

The Dedication

June 3, 2000

**You are invited to the dedication of a
Patriotic Service Memorial Honor Roll***

On June 3, 2000.

4:15 p.m.

**On the Church Grounds of
The LaMoille Community Church.**

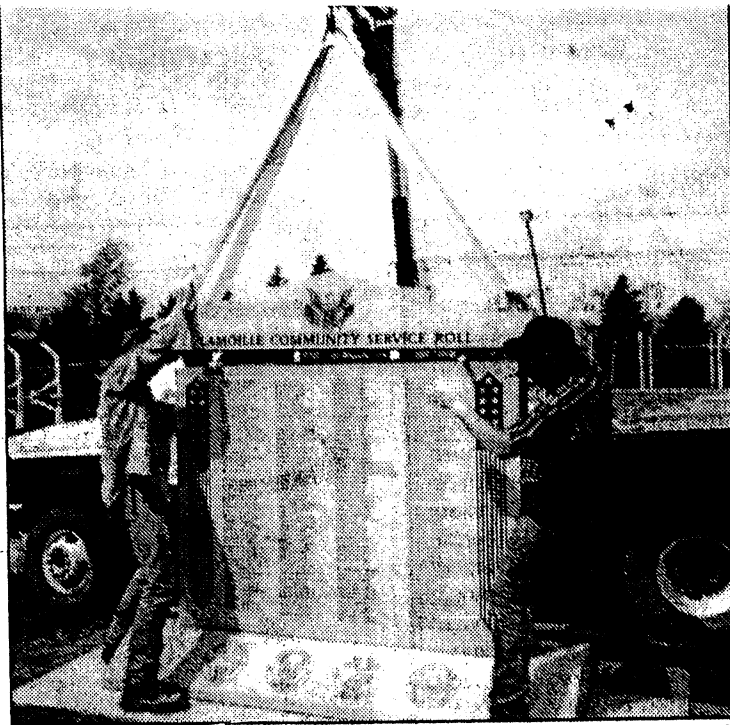
Please bring your own seating.

**This Memorial is dedicated to WWI, WWII, Korean War
and Vietnam Veterans from this community.**

Sponsored by the LaMoille Alumni Association

***The Public is Invited to Attend.**





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A new monument has been erected in LaMoille to recognize the efforts of those who served in the military during times of war. The monument replaced a wooden board that stood on the site for nearly a half century. A dedication ceremony is planned for June 3.

Monument to be dedicated at LaMoille on June 3

The history of LaMoille will now be etched in stone.

Thanks to the contributions and hard work of people in Marshall County who have ties to the tiny community, the names of those LaMoille area residents who served this country during war time as well as peace time, will be remembered.

Alumni and friends of the community will dedicate a permanent monument on Saturday, June 3 in a 4:15 p.m. ceremony at the LaMoille Church grounds.

A list of contributors will be available at the ceremony.

The 35-minute program will dedicate the monument which was made possible with the help of a seven-member committee from the LaMoille Alumni Association. Jim Benson, Lyman Rule, Barb Baltisberger, Barb Scafferi, Hazel Hickman, Don Wills and Max Landon worked on the committee.

The memorial salutes the dedicated ladies of the LaMoille Am. Vets. Auxiliary, who erected the first memorial board

on the site during World War II. They posted the names of those from the community who served their country in both world wars.

The auxiliary continued to post the names of those in the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The original wooden board was rebuilt and repainted several times during its 50 years of service.

LaMoille suffered one casualty in World War II and one in Vietnam.

The new monument also features the emblems of each branch of the U.S. Military.

It also depicts pictures of the LaMoille school house which existed from 1914 to 1956. The LaMoille Church, which was founded in 1887, is also carved into the stone.

