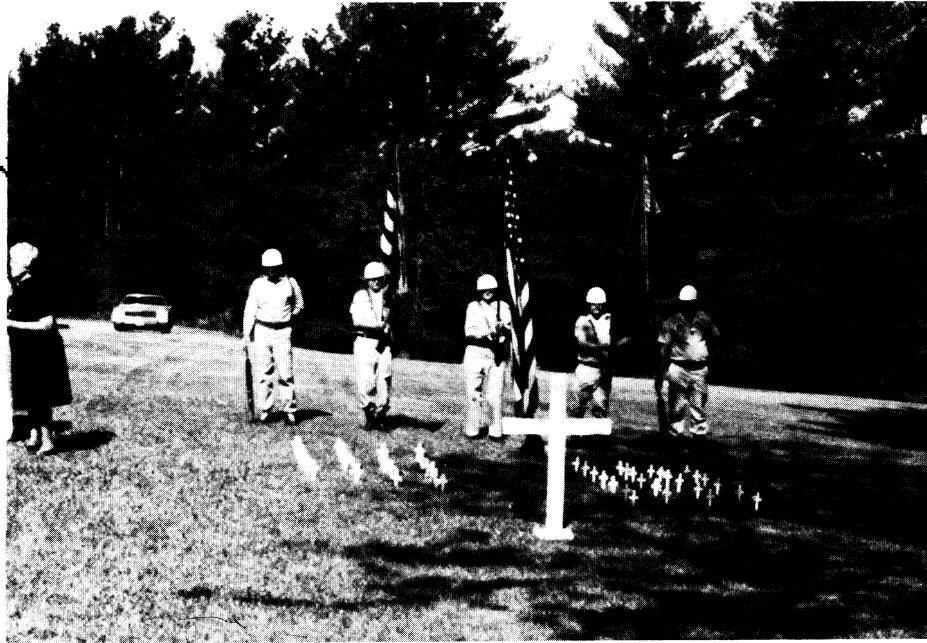


Veteran's Organization

Rhodes American Legion Post 456



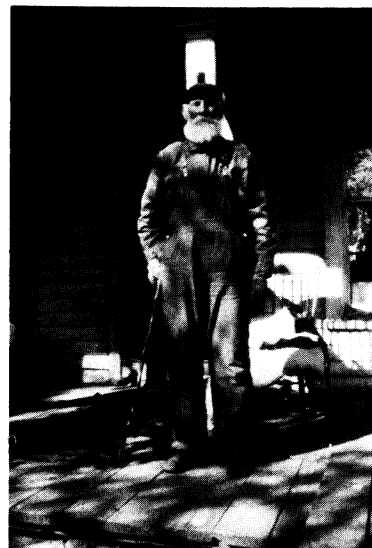
Color Guard at Eden Cemetery. From the left; Rev. Nancy Nichols, Harlan Kloppenborg Jr., Larry, Lawrence and Danny Guckert and Dennis Kloppenborg.

The Legion was first chartered in 1920. Due to lack of interest and non-participation the charter was cancelled in 1927.

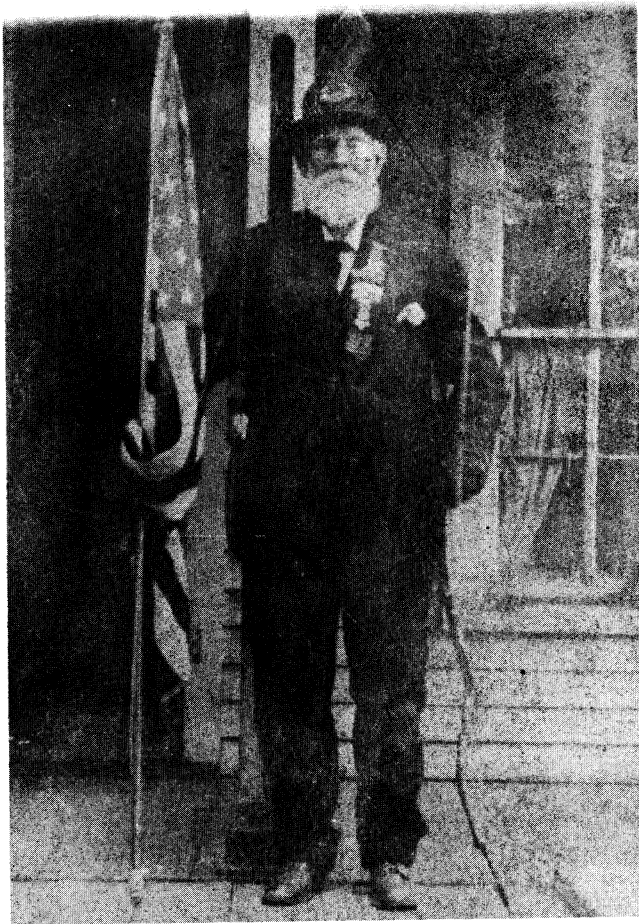
Memorial Day Services have always been a patriotic tradition in our town. On one of these occasions, Memorial Services were held in the Opera House, with the band playing a selection on the street before the program opened with the Star Spangled Banner. The flag was presented. The audience sang a number of patriotic songs before an invocation was given by a minister. There was also readings and addresses made by different members of the community.

