

YEARBOOK OF THE
BENNETT & DENNIS HERRICK MEMORIAL
AMERICAN LEGION POST 626
GLADSTONE MO.



FOR: JULY 2017 – JUNE 2018
BY: DOUGLAS W. MILLISON

INTRODUCTION

A group of 20 officers who served in the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) in France during World War I is credited with founding the Legion. AEF Headquarters asked the officers to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., proposed an organization of veterans. In February 1919, the group formed a temporary committee and selected several hundred officers who had the confidence and respect of the whole army.

About 1,000 officers and enlisted men attended the Paris Caucus in March 1919. They adopted a temporary constitution and the name The American Legion. The group also elected an Executive Committee to complete the organization's work. It considered each soldier of the AEF a member of the Legion. The Executive Committee named a subcommittee to organize veterans at home in the United States.

Two months later, in May 1919, the Legion held a second organizing caucus in St. Louis. It completed the constitution and made plans for a permanent organization, setting up a temporary headquarters in New York City and beginning its relief, employment and Americanism programs.

Congress granted the Legion its national charter in September 1919. The first national convention convened in Minneapolis, adopting a permanent constitution and electing officers to head the organization.

In March of 1974 a temporary charter was granted to Commander C.E. Farrar and Adjutant F.V. Cannon for the formation of Post 626 in Gladstone, Department of Missouri. Gladstone itself was relatively new, organizing in 1952. A permanent charter was issued to Post 626 under Commander Bobby Watts and Adjutant Don Austin in June of 1975.

During a ceremony on the 19th of March, 1988, under Commander Burt Nelson and Adjutant Roger Kohrs, American Legion Post 626 became the Bennett and Dennis Herrick Memorial American Legion Post 626 of Gladstone Missouri.

BENNETT HERRICK

Bennett James Herrick, "Bennie" was born in Denver, Colorado, April 29, 1948. The family moved to Kansas City in 1951 and Kansas City remained his home until July, 1966, when Bennie decided to fulfill his 'obligation' to his country, even though he had already made arrangements to go to college and scholastically would have been draft exempt. Bennie opted for the para-troops and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division after graduation as honor graduate from jump school at Ft. Benning. While training at Ft. Campbell with the 101st, Bennie was named soldier of the month twice.

He arrived in Vietnam in October, 1967, and his unit went into the field on arrival. Bennie was wounded twice in combat prior to his death while leading a patrol, March 25, 1968. Bennie's legacy to his friends is a Scholarship at Oak Park High School. This Scholarship to the top drama student of each graduating class will have helped start the 20th student to a higher education with the class of 1988.



DENNIS HERRICK

Dennis Haldane Herrick was born in Denver, Colorado, April 5, 1950. Kansas City was 'home' to Dennis from April, 1951 until June, 1969. Even though Dennis was draft exempt as sole surviving son, he enlisted in the Army soon after finishing his first year in college. Dennis was hurt badly by the death of his brother and found it impossible to be a civilian student, subject to the anti Vietnam propaganda that pervaded the college campus. Dennis could not be sent to a combat theatre with the status of sole surviving son unless he volunteered in writing. He arrived in Vietnam August 5, 1970, and his parents were notified of his death shortly thereafter.

Dennis participated in all forms of athletics and also enjoyed 'rock' music and played in a band his junior and senior year in high school. A knee injury in his junior year in high school was such that he couldn't pass the high school physical to play football but was still accepted by the army for unrestricted duty.



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PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;

TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER;

TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM;

TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WARS;

TO INCULCATE A SENCE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION;

TO COMBAT THE AUTOCACY OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES;

TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT;

TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOODWILL ON EARTH;

TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY;

TO CONSICRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.



Post #626, Thank you for putting "Family First" and caring for Veterans, their families and your community.
Denise H Rohan, National Commander 2017-2018

COMMANDERS BIOGRAPHY

Commander, 2017 – 2018 Douglas W. Millison

Commander Millison joined the Army in Seattle WA and began his career as an Armored Reconnaissance Specialist in 1979, attending OSUT and Anti-Tank Missile training in FT. Knox KY. His first assignment was with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in the Fulda Gap on the then E/W German border.

He served on active duty for just over 20 years as a Scout, Scout Section Leader, Company and Squadron Training NCO, G3 Range Scheduling NCO, Scout Platoon Sergeant, and Squadron S3 Operations NCO. He graduated in the top of his class at the Basic NCO Course and the Advanced NCO Course as well as the Scout Platoon Leaders Course.

His tours of duty included FT Knox KY, Bad Hersfeld Germany (11th ACR), FT. Lewis WA (9th ID), Mannheim Germany (8th ID), FT. Riley KS (1st ID), Hohenfels Germany (7th ATC), FT. Ord CA (7th ID), FT. Lewis WA (G3 DPTM), and FT. Riley KS (1st AD). His last overseas tour before returning to FT. Knox and retiring in 2000 was to another border, Camp Gary Owen (2nd ID) on the N/S Korean border.



