COMMUNITY SERVICE 2022-2023





JIMMY HARRIS VFW POST 6837 AND AUXILIARY 6837 BOAZ, ALABAMA

POST COMMANDER JOHN T. TUCK
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT CHRISTIE TUCK

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES JIMMY HARRIS POST 6837 COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD BOOK 2022-2023 TABLE OF CONTENTS

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SECTION I

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT NARRATIVE

- 1. On 18 May 2022, Mike Elkins, Dave Dunn, Justin Craig, Adam Cordell, and Dan Glassco placed U.S. Flags on approximately 500 Veterans graves in Hillcrest Cemetery, Boaz, Alabama.
- 2. On 24 May 2022, Chaplain Mike Elkins, Dave Dunn, Bruce Forman, Vernon Oliver, Adam Cordell, Justin Craig, and Dan Glassco participated with Family Members, and Hospice Staff during the Annual Shepherd's Cove Hospice Memorial Ceremony. Ceremony honors the memory of Veteran's who passed away throughout the year who were under the care of Hospice Nurses.
- 3. On 30 July 2022, Auxiliary 6837 and Jimmy Harris VFW Post 6837 completed a "Day of Service." We provided lunches to First Responders at the Boaz Police Department, Boaz Fire Department and Marshall County Sheriff Office.
- 4. On 17 September 2022, Junior Vice Commander Adam Cordell as a member of the Department of Alabama VFW Color Guard participated in the annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony held in Montgomery, Alabama. All the Veteran Organizations in the State of Alabama host this ceremony. Attending this year's event were members of the American Legion, Marine Corps League, Gold Star Mothers, and the Department of Alabama VFW. Also in attendance were District 2 Commander John Tuck (Commander Post 6837) and District 2 Judge Advocate Dave Dunn (Adjutant Post 6837).
- 5. On 3 October 2022, partnered with the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce in the planning of and participated in the Boaz Harvest Festival Opening Ceremony. Dave Dunn, Gerald Tillman, Vernon Oliver, and Adam Cordell raised the U.S. Flag during the singing of the National Anthem. The members participated in all the events during the Opening Ceremony. Marshall-Dekalb Electric Co-op lineman scaled a utility pole and placed the U.S. Flag at the top and the ceremony concluded with the playing of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A."
- 6. On 28 October 2022, Auxiliary 6837 and Jimmy Harris Post 6837 provided a birthday party for all the October Veterans at "Tut" Fann Veterans Home in Huntsville, Alabama. The party celebrated 20 Veterans birthdays.

- 7. Donated \$700 to Boaz Library to help with Halloween "Monster Mash" to conduct the annual Trunk or Treat in downtown Boaz Old Mill Park on 31 October 2022.
- 8. On 11 February 2023, participated in the District 2, Department of Alabama VFW Tut Fann Veterans Home Valentine's Day Party in Huntsville, Alabama.
- 9. Donated \$2000 for Amazon Hope Charity for their annual fundraiser in the Post Main Hall.
- 10. Donated \$2000 for ALTRUSA International for their meeting and training of personnel in the Post Main Hall.
- 11. Donated another \$500 to Second Chance Animal Shelter to help with upkeep expenses.
- 12. Donated \$500 to the Dog Mission Rescue to help them with upkeep expenses.
- 13. Donated \$2000 to Department of Human Resources for their bi-annual training on Adult Protective Services in the Post Main Hall.
- 14. Donated \$2000 for Lions club to hold their monthly meetings.
- 15. Donated \$3500 recycled lumber to a fellow Veterans Organization.
- 16. On 24 March 2023, Auxiliary 6837 donated \$300 to provide Easter baskets to the Guntersville VA Clinic for Patients and Staff.