The procession led by the Marshall of the day would proceed to the Cemetery. In those days there were sidewalks to the cemetery. Here the soldiers' graves were strewn with flowers. A eulogy was given and the salute to the dead was fired. The grave of the unknown soldier was decorated, with taps being sounded and the echo heard.

"Jake" Sperling, our only Civil War Veteran, living in Rhodes at this time, carried the 45 star flag under which he so proudly served. It was on one of these



John "Jake" Sperling



John Sperling - Civil War Veteran

occasions that this gallant Civil War veteran and companion could not quite make the entire journey. It was when the crowd was returning to town that "Jake" with great sadness, presented this flag to Henry Buck, to care for as he could not carry it anymore. The Alfred Buck family presented this 45 star flag to the Rhodes American Legion-Post 456 in May of 1976. The Legion still proudly carries this flag each Memorial Day. "Jake" was honored on one of his last Memorial Day celebrations, as the band played the Star Spangled Banner, with the audience singing, while Wayne Hildreth and Alfred Buck carried "Grandpa Sperling."

In August of 1945, the following 16 persons obtained a temporary charter: Gayle Snedecor, Leo A. Baie, Don Luing, J. Ben Overman, John Maas, Joe L. Ward, Harry Eddy, Elmer Baie, Virgil Work, Keith Hoy, Carroll Failor, Charles Elliott, Wayne Hildreth, Fred Allen, Fred Schultz and John Guckert. They had an all time high membership the following year with a total of 66 members.

In 1946, the Legion sponsored a homecoming celebration to be held July 22 and 23, to welcome home the more than 100 men and women of this community, who had served in the armed forces. In the early days, Rhodes was known as a town that knew how to celebrate. The Legion felt that it had arranged a

program that would live up to that reputation, which was started by the pioneers.

The celebration opened informally Monday night when the carnival moved in and a free dance was held. Tuesday afternoons program included a band concert, music by the Son Fellows, of radio fame, and a nonpolitical address by Frank Mills, editor of the Legionaire for twenty-five years. The evening's entertainment included a band concert by the Rhodes Band, vaudeville acts and a free show. All the carnival concessions were in operation throughout the day. The last event of the day being a platform dance.

Our community still honors each Memorial day with services at Eden, St. Joseph's and Day or Ball Cemeteries. Flags are placed at each soldier's grave and a miniature cemetery is made with 50 white crosses and one large white cross all decorated with poppies. A wreath is then placed at the head of the large white cross by either Girl or Boy Scouts of this community. A scroll is placed nearby listing all of the deceased veterans in the Eden and St. Joseph's Cemetery. A very impressive sight.



Brownies, Roxane Thill and Tina Mercer in 1982.

Many fund raisers have been held through the years, these being mainly to buy new Legion markers, to mark all the deceased Veterans' graves. Just to name a few of the fund raisers; a donkey ball game held at the park; Hunters breakfast and dinner served at the cafe, (many of the men make good waitresses and dishwashers); street dances and a tractor pull.