After retiring from the military in 2000 he returned to the Seattle area and worked in the marine industry for 6 years manufacturing doors, hatches, and windows for watercraft of all types and sizes. Commander Millison then went to Skagit Valley Community College and acquired an Associate's Degree in electronics technologies which gave him the skills to work for the Navy at Naval Radio Station Jim Creek (T) in Arlington WA as an Electronics Mechanic Helper, ensuring that ULF communications were maintained with our Boomers around the world. Now fully retired he spends his time volunteering at the National WWI Museum and Memorial and the KC VA Medical Center as well as assisting Post 626 serve the community, veteran and youth of Missouri.

He is married to Michelle, a member of Auxiliary Unit 61, and has two children from a previous marriage, James and Sierra who live out of state. Michelle's son Jesse is married with two children and is in the area.

Commander Millison has been a member of the American Legion for 24 years. When he joined the Post in 2014 he immediately set out to expand the Posts "footprint" by starting a Facebook page and web site. He also got the Post a voicemail box and email address so it could be contacted easier and wrote numerous press releases which have been published in the local paper. He has served as the Internet Administrator, Honor Guard member, Volunteer Team coordinator, Historian, and SR Vice Commander as well as Chairing the VA&R, Fundraising, Public Relations, and Membership Committee's. He is also serving as a District 3 Vice Commander. He completed the American Legion Extension Institute in 2014 and Graduated the National American Legion College in 2017. 6

Post 626 Officers for 2017 - 2018

COMMANDER



Douglas Millison

ADJUTANT



Phyllis Rosales

SR VICE COMMANDER



Douglas Robker

FINANCE OFFICER



R.D. Mallams

CHAPLAIN



Craig Lantz

HISTORIAN



Douglas Millison

JUDGE ADVOCATE



Bob Box

SERGEANT AT ARMS



Gaila Sullivan

AWARDS



Toot Our Horn Award

Bennett & Dennis Herrick Memorial Post 626

Has met the requirements to promote the
American Legion locally and state wide.

2014

2015

2016

2017

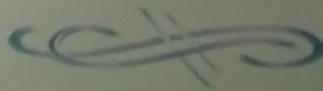


History Book Contest

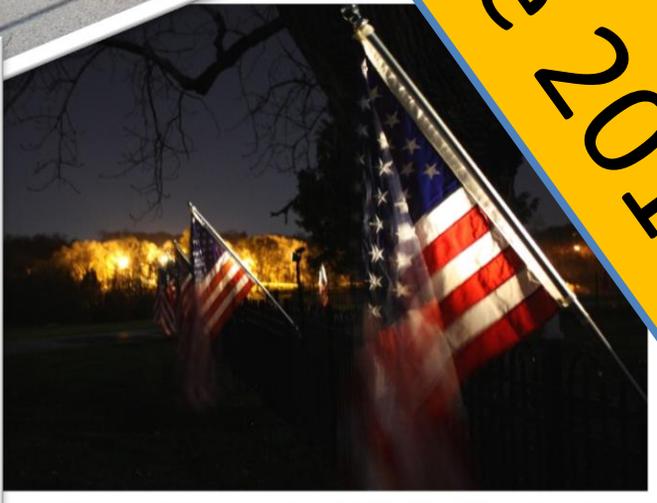
ONE YEAR POST HISTORY

Runner-up - Post 626

Department of Missouri - 2017



The Year in Pictures 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018



JULY

Opening for the National Women's Soccer League game between FC Kansas City and Houston, 2 July 2017.



L to R: McDonald, Millison, Farris and Tucker.

3rd Annual Initiation & Induction Ceremony, 20 July 2017.
Held at Post 61, KC MO by their donation.



Commander Duncan



Chaplain Lantz



Sgt at Arms Sullivan.



George Nicholson receiving his "Quilt of Honor".

Past Dept. CDR. Marvin Harper talking about Missouri Boys State.



L to R: Ragan, Dubuc, Thompson & Rueter being initiated by CDR Duncan.





Chap. Lantz, CDR Millison, Sgt at Arms Sullivan and SR Vice Robker being inducted by 3rd District CDR Holtz.



Farris receiving his Legionnaire of the year Certificate for his outstanding work as Honor Guard CPT.



Members of the Membership Cmty., Duncan, Robertson, Sullivan getting their stars and...

recognition for a job well done.

The American Legion



National Commander Charles E. Schmidt Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

**Nelson Duncan, Commander
Bennett & Dennis Herrick Memorial Post 626
Department of Missouri**

For your post successfully accomplishing 100 percent of its annual membership goal for the 2017 membership year, this is a sure sign that your leadership and member involvement at your post are proudly serving veterans and you appreciate the value of membership.

