

COMMANDERS SCRAPBOOK OF  
BENNETT & DENNIS HERRICK MEMORIAL POST 626  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
GLADSTONE MISSOURI



FOR: JULY 2019 – JUNE 2020  
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BOOK 2, JANUARY – JUNE 2020  
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# JANUARY



Boys State briefing at Oak Park.  
Dubuc, Thompson, Murch, Mallams



Rosales receiving membership  
Pin from Ragan

Post sponsors Zone II  
Oratorical Contest





Staley Student Ogolor 3<sup>rd</sup>  
from left, Millison far right



Thompson, Bowman



Administrators, Students and judges



Winner, Ms. Gertz, Sedalia

# February



Yeh, I'm not naming all these, you have it down by now don't you?



Membership meeting



Boys State interviews  
at Oak Park HS



# MARCH

Post members and family supporting Rotary Scholarship Fundraiser

Thompson  
Millison,  
Bowman



COVID 19 takes hold,  
Cdr. Millison coordinating  
some local support tasks  
like Buddy Checks to  
make sure members  
knew how to contact us  
for help if needed

# APRIL



Cdr. Millison making a grocery run for a Korean War era vet because of Buddy Checks...

...and volunteering time to help out a food bank at the Antioch Bible Baptist Church



Benes presenting School Awards to home bound Students Kai Jones & Rachelle Perez...

May



...and surprised Cdr. Millison at home to present him with the 2020 Volunteer in Support of Education Award from Antioch Middle School





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## American Legion Post 626 in Gladstone goes online for poppy donations

Memorial Day 2020 under COVID-19 has presented American Legion Post No. 626 in Gladstone with some challenges, according to Post Commander Doug Millison.

There will not be a public Memorial Day ceremony at the Clay County Veterans Memorial this year. The post also is not able to conduct its typical Poppy Donation Day, where they accept in-person donations to help fund all of post veteran programs in exchange for a memorial poppy.

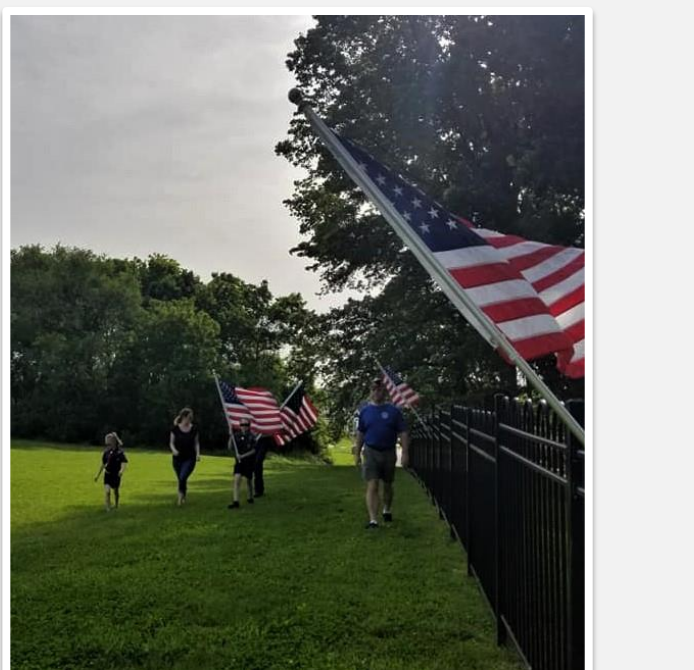
"We will honor our fallen privately on Memorial Day," said Millison.

While they cannot accept donations in

person, this year post members will be accepting poppy donations on a special page on the post's website, [al626mo.com](http://al626mo.com), from Monday, May 18 through May 31. Donations are also being accepted by mail to American Legion Post 626, P.O. Box 10613, Gladstone, 64188, with "Poppy" in the memo line.

