



Commonwealth of Kentucky
Military Heritage Commission
Historic Military Sites & Objects
Application for Registration

| FOR OFFICE USE | |
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| County: _____ | |
| Resource #: _____ | |
| Staff Review Date: _____ | |
| National Register#: _____ | |

1. Name of Property
 - a. Historic Name: Kentucky National Guard Memorial.
 - b. Other Names: None.
2. Location [entrance to Boone National Guard Center] Vicinity)
 - a. Street & Number: 100 Minuteman Parkway.
 - b. City: Frankfort.
 - c. State, County, ZIP: Kentucky, Franklin County, 40601-6168.
3. Ownership & Category of Site or Object:
 - a. ☐ Private ☐ Public - Local ☒ Public - State ☐ Public - Federal ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Site ☐ Object
4. Owner/Location Contact Information:
 - a. Name: Benjamin F. Adams, III, Chairman.
 - b. Organization: Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc.
 - c. Address: P.O. Box 5466.
 - d. City, State, ZIP: Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-5466.
 - e. Telephone & Email: (502) 682-8454 (Dean Stoops, fund secretary); dean.stoops@kyngmemorial.com.

NOTE: If the owner consents, please have the owner complete the section giving permission to have the site or objected listed if approved.

5. If You Are Submitting A Site:
 - a. Approximate Acreage if Site: 2 acres. b. USGS Quadrangle Map(s) Frankfort West.
 - b. Geographical relationship to nearest main road intersection or town: Located at the corner of Minuteman Parkway and West Frankfort Connector Road (US 127).
 - c. UTM Reference:
 - i. Quad Name: Frankfort West. ii. Date of Map: 2016.
 - iii. Zone: 165. iv. Easting: 6 / 7 / 6 / 0 / 0 / 0 / .
 - v. Northing: 4 / 2 / 3 / 5 / 0 / 0 / 0 / . vi. Accuracy: /

NOTE: Please Attach Site Plan, Boundary Description and Photographs.

6. Brief Description of Site or Object: The memorial is a 22-foot-wide black granite stone in the shape of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, currently bearing the names of 296 Kentucky National Guardsmen that have made the ultimate sacrifice for the State and Nation. The memorial sets on a circular granite base with walkways along the east and west sides of the base. Located along both walkways are historical panels describing the history of the Kentucky National, history of the memorial project, donor information, and US flag etiquette. In the center of the plaza in front of the memorial is a 9-foot statue of Daniel Boone. A parking lot is located on the backside of the plaza area, and to the back of the parking lot centered with the memorial is a POW/MIA bench with two historical panels tell of the POWs and MIAs of the Kentucky National Guard.

NOTE: Attach Continuation Sheets As Necessary

Associated Conflict(s) And/Or Significant Dates: March 1912 (beginning of the modern National Guard; Mexican Border Service (1916-1917); First World War (1917-1918); Second World War (1941-1945); Korean War (1951-1953); Vietnam War (1968-1969); Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991); Current Operations (2000-current). Additionally, various State Active-duty actions of the Kentucky National Guard, since 1912.

7. Significance of Historical Site or Object: This memorial is dedicated not only to those listed on the memorial, but to all who have served in the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard, Beginning in March 1912, when the Kentucky State Guard became what is today's Kentucky National Guard. The names on the memorial are those Kentucky Guardsmen that made the ultimate sacrifice for our State and Country, during wartime and peacetime. The memorial is a living memorial due to the fact that annual on Memorial Day services are held on the site. Additionally, research continues to track down and locate any names, which have been overlooked. These additional names will continue to be added as time goes on, so that they are not lost or forgotten.

8. **NOTE:** Attach Continuation Sheets As Necessary Attached, History of the Memorial.

9. Other Documentation/Recognition: ☐ Survey ☐ KY Land ☐ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS/HAER ☐ Local Land ☐ R&C ☐ American Battlefield Commission ☐ Other: _____

10. Condition of Site or Object

a. What is the overall general appearance or condition of the site or object:

☒ Well maintained ☐ Would benefit from treatment ☐ In urgent need of treatment ☐ Unable to determine

b. Please assess the overall condition of the site or object

☒ Site or object has undergone minimal change since the period of significance

☐ Site or object retains visible features of original design but has undergone substantial change since the period of significance.

☐ Site or object does not retain any visible features of original design but may retain archaeological potential.

☐ Property does not retain any physical or archaeological evidence of the original design.

c. Have there been major alterations or additions to the site or object? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: In September 2024, an POW/MIA bench with two new panels of those Kentucky National Guardsmen who perished while in captivity (POW) and those whose remains are still unknown (MIA), are listed.

- d. Are there secondary structures or outbuildings associated with the site or object? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please describe: _____

Current Land Use

☐ Forest ☒ Open Space (non-agricultural) ☐ Agricultural (field, pasture, woodlot)

☐ Commercial Farming (feedlot) ☐ Water (lake, river) ☐ Urban ☐ Residential ☐ Industrial

☐ Commercial ☐ Waste (dump, quarry) ☐ Highway/Railroad ☐ Cemetery/Burial

☐ Other, please briefly describe: _____

- e. Threats to Site Integrity (rate of land use change in the vicinity within last ten years):

☒ No Change ☐ Occasional Change ☐ Slow, Steady Change

☐ Steady Change Appears to be Accelerating ☐ Rapid, Large-scale Growth or Development

- f. Type of Land Use Change Occurring (Check All That Apply)

☐ Highway Construction ☐ Dam Building/Impoundment ☐ Quarrying/Strip Mining

☐ Single Family Homes ☐ Housing Subdivisions ☐ Mobile Home Parks

☐ Apartment Buildings ☐ School/Church/Institution ☐ Cemetery ☐ Strip Commercial

☐ Regional Retail Center ☐ Office Park ☐ Industrial Buildings ☐ Industrial Park

☐ Commercial Agricultural Buildings ☐ Clear-cut Logging

☐ Other, please briefly describe: _____

- g. Form Completed By:

i. Name: John M. Trowbridge.

ii. Organization: Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc.

iii. Address: P. O. Box 5466.

iv. City, State, ZIP: Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-5466.

v. Telephone/Email: (502) 682-8454 (Dean Stoops, Fund Secretary). dean.stoops@kyngmemorial.com.

vi. Date: 10 October 2024.

h. Mail To: Kentucky Military Heritage Commission
ATTN: Audrie Lamb
Kentucky Heritage Council
410 High Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone: 502-564-7005 ext. 4477, Fax 502-564-5820 Email audrie.lamb@ky.gov

11. Supporting Documents Attached (letters of support, written histories, etc):

- a. History of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial.
- b. Honoring Their Sacrifice, Mission Statement, Leadership & Partnership.
- c. USGS Map with location of the memorial site.
- d. Various magazine and newspaper articles concerning the memorial.

- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____
- i. _____

PHOTOGRAPH LOG

| | FRAME | SUBJECT | VIEW | NOTES |
|-----|-------|---------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. | | KYNG Memorial | Backside of memorial looking EAST from parking lot. | |
| 2. | | KYNG Memorial | Memorial plaza looking SOUTHEAST | |
| 3. | | KYNG Memorial | NORTH side of memorial looking SOUTH. | |
| 4. | | KYNG Memorial | Memorial plaza looking SOUTHWEST | |
| 5. | | KYNG Memorial | Memorial plaza looking WEST | |
| 6. | | KYNG Memorial | Full front of memorial looking WEST | |
| 7. | | KYNG Memorial | Memorial plaza looking NORTHWEST | |
| 8. | | KYNG Memorial | Memorial plaza benches looking SOUTH | |
| 9. | | KYNG Memorial | Boone statue and State looking WEST | |
| 10. | | KYNG Memorial | Boone statue and State looking WEST | |
| 11. | | KYNG Memorial | Close-up view of Boone statue looking SOUTHWEST | |
| 12. | | KYNG Memorial | Back of Boone statue looking EAST | |
| 13. | | KYNG Memorial | Right side of Boone statue looking NORTHEAST | |
| 14. | | KYNG Memorial | State memorial looking WEST | |
| 15. | | KYNG Memorial | State memorial looking NORTHWEST | |
| 16. | | KYNG Memorial | Back side of memorial looking NORTHEAST | |
| 17. | | KYNG Memorial | Backside of State memorial facing EAST | |
| 18. | | KYNG Memorial | Historical panels along side of memorial EAST side | |
| 19. | | KYNG Memorial | Brick pavers entrance to the memorial | Entrance is handicap accessible. |
| 20. | | KYNG Memorial | Brick pavers at entrance to memorial | |

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| 21. | | KYNG Memorial | Plaque at entrance to memorial, left-hand side | |
| 22. | | KYNG Memorial | Plaque at entrance to memorial, right-hand side, facing EAST | |
| 23. | | KYNG Memorial | POW/MIA bench | Once completed 2 historical panels will be added, as previously stated. |

12. Continuation Sheet#: _____ Item # _____ Page Number: _____

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13. Owner Consent.

(Have owner(s) complete applicable section where owner consent has been given. If applicant is the owner, this section must still be completed by the owner).

a. Private site/object owner(s).

_____ own(s) the following

(full name of owner(s))

object/site located at

(Street or highway, city, state, zip code)

and more specifically described as _____.

(Brief description/attach copy of recorded deed for site)

The owner(s) fully understand the rights and responsibilities concerning the nomination of this property for the Kentucky Military Heritage Site and Object Register, and freely give consent to list the above described object/site on the Kentucky Military Heritage Site and Object Register. The owner(s) have been provided with a copy of the statutes and regulations concerning the Kentucky Military Heritage Site and Object Register, and have had an opportunity to review over the same with independent legal counsel. It is further understood that this is only an application for nomination to the Kentucky Military Heritage Site and Object Register, and does not guarantee that the object/site will be approved by the Military Heritage Commission for listing on the Kentucky Military Heritage Site and Object Register.

(Signature of owner(s))

(Print name(s))

(Date)

b. Public site/object owner.

The Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc., owns the following, Kentucky National Guard Memorial object/site located at 100 Minuteman Parkway (entrance to Boone National Guard Center), Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6168.

(Street or highway, city, state, zip code)

and more specifically described as the Kentucky National Guard Memorial.

(Brief description/attach copy of recorded deed for site)

Consent to list the above-described object/site on the Kentucky Military Heritage Site and Object Register has been given by the appropriate governing body, and a copy of the document authorizing said signature is attached hereto.

The Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc. fully understands the rights (name of governing entity)

and responsibilities concerning the nomination of this property for the Kentucky Military Heritage Site and Object Register, has been provided with a copy of the statutes and regulations concerning the Kentucky Military Heritage Site and Object Register, and has had an opportunity to review over the same with independent legal counsel. It is further understood that this is only an application for nomination to the Kentucky Military Heritage Site and Object Register, and does not guarantee that the object/site will be approved by the Military Heritage Commission for listing on the Kentucky Military Heritage Site and Object Register.

DocuSigned by:
Benjamin F Adams III
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(Authorized Signature)

Benjamin F. Adams, III, Chairman, Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc.

(Print signature)

10/15/2024

(Date)

History of the Memorial Project

The vision of creating a memorial to honor Kentucky National Guardsmen grew out of tragedy. In April 2004 as the Guard community struggled with the losses of Sergeant Darrin K. Potter in Iraq; Sergeant Glenn Scott Stanfill on a training mission here in Kentucky and First Lieutenant Robert L. Henderson, II in Iraq—all in a period of a few weeks.

The idea was shaped by a growing body of research in preparation for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, the remains of many Kentucky soldiers who fought and died remain unknown. They rest in unmarked graves scattered from Kentucky to Canada in the north and south to Louisiana.

Further evidence of the public's fleeting memory of the fallen continued to crop up with the discovery of other forgotten losses such as Kentucky Guardsman Sergeant Thomas J. Brown who died on state active duty responding to the great flood of 1937.

A few dedicated individuals decided to not only rescue our fallen from the clutches of historical obscurity but also to ensure that the casualties of the Global War on Terror and any future losses would be remembered and honored forever. The group worked with Louisville-based Muldoon Memorials to develop and design the memorial. Louisville sculptor, Wyatt Gragg was selected to fabricate the 125% life-sized bronze statue of Daniel Boone as the centerpiece of the project. It is only fitting that Boone, arguably one of the most famous members of the Kentucky Militia, the forerunner of the modern Kentucky National Guard, and for whom Boone National Guard Center is named, should reflect the spirit of Kentucky's fallen heroes.

The effort struggled to find champions. In October 2008, a group of friends and former members of the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard struck out on their own bold course and created a nonprofit corporation, The Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc., to further the effort. The Memorial Fund was granted tax exempt status as a public charity 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service in February 2009.

The mission of the Memorial Fund simply stated is to honor all those who have served as Kentucky citizen-soldiers and especially those who perished in the line of duty.

As the effort matured and volunteers began working to identify the Kentucky Guard men and women who died in line of duty, it became apparent that limited documentation coupled with the extensive research necessary to document all members of the militia who had perished since statehood would make the project nearly impossible. The board anguished over how to overcome this challenge and finally determined to focus upon the more achievable objective of honoring fallen Kentucky National Guard from 19 March 1912, the formation of the modern Guard, to present. On that date the Kentucky Legislature adopted federal legislation which mandated significant changes to the militia including a name change from the Kentucky State Guard to the Kentucky National Guard. Consequently, the board's efforts focused upon 1) identifying the fallen, 2) designing, constructing and maintaining a memorial to honor them, and 3) educating the general public about the history of the Kentucky National Guard. The effort of identify additional casualties continues today and will go on indefinitely until all our forgotten heroes are reclaimed and honored.

A property agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky was signed in April 2012. After extensive fund-raising efforts and the subsequent investment of thousands of Kentucky companies, foundations, and citizen patriots, the necessary funds were secured and ground was broken for the memorial-on-Memorial Day, 26 May 2014.

Following a bid process, the construction firm of Smock-Fansler, Indianapolis, Indiana, was selected as the general contractor and the contract was signed 8 August 2014. It was initially hoped work would be completed and the memorial dedication would occur on Veterans Day 2014. However, the process unfolded differently, and the dedication was moved to Memorial Day 2015.

The memorial design features a 22-foot-wide granite stone in the shape of Kentucky bearing the names of Kentucky National Guard soldiers and airmen who have died in the line of duty. The names of 296 Soldiers and Airmen of the Kentucky National Guard have been engraved on the Kentucky National Guard Memorial. These names reflect Kentucky National Guard members who made the ultimate sacrifice while in the line of duty from 19 March 1912 to present.

The Kentucky Guard has been officially recognized since statehood and Governor Isaac Shelby's establishing of the Kentucky Militia on 20 June 1792. Over the years Kentucky's National Guard has been known by various names, from the Kentucky Militia, the Kentucky National Legion and the Kentucky State Guard.

No matter the organization's name, its mission to protect the lives and property of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky has not changed since Daniel Boone brought those first settlers through the Cumberland Gap into what would become Kentucky.

Unfortunately, military service whether in support of the Commonwealth or the Nation, across Kentucky or around the world, is often dangerous and difficult and requires sacrifices by those in uniform and the families they leave behind.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND LICENSE AGREEMENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND LICENSE AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of this 13th day of April, 2012, between the **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY** (hereinafter, "Commonwealth"), party of the first part, acting by and through the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet; and the **KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD MEMORIAL FUND, INC.** (hereinafter, "The Fund"), a corporation with its principal Kentucky office at 413 Shelby Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, party of the second part;

WITNESSETH: That The Fund has proposed that an edifice, the cost of which is to be paid by privately contributed funds, be constructed upon State-owned land in the Capitol City to memorialize the contribution by thousands of young Kentucky men and women who gave their service to their State and Nation as members of the Kentucky National Guard and its predecessor Kentucky Militia; and,

WHEREAS, there is available upon the lands of the State Headquarters of the Kentucky National Guard located on Boone Center adjacent to the Capital City Airport and US 127 South, the Plaza Connector, a major entry road to the State Capital, a site that is suitable for the construction of a fitting memorial to these fine young men and women, which is hereby determined to be suitable for use, consistent with the public interest, as the site for a permanent memorial honoring all Kentuckians who have served in the Kentucky National Guard, with particular honor rendered to those who died in the line of duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, and of the undertaking by The Fund to raise the necessary funds, and to construct upon the hereinafter described parcel of ground, a suitable memorial commemorating the service of Kentuckians who have served in the Kentucky National Guard or its predecessor Kentucky Militia, the Commonwealth hereby grants to The Fund, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed, a right and license to use said property as the site for said memorial, together with appropriate public right of ingress and egress thereto.

The property which is the subject of this Memorandum of Understanding and License Agreement' is described in a survey by W. H. Brown, dated February 23, 2012, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as EXHIBIT A.

The term of the License Agreement contained herein shall be in perpetuity, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed.

The Fund shall undertake construction of the memorial edifice at its own cost, and after construction is complete, shall thereafter maintain and keep up the edifice in a suitable manner and a style consistent with its patriotic purpose, without financial contribution by the Commonwealth; provided, however, that this provision shall not be read as preventing The Fund from accepting any appropriation to the cost of construction, upkeep, or maintenance of the memorial that the Kentucky General Assembly or the Commonwealth of Kentucky may desire to make.

The Fund acknowledges that the License Agreement confers upon The Fund no interest in the land upon which the memorial edifice is to be constructed, and agrees that during the course of construction, it will take all appropriate and necessary steps to insure that no liens for materials, supplies, or labor furnished and provided in connection with the construction, maintenance or up-keep of the memorial edifice are filed against the Commonwealth's fee simple title to the land. The Fund agrees, however, that if such liens are filed, it will take all necessary steps to insure that any such liens are promptly discharged in any manner authorized by law, and to defend and hold the Commonwealth, its officers and employees free from any claim or cost whatsoever, resulting from the construction, maintenance and up-keep of the memorial edifice upon the licensed land, or otherwise occurring or arising out of the exercise by The Fund of rights conferred by the License Agreement contained herein.