The American Legion strongly believes that an effective membership program within each post is vitally important to the programs that are performed by the posts to ensure they are able to serve the community. Thank you for doing your part in membership for 2017.

In witness whereof, this testimonial of personal gratitude is presented by the undersigned and duly attested this membership year of 2017.

ATTEST:

Charles E. Schmidt
National Commander

Daniel S. Wheeler
National Adjutant

AUGUST

Volunteer Team at the North Kansas City School Districts "Stuff the Bus" School supplies drive, 5 Aug 2017.



Thompson, Robertson, Millison, Sullivan.

Membership Team receiving Certificates of Appreciation and new members being initiated at the Aug regular meeting...



Millison, Duncan, Rosales, Mallams, Braton, Sullivan, Robertson.

Bowman and Janssen.



Supporting the Elks "Stacks for Students", 26 Aug 2017.



Farris, Rosales, Duncan, Braton, Robker, Millison, Connie Thompson, Thompson.



Tucker, McDonald, Millison, Farris (CPT), Duncan, Murch, Braton.

SEPTEMBER

Gladstone Hero Fest, 16 Sep 2017



Murch and Tucker assisting the FD.



CDR Millison announcing P.O. and F.F. award nominees (absent).

VAI
Veterans Assistance League
SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Proudly presents the 15th Annual
**RUN FOR FREEDOM 5K,
10K AND POKER WALK**

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VFW Auxiliary 5789 - Lee's Summit
VFW Post 2513 - Warrensburg
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Zaxby's - Warrensburg



CDR Millison placed 3rd in age group participating in the Run for Freedom 5K.

Gladfest, Gladstone MO., 29 – 30 Sep 2017



Volunteer Team supporting the community.
Thompson, Millison, Robker.



Getting ready for the parade, American Legion Baseball Team with the assist.



Sullivan, Rosales, Thompson.



Here we go. CDR Millison & Bowman on the flags, BB Team on the candy.





Thompson, Robker, Murch.





Thomsen & Rueter.



Sullivan, Millison and Bresee (Unit 61) working the info booth.

OCTOBER

Gladfest, Gladstone MO., 1 Oct 2017



Honor Guard presenting the colors to open Gladfest Scarecrow 5K.



CDR Millison and Wife placed 2nd and 1st in their respective age groups.

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Thursday, **OCTOBER 5, 2017** ♦ Volume 7, No. 48 ♦ www.gladstonedispatch.com ♦ \$1.00

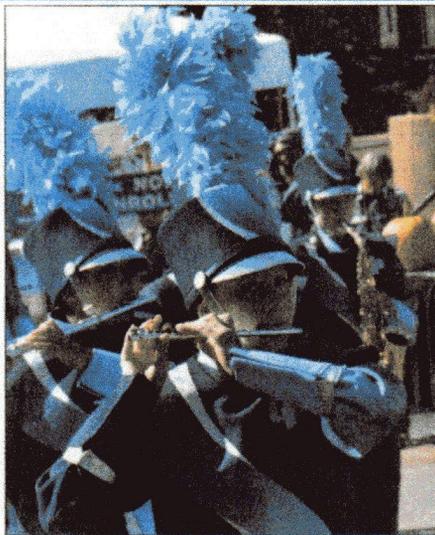


Festival fun sails through Gladstone



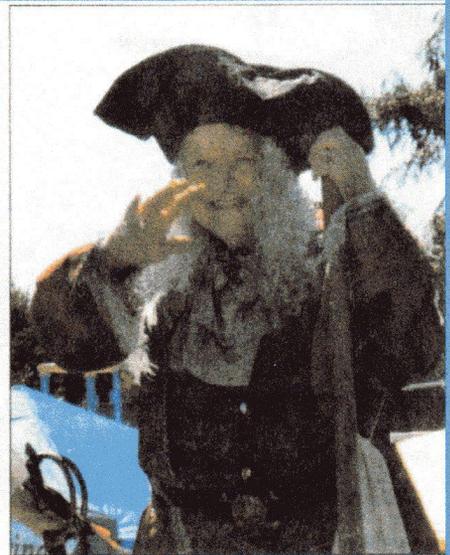
AMY NEAL/Staff Photo

Members of Bennett and Dennis Herrick Memorial American Legion Post 626 lead the Gladfest parade up Northeast 70th Street on Saturday morning, Sept. 30, in downtown Gladstone.