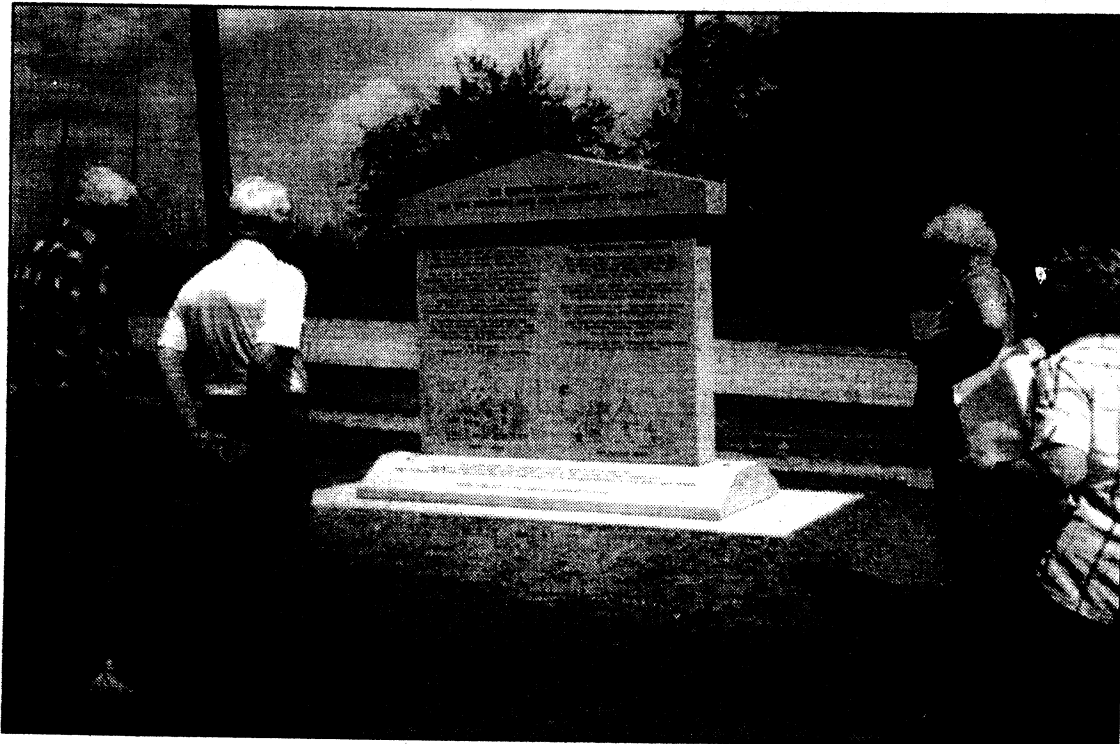
A rain date of June 4 at 4:15 p.m. has been set. Contact Benson at 753-5046 for more information, or Hickman at 752-3573 to contribute toward the memorial.

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LaMoille Alumni Project committee members Jim Benson, Max Landon, Barbara Baltisberger and Hazel Hickman view the newly place monument.

Patriotic Service Memorial Honor Roll to be dedicated on June 3

The dedication of the permanent marker for the Patriotic Service Memorial Honor Roll will be on the grounds of the LaMoille Community Church June 3 at 4:15 p.m.

This memorial is dedicated to World War I, World War II, Korean War and Vietnam veterans from the LaMoille commu-

nity.

The project concludes nearly two years of work and planning by LaMoille Alumni Association committee members.

A color guard and patriotic songs will be part of the program. Speaker will be Iowa Veterans Home adjutant Dan Gammon.

The public is invited to attend and are asked to bring their own seating. A social hour will be held at 5:30 p.m. with a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Money for the markers has come from donations made in honor of and in memory of, the 200 plus names on the monument.

We would like to say THANK YOU to the following:

..Everyone who contributed to this marker.

..Harlan Nuss

..LaMoille Congregational Community Church and Choir

..Lyle Behr and LaMoille Youth

..Nan Benson

..Sherry Benson

..Nancy DeKock

..Ann (Benson) Rubenbauer - Art Work

..Brenda Morris

..Linda Temple

..Bill Baltisberger

..Marshalltown American Legion Post #46

..Marshalltown Veterans of Foreign Wars #839

..Mid Iowa Antiques

..All LaMoille residents who helped today.

..LaMoille Alumni Committee

Jim Benson

Hazel Hickman

Lyman Rule

Don Wills

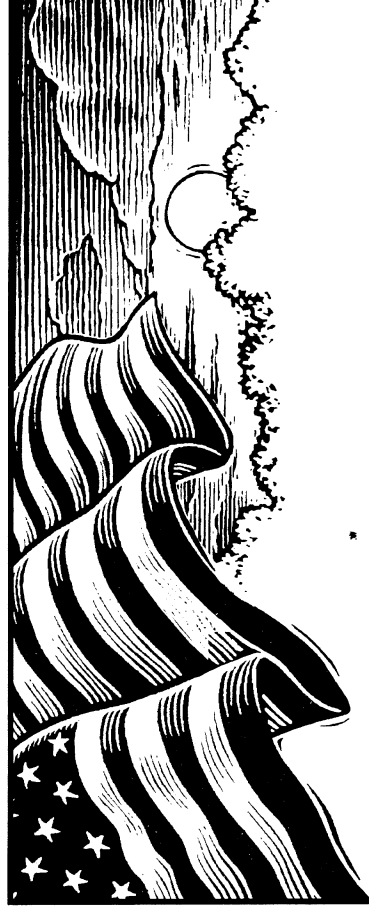
Barbara Baltisberger

Max Landon

Barbara Scafferi

"May we never forget that freedom has a price.
May we be reminded today that we enjoy our freedom
because there are those who have suffered greatly
in order for us to have what we have today."

Kent Locke



A Salute to Service Veterans

They are one with the dusk
and the dawn
a cherished memory
the hope of the world.

Maude Ludington Cain

Dedication of Service Marker

June 3, 2000

4:15 P.M.