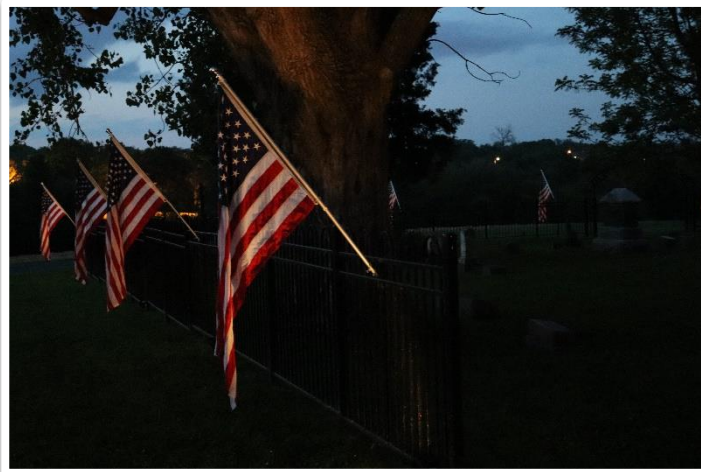
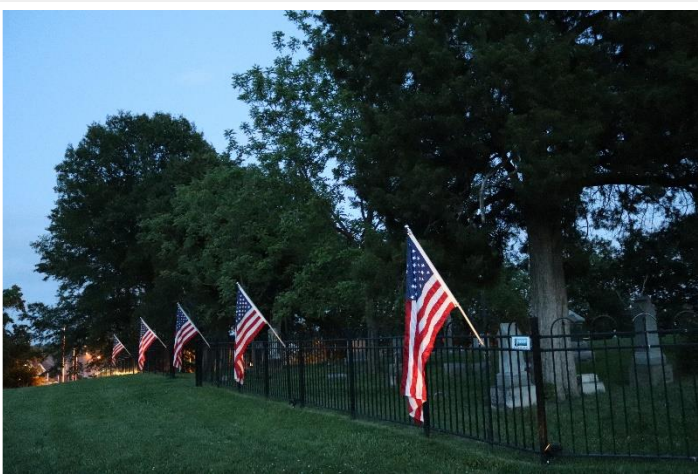
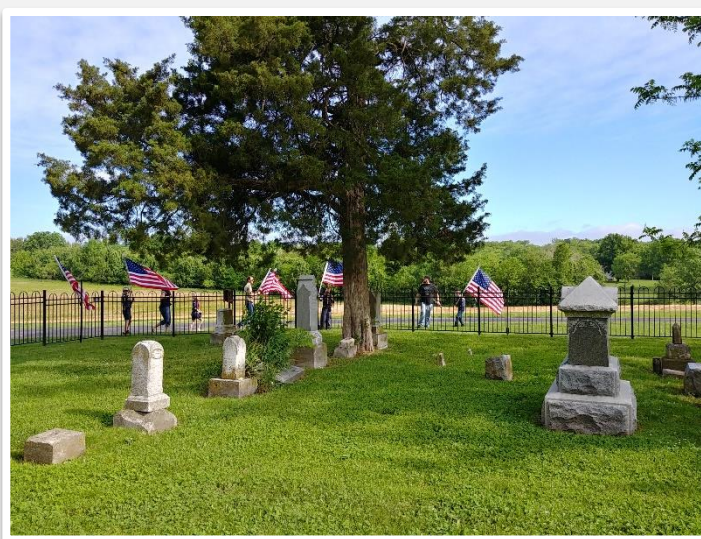
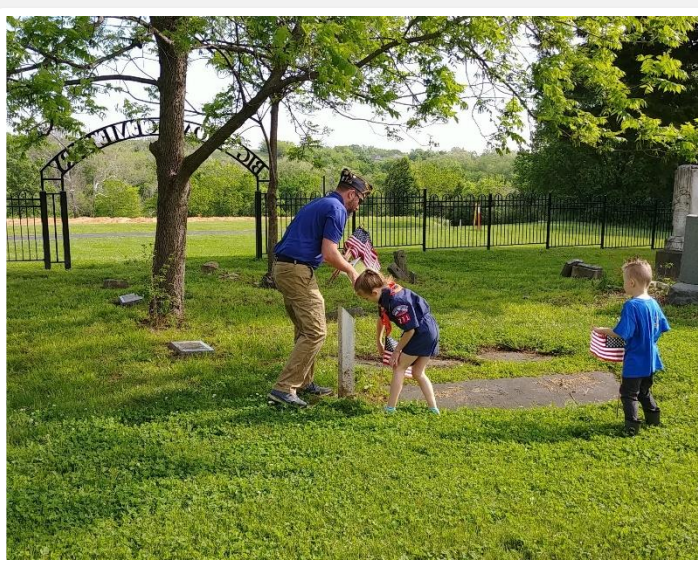
"Our responsibilities continue so we must find ways to make this happen. Over the last three years, Post 626 has donated over \$7,000 just in the veteran and military communities. We hope the Gladstone community, which is always so generous to us, will still be able to find and support us," Millison said.



