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LEBO'S 24TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

The 24th Annual Veterans Day Tribute at Lebo School is 2 p.m. on Friday, November 10. Veterans from each of the five military branches will be recognized. A reception with cookies and coffee will be

held from 1:10-2 p.m. in the Commons area. The program is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Lebo High School at (620) 256-6341.

EAC TO HOST ARTIST RECEPTION FOR ANNUAL VETERAN'S EXHIBITION



emporia arts center

The Emporia Arts Center will host an Artist's Opening Reception for The Annual Veteran's Exhibit in the Trusler Gallery, 815 Commercial St., from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3. The show will be up for viewing November 1st – November 11th.

This is an annual exhibition showing the artistic work of all veterans and those currently serving in all branches. It is a juried show with placement for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Honorable Mention, as well as People's Choice. The voting for People's Choice will begin on November 1 st and go up until 4:45pm on the 3rd. Winners will be announced by ESB Financial during the reception at 5:15pm. The Refreshments and Announcements will be provided by Emporia Chamber of Commerce.

Emporia Arts Coun-

cil is honored to share the artistic talents of all those that chose to serve our country. Each year the Emporia Arts Council showcases our local veterans who are also artists in the first half of the month of November as part of Emporia's Veteran's Day celebration. We invite the community to come out to this fantastic show and to show support to our veterans.

All exhibitions in the Trusler Gallery at Emporia Arts Center are free to the public.

Gallery Hours:

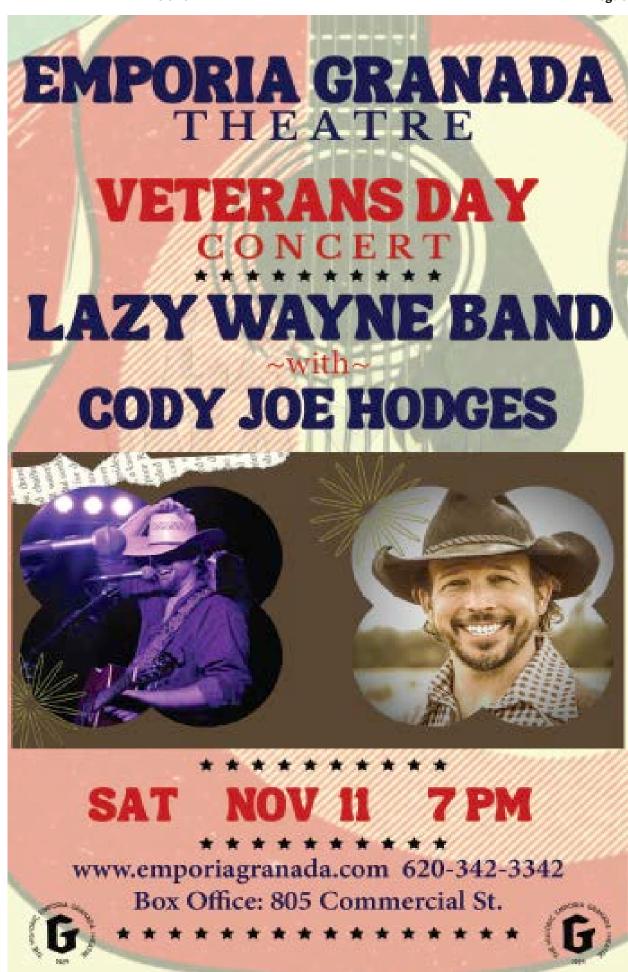
Tuesday through Friday: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am-3:00pm

For additional information, contact:

Sarah Bulinski Emporia Arts Center 620-343-6473

sbulinski@emporiaksarts.org



VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

The Chase County All Veterans Committee would like to invite all Chase County Veterans and their guests to a free Veterans Day Luncheon on Friday, November 10,

11:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Hall. They also encourage everyone to attend the Veterans Day Program at 1:30 p.m. at the Chase County High School Gymnasium.