Hours	114	\$3,414.30
Money Spent		\$13,500.00
Miles	1035	\$144.90
Members	57	
Total \$		\$17,059.20

HILLCREST CEMETARY

18 May 2022





HILLCREST CEMETARY





SHEPHERD'S COVE HOSPICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY

24 May 2022





SHEPHERD'S COVE HOSPICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY





DAY OF SERVICE

30 July 2022









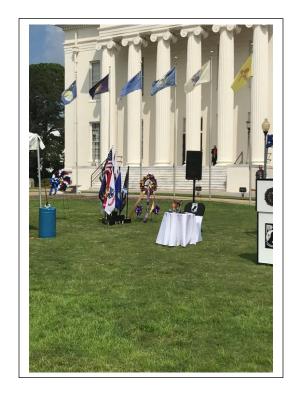
POW/MIA CEREMONY - MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

17 September 2022









POW/MIA CEREMONY - MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA







POW/MIA CEREMONY - MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

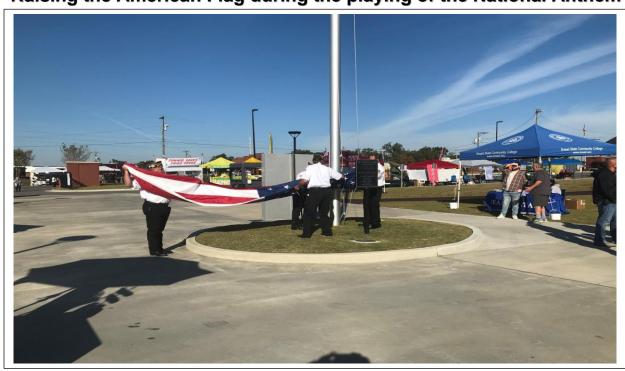






3 October 2022

Raising the American Flag during the playing of the National Anthem









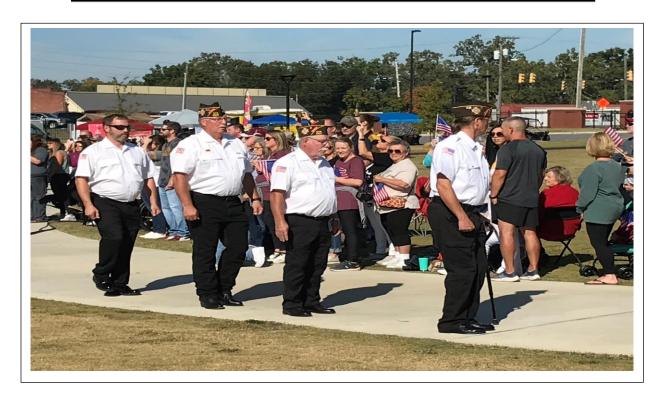
























TUT FANN VETERANS HOME OCTOBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

28 October 2022



TUT FANN VETERANS HOME OCTOBER BIRTHDAY PARTY



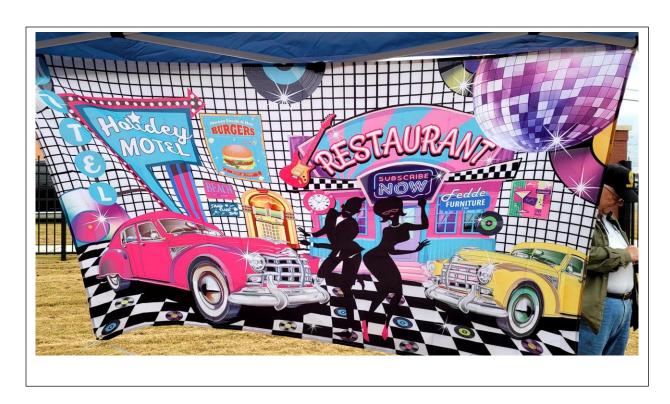


TUT FANN VETERANS HOME OCTOBER BIRTHDAY PARTY



BOAZ HALLOWEEN "MONSTER MASH"

31 October 2022 - Old Mill Park



BOAZ HALLOWEEN "MONSTER MASH"

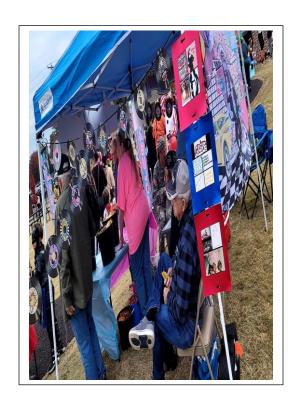






BOAZ HALLOWEEN "MONSTER MASH"





TUT FANN VETARANS HOME VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

11 February 2023





GUNTERSVILLE VA CLINIC "EASTER BASKETS"

24 March 2023





SECTION II

COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Cooperations with Other Organizations Narrative