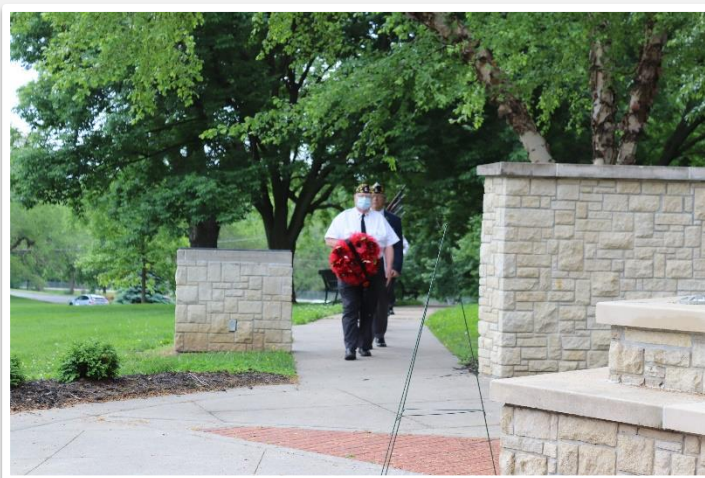
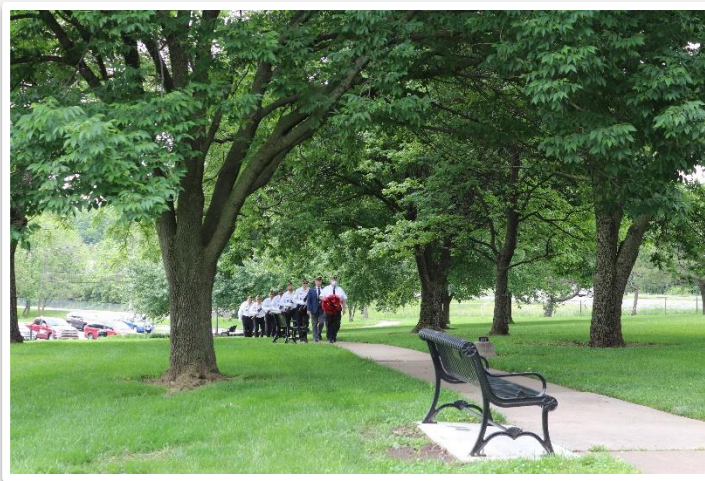


Vice Commander Bowman Leads Scouts in getting Big Shoal Cemetery ready for Memorial Day