VETERANS DAY CONCERT

The Emporia Granada Theatre will host a Veterans Day Concert on Saturday, November 11, 7 p.m. Lazy Wayne Band with

Cody Joe Hodges will per-

To order tickets go to www.emporiagranada. com or call 620-342-3342.

VETERANS DAY IN CHASE COUNTY

The Chase County All Veterans Committee will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 10, 1:30 p.m.

The schedule is as fol-

Master of Ceremonies......Col. Clay Childs, USAF, (Ret.)

The National Anthem.....CCHS Band

Pledge of Alle-

giance.....CCES Second Graders

Essay Contest Winners.....3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Grade

The Oath of Enlistment Col. Clay Childs, (Ret.)

Taps...... Ashley Wil-

HONOR A VETERAN

Honor A Veteran by donating blood on Monday, November 6, noon-6 p.m. at the American Legion, 2921 W. 12th Ave, Emporia.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

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Veterans Memorial and send them to City of Cottonwood Falls, Box 487, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845.

MOMENTOUS NEWS IN A CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Teddy Brinkman, A/S, enlisted in the Navy on Feb. 7, just one day after receiving word of his brother's death in action, and was called to duty on March 9, 1945. He was sent to San Diego, Cal., for boot training. He is doing mail clerk work. -- maybe that is how he got the bright idea to write the whole

Olpe Population at once. Ted sent a card addressed to "Everybody at Olpe". His dad, the postmaster, posted it in the lobby of the post office where everybody got to see it. Clever Ted! In order to get into the Navy, Ted enlisted before graduation; he is in the class of '45. (Who do you think misses you

or the teachers?)

Sylvester Haag has been in the Navy 18 vears. His most recent work has been on troop ships and his ship carried the first Marines that landed on Guadalcanal. He figured his ship has transported over a quarter of a million men. Before Pearl

the most, Ted - the class Harbor they carried troops to Iceland. He took part in the battle of the Marshall and Gilbert Islands. He is now serving on the S. S. Curtiss. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sylvester in the loss of his father, who passed away on April 9, and was buried from St. Joseph's on April 11.

EMPORIA VETERANS DAY EVENTS

Veterans Day Events on Saturday, November 11th, 2023. VFW Post 1980 will host the events this year.

The parade line-up will be at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of 4th and Commercial. The parade will begin at 9:30, ending at the corner of 12th and Commercial.

The Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremony will be at the All-Veteran's Memorial at Soden's Grove at 11:00. Master of Ceremony will be Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Steve Harmon, Kansas Army National Guard. Colonel (COL) Erica Christie, Commander, 69th Troop Command, Kansas Army National Guard will be the Keynote speaker.

After the Memorial Ceremony, the public is invited out to VFW Post 1980, 932 Graphic Arts Road, for Ham and Beans, Chicken Noodle and/or Vegetable Soup. There is no charge, but we do ask kindly for a free-will donation.

That evening at 7:00, the Post will be holding a benefit dance with music by Undercover - An 80's Experience. This is also open to the public. There is a \$10.00 cover fee. All current military members and Veterans will be free of charge with a current Military

or Veteran's ID or VA ID Card. During the dance, at 8:00 we will draw for the winners of our raffle for half of a beef (processing included) and a 1911 GI Issue .45 Cal pistol. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at the Post on Graphic Arts Road or the Cowboy Cafe during business hours.