AMY NEAL/Staff Photo

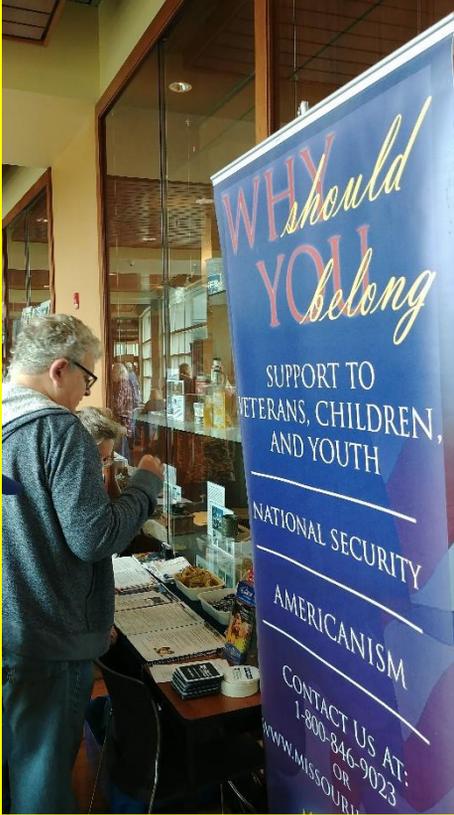
The marching band from Oak Park High School performs along the Gladfest parade route.



AMY NEAL/Staff Photo

A member of the Red Hat Society takes on the persona of a pirate

A2 Gladstone Dispatch



CDR Millison representing The Legion at the Clay County Senior Information Fair at Woodneath Library in Liberty, 11 Oct 2017.



Farris presenting the Posts donation to the Director of SSAFE, Surviving Spouses And Family Endowment Fund.

Tucker receiving Initiation Cert. 19 Oct 2017 at regular meeting. Tucker, Bowman, Millison.



Department Fall Conference, 21 October 2017



CDR Millison accepting the TOOT YOUR HORN Award and the Historian Award, Runner-Up.



Fluffing Poppies with the residents of Linden Woods Village. Thompson, Robker, Lantz, Furney, Sullivan, Thompson, Tucker.



NOVEMBER



L - CDR Millison graduates from National American Legion College, 3 Nov 2017.



Poppy Donation Day, 4 Nov 2017, Millison & Sullivan above, Lantz and Thomsen below.



Robertson manning the membership booth.



Bresee from Unit 61 helping out.





Semi Annual Donation to
the VA by CDR Millison.

ANTIOCH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you, Veterans!

Veterans Day
Ceremony 2017

Hosted by:
8th Grade NJHS and Music Department

*"...I have seen him who shall have been the father and for his
wisdom and to children." - Abraham Lincoln 1865*

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THANK YOU
to each
VETERAN!

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Let's honor our military,
The men and women who serve,
Whose dedication to our country
Does not falter, halt or swerve.

Let's respect them for their courage;
They're ready to do what's right
To keep America safe,
So we can sleep better at night.

Let's support and defend our soldiers,
Whose hardships are brutal and cruel,
Whose discipline we can't imagine,
Who follow each order and rule.

Here's to those who choose to be warriors
And their helpers good and true;
They're fighting for American values;
They're fighting for me and you.

By Joanna Fuchs

<http://www.poemsource.com/patriotic-poems.html>



Sullivan, Murch, Lantz, Robker, Bowman, Jamison, Thompson, Meyer.





Robker working the outreach table at the GWOT Memorial Funds 5K, Zona Rosa, 11 Nov.

CDR Millison talking about The American Legion to a local Chapter of the D.A.R., 11 Nov 2017.



Sullivan and Thompson presenting Our annual donation to the Cameron Veterans Home and helping with Bingo.





Boys & Girls State Donations from Regal Plastic and Elks Lodge 2376, 16 Nov 2017.



Betty Rusher from Boys State Giving a briefing about the class, along with Mallams, Murch and Thompson, 20 Nov 2017.

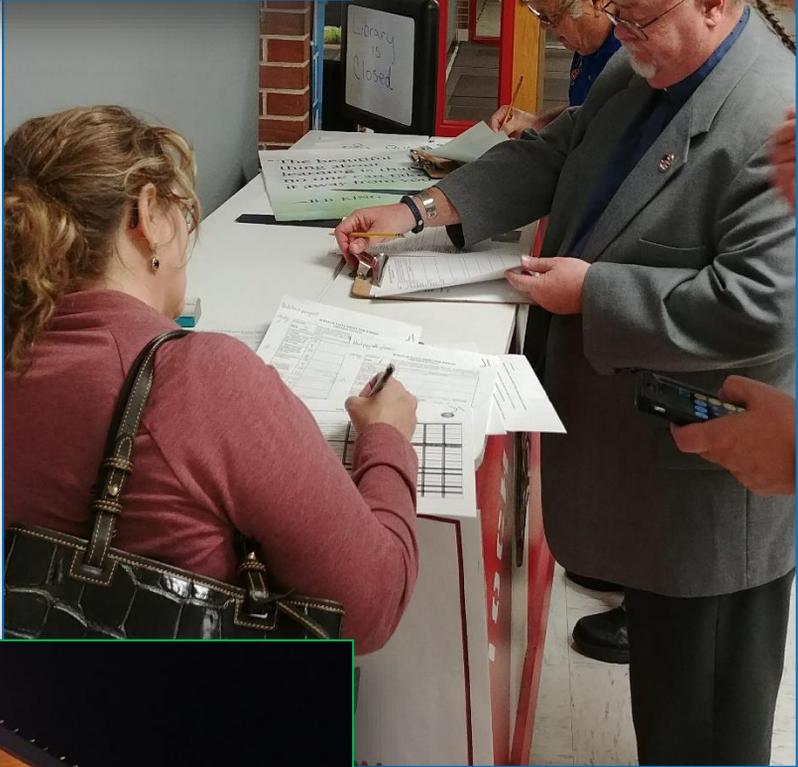


Contestants from Oak Park High School in the Posts first school level Oratorical Contest, 20 Nov 2017.