- 1. Donated \$1000 for the Guntersville Rescue Squad to hold their annual Car Show and fundraiser.
- 2. Donated \$1000 for the Marshall County Sheriff Reserve to hold their annual Car Show and fundraiser.
- 3. Donated \$1000 for the Lions Club to hold their annual River Run Car Show and fundraiser.
- 4. Jimmy Harris Post 6837 conducted Buddy Poppy and membership drive during all the events on the Post grounds.
- 5. On 21 December 2022, Dave Dunn worked with CASA of Marshall County and the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce, by assisting the organization in delivering seven (7) bags of food and clothing to families to give them a hand up at Christmas.
- 6. Donated \$1000 for R.O.S.S. of Marshall County to conduct their "Recovery on the Mountain," an annual celebration to recognize everyone for their accomplishments in recovery programs throughout the year. Chaplain Justin Craig leads a recovery group in coordination with the Marshall County Judiciary System.
- 7. On 12-13 November 2022, John Tuck and Adam Cordell participated in the KC BBQ Society Cook Off in Gadsden, Alabama. We partnered with other District 2, Department of Alabama VFW Post to provide a membership drive and educate the public on the Veterans of Foreign Wars mission. Represented at the two day "Cook Off" were Post 2760, Post 3128, Post 6226, Post 6073, Post 6837, Post 8600, and Post 10408.
- 8. Donated \$4000 to Marshall County Department of Human Resources to conduct Adult Protective Services Training.
- 9. Donated \$2000 to Kids' Sake to help children in Marshall County with new clothes for the start of the new school year.
- 10. Donated \$150 to the Disabled Veterans of America (DAV) Chapter 18 for their Annual Golf Tournament at Buck Island Golf Course in Guntersville, Alabama.

- 11. Donated \$65 and participated with DAV Chapter 18 to provide lunch to 40 Veterans at the Guntersville CBOC during their annual "Flu Fair" on 28 October 2022.
- 12. Donated \$2000 to a fellow Veterans Organization to hold a meeting in the Post Main Hall.
- 13. Donated \$500 to the United States Army Brotherhood of Tankers to support the "Gainey Cup Best Scout Squad Competition" at Fort Benning, Georgia; 24 April to 7 May 2023 to provide water to the participants at their in-check points.

Hours	117	\$3,504.15
Money		\$12,715.00
Miles	301	\$42.14
Members	21	
Total \$		\$16,261.29

GUNTERSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD FUNDRAISER

22 May 2022







MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF RESERVE FUNDRAISER

18 June 2022







MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF RESERVE FUNDRAISER





LIONS CLUB - RIVER RUN CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

27 August 2022





LIONS CLUB - RIVER RUN CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER





DONATION TO KIDS' SAKE FOR CLOTHING TO HELP CHILDREN

8 September 2022







PROVIDING LUNCH FOR VETERANS WITH DAV CHAPTER 18

28 October 2022



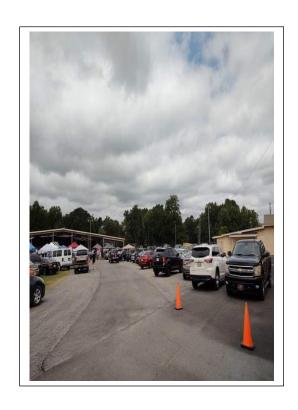


RECOVERY ON THE MOUNTAIN - R.O.S.S

5 November 2022







KC BBQ SOCIETY AND DISTRICT 2, DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA VFW

12 - 13 November 2022



SUPPORT FOR CASA OF MARSHALL COUNTY

21 December 2022





SUPPORT TO BROTHERHOOD OF TANKERS

9 March 2023



SECTION III

AID TO OTHERS

AID TO OTHERS NARRATIVE

- 1. On 28 May 2022, Post 6837 raised \$2600.00 for the Post Relief Fund. We handed out Buddy Poppies, and VFW brochures to help educate the public on the mission of the VFW and how our Post assists Veterans.
- 2. Donated \$4512 to the Marshall County Sheriff Reserves for their support to the Post during our Carnival and Fair.
- 3. Donated \$4207 to Second Chance Shelter. We supported the Second Chance Animal Shelter with two donations to provide them with financial assistance for dog food or other expenses associated with caring for the all the animals they provide shelter for and adoption.
- 4. Donated \$500 to Samaritan's Purse after the tornados hit Kentucky and Tennessee.
- 5. Provided \$5,099.82 in Relief Funds to give Veterans and Veterans families a hand up with funeral, medical, rent, and utility expenses.
- 6. Service Officer Randy Watts assisted 14 Veterans and family members with VA Disability Claims, Dependency Claims and Benefit Claims throughout the year.
- 7. Donated \$407 for two Memorial Services for 2 Life Members of Post 6837.
- 8. Donated \$912.01 to the National Home for Children.
- 9. Donated \$406 to Veteran's Christmas presents and delivered them to a local Nursing home.
- 10. Auxiliary 6837 donated \$375 in quilts to Veterans.