SALUTE TO OUR AREA VETERANS

Ace, Franklin Paul, Air Force Ace, Kenneth L., Army Adcock, Marvin, Navy Akers, James T., Army Akers, Jesse Glenn, Army Alberg, Wiley Eugene, Marines Alderson, Larry Gene, Air Force, Army National Guard & Army Reserve Allemang, Richard Clark, Marines Allen, Donald N., Air Force Allen, GlennzWalter, Army Allen, James Kenneth, Navy Allen, Kenneth Robert, Air Force Allen, Lawrence M., Army Allison, Terry Scott, Air Force Alumbaugh, Jack Edward, Navy Alvarado, Martin Fidel, Navy Amos, Ernest Worden, Army Andersen, Glenn Arlen, Navy Andersen, Michael Dale, Army Andersen, Rasmus M., Army Andersen, Stanley L., Army Andersen, Jr., Stanley Louis, Navy Anderson, Bennett Wooddell, Army Anderson, Gail Philip, Army National Guard Andrews, Albert Lee, Army Andrews, Sherman E., Army KIA Antes, Carl E., Army Archer, Melville W., Navy Armour, Timothy F., Navy Armstrong, Lewis A., Army Arndt, Donald H., Army Arndt, Sr., Robert L., Navy Arndt, Jr., Rodger Dean, Army Arnett, Jr., Claude E., Navy KIA Arnold, Forest D., Navy Arnold, Jerry S., Army Arnold, Kenneth L., Navy & Air Force Ashlock, Gerald Fay, Navy Ast, Bob A., Marines Ast, Donald V., Army Ast, Harold J., Army Ast, Steven Vincent, Army KIA Ast. Tom L.. Navv Atherton, John G., Army Auflegar, Paul, Army Austenfeld, Leon, Navy Austin, Linus J., Army KIA Ayers, Tommy Lee, Army Bailey, Donald C., Navy Bailey, Norman G., Navy Bair, Jeffrey Howard, Army Baker, Ronnie L., Air Force Baldwin, Thomas Vance, Air Force

Baldwin, Sr., Richard Lee, Air Force

Bales, Jack "J.D.", Navy

Visit Emporia is accepting names for inclusion in the 2024 All Veterans Tribute tabloid listing of military veterans. Complete the required Veterans Profile form at https://visitemporia.com/veterans-profile-form/. If you have a question, call Visit Emporia at (620) 342-1600.

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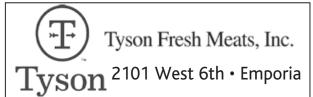
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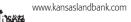
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his Veterans Day I want to thank all the Veterans who gave up so much in order to fight for our country! I had the privilege of going on the USD252 Honor Flight trip in the fall of 2021. This trip was such an amazing experience for me to get to be a part of. I was given the opportunity to accompany my grandpa, Dave Meierhoff. Dave was a Vietnam War Veteran and served in the Navy. This trip was very touching to me because I got to be by my grandpa's side as he got to see all the amazing memorials and I was able to see his reactions. The Honor Flight trip I got to be a part of gave me an experience that I will never forget. Our USD 252 Honor Flight program provides the opportunity to take around 25 Veterans to Washington D.C. at no cost to them. We pair a student guardian with each Veteran which creates an everlasting bond between the students and the Veterans. I wanted to become a part of this program because it is an amazing organization to participate in that not many get to be able to experience themselves. This trip truly is heartwarming to many, especially those in our community. Honor Flight trips provide a way to give the recognition to our Veterans that they deserve. Overall this trip truly is breathtaking. The amount of friendships and bonds that you will create by being a part of this program is amazing! I am beyond excited to be able to go on my second trip this year!

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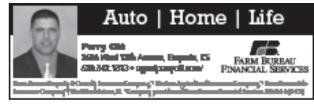
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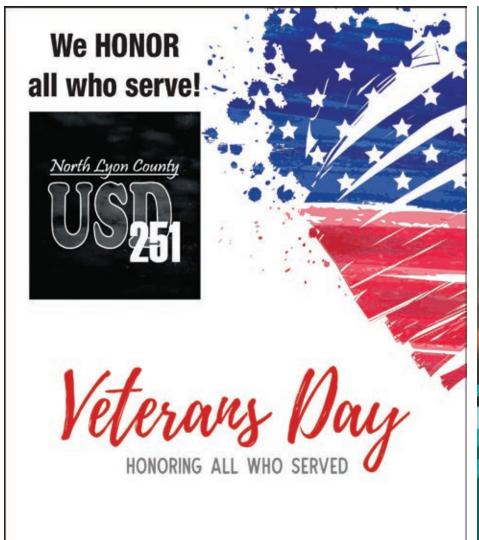
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HOW TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