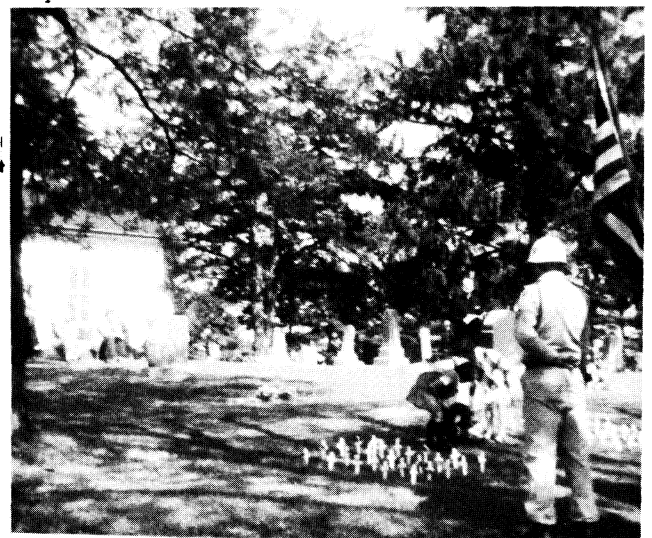
Numerous boys from this community have been sponsored by the Legion to attend "Boy's State," which is held at Camp Dodge near Des Moines.

This community gave six of its boys, who lie in unmarked graves, to the Civil War.



Hunters Day Feed, sponsored by Rhodes American Legion, Post #456. From the left, front row, at counter, David Ellis. Second row: Dean Picard, Steve Hopper, Dennis Kloppenborg, Betty Thill, and Joe Malechek.

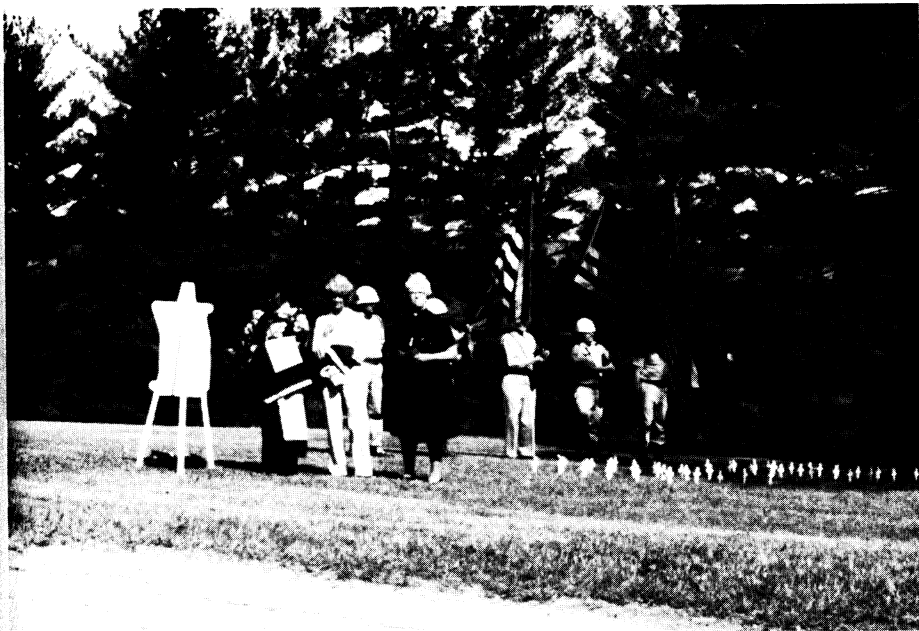
Hunters Day Feed, from the left: at table; Delmar Wilson, Juanita Gibbs, Diane Hopper, Betty Thill, Dean Picard, Dan Guckert, Jim Ficken, Steve Hopper, Dennis Kloppenborg and Joe Malechek.



Red Cross in 1918



Boy Scouts - from the left; Mike White, Greg Gilgen and Tim Bear - 1976.



Juanita Gibbs, Betty Dannen and Rev. Nancy Nichols with the Color Guard at Eden Cemetery.

Firing Squad at Eden Cemetery.





Some of the Rhodes Legion members from the left, front row: Dennis Scott and Jack Pickard; Second row: Larry Guckert and Jerry Klosterman.



Rhodes American Legion at St. Joseph Cemetery, Rhodes, Iowa.



Some of the 1944 war wives, from the left; Esther Wilson, Alice Hildreth, Mary Thursby, Percy Kloppenborg, LaVonne Grant and Clara Hoy.