11. Members continued to support Veterans' Widows by mowing yards, yard cleanup work, vehicle repairs, lawn mower repairs, home repairs and building fire pits.

Hours	292	\$8,745.40
Money		\$16,418.83
Miles	2,258	\$316.12
Members	74	
Total \$		\$25,480.35

RAISING FUNDS FOR POST RELIEF FUND

28 May 2022









RAISING FUNDS FOR POST RELIEF FUND







DONATIONS FOR MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF RESERVE





DONATIONS FOR SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SHELTER





AUXILIARY QUILTS FOR VETERANS





AUXILIARY QUILTS FOR VETERANS



SECTION IV

SCHOOL AND CHURCH ASSISTANCE

SCHOOL AND CHURCH ASSISTANCE NARRATIVE

- 1. On 3 May 2022, during the Post Annual Awards Dinner we provided our Teacher of the Year Robert Landers with a certificate and monetary award of \$200. We provided our 2nd Place winner Haley Coy with a certificate and \$100 monetary award and our 3rd Place Winner Miriam Richey with a certificate and \$50 monetary award.
- 2. Provided two \$500 scholarships in honor of Jonathon Barnes (Past Quartermaster). The first recipients of the Jonathan Barnes Memorial Scholarship were Jonathan Barnes, Jr., and Lori Jean Barnes.
- 3. Provided \$2500 in scholarships to Albertville, Boaz, and Sardis High School students.
- 4. Donated \$2000 for the Marshall County Extension Office to conduct their annual 4-H Pig and Chicken Shows and Auctions in the Pavilion.
- 5. Donated \$6,655.90 for 4-H and FFA Livestock Shows, 20-24 September 2022. During the weeklong event, kids from two (2) states and six (6) counties traveled to show their animals. The Post co-sponsors the event with 19 other sponsors to pay for entry fees, trophies, monetary awards, and programs. The Livestock show provide the kids the opportunity to show their goats, lambs, cattle, and hogs. This provides the contestants the opportunity to prepare their animal and themselves for the State Finals held every March.
- 6. Donated \$6000 to the Douglas School System to provide end of year testing.
- 7. Donated \$125 in U.S. flags to Boaz and Douglas School Systems.
- 8. Donated \$150 to Marshall Christian Academy to sponsor their athletics and have a Post 6837 banner in their gymnasium.
- 9. Donated \$160 to Boaz High Football Program to sponsor a cheerleader and have a Post 6837 advertisement in the Boaz Football Home Game programs handed out at every game.

- 10. Donated \$1000 to the Boaz Church of Christ in support of their efforts to provide care packages to the soldiers who had recently been deployed to Europe.
- 11. Senior Vice Commander Dan Glassco received the State of Alabama "Friend of Agriculture Award" from Marshall County Extension Agent, Kirsten Robertson for the support given to all 4-H events, held at Post 6837 for 2022.

Hours	123	\$3,683.85
Money		\$19,940.90
Miles	641	\$89.74
Members	31	
Total \$		\$23,714.49