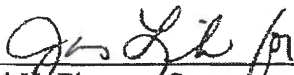
Although it is contemplated that the memorial shall be generally open to public view, and to that end a public right of ingress and egress to and from the site is included herein, nevertheless, the parties acknowledge that there may be times when the public necessity or convenience may dictate that public access to the licensed premises and the memorial be closed for the duration of any such contingency; therefore, the Commonwealth reserves the right, to close the licensed premises and to prevent public access to the memorial when the Secretary of Finance has determined in writing that the public necessity or convenience so requires it.

The parties understand and agree that The Fund may from time to time be required to maintain, preserve and modify said memorial, which may, according to circumstances, require future access to the property for such purposes by The Fund or its contractors.

The License Agreement shall be non—terminable by the parties hereto except that the Commonwealth may terminate The Funds' right and license if The Fund fails to faithfully do and perform any obligation it is required to perform by the provisions hereof. Termination of The Funds' rights under this License Agreement shall not affect the rights public access to the memorial.

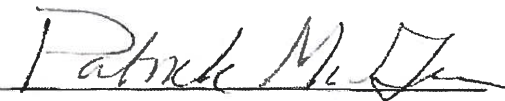
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Commonwealth, acting by and through the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, and The Fund, acting by and through John M. Trowbridge, as Chair of its Board of Directors as authorized by a Resolution duly adopted by The Funds' Board of Directors, dated November 10, 2008, have duly subscribed hereto as of the day and date first above.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:



Lori H. Flanery, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet

EXAMINE AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Attorney,
Finance and Administration Cabinet

LESSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

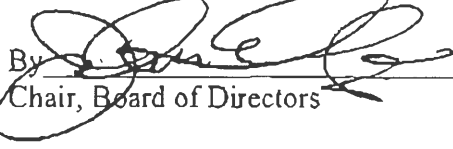
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF Franklin) ss:

On the 23rd day of April, 2012, the foregoing Memorandum of Agreement and License Agreement was acknowledged under oath that Jamie Link is the Deputy Secretary of Finance and Administration Cabinet, and as such was authorized to execute this instrument on behalf of the Secretary of Finance of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Notary Public: Chadwick Walker

My Commission Expires: April 28, 2014

KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD MEMORIAL FUND, Inc.

By 
Chair, Board of Directors

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN)

The foregoing Memorandum of Agreement and License Agreement was acknowledged before me this 20th day of March, by John Trubridge Chair of the Board of Directors of Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc., pursuant to authority conferred in a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said corporation and dated Nov. 10, 2008.


Notary Public, KY state-at-large

My Commission Expires: 6-12-2014

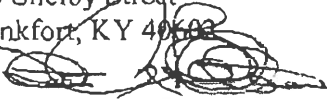
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The subject Memorandum of Agreement and License Agreement is hereby approved:

SEAL

Commonwealth of Kentucky

This Instrument Prepared By:
Steven G. Bolton, Attorney at Law
413 Shelby Street
Frankfort, KY 40601



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| SURVEY PLAT | | NATIONAL GUARD | |
| MINUTEMAN PARKWAY | | PLAT 163 PAGE 497 | |
| DATE: 2/28/2012 | | BY: W.H. BROWN | |
| SHEET: 1 | | TOTAL SHEETS: 1 | |
| PROJECT: 10000000000000000000 | | SHEET: 1 | |
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LEGEND

SET BROWN PIN NO. 4 REDUING
18" LONG, CAPPED WITH 221

RECORD SOURCE:

DB, 144 PAGE 233
PLAT BOOK 163 PAGE 497
R/V PLANS F 187-1480 SHEET 8

NOTES:

THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS
APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROJECT

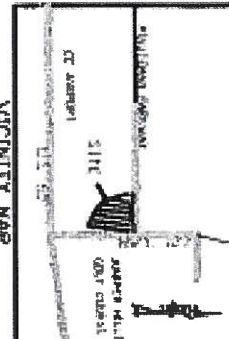
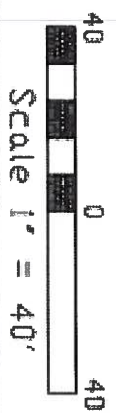
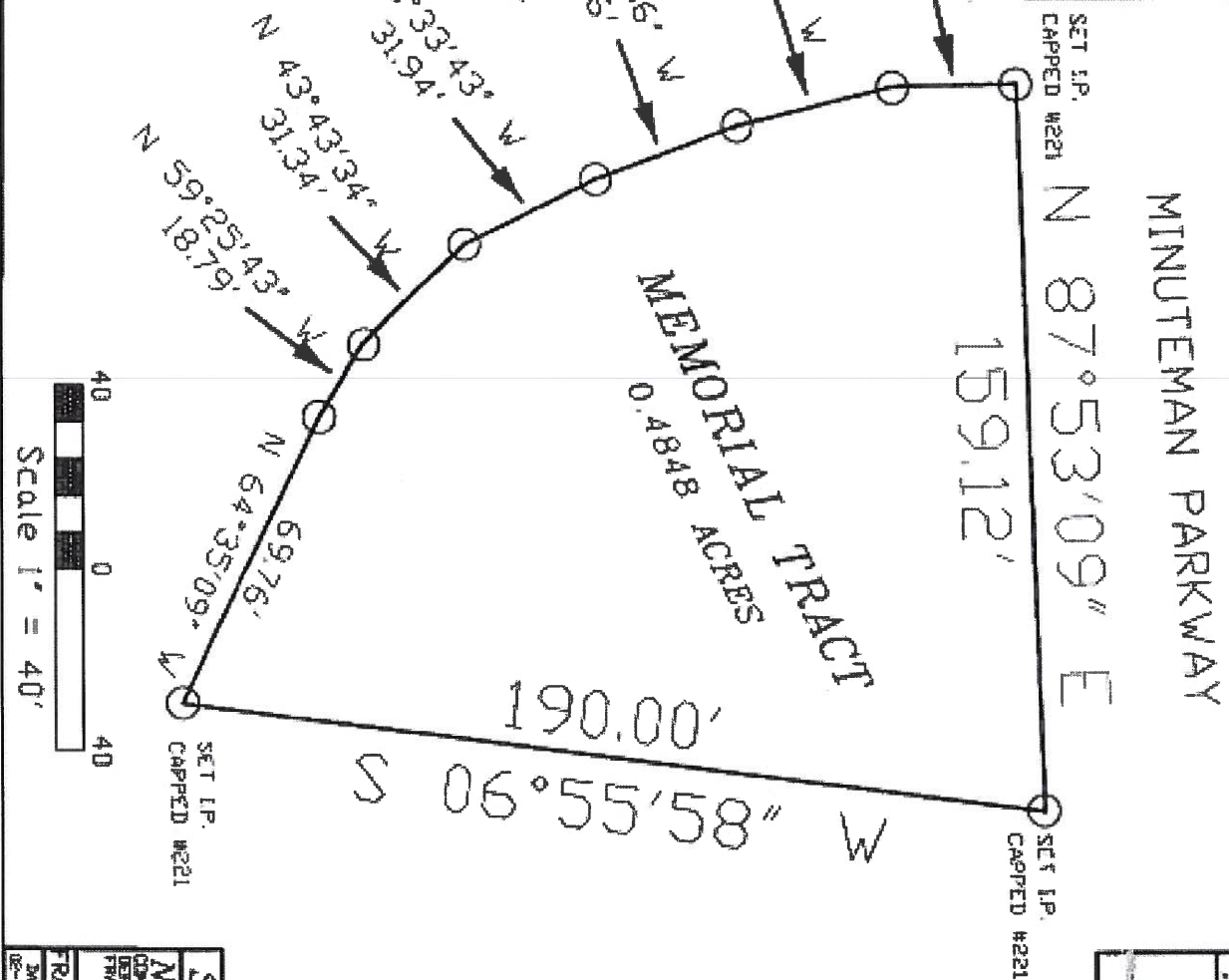


CERTIFICATE OF ACCURACY

I, the undersigned, being a duly Licensed Professional Land Surveyor of the State of Kentucky, do hereby certify that I am the author of the foregoing plat and that it is a true and correct representation of the survey thereon shown and that I am not aware of any error or omission therein.

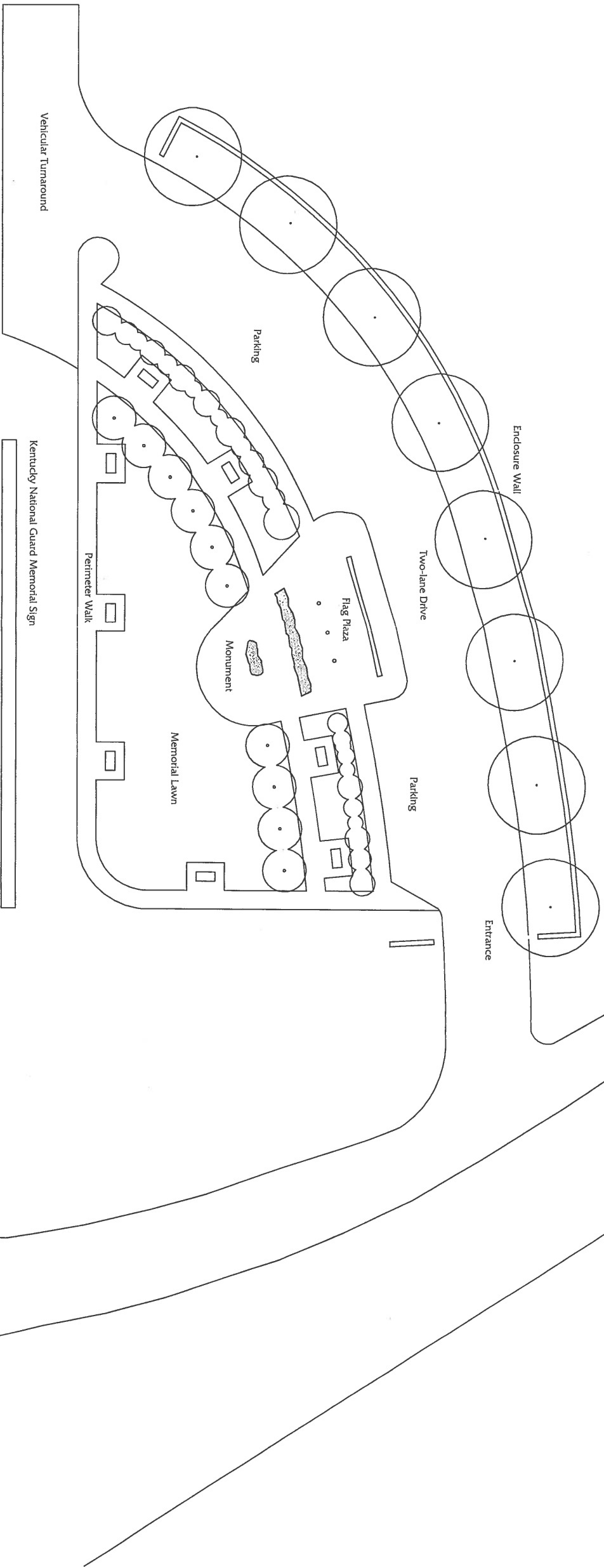
2/28/2012 W.H. Brown L.P.S.#221

W.H. BROWN & ASSOCIATES
CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
327 MAIN STREET
SHELBYVILLE, KY. 40065



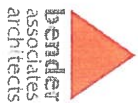
North based on KY Single
Zone GPS observation on
monument designation H22662

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| DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY | | | |
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| FRANKLIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY | | | |
| DATE | SCALE | BY | CHKD BY |
| 02-23-12 | 1" = 40' | W.H. BROWN | W.H. BROWN |



KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD MEMORIAL Boone Center, Franfort, Kentucky

Site Plan 1" = 50' January 2010





Kentucky National Guard Memorial



HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE





KYNG Memorial Mission

- To identify Kentucky Guard men and women who died in the line of duty from 1912 to present;
- To design, construct and maintain a memorial in their honor --- creating a sacred space for families, friends, and brothers in arms to honor those who have fallen
- Educate the public for generations to come about the timeless principles of honor, duty and sacrifice for: home and family; community and Commonwealth; and the nation.



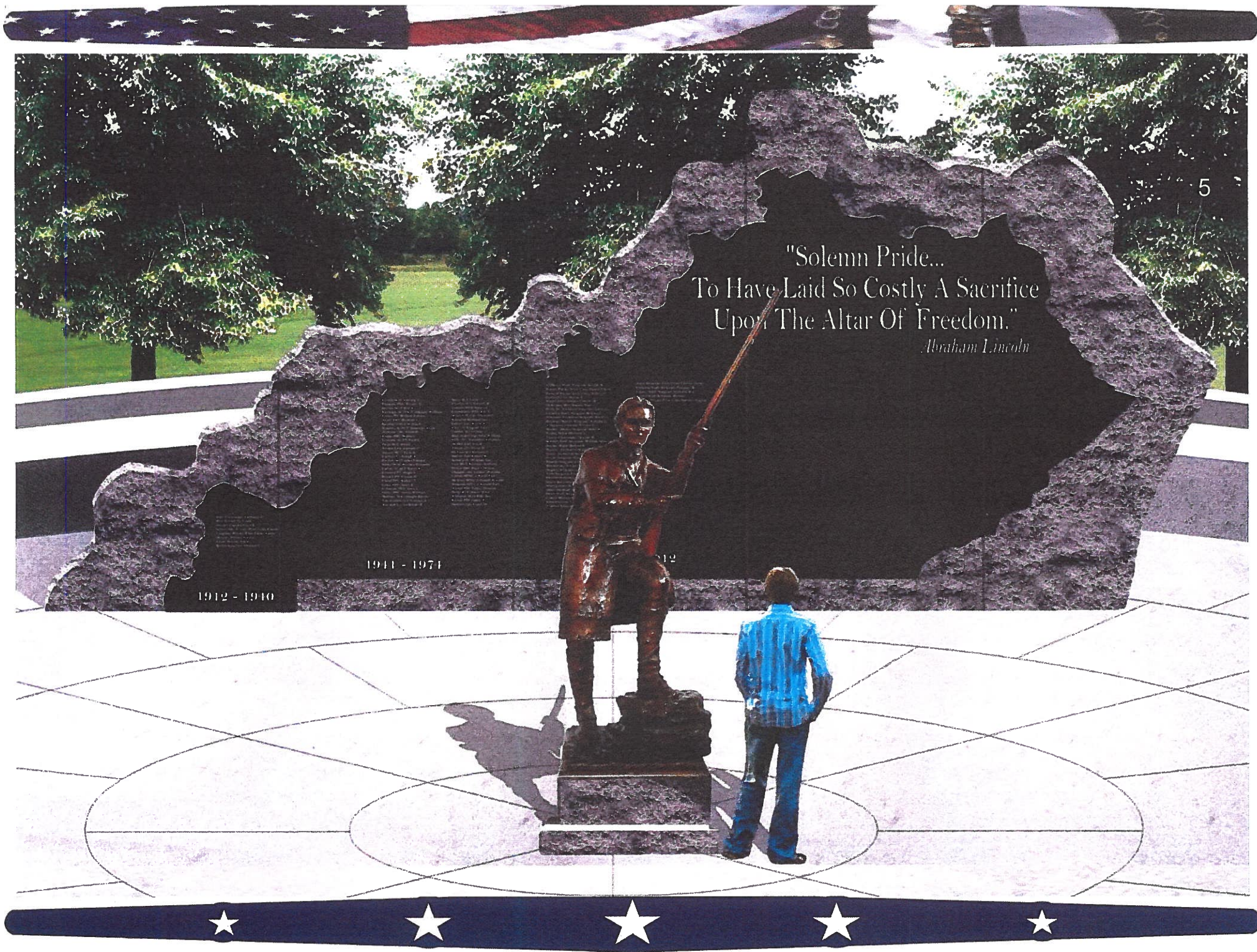


MINUTEMAN PKWY

US HWY 127









Assembled scale bronze showing details of Boone's clothing and equipment

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DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL MONUMENT
Honoring Their Sacrifice





Estimated Boone Bronze Specs

- Foundry will complete fabrication 15 October 2014 (+/-)
- Boone transported from foundry to Frazier for display until needed for final installation
 - Total weight approximately 1,000 pounds.
 - Total height approximately 9 feet tall.
 - Front dimension at widest point approximately – 46.5 inches
 - Side dimension at widest point approximately – 41 inches
 - 125% life size





Bronze Specs...

- Estimate that 3 November 2014 (+/-) bronze Daniel Boone will need to be moved to memorial site for installation.
- Source & funding of equipment and man power for loading and unloading at Fraizer to be determined.



Additional Opportunities

- Hope to find signature sponsor(s) to fund “soft unveiling” of the bronze with reception at Frazier Museum
- Anticipate a significant gathering of KYNG leadership, Frazier supporters and patrons and the Louisville art community and other state, local government and business community VIPs for a black tie / camo tie or business casual event. May have silent auction etc as a fund raiser for the Memorial.





Leadership & Partnership

- Potential to partner with Filson Club, UL photo archives, etc. to provide data and images for temporary exhibit on Boone and his impact on Louisville region culminating with the unveiling of the Boone sculpture and his display for two or three week period.
- Temporary exhibit could travel state after to increase visibility of participants and sponsors. i.e. schools, county libraries, Kentucky Historical Society and other museums. Funding and circuit to be determined.