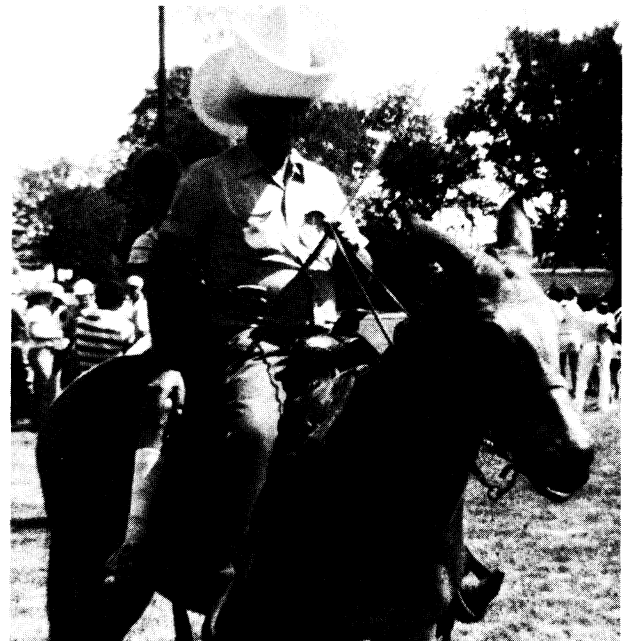


Rhodes American Legion at Ball or Day Cemetery South of Rhodes.



J.F. Reinschmidt of Rhodes will compete in the Fiddling Championship of Iowa.

SCENES FROM 1981 FRONTIER PARADE



In Remembrance



Clarence E. White

Clarence E. White

Clarence had been inducted into the Army at Camp Dodge, along with a contingent from Marshall County on September 6, 1918.

On Sunday October 13, 1918, his parents were notified that their son was seriously ill with pneumonia. They left immediately for Camp Dodge to be with their son. His father returned home after being assured his son's condition had improved. His mother remained with her son until he passed away at 3:30 on Tuesday morning, October 15, 1918.

He had grown to manhood in our midst, being associated with his father and brothers in farming and livestock raising. The death of this fine young man, little more than a month in the service has saddened

and shocked this whole community. He was a man with a genial sunny disposition, which made him a favorite with those whom he came in contact.

Clarence E. was born January 9, 1897, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. James O. White, on the White's home place. Besides his parents he is survived by five brothers and one sister. Ralph, at the Great Lake Training Station; Harold, at the Naval Unit of S.A.T.C. in Ames; John, at home but under appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; James, Wilbur and Amy at home.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and the Full Moon Masonic Lodge of Melbourne.

His funeral was held from the family farm rural Rhodes with full Masonic rites. He is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Lieutenant Wayne Hildreth Jr. killed in plane crash, first Rhodes casualty of Second World War.

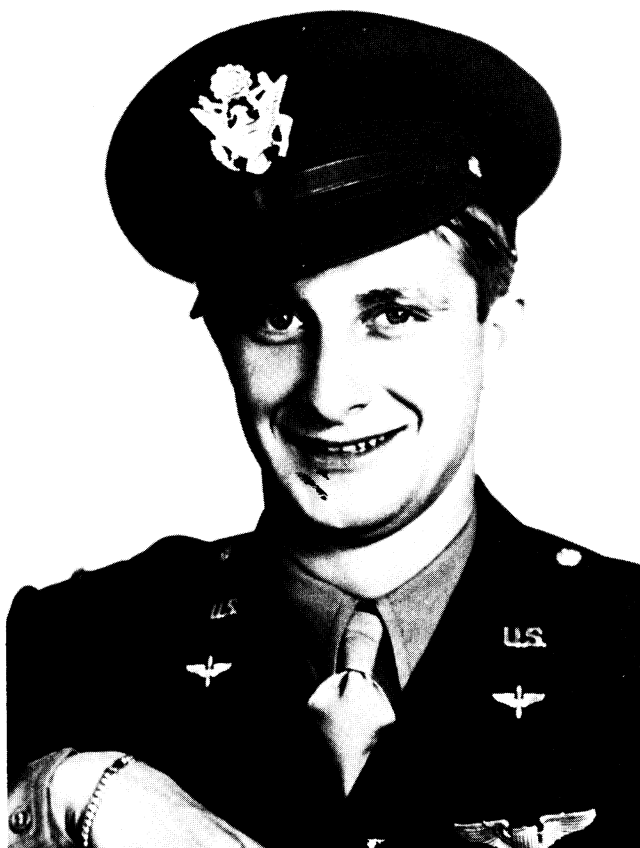
A pall of gloom has hung over our community since word was received of the death of Wayne Hildreth Jr., November 6, 1942. The accident occurred Friday morning when Wayne was piloting a fighter plane on a routine flight. When the motor died the plane went into a tailspin and crashed about five miles from Muroc.