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

3 May 2022

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2nd Place: Haley Coy





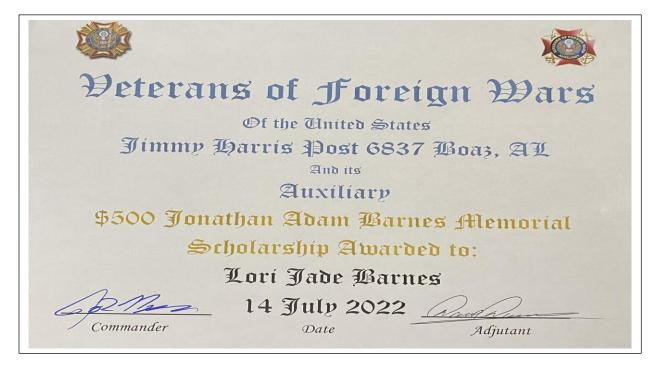
3rd Place: Miriam Richey

JONATHON BARNES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

14 July 2022

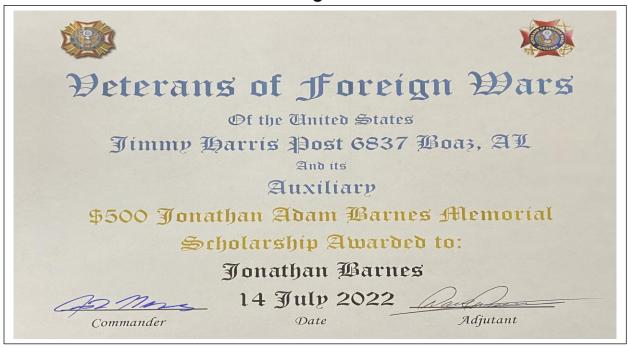
Sardis High School



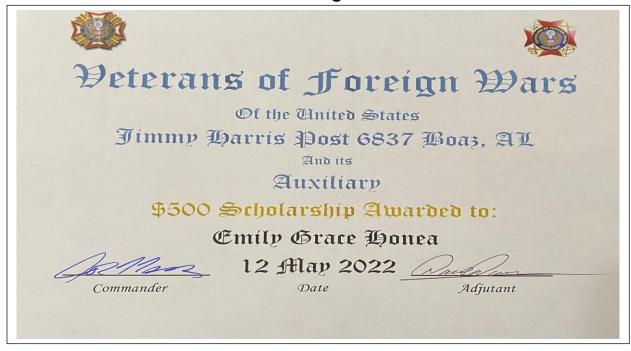


HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Sardis High School

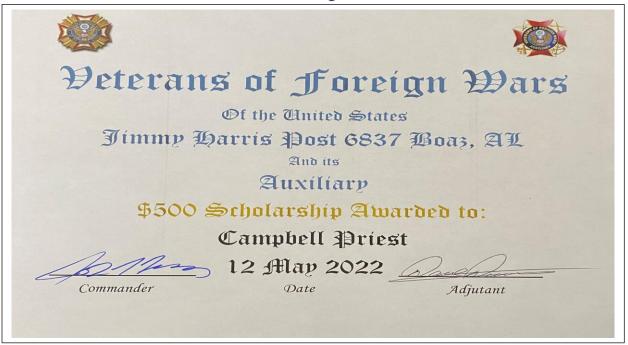


Albertville High School

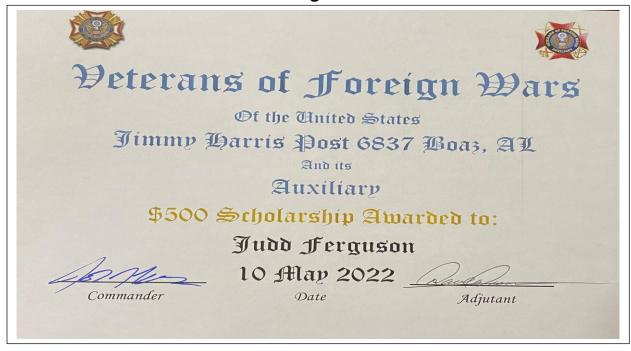


HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Albertville High School



Boaz High School



SUPPORT TO 4-H CHICKEN SHOW

15 September 2022





SUPPORT TO 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOWS - GOAT SHOW

20 September 2022





SUPPORT TO 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOWS - GOAT SHOW







SUPPORT TO 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOWS - LAMB SHOW

21 September 2022





SUPPORT TO 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOWS - LAMB SHOW









SUPPORT TO 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW - HIEFER & STEER SHOW 22 September 2022





SUPPORT TO 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW - HIEFER & STEER SHOW





SUPPORT TO 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW - HIEFER & STEER SHOW









SUPPORT TO 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW - HIEFER & STEER SHOW





SUPPORT TO 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW - HOG SHOW

24 September 2022





SUPPORT TO 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW - HOG SHOW





STATE OF ALABAMA "FRIEND OF AGRICULTURE AWARD" PRESENTATION BY MARSHALL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

13 October 2022









SECTION V

SAFETY

SAFETY NARRATIVE

- 1. On 3 May 2022, during our Annual Awards Dinner, we recognized our Gold Medal Awardees (Public Servants of the Year). Our Law Enforcement Officer of the Year was James Striplin, and he also, went on to win as the District 2 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. The EMT of the Year was Wesley Wilson, and Firefighter of the Year was Jacob Rains. Each awardee was provided with a VFW certificate and \$200 monetary award.
- 2. Donated \$3500 to City of Boaz to help purchase a Drone with FLIR capability for the Boaz Police Department.
- 3. Donated \$400 to Alder Springs Volunteer Fire Department to help them purchase a Lift Chair.

