1944 during the Normandy Invasion. Moen was one of 125,847 US ground forces who lost their lives in the pivotal battle. He is buried in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Plaza. William Hanson American Legion Post 230 Makoti



Charles Beck

Gerhard P. Moen

then as Tom Bad Gun Post 271.

Since 1972 the post has been known

as the Myron B. Johnson Post.

Sgt Myron Blaine Johnson was a

member of Charlie Company, First

Battalion, 46th Infantry Brigade

American Division. His tour began

on June 18, 1970. On the night of

March 27 and early morning of

March 28, 1971 Fire Support Base

Mary Ann was occupied by 209

American from several units of

the Americal Division. At approxi-

mately 0230 hours, 28 March 1971,

the VC mounted a coordinated mor-

tar and sapper attack. Almost simul-

taneously with the mortar attack,

sappers employed satchel charges

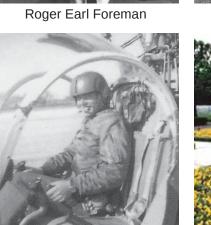
and rocket propelled grenades

(RPG) to penetrate the south side

of the FSB's perimeter. Americans

in the perimeter bunkers hunkered







St. Mihiel American Cemetery

Quentin R. Bangen

Army National Guard, A/1-188th Air Defense Artillery identified as "Forever Vigilante." The platoon was designated with an American Indian aiming a drawn bow. Good Iron was killed Thanksgiving Day (11-23-2006) near Quarabaugh, Afghanistan when the combat patrol was ambushed by enemy forces during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Myron Johnson Nathan J. Good Iron Post is a nationally recognized Color Guard representing the Mandan, Arickara and Hidatsa nation. Post 271 originated in Mandaree but is now located in New Town.

Arthur Solie American Legion

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Byron Kulland

down until the explosions from the mortar rounds, satchel charges, and RPGs had subsided, but by then the sappers had breached the trench line and were inside the base. Once inside FSB Mary Ann, the sappers struck over half the bunkers. By the time the VC withdrew, Myron was one of the 30 American soldiers that were killed. Myron left behind a wife Sharol K (Hall) Johnson and a daughter Melanie Johnson Luger, he was a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes and a member of the Low Cap Clan.

Nathan J. Good Iron

Cpl. Nathan J. Good Iron also known on his home reservation as "Young Eagle" and "Distant Thunder" was deployed to Afghanistan with the 1st Battalion, 3rd Platoon of the North Dakota

William Hanson

The William Hanson Post was chartered in 1924 after its namesake William Hanson. Hanson was killed in France at the age of 28 while fighting in the trenches in country. He was also known as "Willie" to those who knew him. He is the brother of the late Oscar and Henry Hanson. Hanson grew up in the Plaza and Makoti area until he was drafted into WWI.

Myron B Johnson/ Nathan J. Good Iron American Legion post 271 New Town

Myron B. Johnson

Post 271 has actively been serving the Fort Berthold Reservation since 1940s when it was recognized

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Post 121 Parshall

Arthur Solie The Arthur Solie Post was the first American Legion Post established in Mountrail County by 15 members on November 28, 1919. The Post was named in honor of Arthur Solie, the first soldier from Parshall who was killed in WWI action, September 15, 1918.

He was inducted at Stanley on March 29, 1918; sent to Camp Dodge, Iowa and served in Company C, 1st Battalion, 163rd Depot Brigade to April 16, 1918; Company D, 528th Service Battalion, Engineers, to May 10, 1918; Com-

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of the most recognizable American symbols.

"The blue circle on the pin matches the canton of the American flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance and justice.

"The circle shape and blue color also match the official seal of the Commemoration.

"The laurel wreath represents victory, integrity and strength.

"The stripes behind the eagle represent the American flag.

"The six stars represent the six allies who served alongside one another: Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and the United States.