He was the first of our boys to receive a commission. This was awarded on September 29th in Phoenix, Arizona. His primary training was completed in Rankin Aeronautical Academy, Tulare, California, May 29. Secondary training was received in Lamoore, California after which he was commissioned a second lieutenant. In October he was transferred to Muroc, California. As he was first to earn a commission so he was first to give his life in his country's time of peril. He had been gone from home just nine months when the tragedy took place.

He was born in Rhodes July 11, 1920, was graduated from Rhodes High School in 1937 and later attended business college in Des Moines. He was the son of Wayne and Betty Hildreth Sr. and has a brother, Charles William, twenty, who has enlisted in the Air Force and will begin his training in the C.P.T. class in Marshalltown.

Wayne was a member of the Rhodes Methodist Church and the Elks Lodge in Marshalltown.

His life cut off at the verge of manhood, his memory



Lieutenant Wayne Hildreth Jr.

might enjoy the rights and privileges of an American citizen.

Fate often works in a strange manner. It smiles beneficently on some and cruelly destroys others without apparent justification in either case.

Twenty-six years ago Joe Phillips was born in Rhodes. His dad and mother, who survive him still live in that town.

He grew up like any other healthy young American boy, pranks, school days, happy outings, all combined to make him a pleasant companion and good friend.

One of Joe's most precious possessions was the ability to carry a happy grin most of the time.

Joe became a popular member of the basketball team and the kittenball teams at high school and after his graduation in 1936 he spent some time assisting his dad, who is a road maintainer.

In 1941 he came to Lennox, remaining here until February of 1942, the date of his induction into the service of his country.

In the two years that he had been in service, Joe had earned practically all of the possible promotions in the ranks, attaining a staff sergeant's rating which he held at the time of his death.

will remain to us as a symbol of sacrifice. Going from home as a care-free boy he assumed the responsibility his work entailed. He well understood the grim reality of war and the seriousness of his work. Although his life span was brief, he gave his all, and he will be among those who gave, "the last full measure of devotion."

Military services were held at the Methodist Church with burial in Eden Cemetery.

Joseph Phillips Killed On Leyte

A tiny gold star was added to the Lennox Honor Roll at Marshalltown on Tuesday, January 2, 1945. It was placed in front of the name of Joseph "Joe" Phillips, former employee of the Cabinet Shop at Marshalltown, where he worked as a spot welder.

The little star is of the type that teachers place under the name of the person who has done his or her job exceptionally well.

Yet the little star is certainly symbolic in this instance. Its tinsel changes to the sheen of purest gold when we look at it again with clouded eyes, because it certainly tells us that Joe Phillips, our fellow employee, did his job exceptionally well. In fact, Joe like Harlan Bohnsack, gave his life so that his fellow employees



Sgt. Joe Phillips

He had been in service overseas for two years, and one year in this country. Karroll Diggins, who is still employed at Lennox, and who was one of Joe's closest friends, reports that in the entire three years Joe had not had a furlough to visit home.

His death occurred in action against the Japanese on Leyte and it is believed that he took part in the original invasion of Leyte, which marked the return of General Douglas McArthur to the Philippines.

He received his first training with the infantry at Camp Wolters, Texas and landed in the Hawaiian Islands in June, 1942.

Early in November of 1944 his parents received a package from their soldier son in which he enclosed a

bayonet and sword and a Japanese officer's seal, ring, tie clasp and belt buckle.

It was November 10th when Joe was seriously wounded, according to a report received by his parents about the middle of December.

He died of his wounds on November 12, 1944 according to later advices from the same source, but final word from the government as to his death was received Saturday, December 30th.

Joe Phillips was the son of William (Bill) and Pearl Phillips (see history) of Rhodes.