Thompson & McDonald in the audience...



Janssen, Lantz and Robker tabulating the scores.



CDR Millison presents our donation to Mayor Mallams at the Mayors Christmas Tree celebration, 21 Nov 2017.



DECEMBER



Wreathes Across America, White Chapel Cemetery, 16 Dec 2017 with: Unknown, Murch, Millison Robertson, Rosales, Lantz.



CDR Millison, Mallams, Robertson, Murch, Rosales, Lantz.



Our fella's, Benny and Dennis next to their parents, Post 626 Members.



Then we moved on to the Clay County Veterans Memorial, CDR Millison and Murch...



Rosales and Robertson.

End of Year Party
Held at Post 61,
21 Dec 2017.





Phyllis's family and Craig Lantz the Balloon man.



American Legion Band of Kansas City.



January

A well deserved month off!!!

February



Supporting Unit 61 fundraiser breakfast, Braton, Robker, Sullivan, Millison, Duncan.



Conducting Boys State interviews at St. Pius X., Mallams, Millison, Thompson, Farris.

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Salute to Veterans



February 15, 2018
The American Legion Tiry J. Ford Post 21
Independence, MO

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Program

Welcome
Posting of the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
Retiring of the Colors
Taps
Introductions
Invocation
Meal
Art Fillmore
Thomas W. Holden, Col. USMC, (Retired)
Recognition of Sponsors
Veteran Recognition
* Call for Donations *
Adjourn



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4th Marine Logistics Group
Color Guard:
Sgt Hall, Colors Sgt.
Sgt Stephen Kane
Sgt Shawn McManus
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Cpl Charles Karnes

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Zone II Commander - Invocation

Michael Feliciano, Commander Post 21

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- *Basic necessities such as food and personal care items*
- *Comprehensive wellness and care*

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CDR Millison and Wife along with Mallams in attendance.

MARCH



CDR Millison with Nat. Vice CDR Callies, 3 Mar 2018.



CDR Millison helping Scout Jalen Adriyel with his Eagle project, 3 Mar 2018.



CDR Millison with Councilwoman Heather Hall and Caregivers on the Homefront for a focus group session, 4 Mar 2018.

Attending Rotary "Stacks for Students" scholarship fundraiser, 10 March 2018 with Thomsen, Murch, Mallams, Tucker, Duncan, Farris, Robker, Millison +1, Robertson, Thompson, Sullivan, Stratton and Bowman +4.



Thompson and Players from the American Legion Owls showing off their fundraising winnings.

APRIL

Sponsoring the Run So They Can Ride 5K, Zona Rosa, 8 April 2018.



CDR Millison working packet pickup the day before. Jeff Benes freezing his googly eyes off at the outreach table.



Consolidated Color Guard, Bowman, Thompson, Duncan and CDR Millison, + Post 58 and 95 flag bearers.



CG doing their thing...





Robertson in gray
(By the flag below).



Sullivan and
Thompson on the
water station.



Good sign placement.

May



Elks Scholarship Breakfast, 5 May 2018.



1st Table, Duncan Rosales, Braton, Murch +Helen
2nd, clockwise from closest, Bowman, Thomsen, Robker,
Thompson +Connie, Michelle, Linda, Stratton, Tucker, Brooke.

Antioch Middle School
8th Grade Breakfast
Class of 2017-2018
Awards

Opening by the Antioch 8th Grade Choir

Academic Team 8A	Ms. Wolven, Ms. Barton, Ms. Colgan & Ms. Sullivan
Academic Team 8B	Mr. Brosnahan, Ms. Baumann, Ms. Suter & Ms. Mann
Academic Team 8C	Mr. Fields, Ms. Spiegel, Ms. Rash & Mr. Minnix
Project Lead the Way	Ms. Lee and Mr. Medina
Yearbook	Mr. Medina
Art Department	Mr. Sulzen and Ms. Boydston
Competitive Drama	Ms. Spiegel and Ms. Cosentino
NJHS	Ms. Woods and Ms. Smith
Student Council	Ms. Barton and Mr. Wheeler

Modern Language Dept.	Ms. Gibbs and Ms. Kubayko
American Legion Post 626	AL Representative and Mr. Benes
Athletic Teams	Mr. Klein
Fine Arts	Ms. Hutchinson
Distinguished Achievement Award	Ms. Hutchinson
Perfect Attendance	Ms. Cindy Woods
Robert Russell Award	Mr. Robert Russell
Joe Gardner Award	Sergent Tommy Woods

Thank you Antioch PTA for your support!