Millison troops the line

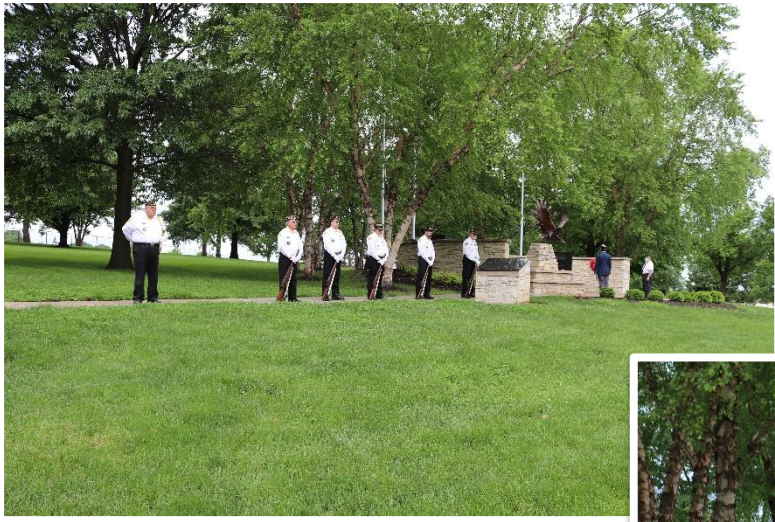


# A socially Distant Memorial Day Ceremony

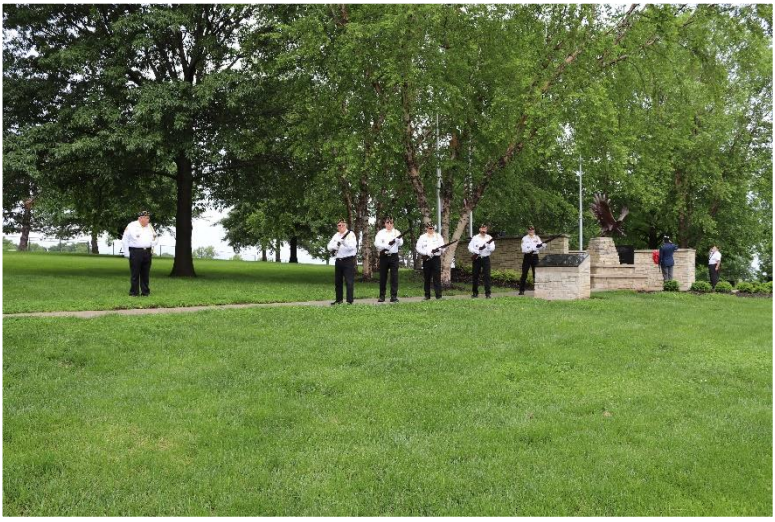


Chaplain Lantz





Thompson, Braton, Walker,  
Murch, Bowman, Duncan

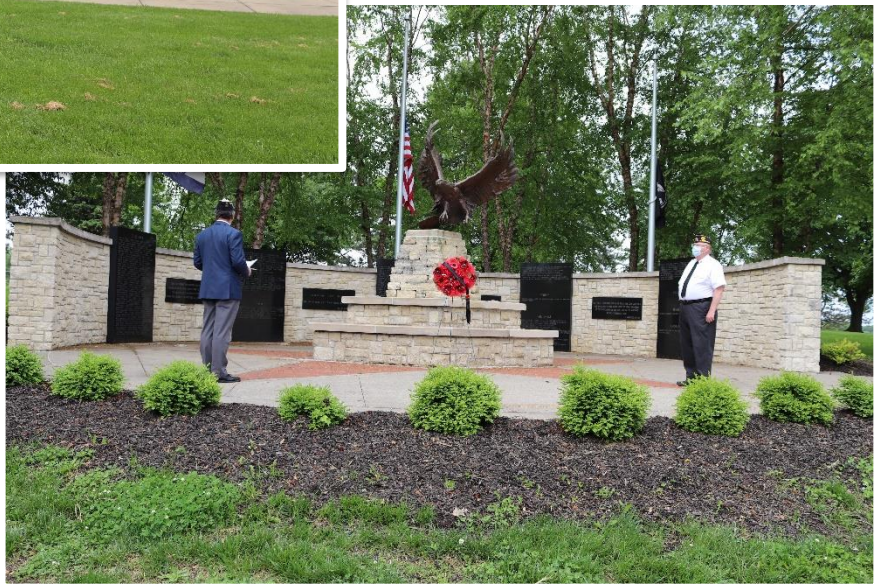




Millison, Lantz



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Walker  
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## Memorial Day honors