Supporting veterans is a worthy endeavor at any time of year, though such efforts tend to be more prominent in November. Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11 in honor of the millions of individuals across the United States who are military veterans. The day coincides with holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other countries and also honor military veterans.

There's no denying that veterans need the support of the people whose freedoms they protect. According to a 2021 study from researchers at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, the percentage of veterans with disabilities is significantly higher among post-9/11 veterans (40 percent) than it was with

veterans from previous eras (25 percent for Gulf War I veterans and 13 percent for veterans of previous wars). Veterans can benefit from support legislated by elected officials in Washington, D.C., but there's also many things ordinary citizens can do to show how much they appreciate the sacrifices veterans and their families have made and will make in the years to come.

 Visit wounded veterans. The United States Census Bureau reports that more than one-third of the nearly 3.8 million men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces since September 2001 have a serviceconnected disability. Many of these individuals are fighting to overcome physical injuries sustained while on active duty. Individuals who want to show their support for veterans can contact their local VA facility to arrange a visit to wounded veterans. Such visits can lift veterans' spirits and reassure them that their sacrifices are both acknowledged and appreciated.

• Support legislation that supports veterans. Though it might seem like a nobrainer, legislation to support veterans often faces an uphill battle to get passed. By supporting legislation that ensures veterans get the support they need, individuals can send a message

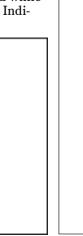
to veterans that they haven't been forgotten and that the very democratic principles they fought to protect are alive and well. Citizens can write letters to their elected officials, urging them to support veteranfriendly legislation, and raise awareness of bills and laws through social media.

• Help raise awareness about homeless veterans. Data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that approximately 40,000 veterans are homeless on any given night. But that figure doesn't

tell the whole story, as the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans notes that. over the course of a year, roughly twice that many veterans experience homelessness. The NCHV believes that programs to assist homeless veterans should focus on helping them reach a point where they can obtain and sustain gainful employment. In addition, the NCHV feels that the most effective programs are community-based, nonprofit, "veterans helping

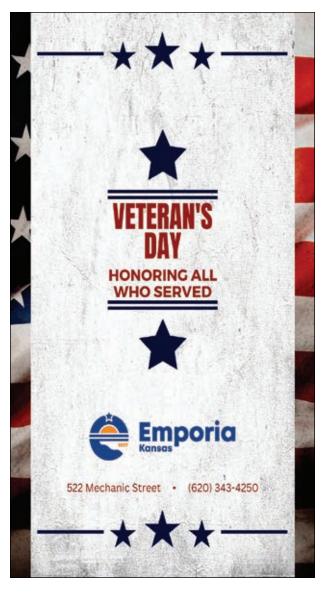
veterans" groups. Individuals can offer their support to such groups through financial donations or other means so they can continue to ensure no veteran sleeps on the street.

Veterans Day is a time to show veterans that their service and sacrifices are not taken for granted. Visiting wounded veterans and supporting efforts to ensure veterans get what they need to live full, healthy and happy lives is a great way to send the message that veterans are appreciated.