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Civil War

John Sperling
C.W. Evans
Mr. Swartout
C.E. Frost
Samuel Thompson
Voorhis Van Pelt
Simon Woolston
John Jacob Wagerman
John Gruber
Fletcher Garis
John A. Marquette
A. Richards
J.D. Richards
John Shryock
John Ewing
Peter Garis

Zenas L. Bartlett
A.A. Gillette
W.S. Girton
Miles V. Hayes
Frank Harris
William Kirkpatrick
Charles Kiser
Robert Ketchum
Martin Logan
George R. Lester
Harry Nichols
W.T. Owen
George Brouhard
Martin F. Richeson
Henry Clark
Ralph M. Sanders

Alfred Davey
Charles Steiner
D.A. Elder
James Taylor
John Deming
William Vance
Thomas D. Wilson
Donald M. Ruth
J.A. Thompson
Thomas Jefferson Van Pelt
M. Brouhard
James Chapman
Stuart Davis
A.J. Shearer
Aaron Swartout
James Daugherty
Austin Lowery

Mr. Benson
Irving Benson
James Baxter
Joseph Baxter
William Beal
John W. Burger
Francis Bence
James E. Brown
Steward Baker
John H. Burger
H.C. Beltz
E.H. Buck
C.R. Richards
Amanuel Casselman
Marshall Roberts
Austin Chamberlain
Alfred Schofield

V. Van Pelt Post No. 350

Several years after their return to Rhodes, the men who wore the blue of the Union Army organized the following post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Marshall County. It received the name V. Van Pelt Post No. 350, Rhodes, which was chartered August 2, 1884 by Austin Lowery. It was disbanded December 31, 1893.

Spanish - American

Judd Thorne

World War I

James Freland
Clarence E. White
Albert Allen
Herman B. Breer
Leo Andy Baie
Albert B. Chamberlain
Charles Elliott Sr.
Harry Eddy
John C. Guckert I
John Gray
William Ginter
George Halter
Harold Kelley
Earl E. Phillips
Walter E. Richmond

Ernest A. Schaper
Gayle Snedecor
John Maas Sr.
Wyate E. West
Joe L. Ward
Hugh Alexander
George F. Baker
John E. Freland
George Goodman
Monte Harness
Charles Lehman
William Schelker
Fred Schultz
Ralph White
Everett H. Ball

Charles A. Schelker
Emery N. Strickler
Glynn Titus
George West
Ernest C. Whistler
Ernest Aderhold
Paul G. Blink
Charles W. Dewey Jr.
Merlin C. Flathers
Everett J. Ginter
Frank Kloppenborg
Wesley Rinard
Paul D. Smith
Harold A. White
Frank C. Bentley

Lester J. Breunig
Ralph Blink
E. Ray Dewey
Orva E. Elliott
Charles E. Freland
Joseph H. Goodman
Elmer Gauch
Wayne Hildreth Sr.
Wesley Jewell
Donald Luing
John Benjamin Overman
John Serfoss
Fred Allen
Francis Armstrong

Eden Township members of the Council of Defense:
H.W. Neff, Harry Hildreth, Bert Pike, Dr. L.E. Noble,
W.D. Burgoyne, H.M. Weeks and William F. Smith.

Servicemen of the U.S. Armed Forces

December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1982

Duane Breunig
Donald Roberts
Earl Severidt
Good Crawford
Carroll Failor
Gerald Shirk
Herbert Haas
Lloyd Steiner
Alva E. Hoy
Claire Walker
LeRoy Mallicoat
Harold Williams
Richard K. Noble
James Freland
Ralph DeVault
Donald Richeson
Duane Gardner
Charles Roberts
Harold Townsend
James A. Hale
Donald O. Wilson
John Buck
Carroll White
Martin Failor
Harold Rinard
Benjamin Overman
Kenneth Mallicoat

Harold Roberts
Phillip Buck
Stewart Failor
Ralph Robinson
John Maas Jr.
John Guckert II
Richard Snedecor
Wayne Hildreth Jr.
Verle Thursby
Rodney E. Kloppenborg
Elmer Williams
Raymond Malloy
Ralph Mead
Stanley E. Kolbe
Joseph Phillips
Richard Thompson
Leon Rinard
Ronald B. Nefzger
Donald Severidt
John Rohrer
Leo Alexander
Delmar Wilson
Jack Gray
Lawrence Halter
Philip Mead
Wayne Burg
Richard Robinson