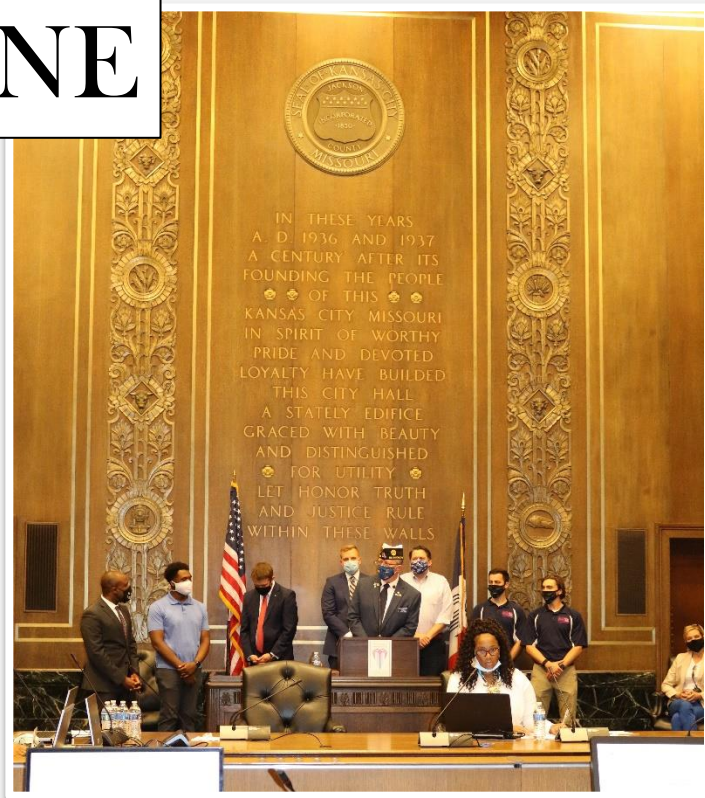


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The Bennett & Dennis Herrick Memorial American Legion Post No. 626 in Gladstone continued the tradition of honoring those who have died in service to their country on Memorial Day despite the COVID-19 pandemic. “Our members believe it is very important to render honors deserved, regardless of what may be going on around us, whether that is in public or in private” said Douglas Millison, commander of American Legion Post 626. “Some minor adjustments were made, like a shorter ceremony, only a few family members in attendance and attention to social distancing, and we were able to accomplish the mission.” Pictured here are Millison, Chaplain Craig Lantz and the Post 626 Honor Guard at the Clay County Veterans Memorial, located in Anita B. Gorman Park in Kansas City.

Commander Millison & MBS Director Matt Dameron are honored at the KC Flag Day declaration

JUNE



  
 CITY OF FOUNDATIONS  
 HEART OF THE NATION  
 KANSAS CITY  
 MISSOURI

**RESOLUTION NO. 200440**

**Recognizing June 14, 2020, as "National Flag Day" in Kansas City, Missouri.**

WHEREAS, Flag Day commemorates the birth of the flag of the United States of America that this great Nation unites under and offers a time to reflect on the history and tradition behind our country's flag and all that it represents; and

WHEREAS, early Americans were fighting in the American Revolution for independence and freedom. On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution stating "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation," to unify under one flag that represented what they were fighting for then and today; and