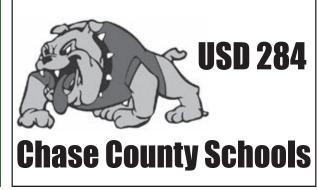


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EMPORIA ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS: VETERANS **GLASS BLOWING WORKSHOP WITH APRIL LEMON**



As the founding city of Veterans Day, we Emporians take pride in honoring those that served our country. The Emporia Arts Center holds a special gallery exhibit every year for these Veterans who are also artists. The juried show will be up from November 1 st -11 th here at The Arts Center. This year we will be adding some-

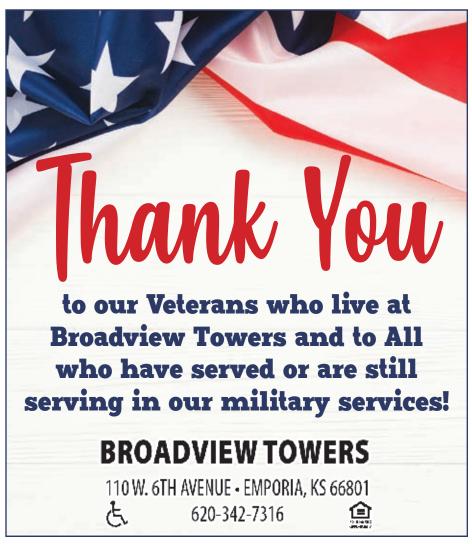
extra "thank you" to these Vets. We will be having an all-out event with Kansas featured artist April Lemon. April is a glass artist from Holton, KS. There she owns her own store. More Than Lemons, and she is passionate not only about art but bringing and teaching her artform to others! On NOVEMBER 3 rd, Emporia Arts Center will be bringing her to our town! She will be working exclusively with Veterans (who have signed up with glass unit.

WE WILL HAVE DEMONSTRATIONS! WE WILL HAVE FOOD TRUCKS! WE WILL HAVE THE ART MO-BILE! It's an all-day event to honor those who have served, and we thought it only fitting to have April as she, herself, is a veteran. So come on down to the 800 block between Commercial St. and Merchant St. The event starts at 9:00 and will end with full demonstrations by April for EAC from 6pm-8pm.

thing special - just an EAC) in her mobile Come take in the fun, see art being made, have something yummy to eat and celebrate our Veterans! Due to generous grants from the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission, we were able to bring April Lemon from More Than Lemons as one of their traveling artists to Emporia, KS for our Veterans Glass Blowing Workshop.

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ANNUAL EVENT CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SUPPORT-ING VETERANS EMPORIA FREEDOM FEST SET FOR NOVEMBER 4TH, AT ALL VETERANS MEMORIAL

Participants will have the opportunity to run, ride, ruck, release, and recognize at the 20th Annual Emporia Freedom Fest on November 4th at the Emporia All Veterans Memorial. The event began in 2003 by Emporia Main Street volunteers to honor all Veterans and their families through a series of competitive, physical and community gathering events as part of the All-Veterans Tribute week.

Originally a small and informal 5K run/walk, the event is now a 5k/10k Freedom Run/Walk (sponsored by The Wagon Wheel Bar and Grill). a 20-mile (sponsored by Lyon County State Bank) or 53-mile (sponsored by Merchant Cycles) Freedom Ride through the Flint Hills and a unique. very competitive, physically challenging, and rewarding three event competition called the Spur Challenge, Several of the events can be competed in the traditional format or virtually. Dynamic Discs is bringing back the Freedom Fest open, a favorite among many local players and visitors, with two chances to play with rounds starting at 9 am and noon. There will also be and Expo at the event. which is sponsored by Cargill, with food, activities, and more.

This year will also bring the inaugural Kansas Norwegian Foot March that is sponsored by Vigilance Martial Arts. The march was first held in 1915 as a test of marching endurance for soldiers in the Norwegian Military. A strategic goal was set to move larger units of troops over a great distance swiftly and in a manner that enabled them to efficiently be combat ready even after the march by carrying their rucksack /weaponry of 11 kg. The test consists of a 30km/18.6mile march (march/run) with rucksack containing 11kg (24lbs). There is no longer a requirement to carry your rifle or conduct the march before dawn.