Richard Schelker
Vincent Morrison
Robert Green
Charles (Bill) Hildreth
Donald Landis
Keith Mallicoat
Glenn Wallace
Donald Buck
Howard Richeson
Lyle Landis
Elmer L. Hoy
Roger Gray
Wendell Johnson
Clarke Crouse
Harold White
Rex White
Keith Hoy
William Tribby
Paul Cook
W. Leon Wiltsey
Ray Gilgen
John L. White
Vern Maxwell Jr.
William Hough
George Goodman
Stanley Randall Sr.
Warren Buck

Max Nason
Harold Howell
Vernon Bear
George Dannen
Harlan Kloppenborg Jr.
Robert Guthrie
Valjean Goodman
Charles E. Collins
Dave Ward
Charles Nichols
Russell Meyer
Danny Guckert
Bob Duff
Earl Steiner
Jean Hale Pfantz
Les Middleton
Lloyd Grant
Harold K. Miller
Andy Vagart
Charles Shryock
Virgil Work
Miles Hayes
Larry Schmidt
Richard Ray
John Overman
Phillip Nichols
Harry (Bud) Trowbridge Jr.

December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1982

Wilbur Flora	Steve Maxwell	Bob Blink	Verl Crouse
Allan Eddy	Gerald Kloppenborg	Donald Cope	Leland Alexander
Jack Pickard	Larry Luing	LaVern Freese	Leonard (Pete) Wilson
Gary Maxwell	Bob Malechek	Darroll Goodman	Joe Malechek II
Frank Hoy	Roger Allen	Leland Baie	Kermit Sanders
William Thomae	Leon Harrand	Max Dannen	Otto Jacobs
G. Frank Bear	Marvin Staker	Phil Mead	Roland Thill
Eugene Gibbs	Vaylord Ladwig	Marvin Shill	Gary Cooper
John Nichols	Jack Richeson	Ronald Tuttle	Charles Matney
Tom Malloy	James Wilson	Roger Hoy	John Gilman
Jerry Klosterman	Raymond Morrison	Ronald Gardner	Lloyd Pyle
Larry Ginter	Winnifred Richeson	Harold Hildreth	William Wiese
Charles Freese	Dan Buck	Brent Hildreth	Dean Boicourt
Hurbert Alexander	James Lunsford	Marlin Hoy	Patricia Eddy Menter
Roy Halter	Jerry Severidt	Lloyd Dannen	Gerald Hale
Glen Zieske	Russell Faircloth	Mark Haas	James Ficken
Howard Pyle	Paul Buck	LeMoine Staker	Ronald Hoy
Lawrence Guckert	Harold Meyer	Melvin Richeson	Gerald Schuler
Clayton Walker	Kenneth Guthrie	Stanley Richeson	Jim Weaver
H. Glen Eddy	Fonda Rinard Tribby	Gerald Tuttle	Allan Dodd
Marvin Meyer	Leonard Eddy	John Freland	Leo Robinson
Marvin Gibbs	Charles Buck	Rick Clement	Roy Shimel
Eugene Goodman	Lonnie Phillips	Herb Henschel	Marlyn Sutton
Wayne Schelker	John Howell	Leslie Eggers	Grady Ward
Karroll Whaley	Vernon Phillips	Gary Holcomb	Wilbur Williams
Kenneth Klosterman	Clarence Eugene Tribby	Earl Whitmore	Robert Pester
Robert Schultz	Marvin Klaas	Rhineardt Kilker	David Rohrer
Dennis Kloppenborg	Andy Oxley	Craig McKibben	Gary Richeson
John (Barney) Kessler	Edward Flora	Nile Lanning	Carroll Ficken
Fred Duff	Dennis Malloy	Sandy Bear	Richard Anderson
Dave England	John Leslie White	Matt Cooper	Merlyn Schuler
Charles Ginter	Gary Hadley	J. Frank Overman	John (Jake) Faircloth
Craig Miller	Roger Lanning	Darrell Goodman	Fred McKibben
Terry Lanning	Mark (Andy) Thill	J. Dale Klosterman	Mike Klosterman
Norman Cheville	James Klaas	Gary H. Wright	Donald Oxley
Mark Bear	Charles Flora	Larry Guckert	Ronald Richeson
Joe Malechek III	Frank Burggraaf	Marvin Allspach	Gary Buck
John W. Mercer	Dennis Scott	Charles Elliott Jr.	
Roger Goodman			

This list of Veterans may be incomplete and we regret any omissions.