Benes, Sullivan, CDR Millison, Rosales.



Thompson getting ready for Poppy Donation Day, 25 May 2018.



Stratton, Thomsen, Murch, Duncan.



Robker
Tucker

Join Bennett & Dennis Herrick Memorial

American Legion Post 626

for a

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

28 MAY 2018

Beginning at 10:00 am.

Clay County Veterans Memorial

Anita B. Gorman Park

789 N. Holmes St., Kansas City MO.

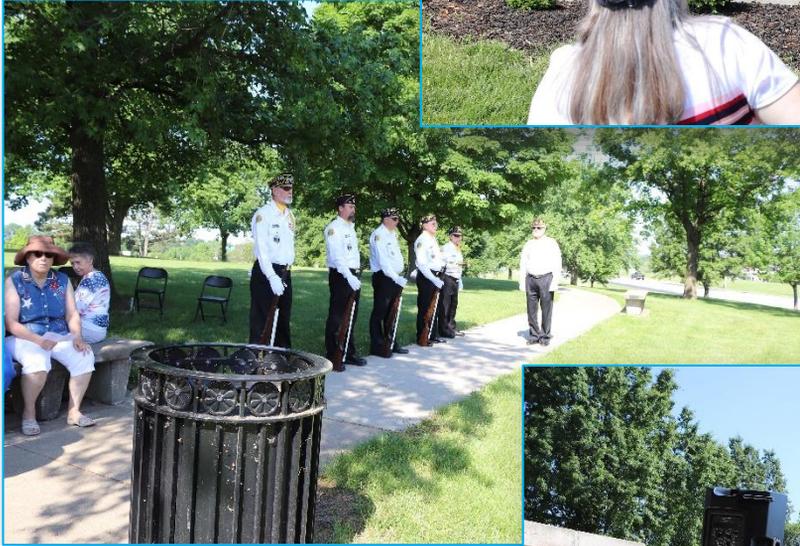
Guest Speaker:

Councilwoman Heather Hall

Dist. 1, Kansas City MO.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have given their all in the Service of the United States of America. Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Memorial Day is now observed on the last Monday of May and became a national Holiday in 1971.

CDR Millison's
welcome.



Honor Guard Members,
Duncan, Bowman, Murch,
McDonald, Tucker, Farris.



Duncan leading pledge
Of allegiance.



Lydia McEvoy, County
Collector singing
National Anthem.



Chaplain Craig Lantz.



Guest Speaker Heather Hall, KC Councilwoman.



Sgt at Arms Sullivan with POW/MIA Table.



Finance Officer Mallams Reading the Litany of Remembrance.

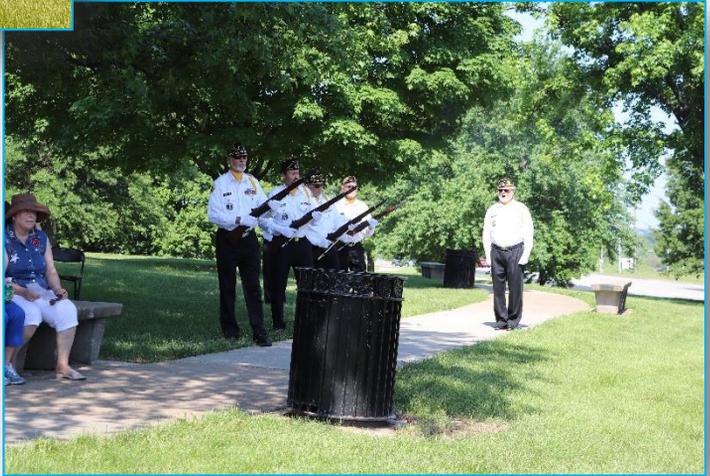




Adjutant Rosales and Hall placing the wreath.



Salute to the Departed.



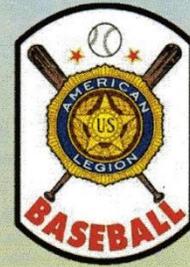


Local Dignitaries, Clay County Administrator Sarah Mills, Commander Douglas Millison, Representative Kevin Corlew, Heather Hall, Gladstone Mayor Bill Garnos, Clay County Presiding Commissioner Jerry Nolte.

Owls Baseball Team, parking attendants extraordinaire.