When competing there are also guidelines for attire. The approved attire for service members is field/work uniforms and military grade boots. The uniform must be within service member regulations during the march. Civilian events and where civilians partake in a military setting, civilian clothing is allowed i.e., long trousers and boots with a minimum weight of 1.5 kg (3.3 lbs.) rucksack with content must weigh in at minimum 11 kg/24 lbs. at both start and finish line. Rucksack/backpack must be of military grade. Civilian participants can use a civilian version of the rucksack. Vigilance Martial Arts

was keen to get involved with the event.

"As business owners we want to be able to give back to the community that we serve," said Ray Baquero, owner of Vigilance Martial Arts and Freedom Fest Sponsor. "Once we heard about Freedom Fest and all the things that they do, we really wanted to get involved. As Veterans, we see this as an opportunity to give back to all those that have served and are currently serving."

While starting with Emporia Main Street and soldiers from the Kansas Army National Guard, Emporia Freedom fest has now partnered for 20 years with organizations such as the City of Emporia, KVOE Radio Stations, Merchant Cycles, Lyon County State Bank, The All-Veterans Memorial Committee, and the local units of the Kansas National Guard just to name a few!

"Emporia Freedom Fest demonstrates what makes our community special", explains Steve Harmon, Emporia Freedom Fest Chair and Sergeant Major for the Kansas Army National Guard. "We are proud to be the founding city of Veterans Day and proud to support all who serve and their families. Proud to be home to championship disc golf and gravel riding. Most importantly, we are proud of our long history of community service and downtown civic pride".

As a founding member of the Emporia Freedom Fest Committee, Emporia Main Street finds it important to get involved with initiatives that support area Veter-

"Emporia Main Street is proud to be part of the Emporia Freedom Fest committee," said Casey Woods, Executive Director of Emporia Main Street. "Our organization is honored to be in the Founding City of Veterans Day. Programs like Emporia Freedom Fest, the downtown Veterans Banners, and our Soldier Care Packages are just a few ways Emporia Main Street can say thank you to those that have served our nation."

Proceeds from the event this year will go to support a variety of local and area projects.

The 137th/635th Regiment Scholarship Program, a program for family members of Veterans who have served in either of these two regiments, has been a long-time recipient of Emporia Freedom Fest proceeds and will be supported by the event again in 2023. Additional programs that will receive funding from the Emporia Freedom event will be the Emporia All Veterans Memorial Park Fund, the North Lyon County Veterans Memorial Fund, and the USD 252 South Lyon County Veterans Honor Flight Program.

November 6th and 7th are the dates for the 12th Annual USD 252 Honor flight.

"We are appreciative to the Freedom Fest committee for choosing the USD 252 Honor Flight program as their ride benefactor again this vear! Emporia and surrounding communities have showered us with support, and we are humbled and incredibly grateful," said Megan McGuire, History Teacher at Olpe High School, and Olpe Student Coordinator for the Honor Flight Program. "All proceeds will go directly towards trip expenses. It costs us approximately \$750 to take a single Veteran on the trip. To date we have taken over 270 Veterans to DC. We can continue our program because of the unwavering support from our community and groups like Freedom Fest."

Registration is now open for all events at emporiafreedomfest.org. Several of the events offer a virtual option, which allows supporters to participate from any location – including overseas deployment.

The Emporia Freedom Fest committee encourages community members to take part in the event as a celebration of supporting our service men and women and the many Veterans that have made an impact on our community, region, and county!

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If you ever see a coin placed on a veteran's grave, here's what it means:

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Diane and Jeff Tennant stop for a photo. Jeff skillfully crafted the window display featuring the 10 Bushong men who sacrificed their lived during WW2. Their images were etched into the window by Complete Works of Emporia. The gold stars made by Carolee Conway are a added feather of Dianne's design.





Progress made to the Memorial Wall at the site of the Veteran's Memorial Project in Bushong. While it is not yet complete, it is accessable to visitors.