Leadership & Partnership

- Potential to partner with Louisville business community and Daniel Boone Society fund temporary exhibit and reception at Frazier.
- Exceptional opportunity to raise project awareness in Louisville community and across Kentucky

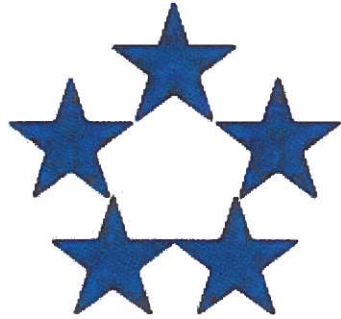


Finding the Fallen

- So far 466 potential names have been discovered that may one day be honored on the
- memorial and 148 have been confirmed for inclusion.
- These numbers reflect only KYNG members who died while in the line of duty from March 19, 1912 to present.

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| Johnnie Bottoms 1 Jun 1942  | Donnie Paul McKinney 26 Jul 1986  | Martin A. Tracy 7 Aug 2002  | Martin May 14 Mar 1975  | David A. Atkinson 22 Jul 1991  |
| James H. Powell 28 Jul 1918  | Robert S. Hacker 8 Jul 1998  | Wesley D. Hungate 12 May 1942  | Luther M. Chappel 19 June 1969  | Elzie E. Anness 27 Jan 1943  |
| Vincent Simon 15 Sep 1984  | Eugene L. Ruiz 2 Jul 1951  | Walter F. Wright 20 Jan 1942  | James W. Sallee 24 Oct 1944  | John W. Shewmaker 23 Oct 1951  |

Sponsor Recognition



Commander-in-Chief
Sponsorship \$250,000 +



Long Rifle Regiment
Sponsorship \$100,000 +



Boone Raider Battalion
Sponsorship \$50,000 +



Four-Star
Sponsorship \$20,000 +



Three-Star
Sponsorship \$10,000 +

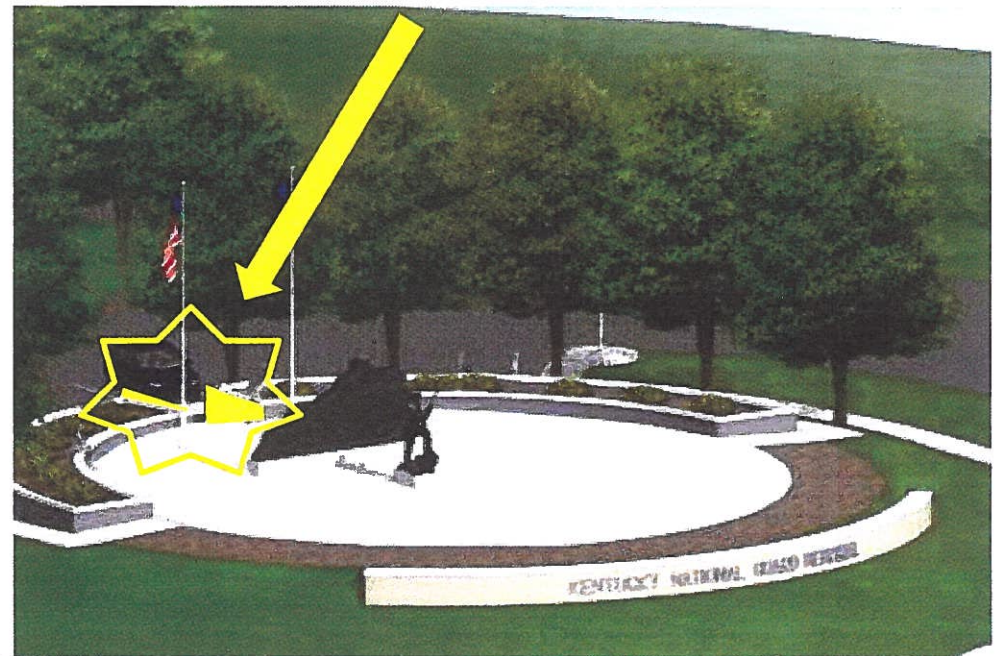


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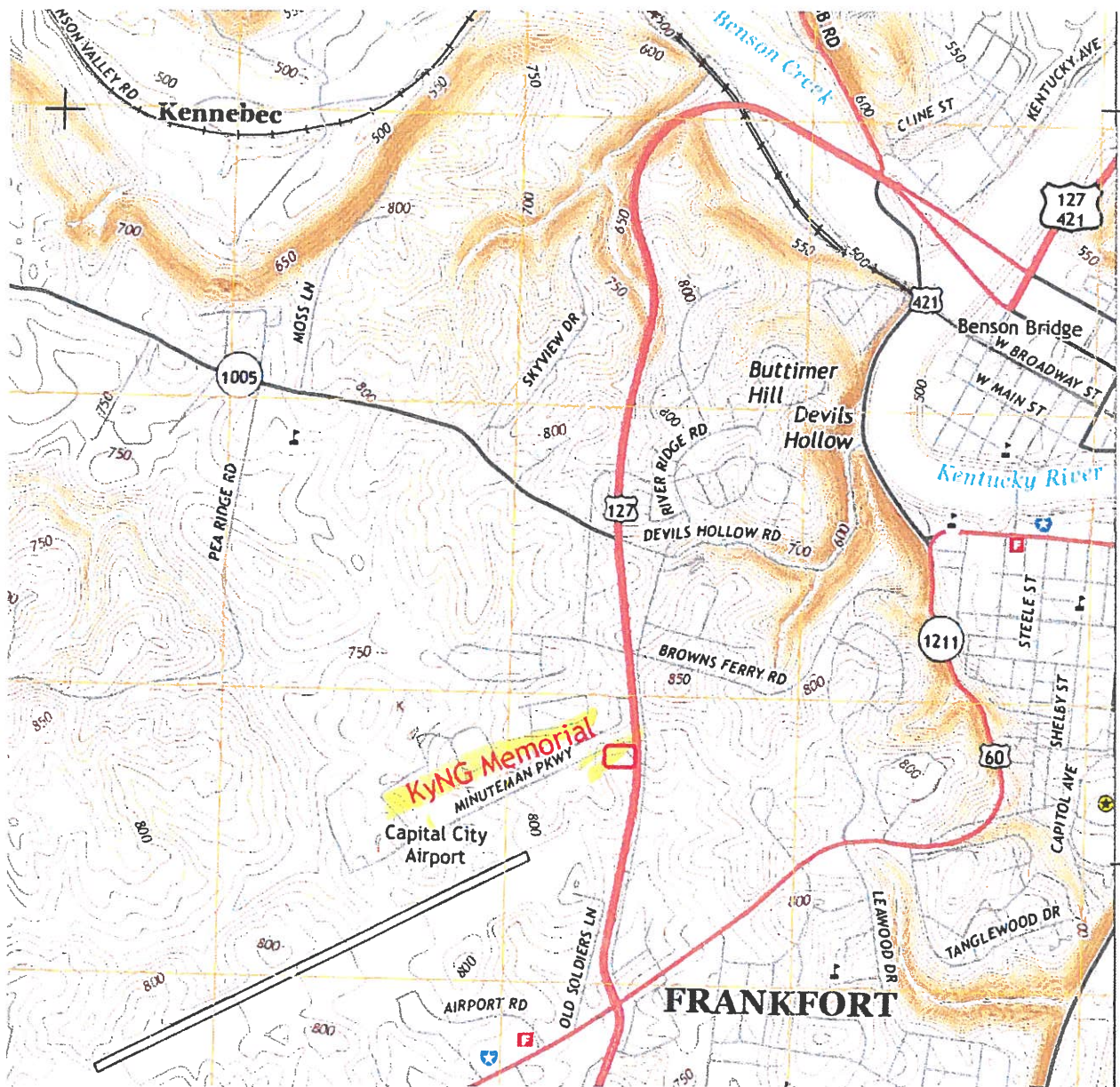
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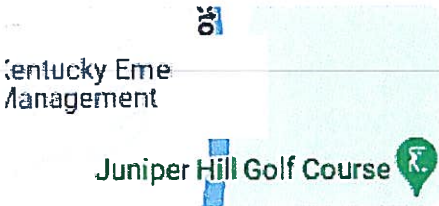
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ACROSS KENTUCKY ■ ■ ■



The memorial will feature a statue by Louisville sculptor Wyatt Gragg, pictured here in this architect's rendering.

Memorial for fallen Guardsmen

On Jan. 23, 1937, when floodwaters raged along the Ohio River from Maysville to Cairo, Ill., Madisonville butcher Thomas J. Brown dropped his cleaver and apron and answered Kentucky's call for help. A sergeant in the Kentucky National Guard, the young husband and father was sent with two fellow Guardsmen to survey conditions in Hopkins County.

The men had barely begun their mission when the small motorboat they were using broke at the stern and plunged them into 9-foot-deep, icy water. Though the other two guardsmen managed to get out of the water, Brown drowned.

In May 1921, while trying to keep the peace during a violent coal strike along the Kentucky-West Virginia border, Pvt. Manley Vaughan of Louisa and six other guardsmen under Lt. Fred See were ordered to enter West Virginia to investigate a report of shots fired. As several men were being questioned nearby, Vaughan and a West Virginia state trooper both were killed by shots to the back of their heads.

Since March 1912—the beginning of the Guard's modern era—more than 90 Kentucky Guardsmen have died in the line of duty, from the Philippines and Korea to Vietnam and Iraq, along with many places in Kentucky and other U.S. states.

The Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc. was formed in 2008 to honor the service and sacrifices of Kentucky Guard members. As part of that effort, the fund has a plan to design and construct a memorial at the entrance to the Kentucky National Guard's Boone Center headquarters in Frankfort.

The Guard is also interested in communicating with anyone with knowledge of a Kentucky Guardsman who perished in the line of duty. A list of known deaths in the line of duty is available on the memorial Web site, www.kyngmemorial.com. Inquiries concerning additions to the list can be e-mailed to info@kyngmemorial.com.

"We hope that anyone who knows of a Kentucky National Guard soldier or airman that died in any duty status will check our Web site or send an e-mail to us and make sure we have that name for the memorial," said John Trowbridge, chairman of the memorial fund. "We want to make sure that 20 years or even 100 years from now no one will have forgotten these Kentucky heroes."

Contributions to the fund are tax deductible under IRS 501(c)(3) rules and can be sent to: Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 5466, Frankfort, KY 40602. More information is available at www.kyngmemorial.com.

— TOM STEPHENS

Ride planned to raise money for memorial

On Aug. 13, rain or shine, motorcycle riders from across the state will come together to raise funds for the construction of a memorial dedicated to Kentucky Guardsmen who have fallen in the line of duty since March 1912. All proceeds from the event will go to the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, a 501 (c)(3) organization committed to completing the project.

Riders will depart at various times from starting points. Everyone will gather at the Healing Field in Lawrenceburg, 725 W. Broadway St., for fellowship, food and live entertainment from noon to 3:30 p.m. The goal is to raise \$70,000 for the memorial fund.

Registration fees are \$25 for each bike or \$35 for couples riding tandem. The fee includes lunch, live entertainment, a commemorative T-shirt and a collector's edition ride patch.

Non-riders are welcome to join the event at the Healing Field for \$5, which includes lunch. Rider pre-registration is available by mail until Aug. 5. Registration is available the day of the event at any starting point or at the Healing Field.

For more information, visit www.kyngmemorial.com/ride_to_remember.

Motorcyclists still can join Aug. 13 ride for Guard memorial

There is still time for motorcycle riders to join the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Ride to Remember on Aug. 13.

Riders also can register the day of the event at several locations across the state, including Bowling Green.

Riders will raise funds to construct a memorial dedicated to Kentucky Guardsmen who have fallen in the line of duty since March 1912.

Riders also will depart from Glasgow and will gather at the Healing Field in Lawrenceburg for fellowship, food and live entertainment from noon until 3:30 p.m. EDT. The goal is to raise \$70,000 for the memorial fund.

Registration fees are \$25 for each bike or \$35 for couples riding tandem.

The fee includes lunch, live entertainment, a commemorative T-shirt and a collector's edition ride patch. Nonriders are welcome to the event at the Healing Field. The \$5 admission includes lunch. Riders can also register the day of the event at any starting point or at the Healing Field.

In Bowling Green, contact Daren Bowen at 303-2912 or daren.bowen@usarec.army.mil. Rally point is at Harley-Davidson of Bowling Green, 251 Cumberland Trace Road. Registration begins at 6 a.m. with departure at 7 a.m.

In Glasgow, contact Freddie J. Wilkerson at radit@scrtc.com or 270-834-9127. Rally point is the National Guard Armory, 410 Cavalry Drive. Departure time is still to be determined.

offered in January at The Dance Hall, located at 1401 Powell St.

The first class will be a youth dance class and will be open to ages 13 to 18. The weekly class will be split between basic modern line dance and couples dance, according to the interest levels. Class will begin at 10 a.m. and will be free for the month of January starting Jan. 14.

The second class will be a Country Line Dance Basic Class for Adults and will begin at 11 a.m. Classes will be held weekly starting Jan. 14. Everyone is welcome and the cost is \$5 each.

Both classes begin at the very basics of line dance and build from there.

For more information, call 270-577-9807.

PARADISE, IND

Teen Power talent show benefits humane society

Castle High Teen Power will hosts a talent show at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in the school's auditorium to benefit the Warrick Humane Society. Admission is \$5.

If the event is canceled, the makeup date will be Jan. 12.

Tickets will be on sale during lunch periods outside the cafeteria on Jan. 9 to 11 and at the door.

For more information call 812-853-3331.

FRANKFORT, KY.

Ky. National Guard seeks names of fallen members

The Kentucky National Guard seeks the names of members who have fallen in the line of duty so they can be incorporated into a monument planned in Frankfort, according to the secretary of the organization spearheading the movement.

Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund Board Secretary Jason LeMay said so far research efforts by volunteers have identified 348 potential names that could be inscribed on the memorial and 126 have been verified. Research is ongoing to verify the remaining 222 names. The effort honors both those who have died overseas or in serving their country in the United States while assisting dur-

ing natural disasters, such as the 1937 Ohio River flood.

The memorial will focus on the period of the modern Kentucky National Guard that began on March 19, 1912, when the Kentucky State Guard officially became the Kentucky National Guard, LeMay said.

Anyone who would like to learn more about the effort, offer assistance or to make a donation should go to the organization's website at www.kyngmemorial.com.

The organization can also be contacted at P.O. Box 5466, Frankfort, KY 40602 or by email at info@kyngmemorial.com

EVANSVILLE

Philharmonic chorus to hold auditions at UE

The Evansville Philharmonic Chorus will hold general auditions on Thursday, Jan. 5, at the University of Evansville.

Singers will be auditioning for the opportunity to perform with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra for the rest of its "Celebrate the American Spirit" 2011-2012 season. Auditions are by appointment only.

Directed by Dennis Malfatti, the Evansville Philharmonic Chorus is a volunteer chorus of approximately 110 members that performs major choral repertoire with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Evansville Philharmonic Chorus recently joined the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra for its "Peppermint Pops" holiday concerts and Handel's "Messiah" in Tell City and Jasper, Ind.

The chorus will be featured in several concerts during the Philharmonic's 2011-2012 season including: "A Salute to Heroes" featuring the Night Flight Jazz Ensemble from the Air Force Band of Flight, "Broadway Rocks!" featuring Broadway stars Anne Runolfsson, Capathia Jenkins and Doug LeBreque, and the classical concert "The Titan", in which the chorus will perform Bernstein's Chichester Psalms.

Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from January through April. Additional rehearsals are required with the orchestra on the week of performances.

Interested singers should call

LOCAL & REGIONAL

Bikers 'ride II remember'

■ Group hopes to raise money for Kentucky National Guard memorial

By Allie Hitchcock
Special to the Courier & Press

Motorcycle enthusiasts and Kentucky National Guard supporters will come together in a unified cause in September.

On Sept. 2, the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund's Ride II Remember will culminate with a motorcycle rally at the Healing Field in Lawrenceburg, Ky., complete with live entertainment, raffles and food.

This year's Ride II Remember directly supports the Kentucky National Guard's efforts to construct a memorial planned in Frankfort, Ky., as well as ongoing maintenance of the Healing Field in Lawrenceburg. Participating

riders will start out from various cities throughout Kentucky, including Henderson, Bowling Green, Lexington, and Owensboro, leaving at varying times.

"We have bikers coming out of everywhere," said Ride Boss Charlie Jones.

Participation is growing daily and the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund is accepting new applicants online, along with selling tickets for an evening concert by the Kentucky Headhunters. Mail-in registrations will also be accepted. Cost per rider is \$35; double riders are \$50. Registration includes a T-shirt, wristband and concert admission.

"We're working through

Facebook and other websites ... We're working with other biker rides and Kentucky riders to bring awareness," said Jones.

All funds support the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund in aid and construction of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial. The group's mission in building the landmark is to honor Kentucky guardsmen with a new marker recognizing their efforts.

The memorial's overall cost to build will be \$1.4 million, and the group hopes to raise \$100,000 in new donations this year. As of May 25, the group had raised \$221,332.

As far as building specifics go, the Kentucky

National Guard envisions a marble monument with names of fallen guardsmen inscribed. A bronze statue of Daniel Boone made by Kentucky sculptor Wyatt L. Gragg will stand in the marker's foreground, "watching over" the men. The monument will stand at the entrance of the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort.

Last year's event, Ride to Remember, raised \$35,000 in support of the memorial. 575 people on 368 bikes attended. The program continues to expand this year, with new registration and support encouraged.

"We're going for a thousand riders," said Jones, "about fifteen hundred people attending the actual event."

For more information about Ride II Remember, visit http://kyngmemorial.com/html/ride_to_remember.html.

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Fundraising for memorial a success so far

Community Recorder

With less than a month away until the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund's Ride II Remember on Sept. 2 fundraising intensity is heating up across the commonwealth.

