

Chapter 7

Veterans' Organizations

AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion began in Clemons with the formation of the Mayor-Bryant Post in 1948. The Post was named for Clifford Verne Bryant and August Mayer, both deceased W. W. II veterans of the communities of Clemons and St. Anthony.

Bill Von Spreckelsen was elected Honorary Commander. Roland Camp was elected Acting Commander and Paul Anderson - Adjutant.

The Legion was active in Memorial Day ceremonies, Fourth of July celebrations, and many other community activities. Dances were often enjoyed on the upper floor of the mill.

Due to lack of members the group of Legion veterans disbanded the Mayer-Bryant Post and joined other legions in the area.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, AND THE AMERICAN LEGION

A group of women met on Monday afternoon, March 8, 1948, for the purpose of organizing and Auxiliary unit for the Mayer-Bryant Post #270. This Post was named after Clifford Verne Bryant (listed lost in action July 20, 1944, at the age of 23), son of Henry and Stella Bryant of Clemons and August Mayer (died at Camp Dodge November 5, 1918 at the age of 23) son of Mrs. Caroline Mayer of St. Anthony.

Application for charter was made on April 7, 1948, with 21 members and 2 transfers. Charter members are as follows:

Kittie Anderson	Jean Funke
Edith Bryant - Gold Star Wife	Marjorie Funke
Elsie Bryant	Minnie Funke
Helen Bryant	Opal Funke
Stella Bryant - Gold Star Mother	Ruth Grace
Mildred Camp	Eva Proctor
Nancy Camp	Erma Perry
Ruth Christensen	Ruth Ross
Thelma Clemons	Thelma Ross
Dorothy Duffy - Gold Star Sister	Adeline Sanders
Mary Elsberry	

The two transfers are Ethal Holmes and Bess Von Spreckleson.

The first slate of new officers were installed on March 24, 1948, in an impressive candlelight service. A large sized poppy was presented to each officer after her installation.

The organization meetings were held the first Monday night of each month commencing promptly at 8:00 p.m. It was decided to have a Pot of Gold door prize of 50¢ to be taken out of the luncheon collection of 10¢ per member present at the meeting. The order of business for each meeting was:

Call to order with the presentation of colors;
Pledge of Allegiance;
Preamble to the Constitution;
One verse of the National Anthem;
Two minutes of silent prayer;
Minutes are read and approved

Some activities performed during the first year of organization and ensuing years include:

1. History awards to seniors at Clemons and St. Anthony schools.
2. Flag etiquette presented at both schools during American Education week.
3. Sold poppies for Memorial Day and decorated graves at three cemeteries.
4. Prizes given for poppy posters at the schools.
5. Christmas treats given to the children of the community and fruit baskets given to shut-ins.
6. Sponsored home talent radio programs.
7. Supported childrens homes and Veterans Hospitals in Des Moines, Marshalltown and Knoxville.
8. Painted the bandstand on the city park.
9. Raise funds for worthwhile projects - food sales, paper drives, served lunches at Legion dances, participated in benefit basketball game, Peace Officers suppers, band concert suppers, public dinners, and banquets.
10. Held benefit dinner for a serious heart operation and a serious abdominal operation.
11. Free instruction on use of voting machines and participated in "Get Out the Vote" campaign.
12. Send candidates to Girls' State.
13. Organized "walking" blood bank.
14. Purchased new uniforms for the band.
15. "Cancer of the Breast" film.
16. Mobile X-ray unit.

Due to the decrease of many of our members and not being able to aquire new members, the unit was forced to disband in 1975, and the remaining members transferred to other units in the county. For those of us

who are left, the first line of the Auxiliary Preamble will remain strong - "For God and Country, We associate ourselves together to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America".

CIVIL WAR VETERANS

A great many of our early settlers were veterans of the Civil War. To the best of our knowledge, there never was a GAR in Clemons, although there were many veterans. The following list is by no means complete, but many of the veterans are believed to have been either from this area or settled here after the war.



Pvt. Cyrus Simpson Andrews served in the Civil War. Taken 1863.

A. E. Cram
Cyrus S. Andrews
A. B. McCain
Wm. McCain
Samuel Mooney
William Mooney
Amos A. Bartine
A. A. Perry
G. A. Turner
A. B. Grewell
George Moore
James Holcomb

J. B. Frayer
Joseph LaPlant
L. J. LaPlant
D. O. Rockhill
John Rutan
Wm. Voris
Cyrus Garwood
Frank Lockwood
D. P. Lacy
Wm. McCormick
L. McKinnon

SPANISH AMERICAN VETERANS

Lee E. Blackburn
Martin Gaunt
Bernie Grewell
Byron B. Moore - Bromley



MARTIN GAUNT
Spanish-American War Veteran 1898
Taken while serving in Cuba.