Staff Sargent John Herrick of Bushong, KS. He was one of the 10 men featured in the window display. He was killed on D-Day. His remains were recently identified by the Department of Defense. He is expected to be returned home to Bushong in the near future. He is expected to be either interned at the Memorial Wall or at the local cemetery depending on his family's wishes.



Veterans Day 2023

There will be no residential trash, (WEST SIDE) recycling service, roll-off service, or cardboard service on Friday, November 10, 2023, in observance of Veterans Day.

> Residential trash and (WEST SIDE) recycling service normally picked up on Monday will be picked up on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Commercial accounts will be picked up as normal.

The City of Emporia/Lyon County Transfer Station and Recycling Center will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Normal hours of operation will resume on Saturday, November 11, 2023.





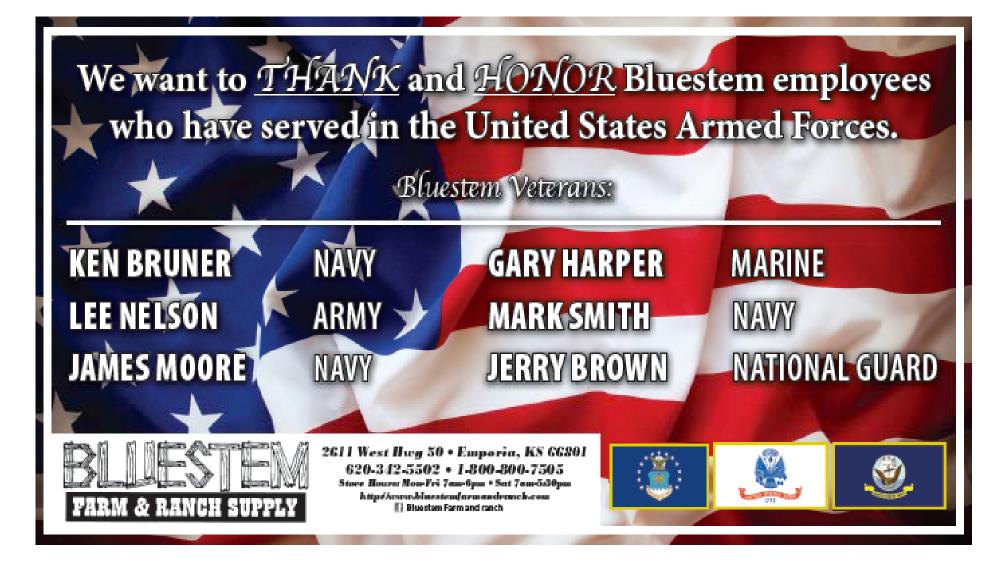
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FOUNDING CITY OF VETERANS DAY

Special to the Flint Hills Shopper Lisa Soller

Emporia, Kansas has had its fair share of moments in the national spotlight. But nothing solidified Emporia's place in the national narrative than its role in establishing Veterans Day. A role so significant that our community has the distinction of being called the "Founding City of Veterans Day."

The history of Veterans Day begins on the final day of World War I. On November 11, 1918, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice (also known as a truce) went into effect between the Allies and the Central Powers, ending the Great War. A year later in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as Armistice Day, to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the end of the war and to honor those who had served.

In 1926, Congress passed a resolution for an annual observance of Armistice Day. Twelve vears later in 1938, a similar Congressional action made Armistice Day a federal holiday. November 11th was a day dedicated to the cause of world peace and to honor World War I veterans with parades, patriotic meetings and special programs and dinners.

Armistice Day would look different following the United States' entrance into World War II on December 8, 1941. Intense fighting had engulfed parts of Europe since Germany invaded Poland in September 1939. In those two years, the U.S. began to mobilize troops in preparation for the war, certain

the nation would join the Allied Forces at some point.