Online registrations for the motorcycle ride-in event, as well as advanced ticket sales for the Kentucky Headhunters concert, continue to pick up momentum with over 1,200 attendees expected at the event. Financial and in-kind contributions from area companies combined

with the support of hundreds of volunteers and donors are making headway toward the event fundraising goal of \$100,000. A total of \$1.2 million is needed for the construction of the memorial.

Money is also being raised by volunteers across Kentucky. These funds will be used for the design and construction of a memorial at the entrance to Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort.

The memorial is intended to honor all Kentucky Guardsmen who have

served in any duty status from March 1912 to present. It is especially intended to remember those who perished in the line of duty. Names of 141 Kentucky Guardsmen have already been preliminarily confirmed for inclusion on the memorial. Verification and research is ongoing to ensure that all Kentucky Guardsmen are properly recognized.

More than 1,000 motorcycle riders will be departing at various times from starting points including Ashland, Bardstown, Beaver Dam, Columbia, Bowl-

ing Green, Elizabethtown, Frankfort, Georgetown, Glasgow, Lexington, London, Louisville, Owensboro, Paducah, Somerset and Walton. All will gather at the Healing Field in Lawrenceburg for fellowship, food and live entertainment.

A classic car cruise-in and motorcycle rally will take place that afternoon. Numerous raffles, door prizes and silent auction items are being donated by individuals, local companies and organizations. Local and regional bands will provide entertain-

ment throughout the day. Travis Atkinson and The Kentucky Headhunters will headline the day's festivities with a concert at 8 p.m. All proceeds from the Ride II Remember event will benefit the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund.

For more information, visit www.kyngmemorial.com/html/ride_to_remember. To register, visit ride2remember.kyngmemorial.com.

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RIDE II REMEMBER

State's fallen guardsmen to get salute

BG group leaving Sunday morning

By ALYSSA HARVEY

The Daily News

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Lt. Col. Richard Palmer, battalion commander at the Bowling Green National Guard Armory, and recruiter Sgt. 1st Class Daren Bowen won't likely forget their plans for Sunday.

That's when they and about 200 other people will travel to Lawrenceburg for the Ride II Remember. Walk-up registration will be at 8 a.m. at Harley-Davidson of Bowling Green,

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and departure will be at 10 a.m. The Bowling Green group will meet riders from Glasgow at the Horse Cave Exit 58 off Interstate 65. The Glasgow group will leave at 10 a.m. from Houchens at Southgate Plaza.

Palmer said people don't have to be bikers to ride with the group to the event. "We're taking a leg out of Bowling Green on Sunday," he said. "They can bike, drive a car ..."

"We don't care," Bowen added.

The rally will be at 4 p.m., with a concert featuring the Kentucky Headhunters with special guest Travis Adkinson at 8 p.m. at Healing Field – the nation's only permanent Healing Field – in Lawrenceburg. Bikers and drivers from across Kentucky are scheduled to be at the rally. There will also be more music by various artists, a classic car cruise-in, military vehicle display, Kentucky Ale beer garden and auction.

"If you get something large, you don't have to worry about putting it on a bike," Palmer said. "They're arranging to have items shipped to your house for you."

Concert tickets are \$15. Cost is \$35 for single riders and \$50 for double riders and includes a T-shirt, a wristband and the concert. The Hampton Inn in Frankfort and the Holiday Inn Express in Lawrenceburg are offering special room discounts for those who attend. The event is presented by the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

"If you can't go (to Lawrenceburg), come see us off," Palmer said.

Proceeds will help construct a memorial at the entrance of Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort to honor Kentucky guardsmen who sacrificed their lives while serving. The Kentucky National Memorial Fund

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Ride will happen rain or shine

website at www.kyngmemorial.com says Kentuckian Daniel Boone will be a prominent feature because of his link to the commonwealth and its military history. Behind the statue will stand a Kentucky-shaped monument with the names of the fallen soldiers.

“Kentucky is the only state that doesn’t have a memorial,” Palmer said.

The ride to Lawrenceburg will happen rain or shine, Palmer said.

Fallen soldiers “didn’t do a weather call when they died,” he said.

— *For more information about Ride II Remember, call Palmer at 502-545-0030 or visit ride2remember.kyngmemorial.com. For artists’ renderings of the memorial, visit www.kyngmemorial.com.*

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Claude C. Davis Jr., 80

Westport

Claude C. Davis Jr., 80, of Westport, passed away Friday, Sept. 28, 2012.

He was retired from the U.S. Air Force and Kentucky State Reformatory. He was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and a founder, member and first president of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 53.

He is survived by his children, Michael (Abby) Davis, Stephen C. (Robin) Davis, Christopher (Suzanne) Davis and Sandy (Robert) Taylor; sisters, Stella Elder and Betsy Algier; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 1.

Burial took place in Valley of Rest Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may go to Hosparus of Louisville, or Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 5661, Frankfort, Ky., 40601.

Offer condolences online at www.heady-radcliffefuneralhome.com.

Donald L. Ross

Donald L. Ross, 80, of Shelbyville, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife and caregiver for more than 20 years, Wilma Ross; daughters, Donna Patterson, Laura Williams, Pauletta Willard; brother, James Ross; sister, Debbie Ross.

Funeral service was Tuesday at Shannon Funeral Home. Burial was in Grove Hill Cemetery. Visitation was Monday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 5466, Frankfort, KY 40602-5466; Hosparus P.O. Box 35425, Louisville, KY 40232 or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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Honoring those who serve



Jimmy Higdon
State Senator

We are each called upon to serve others in our lives. For some, this duty to the greater good means military service. Young men and women from across the Commonwealth step up to meet this challenge again and again, knowing well the risks. Yet, they still take that sacred vow to protect us from enemies foreign and domestic.

The planned Kentucky National Guard Memorial will give all of us a lasting reminder of the men and women in uniform who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Since 1912, thousands of Kentuckians have served in the Kentucky National Guard and Reserves. They have been called upon to defend liberty abroad and provide disaster relief at home. Their families have also sacrificed. This service sometimes comes at a terrible cost. One way to honor and remember our fallen soldiers is through memorials that pay tribute to their service, bravery and sacrifice.

The memorial will be built at the entrance to the Brown National Guard Center in Frankfort. It will be a sacred space for families, friends and comrades to reflect and pay tribute to all who have perished in the line of duty. Additionally, it will be a classroom for generations of students to learn about service to the state and nation, as well as the cost of freedom. To date 145 soldiers and airmen have been preliminarily confirmed for inclusion on the memorial. An additional 305 names still require significant research and may be eventually included.

The soldiers from Marion County who are confirmed for inclusion are Sergeant Jonathan "Adam" Hughes; Sergeant Hugh L. Miley; and Lieutenant Colonel James Robert Thompson. The sacrifices these men made touched their friends, family, and children. Our entire community, the Commonwealth and the nation is indebted to them for their service.

Through the generosity of citizens, corporations and foundations, our soldiers who paid a price beyond all measure will be remembered now and forever.

Remember, your input is invaluable, so please call me in Frankfort toll free at 1-800-372-7181 or my home at (270) 692-0945 if you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

Photos submitted by Jennifer Willhoite

fair board \$20,000. District 2 Magistrate Deanie Miller said the fair board has a problem because its loan payments are too high, the interest rate is too high and the payment is due before the fair each year. Magistrates indicated that operating the fairgrounds, like many other counties do, would cost much more than this \$20,000 contribution they are making.

County donates to National Guard memorial

Carroll County Fiscal
Court voted May 14 to

donate \$500 toward the Kentucky National Guard Memorial as part of the county paver program. The memorial, to be constructed in Frankfort, will honor the National Guard members who have been killed in the line of duty. Judge-Executive Harold "Shorty" Tomlinson pointed out that one of the fallen listed on the brochure was a member of the Carrollton National Guard unit. The brochure includes Luther M. Chappell's photo. He was killed in the Vietnam War June 19, 1969.

Fiscal Court to take care of premium for co. attorney

By THOMAS J. BARR
EDITOR

SHEPHERDSVILLE

County government already pays for the unemployment premiums of two agencies not directly part of its auspices.

It will now pay for a third.

With the county already paying the unemployment premiums for the sheriff's department and the county clerk, Bullitt Fiscal Court agreed to pick up the tab for the county attorney's office.

County attorney Monica Robinson said she mentioned the issue in March and wasn't sure why her premium wouldn't be included in bills paid by fiscal court.

The premium through the KACO policy would be \$14,218.91 and would need to be paid in June.

In making the request, Robinson again mentioned the concerns over a declining revenue base from delinquent tax collection.

She has asked the state auditor's office to look at any suggestions on why the tax revenue has basically been cut in half, while it is not having the same trend in other counties.

Another decrease will come in the cold check program. Robinson said her office, which prosecutes the cold check cases, would be losing its biggest client due to corporate decisions. She said that would result in a loss of more funds.

Fiscal court voted unanimously to approve the payment of the unemployment premi-

um on a permanent basis.

In other fiscal court matters:

*A donation of \$500 to the Kentucky National Guard Memorial in Frankfort was approved.

Robinson said donations could not be made with tax dollars. However, there could be a line item added to the new budget with a service provided to the county designated as justification for the contribution.

The court has done this with agencies such as the Multi-Purpose Community Action Agency.

*Should Bullitt County have a vision statement?

Linda Belcher, co-chair of a committee which worked on strategic planning, inquired whether there was such a statement and how it could be used to guide budget items.

Bullitt County Judge/Executive Melanie Roberts said her personal vision was for accountability, integrity and transparency in government.

Deputy judge Lisa Craddock said that the proposed budget has a carryover of \$4 million. A couple of new positions - planner and financial officer - were included as ways to think toward the future. She said the money is available.

But magistrate John Bradshaw said no job descriptions have been presented for the positions.

The budget could be discussed on June 4 with a special meeting set for June 27.

Boyle contributes \$5,000 toward Kentucky National Guard memorial

By STEPHANIE MOJICA
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Boyle County Fiscal Court unanimously voted Tuesday to contribute \$5,000 toward a planned Kentucky National Guard memorial.

Of the 344 Kentuckians who sacrificed their lives in duty, 66 were from the area, according to Col. Charles Jones. "They have really stepped up every time we've asked," Magistrate Jack Hendricks said of the Kentucky National Guard.

Hendricks made a motion Boyle allocate \$5,000 toward the effort; out of the nearly two dozen Fiscal Courts that have contributed funds, only Nelson has given as much as Boyle, according to Jones.

Magistrate John Caywood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

"I think the worst thing we can do is forget our veterans," said Magistrate Phil Sammons.

Hendricks, Caywood and Sammons all are veterans.

The memorial, once erected, will stand at the entrance of the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort.

In other business:

■ Community Arts Center Executive Director Mary Beth Touchstone gave a presentation about the center's programs and activities.

County officials recently voted to require any community organization receiving funding to give at least one presentation each year; organizations that re-

ceive more than \$10,000 of county funds must make a presentation at least twice annually. Fiscal Court contributed \$12,000 to the Community Arts Center for the 2013-14 fiscal year that began July 1. Last year, Boyle contributed \$10,000 to the center.

"Cultural tourists spend up to 36 percent more at their destinations than other kinds of travelers," Touchstone said. "We're doing our part to help Boyle County attract visitors to our community. Our suc-

cess is your success ... Our success is measurable with visitors from beyond the county's borders who eat here, shop here and even spend the night here."

Community Arts Center volunteers serve hundreds of hours annually and the center is supported additionally through a staff of three full-time and three part-time employees.

Judge-Executive Harold McKinney and Sammons lauded Touchstone for her efforts to offer programs to people of all ages and artis-

tic abilities.

"We're proud to have you," Sammons said.

■ Magistrates unanimously hired Mike Wilder as the new emergency services director for Danville-Boyle County. Wilder, who will earn \$40,000 annually and commence his duties July 15, replaces long-time director Lennie Shepperson. Shepperson recently retired after 26 years of service. See story, Page A1.

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County gives \$1,000 toward National Guard Memorial



An artist's rendering of what the Kentucky National Guard Memorial will look like when it is completed.

Chris Cooper
Managing Editor

The Logan County Fiscal Court received a letter from Major General Edward W. Tonini of the Adjutant General's Office concerning an effort to construct a Kentucky National Guard Memorial for those who have fallen in the line of duty. Major General Tonini is asking governmental entities as well as the private sector for support in honoring these brave men and women who risk their lives on a daily basis to protect their state and country.

According to Major General Tonini, "We are called upon to serve others in our lives. For some, this duty to the greater good means military service both in Kentucky and around the world. Young men and women across Kentucky step up to meet this challenge again and again. They know well the

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risks that come with this service. Yet, they still take that sacred vow to protect us from enemies foreign and domestic. They serve to protect us in a dangerous world. This service sometimes comes at a terrible cost," says the Major General. "It can leave family and friends in heartache and parents in tears."

Major General Tonini is asking for financial support and a donation of at least \$500 through the County Paver Program. Lawrence, Henry and Menifee counties are leading the charge and Major General Tonini is hoping to fund the project of a memorial through private supporters and through the actions of the fiscal courts on

behalf the citizens.

The Logan County Fiscal Court voted Tuesday, July 23 to donate \$1,000 towards the building of a Kentucky National Guard Memorial honoring the sacrifices of Kentucky Guardsman and their families. Magistrate Thomas Bouldin made the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

The memorial is to be placed at the entrance to Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort creating a sacred space for families, friends, and comrades to reflect and remember those who have perished in the line of duty.

Since 1912 thousands of men and women have served in the Kentucky National

Guard. Hundreds of them have perished — some on foreign battlefields, some on missions here in Kentucky to save fellow citizens from danger and disaster and some perished training to accomplish their missions.

The Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc. was created as a nonprofit

Kentucky corporation and was granted tax exempt status as a public charity 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service. If you are interested in donating towards this project you can send your donations to: Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, Inc. PO Box 5466 Frankfort, Ky, 40602-5466.

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Kentucky National Guard announces memorial paver program

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund is now offering individuals and organizations from across Kentucky the opportunity to pave the way to a sacred space and become part of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial effort by purchasing a personalized engraved paver.

The pavers will be placed at the entrance to the memorial when it is constructed and proceeds will go toward construction costs. The memorial will create a sacred space for the families and comrades to remember the fallen and a way to honor all of those who have served. The memorial will become a classroom for hundreds of school groups every year and generations to learn the most important lessons of Kentucky and American history.

The memorial will recognize Kentucky National Guard members who died

while in the line of duty since March 19, 1912, when the state of Kentucky made an official name change from the "Kentucky State Guard" to the "Kentucky National Guard." To date, 465 potential names have been discovered that may one day be honored on the memorial, and 146 have been confirmed for inclusion.

Individual pavers, 4 by 8 inches, are \$100 each and can honor a living person or be placed in memory of a deceased person.

Miniature replica pavers, 2 by 4 inches, are available at \$20 each. "The individual pavers offer an excellent way for current and former Kentucky Guard members to be recognized and honored for their service," said John Trowbridge chair of the Memorial Fund. "My wife has purchased a paver on my behalf, and I have purchased one honoring my son's service. I can think of no finer way to honor and

thank someone for their service."

Organization Pavers, 8 by 8 inches, are \$500 each and may be purchased by veteran organizations, civic groups, businesses, and city or county governments. Miniature replica pavers will be available at \$20 each.

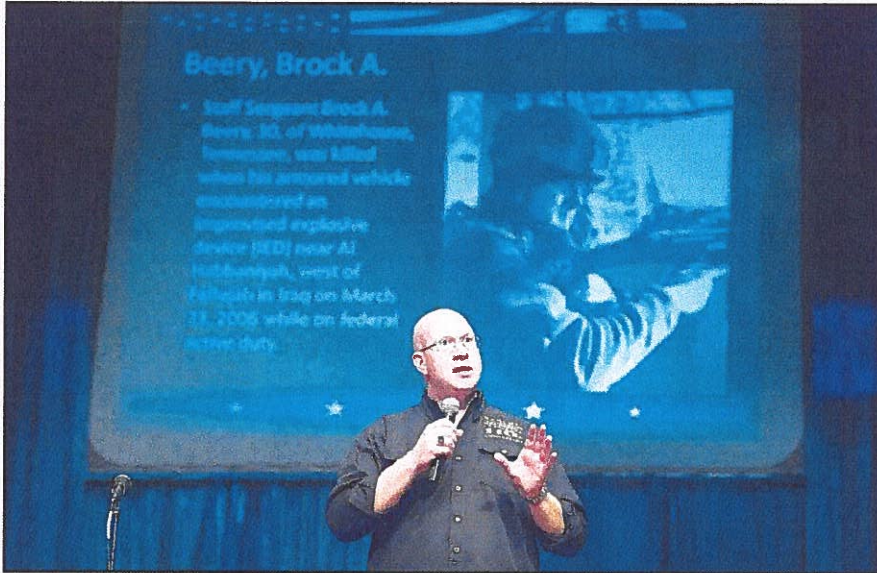
Twenty-nine counties, one business, six individuals and one veteran's organization already have purchased pavers.

Pavers will be fabricated during the construction phase and will be installed prior to the dedication. The timing of this is dependent upon raising the necessary funds for construction.

Pavers may be purchased online at www.guardmemorial.com and by mail by using the form available to download on the site.

To learn more, visit: www.guardmemorial.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kyng-memorial.

RIDING TO REMEMBER



Joshua Witt, state safety officer with the National Guard's First of the 149th Infantry, and event coordinator for the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Ride to Remember, spoke as photos and biographies of National Guard members who died in the line of duty were shown behind him.

The Ride to Remember event is a fundraiser for a Kentucky National Guard Memorial, to be located at the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort.

Kentucky.com

See a photo gallery online.