WHEREAS, President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress in 1949 designating June 14<sup>th</sup> of each year as National Flag Day to honor our flag and to "re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals for which it stands"; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, as a 17-year-old in high school, Ohioan Robert G. Heff borrowed his mother's sewing machine to complete a history project designing a flag with 50 stars. After receiving a B- on his project the teacher told him he could raise his grade if the flag was accepted as the United States' national flag. Heff sent his flag to his Congressman which was then approved by President Eisenhower and adopted as the United States' new national flag on July 4, 1960, and Heff's teacher changed his project grade to an A; and

WHEREAS, with the red symbolizing hardiness and valor, the white symbolizing purity and innocence, and the blue representing vigilance, perseverance and justice, the U.S. flag represents and symbolizes the convictions of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City encourages its citizens to celebrate and honor National Flag Day in Kansas City; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:**

and That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize and observe June 14, 2020, as National Flag Day in Kansas City, Missouri;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be accepted by Matt Flener, KMBZ 9 News, Matt Dameron, Missouri Boys State, and Doug Millison, The American Legion, in token of the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for many years of dedicated service and their best wishes for all the years to come.

Authenticated As Adopted This  
 11th Day of June, 2020  
  
 Mayor Quinton D. Lucas  
 City Clerk/ Director of Records

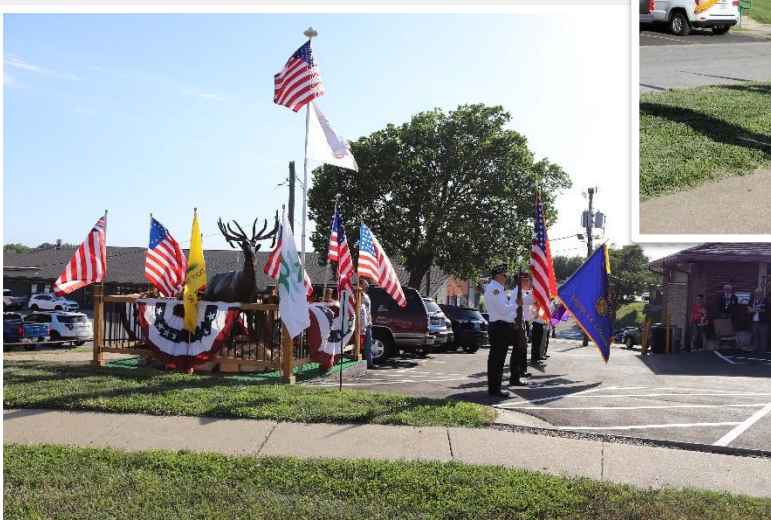


Kevin O'Neill, 1st District-at-Large  
 Heather Hall, 1st District  
 Teresa Loar, 2nd District-at-Large  
 Dan Fowler, 2nd District  
 Brandon Ellington, 3rd District-at-Large  
 Melissa Robinson, 3rd District  
 Kathryn Siolek, 4th District-at-Large  
 Eric Bunch, 4th District  
 Lee Barnes, Jr., 5th District-at-Large  
 Kyana Parks-Shaw, 5th District  
 Andrea Bough, 6th District-at-Large  
 Kevin McManus, 6th District

# Honor Guard & Dubuc Presenting the colors at Elks Flag Day Ceremony



Murch, Millison, Duncan  
Thompson, Walker, Dubuc,  
Braton





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## Honoring Flag Day in Gladstone



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Gladstone Elks Lodge No. 2376 and Bennett and Dennis Herrick Memorial American Legion Post 626 join forces to recognize two days prior to Flag Day on Sunday, June 14. From left are: Kim Murch, Douglas Millison, Nelson Duncan, Billy Thompson, Steve Walker, Elk Russ Dubuc and Jerry Braton.



June Membership Meeting

A Great Big THANK YOU to all of our members and family members who participate with us in our activities, programs or just come to the meetings.

I really appreciate your support for the Post, and the American Legion as a whole.

“Always Forward”

Douglas Millison  
Commander