Hours	4	\$119.80
Money		\$4500.00
Miles	35	\$4.90
Members	4	
Total \$		\$4,624.70

GOLD MEDAL AWARD PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

3 May 2022



Post 6837 and District 2 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year - James Striplin

EMT of the Year



Wesley Wilson

Firefighter of the Year



Jacob Rains

DONATION TO CITY OF BOAZ AND BOAZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

16 May 2022



ALDER SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

9 February 2023



SECTION VI

AMERICANISM

AMERICANISM NARRATIVE

- 1. On 30 May 2022; Post 6837 conducted their Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Old Mill Park in downtown Boaz, Alabama.
- 2. On 23 September 2022; Post 6837 conducted their Annual POW/MIA Ceremony for Veterans attending the Marshall County Fair.
- 3. On 11 November 2022; Post 6837 conducted their Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony. The City of Boaz sponsored lunch for all Veterans and Attendees. This year's theme was "Have Lunch with a Veteran."
- 4. On 17 November 2022; Post 6837 and Auxiliary 6837 had 18 members participate in the Albertville Thanksgiving Parade.
- 5. On 2 December 2022; Post 6837 and Auxiliary 6837 had 18 members participate in the Boaz Christmas Parade. Our float won 2nd Place.
- 6. On 1 March 2023; Dan Glasco, Gerald Tillman, Adam Cordell, and Dave Dunn conducted a U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony.
- 7. Post 6837 Honor Guard conducted a flag folding ceremony during the grave side celebration of life for a Marshall County Veteran.

Hours	122	\$3,653.90
Money		\$0
Miles	833	\$116.62
Members	46	
Total \$		\$3,770.52

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

30 May 2022





MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY







MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY









MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

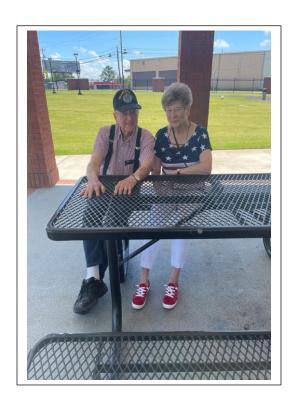






MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY







POST POW/MIA CEREMONY

23 September 2022









VETERANS DAY CEREMONY - "LUNCH WITH A VETERAN"