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Jack Harley of Frankfort directed arriving motorcyclists during the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Ride to Remember at the Frankfort Convention Center on Saturday. Riders set off from different locations around the state and rode to Frankfort for the event, now in its third year.

School raises \$5,000 for memorial

HARRODSBURG'S KING MIDDLE HELPS NATIONAL GUARD



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Jack Mattingly, 63, of Harrodsburg was among the veterans who attended the program at King Middle School.

By Greg Kocher

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HARRODSBURG — Students at a Mercer County school raised \$5,000 for a proposed Frankfort memorial that will honor fallen Kentucky National Guard members.

The formal presentation was made Monday during a Veterans Day program at King Middle School.

The school, with an enrollment of 674, took on a fundraising project after a traveling Vietnam War wall memorial came through town in late summer. Students, faculty and parents sold T-shirts.

The initial goal was \$1,000, but when that was surpassed easily, the school shot for \$5,000, teacher Jason Bryant said.

The memorial will be built at the entrance of Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort. Fundraising for the project started in 2008, and organizers hope to have the memorial built by this time next year. An estimated \$700,000 is needed, however, said Joshua Witt, a volunteer for the memorial fund.

"If we had at least one school in each county that did the same thing as King Middle School, that memorial would be built in Frankfort to honor our fallen guardsmen," Witt said.

The National Guard holds a hallowed place in the hearts of Mercer Countians. A group of Mercer guardsmen known as the Harrodsburg

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Tankers fought on the Bataan Peninsula of the Philippines during World War II. Many of them were captured by the Japanese and endured the Bataan Death March and other horrors as prisoners of war. Only 37 of the men survived the war; the last survivor died in early 2012 in Texas.

The Tankers and other veterans were remembered during Monday's program in the school gym.

"They sacrificed so much, so we need to give back," said eighth-grader Emmy Souder, 13.

Col. Charles Jones of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund said the contribution and demonstration of thanks were appreciated.

"I'm just in awe of what these young kids have done," Jones said.

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Bobbie Crace, left, a teacher at Mercer County's King Middle School, and Terry Carey of Harrodsburg listened to the school's choir during Veterans Day events. Crace and Carey wore T-shirts that were sold to raise money for the Kentucky National Guard Memorial.

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Memorial in the works for fallen soldiers of Kentucky National Guard

By KATHERAN WASSON
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It's an idea that started "on a paper napkin" five years ago, but now volunteers leading the effort to build a Kentucky National Guard Memorial in Frankfort are in the final stretch.

Joshua Witt, a volunteer and committee member with the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund, said the team is working to raise the remaining \$580,000 toward its goal of \$1.3 million.

Their plan is to break ground for the memorial — to be located on the Boone National Guard Center property at the corner of U.S. 127 and Louisville Road — on Memorial Day and dedicate it Veterans Day.

Witt said the Frankfort community could help raise a significant portion of the remaining balance by selling out the Frankfort Convention Center for a series of three concerts, the first of which is Feb. 8.

If volunteers are able to sell all 5,000 seats for all three shows, Witt estimated they would add \$450,000 to the memorial fund's

coffers.

"None of us, as volunteers, are concert promoters," Witt said, with a laugh. "But what we are is soldiers who really want to see this thing happen — even if you're not a big fan, you can buy a ticket and know 100 percent of that is going to the memorial."

The Feb. 8 concert features Delbert McClinton and Exile; The Kentucky Headhunters and Black Stone Cherry perform April 19; and The Charlie Daniels Band and Sundy Best take the stage Aug. 23.

Tickets for the first show are on sale now through etix.com. The average ticket price is \$40, Witt said.

Witt is a first lieutenant and works full time for the Kentucky National Guard as a safety and occupational health manager. But the Winchester father of 11 said all the work he's doing for the memorial is on his own time — as it is for everyone working on the project.

The memorial will feature a 22-foot wide granite stone bearing the names of Kentucky National Guard soldiers who have died in the line of duty. So far, 148 soldiers have been identified to have

their names engraved on the stone, which recently was shipped from Africa to Vermont and will soon be finished in Louisville, Witt said.

The memorial also will include a 9.5-foot tall, solid bronze Daniel Boone statue and a 70-foot wide circle of pavers volunteers are calling the "sacred space." It will have a separate entrance and its own parking, Witt said.

"When we look at those 148 soldiers we've lost since 1912 when we became the Kentucky National Guard, not just a militia, we want to make sure they're recognized," he said.

But for Witt, the drive to participate with the memorial effort is even more personal.

Eighteen of the names that will appear on the granite are of guardsmen lost since 2003, including Sgt. 1st Class Jason Jones, who died in 2006 in Baghdad of non-combat related causes. He was 29.

His father, Col. Charles Jones, was commander of his son's unit in Iraq. Jones serves as a board member for the memorial fund, which is a registered nonprofit group.

Thanks

With a heavy but grateful heart the family of **Colin Whitfill** wishes to thank all the wonderful people of Marion County and beyond. We feel so blessed by your kind words of encouragement, cards, hugs, gifts and especially your prayers as we grieve Colin's passing away on December 6th, 2013. We appreciate the overwhelming love and support from the Lebanon Baptist Church,



staff of the Lake Cumberland District health departments, staff and residents at the Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary, staff and students at Campbellsville Middle School, and the Campbellsville Emmaus Community. God bless the ER staff, EMS and Rescue, local and State Police and good Samaritans who came to Colin's aid. Thank you to the teachers at WMES, St. Charles, and MCHS. We appreciate the thoughtful sentiments Colin's classmates have shared on facebook and with us at his candlelight service. We send special appreciation to Colin's brothers and sisters of the Kentucky Army National Guard and soldiers of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for the respect that you have shown for Colin and the support you have offered us. In memory of Colin's life, donations have been made to Wounded Warriors project, **KY National Guard Memorial Fund**, the National Infantry Museum, Gideon's Bible fund, Habitat for Humanity Re Store etc. Please contribute to the charity of your choice. Let us cherish each moment we have and in every opportunity strive to share God's love as if it were our last.

Sincerely,

**Dawn Whitfill, Adria Whitfill and
Amelia Whitfill Lameron**

FRANKFORT

Wal-Marts to raise money for Guard memorial

Kentucky Wal-Mart stores are raising money to help pay for a Kentucky National Guard Memorial, the memorial's organizers said Saturday. The Wal-Mart campaign will run through March 28, and leaders of the nonprofit Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund said they think it could bring in more than \$100,000.

They hope to break ground for the memorial on Memorial Day outside the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort. The memorial is intended to honor past, current and future Kentucky National Guard soldiers and airmen.

"Just since Sept. 11, 2001, 18 Kentucky National Guard soldiers have given their lives in support of the global war on terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan," Col. Charlie Jones, a memorial fund board member, said in a news release. "This memorial will not only remember these brave men, but it will also serve as a symbol that we, the citizens of Kentucky, will not forget any of our Guardsmen — even those who serve in years to come."

The memorial fund raised \$267,000 through events and corporate and individual contributions last year. The fund's organizers would like to raise \$500,000 over the next 90 days, according to the release.

Run to Remember 5K run/walk

Bloomfield will be hosting "Run to Remember 5K run/walk on May 10. Enjoy an intermediate, scenic course through historic Bloomfield. All proceeds benefit the KY National guard memorial fund.

Register online at www.kyngmemorial.com or registration forms may be picked up at Hibbett sports in Bardstown and Bloomfield Barbershop.

Registration cost: \$20 ages 11 and over and \$5 ages 5-10 yrs. registration increases after April 26. Pre-registration ends May 4. Visit www.kyngmemorial.com for other ways to help.

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Honoring the guard

A rendered image of what the Kentucky National Guard Memorial will look like upon completion, provided by the National Guard. Organizers are hoping to break ground on Memorial Day with completion by Veterans Day 2014.

Mercer students take active role fundraising to honor guard members

By KENDRA PEEK

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HARRODSBURG — Students in the Mercer County School district believe pennies can make a difference, which is why they are challenging districts across the state to join them in their Pennies for Honor fundraiser.

The money raised will go to the building of the Kentucky National Guard Monument in Frankfort, the ground-

breaking for which will be Memorial Day, proponents hope.

"It's a really big honor to be able to help give these great National Guard (men and women) the recognition," said Makenzie Burns, a seventh-grade student at King Middle School — the school that helped start it all, according to Joshua Witt, a guardsman and volunteer coordinator on the memorial.

"King Middle School has been the

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SO YOU KNOW

About \$300,000 is still needed for the monument. Organizers hope to break ground on Memorial Day and have the project completed by Veterans Day 2014.

Schools and interested individuals can email info@kyngmemorial.com or visit www.kyngmemorial.com for more information on how to get involved.

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real catalyst for where our fundraising took off exponentially about six months ago," Witt said.

King Middle Principal Terry Gordon and Social Studies Teacher Jason Bryant learned about the memorial plans and eventually, the idea of selling T-shirts came about.

"We were the first school in the state to do a fundraiser this past fall for the Kentucky National Guard Memorial and we sold T-shirts," said Bryant. "We were able to raise \$5,000. Our students did a great job, our staff pitched in, the community got behind it and we were able to donate the money at our Veteran's Day program on Nov. 11. It was just a great project."

Since then, Witt said, other organizations and businesses — some of whom said they couldn't afford to donate before — have come through for the guard.

"It was all from the standpoint of 'If a middle school in Mercer County can do it, we can too,'" Witt said. "For a middle school with 700 plus students to say 'we're going to do this if you won't,' that's a powerful statement."

In 60 days, Witt said, more than \$147,000 had been raised for the memorial, which will cost an estimated \$1.3 million. He credits much of the increase to the effort of King Middle School.

"When we raised \$5,000 ... that set off a chain reaction that others said that if a middle school can do it, we can do it too," said McKenzie Dunbar, a seventh-grader at King Middle School.

"Mercer County is not known to be a big county, let alone one school in Mercer County. To set off a chain reaction like that ... It's a great honor," said Gracie Cayton, a seventh-grader at King Middle School. Cayton, Dunbar and Burns are three of the many students involved in the effort, and the three girls fail to see why others aren't as willing to help.

"If other counties won't do it, that means we've gotta step up," said Cayton.

Harrodsburg was once home to the 38th Tank Company, a Kentucky National Guard unit now known as the Harrodsburg Tankers. They were called to active duty prior to World War II. In Nov. 1941, the unit was sent to the Philippines, which was attacked by the Japanese in December, just after

the attack on Pearl Harbor. Eventually, in April 1942, the unit was ordered to surrender. Only 37 of the original 66 Kentucky Guard Members survived captivity.

Part of the interest is the local history associated with the guard, said Principal Gordon, and students throughout the district are using this fundraiser to learn about a generation lost. Hopefully, that knowledge will reach beyond the schools, to the families and the community at large — honoring the Harrodsburg Tankers.

About \$300,000 is still needed in order for the groundbreaking on Memorial Day. At this time, 148 names have been identified for the monument — men and women who paid the ultimate price.

A benefit concert featuring the Kentucky Headhunters and Borrowed Blue will be April 19 in Frankfort.

The memorial will be located off of U.S. 127 in front of the Boone National Guard Center between the capitol and the interstate. For more information about the monument, visit www.kyn-gmemorial.com.

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Memorial is planned in Frankfort

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Family members say a memorial solely devoted to Kentucky National Guard members has been a long time coming.

That includes Lynn Romans of Louisville, the mother of Sgt. Darrin Potter, a Jefferson County policeman who in 2003 became the first Kentucky National Guard member killed in combat since the Vietnam War. He died while responding to a mortar attack near Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

"Since 9/11, the Guard has taken a much greater role in foreign conflicts and combat. Many of them were very locally based units, connected to their hometowns," she said. "It's important others realize the sacrifice that our young men and women in the Guard made."

Rediscovering forgotten stories of those who died

So far, more than 150 service members have been preliminarily selected for inclusion on the monument, a granite silhouette of Kentucky at the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort. Several hundred more names are being researched to be added later.

It's being funded largely by donations from individuals, corporations and foundations, as well as \$300,000 in state funds. Less than \$200,000 of the cost remains to be raised, said Jason LeMay, secretary of the memorial fund.

Volunteers and former Guard members who launched the effort more than five years ago said they were surprised to find the Guard kept no comprehensive, statewide list of members who perished doing their military duty, whether in combat or responding to a state emergency.

As a result, many of their names had been lost — along with the story of their service, organizers said, including many who died in Kentucky from accidents while on duty.

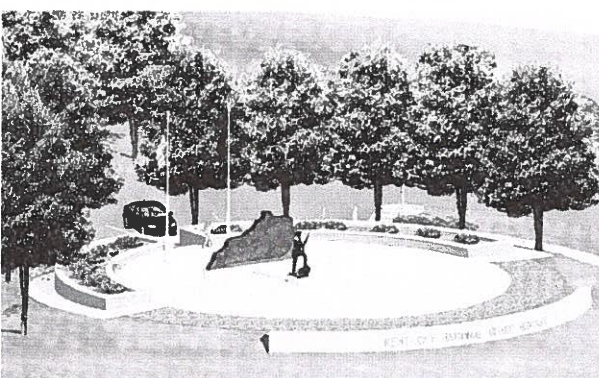
For example, LeMay said, there was "a butcher who got called up for the flood of 1937. ... It was cold, it had rained for days. He was sent on a mission to check how a town is doing, and commandeered a boat" that sank, drowning him.

Then there were those who died in combat decades ago.

"There's all kinds of horrifying stories, like those in the Palawan massacre" of 1944, when more than 100 U.S. servicemen, including some



Lynn Romans visits the grave of her son, Sgt. Darrin K. Potter, 24, at Cave Hill Cemetery. Potter was killed in Iraq in 2003. She is among the family members of fallen guardsmen pushing for the state's memorial. THE COURIER-JOURNAL



An artist rendering of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial in Frankfort. PROVIDED TO THE COURIER-JOURNAL

from the Kentucky National Guard, were killed or burned alive by the Japanese during World War II, he said. "That brought home to me personally how these people get forgotten. And that's a shame."

Volunteers put out a public plea for names to research, consulting archives and military records.

Among those helping was Dillon Walker, 18, a nephew of Master Sgt. Clinton Cubert, a 38-year-old member of a Paducah Guard company who died in 2006 at the Lexington Veter-

ans Medical Center of injuries from a roadside bomb during combat in Samarra, Iraq.

Walker — who remembers visiting his uncle in the hospital before he died — pored through microfilm and state military archives as he expanded a high school project to help add names to the monument.

"It was really surprising to find so many that deserve recognition," said the Frankfort high school senior.

Known previously as the Kentucky State Guard and Kentucky

MEMORIAL DAY GROUND BREAKING

The Kentucky National Guard Memorial will break ground at 2 p.m. Monday at the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort. Family and friends of the fallen Kentucky Guard members and the public are invited. For information, visit www.GuardMemorial.com

National Legion, the Kentucky National Guard officially came into existence in 1912 when Congress mandated that such guards train to U.S. Army standards and be available for presidents to call to duty.

In many recent decades, serving in the Guard typically required one weekend of duty a month. But amid the demands of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq over the last decade, call-ups for yearlong deployments became increasingly common.

The Guard, which now has about 8,500 members, has conducted more than 16,000 individual deployments since 2001. Many Guard members have served in three, four or even five deployments. Guard officials said that while 18 Kentucky guardsmen have lost their lives in combat since 2001, hundreds more have been wounded.

The deployments also put unprecedented strains on guardsmen and their families, including jobless rates that have consistently hovered well above average and struggles with post-traumatic stress disorder.

While the era of repeated combat tours is now winding down, family members like Romans said she still lives each day with the loss and hopes the memorial effort will help others continue to remember.

When her son joined the Guard in 1997, she could scarcely imagine that he would find himself in a war zone half a world away. In the years since, she has attended the funerals of many Kentucky guardsmen.

"They were teachers, police officers, EMTs," she said. "They wanted to do the right thing and make a difference."

On a day last week, Romans drove her Toyota into Cave Hill Cemetery, visiting her son's grave, where his former unit members, who still live nearby, often come to visit.

She pulled out a hand broom, dusted off some grass clippings and leaves, and placed a plastic vase of flowers and flags into the ground. She stood quietly for several minutes at the spot where she bought additional grave plots, so she and other family members can eventually be buried together.

"As long as I'm alive," she said, "I want to make sure he is recognized." ■

Fiscal Court contributes \$500 for memorial

By **RON BENNINGFIELD**
Correspondent

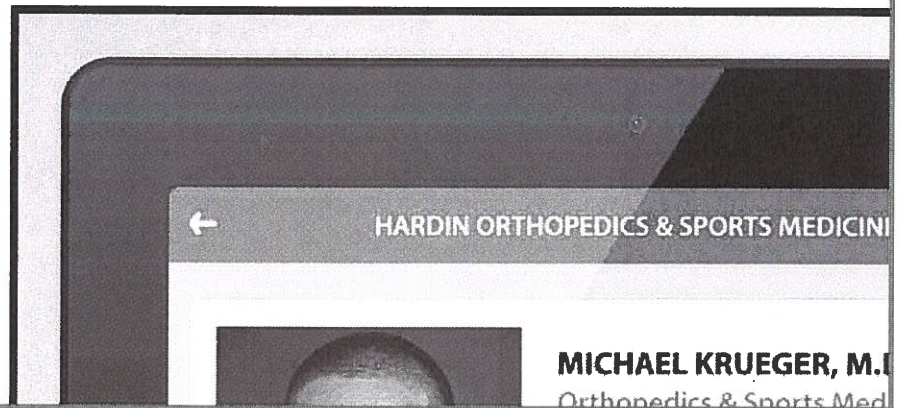
LaRue Fiscal Court voted unanimously July 8 to contribute \$500 for the construction of a Kentucky National Guard Memorial in Frankfort, an amount each county in the state has been asked to donate, LaRue County Judge/executive Tommy Turner said.