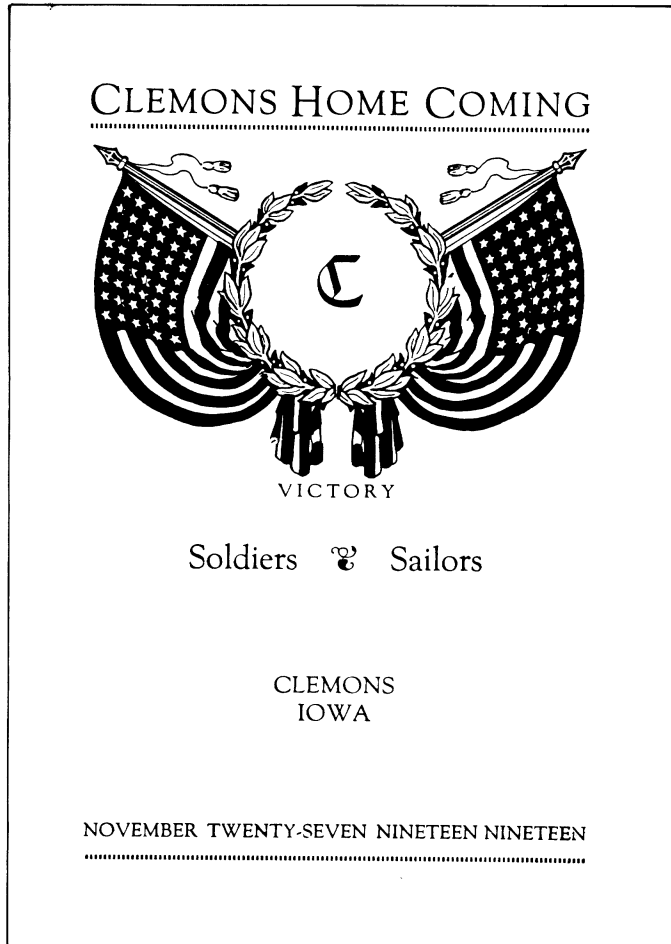
CLEMONS HOMECOMING VICTORY

SOLDIERS & SAILORS
November 27, 1919

ROLL CALL

Ethmer Hadley	Charles R. Adamson
Bernard O. Grewell	Herbert J. Andrews
Fred A. Grewell	Herbert Armbrecht
Arnold W. Kaiser	Raymond J. Borton
Bert Meier	Fred Brackney
Edward Lyle Mooney	Alfred W. Butts
Buford Morgan	Eugene Burnett
Ward W. Parsons	John O. Clemons
Clarence R. Perry	Joseph H. Cutsinger
Walter F. Roseburrough	Wilmer Boyce Dickover
Carmie Wantz	Roy Davis
Lyle Perry	William McKinley Elliott
Tom C. Ingledue	Harry L. Flathers
Shuford Isaac Myers	Vern J. Clemons
William A. Von Spreckelson	George S. Ford
Alfred W. Saliger	John Webster Ford
Harte Ross	George Grinstead
Wilbur Jones	Frank Willard Gaunt
Walter Bagley	Roy Pevyhouse
Ross E. Kirk	Mahlon Ridgeway
Palmer Parsons	

WORLD WAR II VETERANS



Homecoming Banquet Souvenir for W.W. I veterans



HARTE ROSS
W.W. I Veteran

Paul Anderson
Herbert Andrews
Hugo Ambrecht
Theodore Ambrecht
Cyrus Bartine
Mahlon Beckwith
Wayne Burkhead
Richard Bryant
Lowell Bacon
Wilbur Cox
Kenneth Bryant
Ambrose Davis
Marion Duffy
Glen Duffy
Clarence Duffy
Jack Dickover
Louis Doser
Clyde Clemons
Vivian Clemons
Casper Clemons
Wayne Clemons
William Clemons
Arnold Christensen
Hubert Christensen
Ernie Clemons
Floyd Conklin
Eugene Conklin
Howard Cory
Leo Clemons
Victor Clemons
Beryl Everist
Leonard Eurom
Ensil Eley
Wayne Elsberry
Arland Edler
Carl Edler
Kenneth Fricke
Glen Gillette
Clifford Goecke
Ralph Goecke
Kenneth Goecke
Robert Goecke
Harold Goecke
Robert Grinstead
Arlyn Grinstead
Harold Hiatt
Roland Holmes
Wendell Holmes
Jack Howard
Loive Humphreys
Glencoe Hennis
Charles Hughes
Eleanor Hof