Herrick Memorial



Home Season Opener

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

@Oak Park High School – 4 pm / 6 pm (DH)

Herrick Memorial / J&J Owls (Freshman)

Vs

Independence Tiry J. Ford Post 21

Honored Guest:

Jim Thomsen

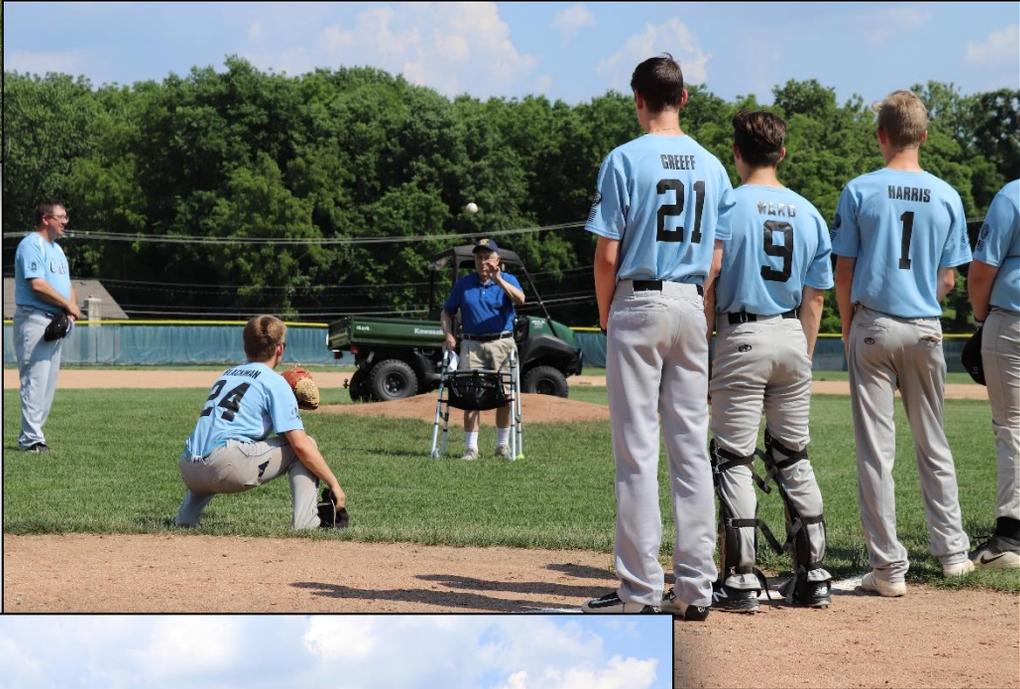
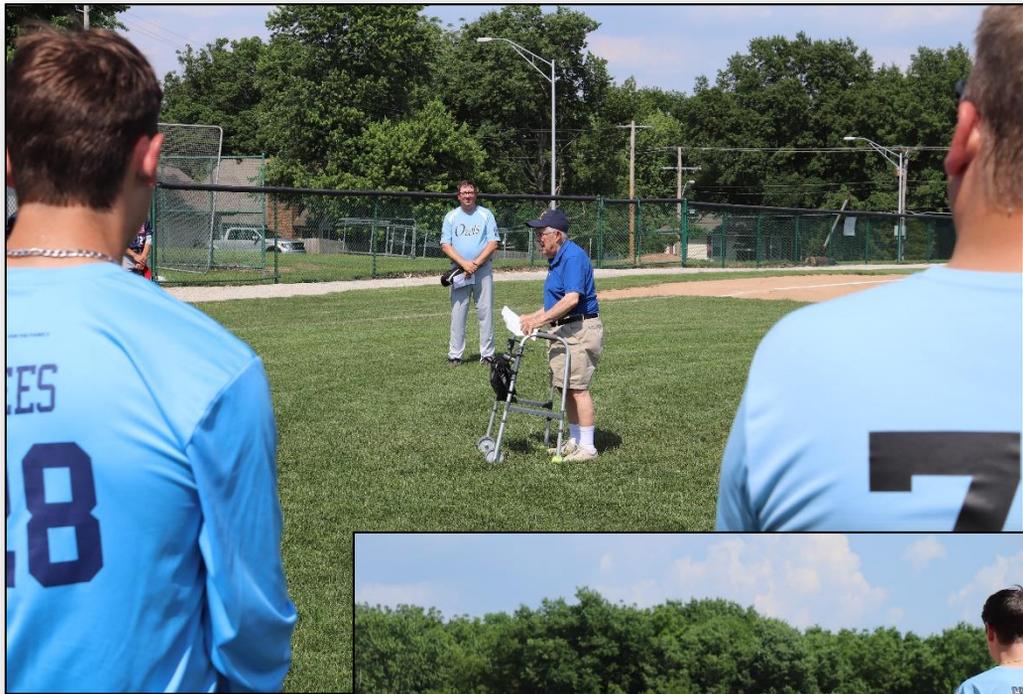
Jim was born July 8, 1924 in Sioux City, Iowa. He grew up on a small farm in NW Iowa, and attended the public schools where he excelled in his studies graduating in the Spring of 1942. He enrolled in Iowa State University and attended college until he was drafted into the Navy in February 1944. He served on an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific.