Magistrates also voted to contract for engineering services to repair sidewalks around the courthouse annex which Turner said are settling, and to revamp the parking lot.

"We already have money in place set

aside for this," he said. Durrett Engineering of Hodgenville was approved for the work.

Clyde Veirs, county road supervisor, reported crews cleaned ditches and spread rock in washed-out areas on Thompson Hill and Maxine roads; filled potholes on Jackson, Cantrell, George Lee, Enlow, and Harned McCubbins roads.



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Kentucky National Guard breaks ground for new memorial

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Kentucky's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Edward W. Tonini was joined by hundreds of current and former Citizen Soldiers and Airmen, friends and family members to celebrate Memorial Day by breaking ground May 26 for the Kentucky National Guard Memorial in Frankfort.

After years in the works, construction of the memorial will begin this summer. 1st Lt. Joshua Witt, board member of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund said the moment is a long time coming.

Family members of fallen Kentucky Guardsmen are joined by friends, former and



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Current and former Kentucky Guardsmen gathered with family members and friends for the ground breaking ceremony of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial in Frankfort, May 26.

current Kentucky Guardsmen during the National Anthem at a ground-breaking ceremony for the Kentucky National Guard Memorial in Frankfort

"We have come together finally on

Memorial Day 2014 for the event we dreamed of five years ago," he said. "This is the chance for us to recognize the reality of a \$1.3 million fund-raising goal for a project that represents the

sacrifice of more than 140 Kentucky Guardsmen that gave their lives since 1912."

Click here to see more photos from the event.

Witt called the memorial a fitting trib-

ute to Kentucky's fallen. The memorial will feature a 22-foot wide granite stone in the shape of Kentucky bearing the names of Kentucky National Guard soldiers who have died in the line of duty. So far, 148 Soldiers have been identified to have their names engraved on the stone.

One of those names to be etched is Sgt. James Sherrill who was killed April 3, 2005 in Baiji, Iraq while serving with the 2113th Transportation Company. Sherrill's mother, father and daughter attended the groundbreaking and agreed that the memorial will bring strength to them and peace of mind.

"I think this will mean a whole lot to us," said Sherrill's

father, William. "This memorial will be a big part of his memory, it's going to be really beautiful.

"Even after nine years, it's like we are still part of the family," he said. "It really gives us a great feeling knowing that so many people remember and honor our son."

The memorial will also include a 9.5-foot tall, solid bronze Daniel Boone statue and a 70-foot wide circle of pavers volunteers are calling the "sacred space." It will have a separate entrance and its own parking.

Volunteers with the Memorial Fund are hopeful to dedicate the monument on Veterans' Day later this year.

ADDITIONAL PICTURES

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Charities

This year's Fantasy Camp will generate about \$1 million for charities, Calipari said. The UK coach posed for pictures with representatives of more than 20 charities that will benefit.

The charities are based in such places as Lexington, Louisville, northern Kentucky, Memphis, Wilmington, N.C., and Connecticut.

The largest checks announced by Calipari were for \$100,000 to Samaritan's Feet and Everfi, the latter involved in financial literacy.

Other checks on display included those for Team Focus (\$75,000), the Urban League of Lexington-Fayette County (\$50,000), Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund (\$50,000), Miracle League of Wilmington (\$50,000), Streets Ministries (\$50,000), Starkey Hearing Foundation (\$50,000), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (\$25,000), Connecticut BurnCare Foundation (\$20,000), the Louisville Zoo (\$10,000) and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (\$5,000).

National Guard appreciates Calipari's generosity

By LARRY VAUGHT

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When Kentucky basketball coach John Calipari helped raise about \$1 million for 23 different charities with his annual John Calipari Basketball Fantasy Experience, no one appreciated his generosity more than the Kentucky National Guard because of what it meant to the Kentucky National Guard Memorial that will create a space for families, friends, and comrades to reflect and remember those who sacrificed their

lives in the line of duty.

The memorial will be at the entrance to Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort. The vision is to "link the sacrifices of the past with the service of the present and the challenges for the future" with this memorial.

Ed Tonini, Major General USAF, The Adjutant General — Kentucky, was touched by what Calipari did.

"John Calipari is such an iconic public figure in Kentucky that his support of and identification with the Kentucky National Guard is ex-



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ceptionally valuable. Coach Cal thru his Foundation has directly donated \$75,000 and has helped direct matching donations of another \$75,000 (\$25,000 each from Walmart, The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels and Brett Construction Company) from other great supporters," Tonini said.

"In addition the initial

\$25,000 from Walmart was the catalyst of a total of over \$208,000 from the 95 plus stores across the state."

During his time at Kentucky, Calipari has often tried to do things to support the National Guard.

"Coach Cal has been exceptionally supportive of the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard with his time. Each year that he has been at Kentucky he has devoted a full morning of his time — during the season — to visit via teleconference (video) with deployed soldiers and airmen in a variety of dif-

ferent countries, including Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Kyrgyzstan, Djibouti and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba," Tonini said.

"This annual tradition is much anticipated and one of the more memorable elements of the long absence from home. Coach Cal and Kentucky basketball are home to many Kentucky soldiers and airmen."

Tonini hopes Kentucky fans know how lucky they are to have a coach with Calipari's value.

"The Kentucky National Guard has a long proud

tradition going back to the Kentucky Militia," Tonini said. "We take great pride on Brand 'Unbridled Service.' People think of the Kentucky National Guard in the same way they think of Kentucky Basketball ... simply the best.

"John Calipari is just that — the best. He is absolutely the single most sincere, generous man I have ever met in sharing his time, his money and his influence to causes he considers important. The 8,650 soldiers and Airmen and their families recognize his generosity and have a deep appreciation for it."

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Kentucky National Guard memorial to be dedicated

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky National Guard Memorial will be dedicated in a ceremony at 2 p.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, in Frankfort. The event is free and open to the public. The names of 233 men and women who have fallen in the line of duty since 1912 are remembered on the memorial.

Local names include:

■ Garrard County — Elmer A. Miller and Fred Young.

■ Mercer County — Elzie E. Anness, Johnnie W. Bottoms Jr., Vernon H. Bussell, Robert V. Cloyd, Ancel E. Crick, John L. Cummins, Oscar Dean, Wallace Denny, Ben R. Devine, Willard E. Foster, Edward T. French, Roy E. Goodpaster, Wesley D. Hungate, Berchell Keeling, Harry R. Lafon Jr., Fred C.

Leonard Jr., Hugh J. Leonard, Joseph B. Million, Glave T. Powell, Everett R. Preston, Archibald B. Rue, Hezakiah F. Sallee, James W. Sallee, Jennings B. Scanlon Jr., John W. Shewmaker, Herbert C. Steele, Yandell Terhune, Edward B. Trisler, George A. Van Arsdall, Edward G. Wilis Jr. and Willard R. Yeast.

Lexington television personality Jennifer Nime Palumbo is scheduled to act as master of ceremonies. Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Edward W. Tonini and Gov. Steve Beshear have been invited to participate. Parking will be near the ceremony site at Boone National Guard Center, and those attending are asked to arrive a few minutes early to allow for potentially congested traffic flow and time to accommodate parking.

injuries that weren't considered life-threatening.

FRANKFORT

National Guard memorial to be dedicated on May 25

After more than a decade of planning and building, the Kentucky National Guard Memorial will be dedicated later this month.

The memorial at Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort contains the names of 233 men and women who died in the line of duty since 1912 and features a statue of Daniel Boone.

The dedication ceremony is at 2 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 25. Patriotic music will be performed by members of the 202nd Army Band.

Organizers are asking those who are family of people listed on the memorial to email info@kyngmemorial.com before the event.

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\$208,000 raised for memorial

Customers and employees of Wal-Mart have collected more than \$208,000 to be used for the Kentucky National Guard Memorial, according to the Kentucky Press News Service. The memorial is being built at the entrance to Boone National Guard Center along U.S. 127 in Frankfort. It will feature the names of Guard members who have died in the line of duty and include a statue of Daniel Boone, the guard center's namesake. The donation of more than \$208,000 was made Monday morning at the Lawrenceburg Wal-Mart. Gov. Steve Beshear, National Guard Maj. Gen. Edward Tonini and several Wal-Mart executives were on hand.

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"It is an honor and a pleasure to establish this scholarship in the most appropriate historical manner," Hire said in a news release. "The scholarship is established during the bicentennial celebration of the establishment of Allen County (1815-2015). It is especially a pleasure to establish this scholarship on Aug. 24, 2015, the 253rd birthday of the American Revolution and one of Allen County's founders as well as a founder of the city of Scottsville, Mr. Samuel W. Garrison, my great-great-great-great-grandfather."

The Garrison fund can be utilized at any accredited college or university.

"Samuel W. Garrison was more than an American soldier for freedom and independence," Hire said. "He was a dedicated public servant, a devout patriot and a significant figure in the history of Allen County."

Aviation Day is Sept. 19 in Frankfort

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, in conjunction with the Kentucky National Guard, will host Aviation Day at Capital City Airport in Frankfort on Sept. 19. The event

is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. EDT.

"The purpose of Aviation Day is to spotlight the Capital City Airport and give folks an opportunity to come out and see the wide variety of aircraft that fly in here," airport Assistant Director Scott Shannon said in a news release. "We'll have civilian, private and military aircraft on display."

There will be free airplane rides for youths 8 to 17 years old. Flights for adults will also be available for a donation to the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund.

Attendees can also use a driving simulator and see Kentucky State Police's Drug Abuse Education Trailer and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority's College Info Road Show. The Frankfort High School chapter of the Kentucky Institute for Aerospace Education will participate. Local fire and police departments will have vehicles on display.

"These programs are part of the many organizations and vendors that will participate in this year's Aviation Day," Shannon said.

Admission and parking are free.

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in memory

Service held for vet killed in line of duty

BY KARIS ROGERSON
MESSENGER INTERN

Thomas "Tommy" J. Brown, of Madisonville, was killed during the Ohio River flood of 1937. Seventy-eight years later, on Memorial Day, he was honored along with several hundred other Kentucky National Guardsmen killed in the line of duty or during a war.

Tommy Brown's great-grandson, also named Thomas Brown, had the opportunity to attend the memorial service with his wife Crystal, son Elijah and his father's widow, Brenda Sherwood.

"I felt honored and privileged to be there," Thomas Brown said. "I've never taken part in anything like that before in my life."

In addition to the Pledge of Allegiance and several speeches from different speakers, the ceremony included the flight of a propeller-driven, four-prop plane, which took to the skies during a 21-cannon salute, Thomas Brown said.

Thomas Brown said his 5-year-old son was well-behaved and seemed to understand the momentous occasion.

"I talked to him about it," he said. "He was as cute as he could be (when the planes flew overhead). He just put his fingers in his ears. We probably had the same expression on our face."

"It was a moving experience," he continued. "This will be my most memorable Memorial Day. I won't ever forget it."

In addition, Thomas Brown said the thunder rolling in the background and the breeze that rippled flags during the ceremony added an inspiring effect to the service.

The memorial is a newly-erected monument in Frankfort meant to honor more than 200 Guardsmen (and one Guardswoman) killed in the line of duty.

Thomas Brown was especially impressed with the monument and the respect he perceived from organizers after hearing about a Guardsman whose funeral was held May 22, and whose name was engraved on the marker May 23, he said.

"They used dirt from every county in Kentucky to make the base," he said.

Kentucky National Guard Memorial Board Member Jim Drake said the idea for the memorial was conceived in 2008.

"In 2008 we started raising money," he said. "That was hard because that's when

the recession began. But this has been an ongoing thought in a couple of guys' imaginations for probably 10 or 15 years."

"There was no one place that we had to memorialize the guardsmen that have fallen in the line of duty or in war," Drake continued. "A lot of towns have memorials for the guardsmen that have fallen from their town or county, but there wasn't any statewide recognition. We thought that was something we should do."

The memorial was designed by Bender Associates Architects, while stonework was done by Muldoon Memorials and construction by Smock Heisman Sansler.

"(Bender Associates) helped take our ideas and put them into something we could see," Drake said. "Smock Heisman Sansler did a fantastic job, despite weather issues."

The most difficult part of the process was raising money, Drake said.

"We had about 10-12 people on the board, so the concept was not hard to come up with," he said. "The fundraising kicked off with a motorcycle event. We're also having an annual golf tournament."

In addition, Drake said that after most of the money had been raised, the legislature "kicked in" some additional funds.

"We had almost all of the money when the legislature donated \$300,000," he said. "So that put us over the top and we were able to start digging."

Despite the hard work, Drake said he thinks the final product was worth the effort.

"I think what we ended up with was pretty fantastic," he said. "It's one thing to look at it in daylight, but with these new LED light systems they have and the granite outline of Kentucky and the flags, seeing it at night is just absolutely amazing."

The experience filled Thomas Brown with pride, he said.

"It made me proud to be an American," he said, "and it made me proud of all these men and women who sacrificed their lives."

Although he grew up knowing how his great-grandfather died, Thomas Brown had never heard the details of the story until last December when he was contacted by Hopkins County Genealogical Society Vice President and Librarian Theresa Ray, who informed him of the planned memorial.

"I was immediately honored," Thomas Brown said, "and very proud."

Thomas Brown and Ray began researching the life and death of Tommy



Photo provided

Former National Guardsman Thomas J. "Tommy" Brown, who was killed during the Ohio River flood of 1937, was one of many servicemen honored at a Memorial Day ceremony in Frankfort.

Brown after Ray was contacted by the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives.

Tommy Brown was 33 years old when he became the only member of the Kentucky National Guard to die on duty during the Ohio River flood of 1937. When the Guard decided to honor members killed while on duty, Ray was contacted and asked to find information about Tommy J.

"We started doing the research and that's when I found all of this (information) in the newspaper," Ray said, indicating a pile of newspaper clippings, which included a report of the accident as well as various obituaries of Brown's relatives.

According to a Jan. 25, 1937 article from The Messenger, Tommy Brown died around 2:30 p.m. Jan. 23, 1937. Two days later, the paper reported that the waters where he drowned had reached a depth of 18 feet.

Tommy Brown, along with Second Lieutenant Lawrence Moore, Private C.W. Anthony and teacher Emmett Ashby, was on his way to Jewel City and Ashbyburg to make a survey of flood conditions.

According to the article, the boat had been equipped with an outboard motor, and its vibrations caused boards in the stern to part.

"The boat ended into the water almost without warning," the article said, "throwing out its occupants."

The three guardsmen were weighted down with equipment, and the last time anyone saw Tommy Brown, he was holding on to the sinking boat.

"As the three others struggled toward the road," the article said, "Brown was told to hold on. He nodded affirmatively.

"While swimming toward the road," it continues, "Lieut. Moore looked back, saw Brown shake his head and sink. He did not come again to the surface."

The search for his body was long and, in the first days, unsuccessful. A Jan. 26, 1937

Messenger article said searchers could not get within five miles of the spot where Tommy Brown drowned.

"Members of Headquarters Company will continue to search in every manner possible," the article said, "but recovery of the body will remain doubtful as long as flood conditions exist."

The body was eventually found on Jan. 30, 1937, floating near the point where he was last seen.

Tommy Brown left behind a wife, whom he married in May 1924, according to her obituary, and a son, also called Thomas Brown, who died in March 2014.

Tommy Brown's wife, Mary Utley Brooks, went on to remarry W.C. Brooks in 1938.

Thomas Brown, the great-grandson who attended the memorial, said his great-grandmother was buried next to Tommy Brown.

"She was still thinking about Tommy J. after all those years," he said. "I don't mean any disrespect to W.C. ... he gave (Brooks and Thomas Brown) a good life. She loved him."

Thomas Brown said he wished his grandfather, Tommy Brown's son, had been able to attend the service.

"He was young when (Tommy Brown) died, so he didn't have many memories of him," Thomas Brown said, "but he would have been there no matter what."

Thomas Brown admitted that, although he knew about his great-grandfather's death as a child, it never seemed truly "real."

Then he read articles in The Messenger about Tommy Brown's death.

"It made it a little more real than just a story," Thomas Brown said. "I looked him close in his eyes and face and realized ... it was a real family member of mine that we lost."

"I would have loved to have known him," he added.

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MEMORIAL DAY

WWI soldier to be honored on Memorial Day

From staff reports

The name of an Alton Station soldier killed in France just weeks before the end of World War I will be added to a memorial at the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort during an inaugural ceremony scheduled for Memorial Day, May 30.

Pvt. James Norman Tucker, 21, died in a train wreck Oct. 26, 1918 in Gael, France, according to information provided by the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Fund.

According to accounts published after the war, Tucker had his thumb shot off during his first encampment with the Guard at Camp Zachary Taylor. This apparently did not bar him from further military service, event organizers said.

He went with his unit to Camp Shelby, Mississippi for training. They left Camp Shelby on Sept. 18, 1918 and set sail from New York on Oct. 6. They arrived in Liverpool, England on Oct. 18, and in Cherbourg, France on Oct. 22.

According to correspondence by Captain J. C. Hobson Jr. on Oct. 26 while en route from Cherbourg, France, to a training camp at Meucon, France, a train carrying the 113th Ammunition Train collided with the 138th Field Artillery, which had just stopped at the station of Gael.

The 138th train reportedly had had mechanical difficulties. Headquarters Company of the 138th occupied the last six cars of the train, all of which were demolished.

Other accounts report that 14 train cars were "tele-scoped" in the event. There are many conflicting secondhand accounts of the incident published in newspapers at various times with variation in the numbers of injured and dead and even the location of the wreck.

The location had also been reported as St. Main/Mein and Mellistroit.

It was some time before any help or trained medical personnel arrived.