Emporia's Company B, 137th Infantry, 35th Infantry Division mobilized on December 23, 1940. The Kansas National Guard unit moved out to Fort Robinson. Arkansas on January 6, 1941 for training. Company B served stateside until late 1943. Landing first in England for additional training, they would make a second landing on July 4, 1944. on the beaches of Normandy, France.

Emporia native John "Bull" Cooper enlisted in Company B on the same day the unit was mobilized, December 23, 1940. He joined 121 other members of Company B. John's mother died when he was just three years old. By the time he was 13, he was living with his maternal grandmother, Anna King Moores and his uncle, Alvin King. Cooper was very close to King and even worked as a shoe repairman in the same shop his uncle owned before enlisting.

Company B would make its way from the beaches of Normandy, across France to Germany by December 1944. On December 20, 1944, Cooper was killed in the **Breiterwald Woods when** a German artillery shell struck a tree and exploded. The shrapnel from the explosion killed him. Twenty men of the original 122 from Emporia's Company B who were mobilized in December 1940 were killed during the war.

Following the end of World War II, Emporia citizens recognized the need to honor all veterans, not just those who served during World War I. In October 1947,

newspaperman Eugene Lowther wrote an article for the Emporia Gazette highlighting the need for such a patriotic program. He encouraged Emporia veterans from both World Wars and veteran groups to organize a "Veterans' Day, when the American people pause to honor the men and women of all wars who served faithfully and well when their country called."

A month later, the veterans of Emporia answered Lowther's call and organized a committee to make plans for an observance of Veterans Day in 1948. The Emporia 1948 Veterans' Day program recognized the 30th anniversary of the World War I armistice and honored veterans from all previous wars. The program included a performance of an Armv S-31 Sikorsky helicopter, a parade down Commercial Street, a football game between Emporia State Teachers College and St. Benedict's College, a dinner at the Broadview Hotel and a dance at the Civic Auditorium. It would take another five years before the idea grew into more than just renaming the veterans celebration at a local level.

Alvin King continued to mourn the death of his beloved nephew. His grief would spur him into action. He felt that Armistice Day should be a day to honor all veterans. King began to advocate for a change to the name of Armistice Day. He approached the Emporia veterans' groups and in turn they reached out to veteran groups at the state level. In 1953, Emporia revisited the idea of having a Veterans Day celebration.

U.S. Congressman

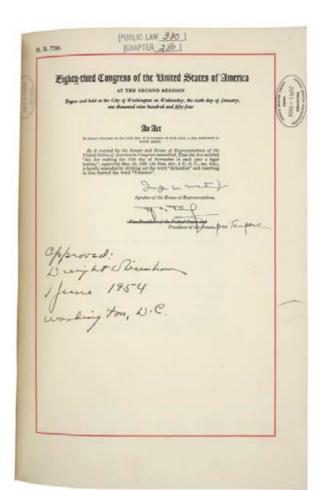
Edward Rees from Emporia heard about his hometown's all-veterans' program and the initiative to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Rees wrote and introduced legislation to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. On June 1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law a bill that changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The law went into effect on November 11, 1954.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill was signed. ensuring three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on their original dates. With much confusion, the first Veterans Day under the new law was observed on October 25. 1971.

On September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11th, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on November 11th.

In 2003, then U.S. Congressman Jerry Moran introduced House Concurrent Resolution 159 declaring Emporia, Kansas to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and to recognize the contributions of Alvin King and Representative Ed Rees.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of Emporia's Veterans Day Parade. Celebrate this milestone and the history of Veterans Day by





visiting one (or all) of the military memorials located in Lyon County. Attend one of the many events scheduled during the month of November celebrating our veterans. Come wave a flag and watch the 70th Annual Veterans Day Parade on Commercial Street. Or

simply put your hand over your heart and have a moment of silence in honor of the men and women who proudly served in our nation's Armed Forces. Whatever you choose to do, remember Emporia as the community where every day is Veterans Day.



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