After his discharge from the Navy, he returned to Iowa State and received his degree in Agricultural Education. Jim started his career at a Vo Ag instructor and later became field salesman for Farm Bureau and Farmland Industries where he retired in 1986 with 29 years of service.

Jim has always been active in community projects and continues today with his involvement in the Gladstone American Legion.



Jim Thomsen



Taking in the game,
Millison, McDonald, Thompson



CDR Millison making our
Bi-Annual Donation to the
KC VAMC, 31 May 2018



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Thompson, Bowman, Millison, Murch

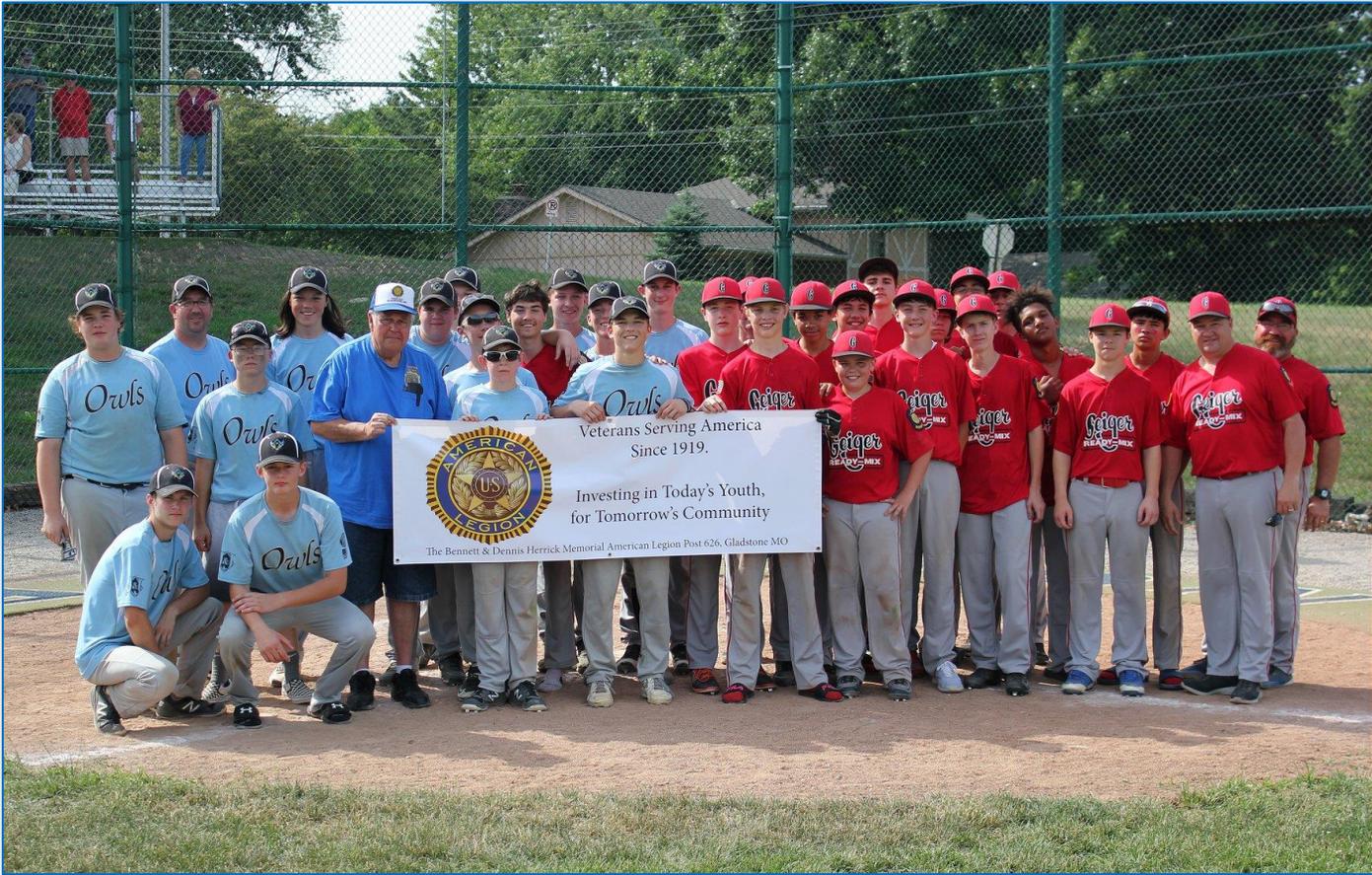




Millison & Thompson
Volunteering for the Chamber



MORE BASEBALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Thompson and the players.



Bowman throwing out a first pitch.



Rosales throwing out a first pitch.

Meyer & Thompson warming the bench.



Lester, Murch & McDonald delivering Donated chairs and Lifts to D.A.P. (Disability Assistance Program)

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