Reportedly, wires on both sides of the station were downed in the wreck and a messenger was sent on foot to the next nearest communication point 5 miles away.

Troops and ambulances arrived at 1 a.m. the following morning, presumably with medical personnel from Camp Coetquidan some 20 miles away, and all the injured and dead were removed from the scene by 3 a.m., presumably back to Camp Coetquidan.

The men who were killed in the wreck were initially buried Oct. 28, in the U.S. government cemetery No. 18 at Camp Coetquidan, France. Tucker is now buried Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois, France.

Tucker's name appears on the Anderson County veterans' monument located at the courthouse in Lawrenceburg that was dedicated in 1936 by the American Legion.

A letter home days before his death

Pvt. Norman Tucker of Alton Station wrote home just days before he was killed in a train wreck in France near the conclusion of World War I. The Anderson News printed the letter in October of 1918, and it appears as here as it was printed in that edition of the paper.

Dear Folks at home,
Will write a few lines tonight. Am well and like it fine here. I certainly did enjoy my trip over. We are in a rest camp now. I guess you have received my card telling you I have arrived overseas. Leonard is well. Give my love to all and answer soon.

Pvt. Norman Tucker.
Hdq. Co. 138th F. A., A. E. F.

Grandmother receives death notification

Shortly after Tucker's death, his grandmother, Margaret Edington of RFD No. 1 in Alton Station received the following death notice.

Dear Madam:
You have undoubtedly been informed of the death of your grandson, James Norman Tucker, by an accident in France, but I wish to take this opportunity of giving you further particulars.

Regulations of A.E.F. prohibited this being done from France. The facts are as follows.

At 8:50 p.m. Oct. 26, 1918, while en route from Cherbourg, France, to our training camp at Meucon, France, a train carrying the 113th Ammunition Train collided with the 138th Field Artillery, which had just stopped at the station of Gael.

Headquarters Company occupied the last six cars of the train — the compartment and three box. All six cars were completely demolished. Fourteen men of the company, including your grandson, died instantly, 42 received various wounds, most of which were broken arms and legs.

The men who were killed, including your grandson, were buried Oct. 28, in the U. S. Government cemetery No. 18 at Camp Coetquidan, France, with full military honors.

The ceremony was simple. It was attended by three Generals — two American and one French, with their staffs, as well as several hundred soldiers of the A. E. F.

Your grandson's effects were turned over to the Effects Department, A. E. F., according to Army regulations, to be forwarded to his family, and will no doubt be received in due time.

Assuring you of the sympathy of the officers and men of Headquarters Company, I remain,

J. C. HOBSON, Jr.
Captain 138th Field Artillery

Tucker's name goes down in history

The following was written by former Anderson County Historian Mary Bond for the

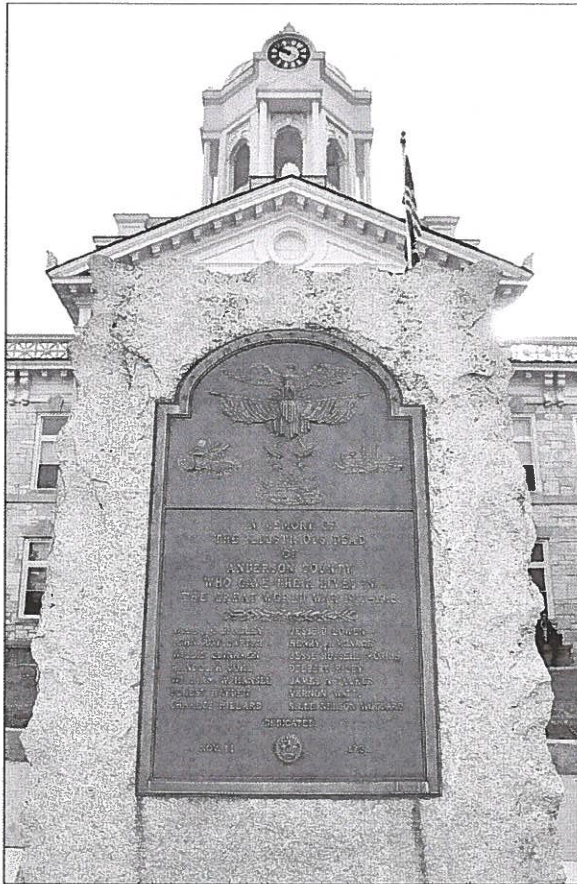


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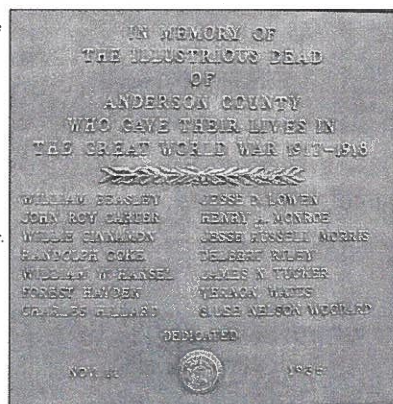
A memorial to World War I soldiers includes the name of Alton Station resident Pvt. James Norman Tucker (visible below), who was killed in a train wreck in France. His name will be added to a memorial at the Boone National Guard Center on Memorial Day, May 30 in Frankfort.

Kentucky Council of Defense War Record, and appears here in its entirety.

The bullet evidently was not molded that was to claim Pvt. Tucker on the front lines in battle, but accident trailed him from the first encampment at Zachary Taylor, where his thumb was shot off, after this injury was healed he went to Camp Shelby, Miss.

Thence to a port camp and overseas while en route from Cherbourg Fr. to Meucon Fr.

An ammunition train collided with the train on which the 138th Field Artillery was entrained at the station of Gael Fr. Headquarters Co., occupied the last six cars all of them being demolished, fourteen men, including Pvt. J. N. Tucker, were instantly killed and 42 received injuries. Maj. Chas. N. Kavanaugh (Anderson County native) was one of the first surgeons to arrive at the scene of accident. Maj. Kavanaugh was a member of the 138th F. A. and his heroic services at the



time merited for him a citation for bravery. Pvt. Tucker was killed Oct. 26, 1918, on Oct. 28th the 14 accident victims were given a burial with full military honors in the U. S.

Government cemetery No. 18 at Coetquidan, France.

—Source: www.guardmemorial.com

11 new names added to National Guard Memorial

FROM THE KENTUCKY
PRESS NEWS SERVICE

country. Frankfort displayed its public gratitude on Monday afternoon at the Kentucky National Guard Memorial. Memorial Day is a day to honor those who have sacrificed their lives for our

Brig. Gen. Ben Adams

was the master of ceremonies for the Memorial Day service. "It is always an honor and privilege to show respect to our fallen sol-

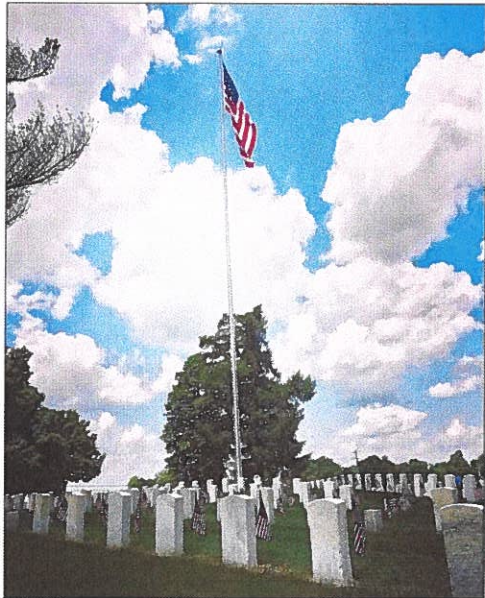
diers," Adams said. Adjutant Kentucky Gen. Stephen R. Hogan was also present at the service to give a commemorative speech honoring the fallen

soldiers year to date. On Monday 11 new names of fallen soldiers were dedicated to the Kentucky National Guard Memorial. A wreath of flowers was

placed on the memorial and a three volley salute was given in their honor.

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Memorial Day celebration at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 28, at the Lebanon National Cemetery. Photo by Stevie Loxley

GUEST COLUMN

DON'T FORGET THE TRUE MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY

While Memorial Day weekend is a wonderful time for gathering with family and friends for picnics, pool parties and parades, I write to you with the annual reminder not to forget the true meaning of the event. Memorial Day is a time to remember the brave men and women who have put it all on the line so that we may live in freedom in the greatest nation in the world.

Born out of a wish to honor those lost in the Civil War, Memorial Day serves as a nationally-recognized holiday to honor all those who have died in service of the United States. We also acknowledge the families of these heroes who live on and continue to preserve the memories of their loved ones. In May of 2000, the "National Moment of Remembrance" was established, encouraging all citizens throughout the United States to pause for a moment of silence at 3 p.m., local time.

Kentucky has a special license plate known as the "Gold Star License Plate" for mothers, fathers, siblings, and spouses of military service members who died while serving. If you or your family members are interested in obtaining one of these plates, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by contacting my legislative office.

In 2017, we passed a number of laws to help veterans and military



Jimmy Higdon
State Representative

families who are still with us. The General Assembly passed many military-centric laws, including ones that will help veteran-owned small businesses, provide death-in-the-line-of-duty benefits for National Guard families, and clarify laws pertaining to military spouse unemployment benefits.

While we remember those who served this Memorial Day weekend, I also encourage you to get involved in your communities, whether by volunteering for a local veteran-oriented charity or attending weekend festivities. You never know when you may touch the life of someone who needs it — especially a veteran or a military family.

I also encourage you to attend the Kentucky National Guard's annual Memorial Day observance at 2 p.m., Monday, May 29, at the Kentucky National Guard Memorial in Frankfort. A young man from our district will be honored at that ceremony and his name added to the memorial. Private First Class Joseph Raoul Losson, 19, of Bardstown died in 1917 while on federal active duty. Additionally, there will be a dedication of a new monument honoring those from Nelson County who gave their lives for our freedom during World War 2. This will take place at the old courthouse in Bardstown at 11 a.m. on May 25. It is so humbling to see these young people remembered for their service

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| to our state and country so many years after their deaths. As always, it is an honor to serve as your state senator. I wish you and your family a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181, on my home phone at 270-692-6945, or email me at Jimmy.Higdon@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.lrc.ky.gov. | | | | | |
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Mortimer M. Benton

He died when Germans blew the bridge in 1943. Now he's being honored.

BY KARLA WARD
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Four Kentuckians, including one Lexingtonian, who died while serving in the National Guard are being honored by having their names added to the Kentucky National Guard Memorial.

They will be among those remembered at a public Memorial Day service at 2 p.m. Monday at the memorial, 100 Minuteman Parkway in Frankfort.

Maj. Mortimer Murray Benton, a Lexington attorney who graduated from Lexington High School and the University of Kentucky, was 37 when he died in Sicily on Aug. 16, 1943.

According to the memorial's online biography of him, Benton was riding in a vehicle that "dropped off a bridge just blown by the retreating German forces. The Allies' Sicily Campaign ended the next day.

"The German and Italian forces were completing an orderly withdrawal from Sicily to Italy using mines, demolitions and other obstacles to delay the allied forces' advance."

Benton first enlisted in the Guard in 1926. He was inducted into the Coast Artillery Corps in

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1941 and was sent overseas the following year, first serving in Ireland and North Africa before participating in the invasion of Sicily.

He was married to Pauline Bowman Benton, the daughter of A.H. Bowman, for whom Bowman Field in Louisville is named. He had two daughters: Betty, who

was 4 at the time of his death, and Terry, who was 7.

Benton was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Others whose names have been added to the memorial this year all died in 1917. Two of them were hit by trains.

Cpl. Thomas Higdon, 22, of Breckinridge

County, was giving semaphore signals when he was hit and killed by an Illinois Central passenger train on April 7, 1917, in Ohio County. High winds were said to have kept him from hearing the train's approach.

Pfc. Joseph Raoul Losson, 19, of Bardstown, caught pneumonia while assigned to guard duty at Kentucky bridges and died a week later on April 18, 1917, at a military hospital in Louisville. He was a member

of Company B, First Kentucky Infantry Regiment, and had previously served with his unit on the Mexican border.

Pvt. Edward F. Orr, 26, of Pendleton County, died after being hit by a Southern Railway train while serving on guard duty near Waddy on June 1, 1917.

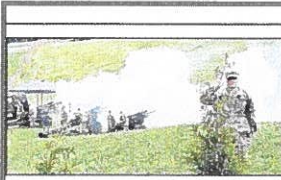
The memorial recognizes 255 Guard members who have died in the line of duty since 1912. Maj. Steve Martin said the names are added

to the memorial each year as they become known, either through incidental research, family members who step forward or other means.

The Kentucky National Guard urges families of any of those named on the memorial to attend the service and be recognized.

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SGT FIRST CLASS SCOTT RAYMOND, U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
Soldiers with the 138th Field Artillery Brigade fire a cannon salute during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday at the Kentucky National Guard Memorial in Frankfort.

Kentucky honors Vietnam fallen on Memorial Day

BY SGT FIRST CLASS SCOTT RAYMOND
KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD

FRANKFORT — Three new names were added to the Kentucky National Guard Memorial Monday during a Memorial Day observance at the memorial in Frankfort.

Now, the total number of names on the Memorial is 272 men and women who have fallen in the line of duty since 1912. Those fallen whose names are being added to the Memorial are: Capt. Samuel Edward Gipe, 39, of Daviess County, (Oct. 24, 1916); Pvt. Ross L. McCord, 18, of Christian County, (Oct. 25, 1922); and Horseshoe Eddie Stafford, 31, of Calloway County (Oct. 14 1918) 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the return of Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery Brigade from Vietnam following a 12-month tour of duty. This year's ceremony highlighted Guardsmen who fell in the line of duty during the Vietnam era Vietnam veteran retired Col. Jerry Cecil, a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for Kentucky was the keynote speaker. Cecil reminded guests of the relevance of our memorials and why the last Monday in May is so important. "While Memorial Day is a sad day, we should not forget or overlook the joy we gain from the people we remember so honorably today on this memorial," he said. Soldiers with the 138th Field Artillery Bde. also presented the colors and fired a cannon salute during the memorial service. Kentucky Thunder in Vietnam—The 2nd Bn., 138th Field Artillery Bde. units in Louisville, Bardonia, Elizabethtown, and Carrollton, were ordered to active duty and completed accelerated training at Fort Hood, Texas. Advanced elements of the battalion departed Fort Hood, Texas Oct. 11, 1968. The final elements of the organization arrived in Vietnam two weeks later. On November 13, 1968, at 2 p.m., Brig. Gen. Allan C. Fixton, XXIV Corps Artillery Commander, pulled the lanyard on Number 3 piece, Battery A, and fired the first 2-138th Field Artillery round into the mountain range south of Phu Bai, Vietnam. During the tour in Vietnam, the battalion had a primary mission of reinforcing the fires of the 101st Airborne Air Mobile (AM) Division Artillery and frequently supported the 1st Army

of the Republic of Vietnam Division as well as regional and local militia. During the period, 2/138th Field Artillery Battalion fired approximately 150,000 rounds. Senior Commander in Vietnam, Gen. Creighton Abrams, said the 2nd Bn., 138th Field Artillery Bde., was "one of the best trained, and absolutely the best maintained battalion-sized unit in Vietnam." The fallen from the Vietnam Era — February 28, 1961 — May 7, 1975 — on the Memorial: KYNG fallen serving in Vietnam: Brown, Harold SSG Army Bullitt County Battery C, 1st Battalion, 82nd Artillery Americal Division VN 11-Jun-1969-Carr, Bertram SGT Army Jefferson County Battery B, 2/138th FA BN, 24 Corps in VN 1-Jun-1969-Chappel, Luther 1SG Army Carroll County Battery C, 2/138th FA in VN 19-Jun-1969-Collins, David SP4 Army Nelson County Battery C, 2/138th FA in VN 19-Jun-1969-McIlvoy, Joseph PFC/SP4 Army Washington County Battery C, 2/138th FA in VN 19-Jun-1969-Moore, James SSG Army Nelson County Battery C, 2/138th FA in VN 24-Jun-1969-Simpson, Ronald SP4 Army Nelson County Battery C, 2/138th FA in VN 19-Jun-1969-Williams, Billy MAJ Army Crittenden County Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) Advance Team 3 in VN 6-May-1970-Wray, James SGT Army Jefferson County Battery B, 1st Bn 40th Artillery, 108th Art Grp in VN 2-Jul-1969—KYNG fallen elsewhere during the Vietnam era-Brown, Lanny PFC Army Wayne County TNG in Kentucky Battery C, 1st Battalion of the 623rd Field Artillery 15-Jul-1970-May, Martin CW4 Army Daviess County TNG at Ft Hood HHC, 2Med Tank BN, 123rd Armor Other 14-Mar-1975-Powell, Glave SGT Army Mercer County TNG in Kentucky SVC Battery, 2/138th FA BN Other 12-Jan-1975-Sanders, Roger Capt Air Jefferson County TNG in Kentucky 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron 14-Sep-1971-Sawyer, Robert Capt Air TN County AD in Missouri 165th Tac Recon Sq Other 5-Aug-1968-Smith, William LTC Army TX County AD in Korea formerly Battery C of the 138th Field Artillery Battalion VN 27-Nov-1968-Uhl, Timothy PFC Army Fayette County TNG in Kentucky SVC Battery, 2/138th FA BN Other 12 Feb 1975.



Photo by Ben Carlson

Alan Beghtol poses for a photo in front of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial last week with the Harley-Davidson motorcycle he will ride on the 10,000-mile Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge.

A warrior's mission

Man plans 10,000 mile ride to support National Guard Memorial

BY BEN CARLSON
NEWS STAFF

How does spending two weeks seeing America from the seat of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle sound?

Pretty great, right?