11 November 2022







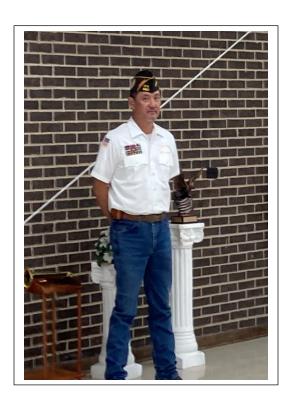






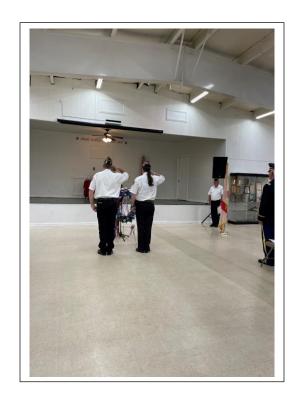






















CITY OF ALBERTVILLE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS PARADE

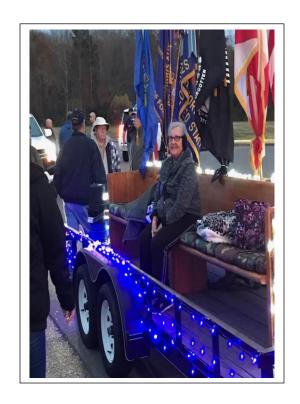
17 November 2022





CITY OF BOAZ CHRISTMAS PARADE

2 December 2022



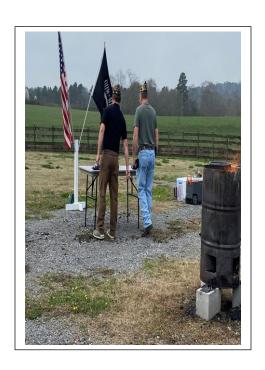




POST FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

1 March 2023











SECTION VII

YOUTH AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

YOUTH AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY NARRATIVE

- 1. On 3 May 2022, during our Annual Awards Dinner, we recognized Waylon Mayes our Scout of the Year with a certificate and \$200 monetary award.
- 2. On 3 May 2022, during our Annual Awards Dinner, we recognized our "Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue" singing contest Winner Chloe Tidwell with a certificate and a \$100 monetary award.
- 3. Nancy Connolly travelled to Albertville Middle School to recognize the "Patriot's Pen" winners, Alexander Owens our 1st Place winner was presented with a Patriot's Pen certificate and \$200 monetary award; Jude Fann our 2nd Place winner was presented with a Patriot's Pen certificate and \$150 monetary award; and Hudson Hope our 3rd Place winner was presented with a Patriot's Pen certificate and \$100 monetary award.
- 4. Nancy Connolly traveled to Albertville Elementary School to present Sadie Maltbie, the winner of the "Illustrating America" Art contest with a certificate and \$100 monetary award.
- 4. Nancy Connolly traveled Hokes Bluff Elementary School to present Turner Sewell, the winner of the "Illustrating America" Art contest with a certificate and \$100 monetary award.
- Donated \$600 to Civil Air Patrol Mountain Lakes Squadron 135.
- 6. On 17 December 2022, Post 6837 and Auxiliary 6837 participated in laying wreaths on Veteran graves at Marshall Memorial Cemetery.
- Donated \$2000 to Marshall Technical School JROTC for their Annual Military Banquet on 17 March 2023 in the Post Main Hall.
- Certificate and \$500 scholarship were presented to Cadet (TBD) by Commander John Tuck.

7. Post members are active in supporting Civil Air Patrol Mountain Lakes Squadron 135 and Boy Scouts throughout the entire year. Members volunteer on a monthly basis to attend meetings, weeklong camps, and other events. a certificate and \$100 monetary award.

Hours	674	\$20,186.30
Money		\$4,050.00
Miles	2,459	\$344.26
Members	18	
Total \$		\$24,549.21

YOUTH AWARDS

3 May 2022



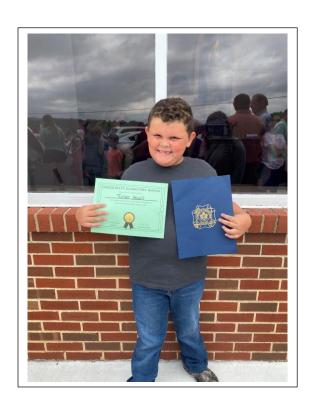


Patriot's Pen



"ILLUSTRATING AMERICA" ART WINNERS





WREATH LAYING CEREMONY - MARSHALL MEMORIAL CEMETARY

17 December 2022

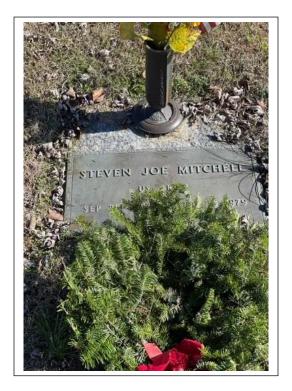








WREATH LAYING CEREMONY - MARSHALL MEMORIAL CEMETARY









JUNIOR ROTC MILITARY BANQUET & AWARDS NIGHT

17 March 2023





JUNIOR ROTC MILITARY BANQUET & AWARDS NIGHT





COMMUNITY SERVICE ROLLUP

TOTAL OF ALL SECTIONS

	HOURS	MILES	MEMBERS	MONEY
SECTION I	114	1035	57	\$17,059.20
SECTION II	117	301	21	\$16,261.29
SECTION III	292	2,258	74	\$25,480.35
SECTION IV	123	641	31	\$23,714.49
SECTION V	4	35	4	\$4,624.70
SECTION VI	122	833	46	\$3,770.52
SECTION VII	674	2,459	18	\$24,579.61
TOTALS	1,446	7,562	251	\$115,490.16