Russell Harding
Merle Huseboe
Billy Jay
John Johnson
Marion Ingledue
John King
Duane King
Gilbert Lair
Donald LeRoy
Sherwood Noble
Russell Noble
Howard Noble
Virgil McCormack
Roy Norman
Robert Otto
Leonard Otto
Avery Perry
Wendell Price
Charlotte Rowden
Joe Rowden
Harold Tisler
Andrew Tisler
Carl Ulery
Kenneth Ulery
Boyd VanMetre
Albert Vajgrt
Clarence Hiatt
Bill Bacon
Vernon Ingledue
Wayne Clark
Harold Mayer
Willard Hof
Ray Sanders
Harold Sanders
Cliff Middleton
Irwin Idso
Pat Rogers
Barney Sweet
Max Smith
Roger Sparks
Floyd Sparks
Earl Schaper
Edmund Schoberg
Roy Shimmel
Lloyd Bartholomew
Marion Eldridge
Dean Winslow
Max Winslow
Gerald Ross
Marion Reece
Geason Diser
Verne Bryant
Morris Fricke



Made by a veteran of W.W.I, this original and attractive service board erected in the town square at Clemons honored the men and women of town who entered the military service of their country in W.W. II. Bill VonSrepeckelsen made the structure which no longer remains in the park.



CPL. VERNE BRYANT
W.W. II
Died in action July, 1944

KOREAN VETERANS

Bryon McKelvey
Robert Veren
Robert Sanders
Max Nelson
Marvin Shimmel
John Nichols
Bob Jay
Paul Davis
Carroll Bryant
Earl Best
Clifford Ingledue
Fred Nichols
Darol Cooling
Garol Cooling
Norman Rhodes
Bill Inman
Richard Lister
Jack Gaunt

Lowell Rhodes
Eleanor Reisinger
Jim Bartlett
David Collins
John Collins
John Howard
Carroll Willard
Ronald Finch
Mervin Hinshaw
Donald F. Davis
Richard Rogers
Keith McDonald
Richard Perry
Wayne Schuler
Harold Weuve
George Mayer
Richard Wilkins
Donald Bryant



ROBERT VEREN
Korean Veteran
1951

VIET NAM VETERANS

Jon C. Bartine
Paul Jones
Paul Welch
Clifford Ray Schuler
Richard Davis
Edwin Bartine
Darrell Davis
Stephen Shives
Thomas Nichols
Gary Harding
Jim Doser
Bill Bartlet
Dale Cox
Dennis Funke
Harold Hennis
Robert Otto
Robert Berends
Richard Brewer
Danny Davis
Larry Stuckmeyer
Jack Mackin
Earl Nelson
Donald Nelson

CASUALTIES

W. W. I —

Raymond Hall

W. W. II —

Cpl. Verne Bryant killed in action July 20, 1944.

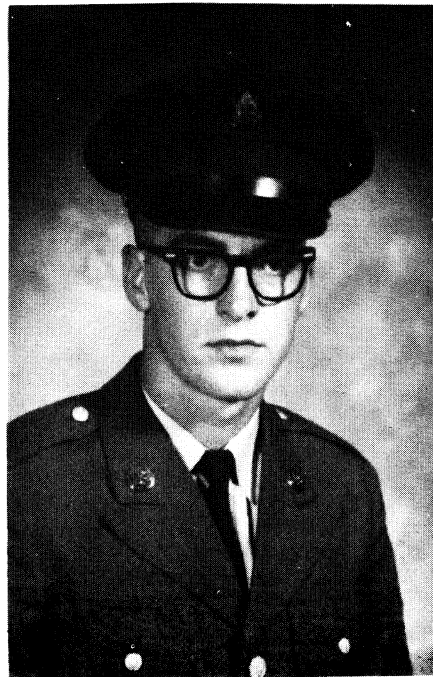
Aviation Machinist's Mate 3/c Morris Fricke lost at sea on bomber control flight off coast of New Foundland June 8, 1942.

KOREAN —

Cpl. Clifford Almonrode, Marine died of wounds. War release December 16, 1951, son of Wanda Spurlin.

VIET NAM —

None



PAUL D. JONES
Viet Nam War Veteran