What if, however, those

two weeks required you to navigate more than 10,000 miles?

Sounds a bit exhausting, sure, but still something many people would sign up for.

What if during that two-week, 10,000-mile trip you couldn't use any GPS

instruments to navigate the trip and, by the way, you have to sleep with your bike? Not in a hotel room or buddy's house, but literally alongside your bike, outdoors?

For most, that would be a bridge too far but not for Lawrenceburg's Alan Beghtol, who later this month, is setting out on that exact quest in an

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effort to raise money to be used for the upkeep of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial in Frankfort.

Beghtol and a buddy from Owenton will leave from Frankfort to start a 1,300-mile journey to Rapid City, South Dakota, where they will start their 10,000-mile ride as part of the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge.

The challenge is based on the Lakota Sioux principal of "wolakota" and celebrates all that is pure and powerful in the warrior spirit," according to a website associated with the challenge.

It provides participants with an "opportunity to test their fortitude and determination. By facing and overcoming obstacles along the way, participants are encouraged to journey into a deep and critical examination of their own motives, actions and beliefs and then to translate newfound strength and confidence into a willingness to act on behalf of others," the website says.

On June 26, Beghtol and about 1,000 other riders will head out of Rapid City on their 10,000-mile journey and won't have the slightest clue as to where they will be going until they

WANT TO DONATE?

To make a pledge, visit kyngmemorial.com/events and click on the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge link. After making a \$25 upfront donation, supporters can pledge a minimum of 1 cent per mile completed of the challenge, meaning if Beghtol completes the 10,000 mile journey, the supporter would give \$100.

start. There isn't an official number of days they have to complete the challenge, but Beghtol is intent on completing the ride in two weeks.

GETTING STARTED

Never one to back down from a challenge, Beghtol flies a helicopter these days for a power company out of eastern Kentucky after retiring after 24 years of service in the military. During those years, he served as a crew chief on an F-15 fighter jet but quickly knew that he belonged in the air.

"I wanted to fly so bad I joined the Army," he said. "I went to Korea for a year, became a flight instructor and went into special ops."

His missions included hunting down and destroying black tar heroin labs in the Middle East along with counter-intelligence operations when he was back home in Kentucky. After a friend told him the Kentucky Guard needed drug pilots, he signed up and spent years combing the state's hillsides for illegal drugs.

Although he retired from the military, Beghtol still uses his pilot skills to assist law enforcement right there at home. A longtime special deputy with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, Beghtol has flown over and reported plenty of marijuana patches through the years, along with helping first responders find missing children and even providing thrills for children during DARE events. The past couple of years he's even helped out during the city's Christmas-themed events by flying in Santa Claus for the annual Light Up Lawrenceburg event two years ago and the Grinch last year.

Mayor Troy Young said it's not a surprise to hear that Beghtol is participating in an event to raise money for the Guard Memorial.

"He'll always drop whatever he's doing to come an assist when someone needs something," said Young. "He never disappoints and he doesn't want any praise. He's just always there to help. He loves his com-

munity and is one of the behind-the-scenes guys who is just always there."

"Alan is the total package," said Sheriff Joe Milam. "When we need an aircraft, he's able to help us at no cost to the county. He has a key love for his county and the citizens who live here."

HOW TO HELP

When Beghtol decided to participate, he soon realized that he needed to fulfill the requirement that his ride raise money for a cause.

"A buddy of mine who is a brigadier general on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky National Guard Memorial was telling me it takes about \$20,000 a year to maintain it," Beghtol said. "It has 286 names of Kentucky Guardsmen who have died while serving. That sounded like a perfect beneficiary to me."

Now, the man who is known for always being there for his community is asking others to step up and help him raise money for the memorial.

The Guard's website includes a link under the "events" tab that will allow people to make a pledge. With an upfront donation of \$25, supporter can pledge at least 1 cent per mile. Those who donate will be sent a GPS tracker link, allowing them to follow Beghtol on his 10,000-mile journey.

"To remember our fallen in this way is to

better appreciate that our Kentucky National Guard history is not just a collection of facts, but rather a collection of personal and organizational experiences," the website says. "Remembering our fallen connects us with the past and helps us better understand how that past has shaped the present and influences the future."

"Similarly, the Challenge route is not just a collection of roads that will take Alan and [his friend] Cheyenne to the finish line. For them, this journey is not only a challenge of skill and endurance, but a journey to remember their fallen friends and colleagues,

and in doing so they are "Honoring Their Sacrifice", the motto of the Kentucky National Guard Memorial."

SEE THEM OFF

The Kentucky National Guard will hold a departure day rally for Beghtol and his friend from Owenton on Saturday, June 18 at the Boone Center, located at 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. then following a short ceremony, a motorcycle escort will take them to I-64 in Waddy.

Those wishing to participate in the ride should arrive at the Memorial no later than 10:30 a.m.

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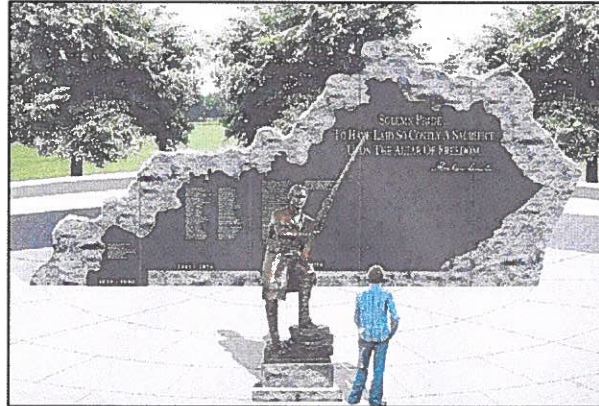
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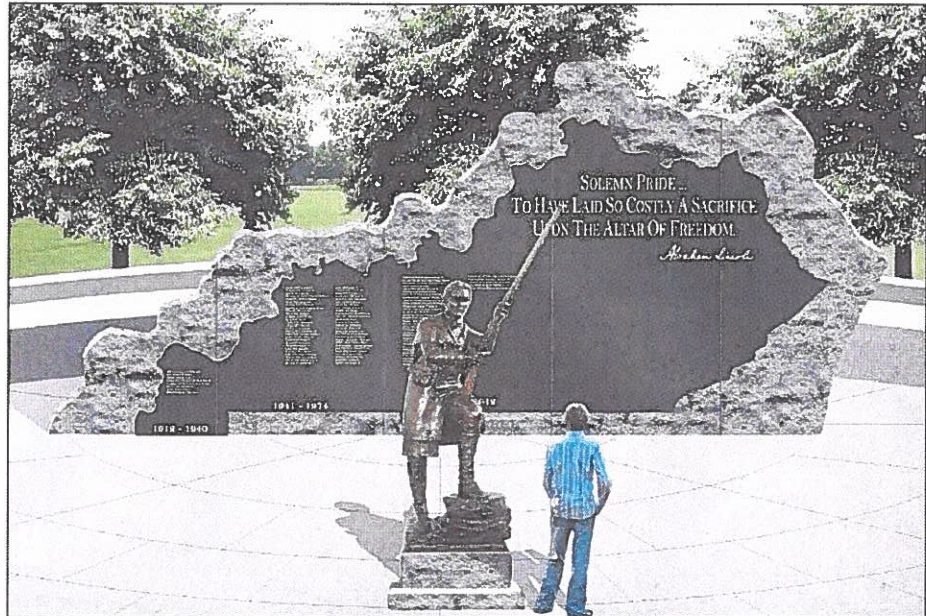
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KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD MEMORIAL IN FRANKFORT

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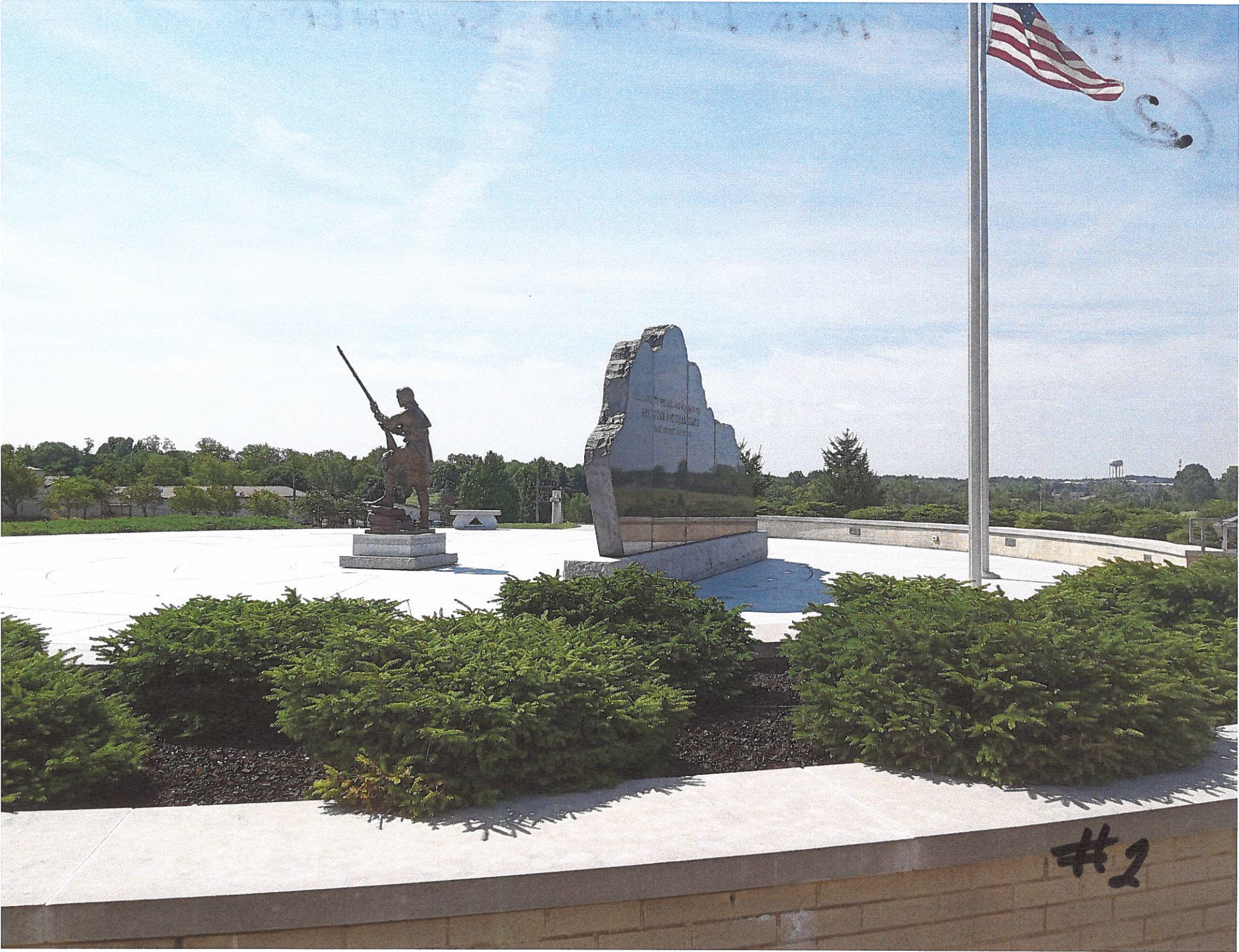
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BACK SIDE OF MEMORIAL LOOKING EAST

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MEMORIAL PLAZA LOOKING SOUTHEAST
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NORTH SIDE OF THE MEMORIAL LOOKING SOUTH



MEMORIAL PLAZA LOOKING SOUTH WEST



#5

MEMORIAL PLAZA LOOKING WEST

KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD MEMORIAL



#6

FULL FRONT OF MEMORIAL LOOKING WEST



SOLEMN PRIDE...
TO HAVE LAID SO COSTLY A SACRIFICE
UPON THE ALTAR OF FREEDOM

Heaven Direct

DANIEL BUCK

#7

MEMORIAL PLAZA LOOKING NORTH WEST



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MEMORIAL PLAZA BEACHES LOOKING SOUTH



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BOONE STATUE AND STATE LOOKING WEST



SOLEMN PRIDE...
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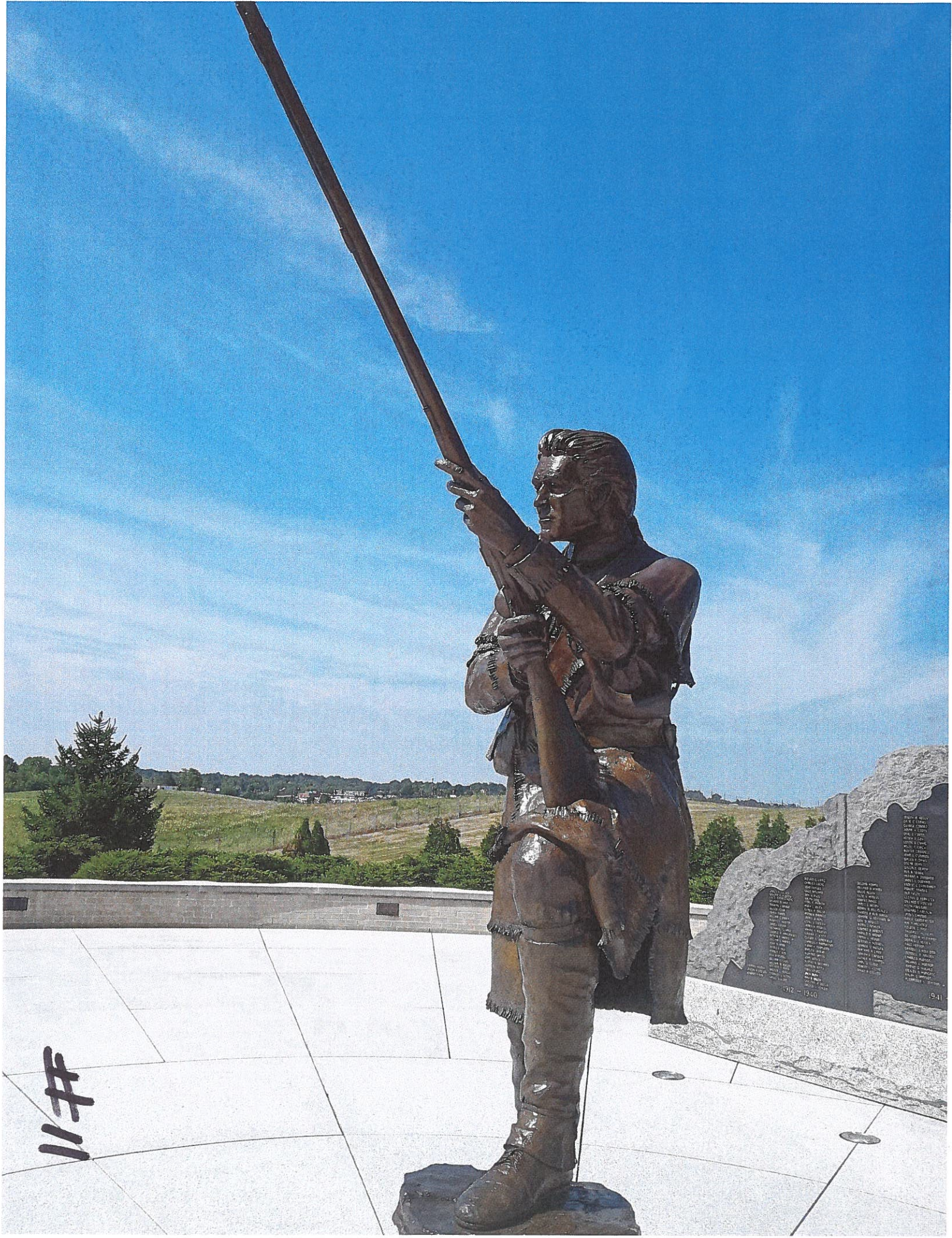
Abraham Lincoln

1912 - 1940
1941 - 1972

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IS CONE STATUE AND STATE MEMORIAL



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CLOSE-UP BOONE STATUE LOOKING SOUTHWEST



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BACK OF BOONE STATUE LOOKING EAST



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RIGHT SIDE OF EDOUARD STATUE LOOKING NORTH EAST

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Abraham Lincoln

1912 - 1940

1941 - 1974

1975 -

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STATE MEMORIAL LOOKING WEST

STATE MEMORIAL LOOKING NORTH WEST



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BACK SIDE, STATE MEMORIAL LOOKING NORTH EAST

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BACK OF STATE MEMORIAL FACING EAST



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EAST SIDE



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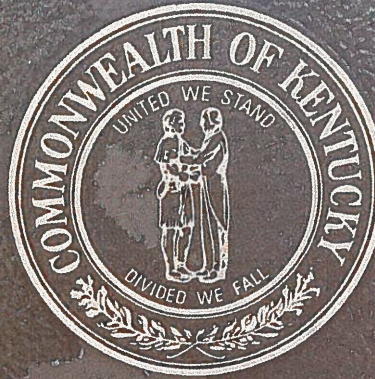
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PLAQUE AT ENTRANCE TO MEMORIAL
LEFT HAND SIDE, FACING EAST



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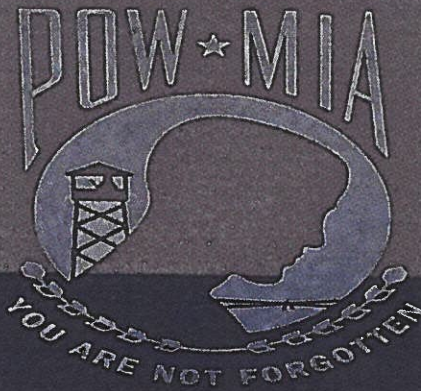
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DEDICATED TO THOSE IMPRISONED AND THOSE STILL MISSING



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POW/MIA BENCH