"A message, "A grateful nation thanks and honors you," is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer. The official name of the Commemoration is included to remind each veteran that this is a national initiative and this lapel pin is the nation's lasting memento of thanks."



pany D, 1st Battalion, 163rd Depot Brigade, to May 16, 1918; Company C, 360th Infantry as Private 1st Class, to July 7, 1918; Engagements included Offensive: St. Mihiel. Defensive Sector: Villers-en-Haye (Lorraine) France.

He is buried at St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Thiaucourt, Merurthe-et-Moselle, France in grave 18, row 18, Block D.

In 1992, the original site of the Arthur Solie Legion Post in Parshall burned down along with the A &J Hotel where it was located. No photos are believed to have survived the fire. The above photo is of the cemetery in France where he is buried.



Photo submitted by Richard Stark

We salute the Oliver County veterans and active-duty military whose courage and dedication have protected our freedom and our way of life for generations. We recognize their service and their sacrifice, their selflessness and bravery, their hard work and their faith. Please join us in celebrating the men and women of our military, past and present. Proudly fly your flag, thank a veteran and show your support for those who continue to serve today.

Thank you for your service.

Honor Roll of WWI Veterans

Anderson, Lloyd Oscar Vernon Anstadt, Charles Herman Aune, Ole Birger Bagley, Emil Gullickson Bahm, Emil Ballinsky, John G. Barlow, Henry Milton Baye, Robert Tewenia Bergloff, Ira D. Bigelow, Willis Albert Bjerkan, Olaf Norbert Boardman, Raymond Theodore Boehm, Peter Bornemann, Henry Fred Butler, Ernest A. Butler, Ira Case, Charles Chapman, Homer Lovell Clark, James Henry Cleveland, Louie Grover Colby, Edward Francis Conyne, Burtis Bertram Cook, Charles J. Dachtler, John Day, Charlie Edward Day, David W. Day, Frank C. (Killed in Action) Daub, William C. Edelbrock, George Erdman, Emil John Etherington, Frank Lawrence Ferderer, Rafael Fischer, Horace E. Ford, Edward Conant Foss, Frederick Foster, Alfred O. Freer, Fred Garcia, Earl Bernard Gilbertson, George Goeke, William E. Greenshield, Charles Hurbert Hagerott, Edward Carl Halverson, Casper Harris, George William Heck, Emie Hubert, Albert Henry Manual Huck, Casper Husfleon, Abraham Husfleon, Jacob Johnson, Carl Lenus Johnson, Walter Parker (Killed in Action) Kalweit, Otto Herman

Kiebert, William Kirby, Eugene E. Klein, John Kundert, Edward Henry Larson, Abner Bryan Liebelt, Gottlieb Light, Roy Mantz, Albert Henry Mantz, August J. Mantz, Gustov A. Mauer, Henry G. Mayer, Wilhelm McDonald, John A. McKenzie, Bruce W. McNaughton, Leslie Lorn Miller, Edward Alfred (Died in service) Miller, Warren Mitchell, James M. Mitchell, John Ogden, John Jay Alexa O'Neil, Jess Paumen, Leo J. Perschke, Peter Rabe, John **Renn**, Julius Rice, Jay Eugene

Riedel, Carl Rieppel, William Theodore Schaner, John Scheidt, Edward Scherer, Frank Schmidt, Martin Schmoll, William Frederick Schoeder, William John Schuster, Matt Sevallius, Arvid D. Shirley, Luther Earl Skubinna, Fred W. (Died in service) Staigle, George William Stein, William Strand, George Oliver Stromberg, Aleck Andrew Thom, Otto Anten Vail, Irvin VanKirk, Veteran Wertz, Steve Wilcox, Burton Stevens Winkley, Jean Emmet Wolf, Charles Fred Zerk, Benheard Fred Ziegler, Joseph



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The list of county service men and women who served during WWI was prepared by Marion Reinke as taken from the book, North Dakota Service Men and Women World War I Conflict, along with contributions from American Legion Post 90







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