LaMoille Church Grounds

LaMoille, Iowa

LaMoille Community

DEDICATION OF SERVICE HONOR ROLL

4:15 P.M. June 3, 2000

LaMoille Congregational Community Church Grounds

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Harlan Nuss, Pastor
LaMoille Church

*PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Marshalltown VFW
Post 839

*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*NATIONAL ANTHEM

Everyone - led by
LaMoille Village Choir

*INVOCATION

Harlan Nuss

WELCOME

Barbara Scafferi
LaMoille Alumni
Representative

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Scafferi

INTRODUCE GUESTS

Barbara Scafferi

SPEAKER "WHAT IS A VETERAN?"

Dan Gammon, Adjutant
at Iowa Veterans Home

*AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Everyone

*MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE

Everyone

DEDICATION OF MARKER

LaMoille Alumni Assoc.
Barbara Scafferi

PLACING OF FLOWERS

LaMoille Alumni

*GOD BLESS AMERICA

Everyone

BENEDICTION

Harlan Nuss

*RETIRE COLORS

VFW Post 839

*Please Stand

Daniel L. Gammon, Adjutant at Iowa Veterans Home

Born in Ames, Iowa, Lifetime Iowa resident

Entered U.S. Army in 1967, and Retired after 22 years in 1989

Attended Advanced Infantry School

Paratrooper Course

Ranger Qualification Course

U. S. Army Special Forces (Green Beret) Course

Drill Instructor Course

Assignments Include: Squad Leader Infantry Unit
Platoon Sergeant Infantry Unit
Drill Instructor
Senior Drill Instructor
First Sergeant
Command Sergeant Major

Overseas Assignments Include: South East Asia
Mid East
Europe
Central and South America

Among His Awards: Bronze Star for Valor
Purple Heart with Cluster
Army Commendation Medal with V device for Valor with 3 Clusters
Air Medal
Cross of Gallantry
Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Clusters
Joint Services Commendation Medal
Combat Infantryman's Badge
Drill Instructor Badge
Paratrooper Badge
Scuba Badge
Path Finder Badge

Members of the LaMoille Alumni Association,
Ladies and Gentlemen it is my pleasure to be here
with you this afternoon and I am honored to be your
guest and speaker.

I like many of you in the audience and all of the
names on this monument is a veteran, but in today's
society a lot of young people ask the question "What
is a Veteran"

So I ask you, "What is a Veteran"?

Some Veterans bear visible signs of their service: a
missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in their
eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin
holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the
leg, or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's
alloy forged in the refinery of adversity.

Except in parades, however, the men and women
who have kept America safe wear no badge or
emblem.

You can't tell a veteran just by looking.

During the first half of our century, Americans clearly understood the importance of honoring those who served. Most American families had personal experiences with the military. For they or members of their families served. Some volunteered, and others were drafted into service.

Today, young men and women continue to stand tall in defense of our freedom, doing the hard and dangerous work that must be done to bring peace and stability to a troubled world.

So, I ask you what is a veteran?

He is the old guy at the mall or in the supermarket palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.

She – or he – is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

We pause today to remember those who were called upon to put their lives on the line for our country. Let us remember not only those who died, but those who lived; for while the giving of one's life is the last full measure of devotion, those who came home from the wars also deserve not merely the grateful thanks, but also the salute of their fellow countrymen.

Veterans of every war have come home and brought new vigor to their interrupted lives. They have not withdrawn; they have not constituted themselves a separate class. They have continued to give of themselves as good citizens and we salute them all.

In the history of the United States—the most remarkable thing about veterans, in general, is that they come home motivated in peace as they were in war.

So I ask you what is a Veteran

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another returning home to face a culture he didn't recognize, and now finds himself able at last to tell his story to his adult children, or didn't come back At All.

He is the Quantico Drill Instructor who has never seen combat – but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them the motto Semper Fidelis Always Faithful.

He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

In the twentieth and now the twenty first century, we have had all too many occasions to create new veterans. We have had too many occasions to ask our young people – for it is mainly the young who are called upon – to risk that last full measure of devotion.

As recent world events have shown, freedom's enemies today respect no borders, and observe no rules on engagement. The world is still a very dangerous place. As we confront the new challenges before us, those who follow in the footsteps of our

veterans of past wars and battles owe those brave warriors an enormous debt.

We can repay it only by our willingness to carry freedom's torch in the new millennium and by continuing to practice the values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage that our predecessors upheld.

So I ask you one more time what is a Veteran.

He is the two anonymous heroes in the Tomb of the Unknown whose presence at the Arlington national Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor lives unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep.

He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being – a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed their ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

He is a warrior and a savior, and a sword against the darkness. They are nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

I leave you today with this.

It is the veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the veteran, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech.

It is the veteran, not the campus radical who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the veteran who salutes the flag, and whose coffin is draped by that flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.

When you look at it that way, there is absolutely no mistaking the value of the service, commitment, and sacrifices of our American Veterans.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say "Thank-You". That's all most people need, and in most cases, it will mean many times more than any medals that could be awarded or were awarded.

May God Bless them for what they have given to you and me.

May God Bless you for caring and remembering our veterans, and may God Bless this truly magnificent United States of America.

*This speech was given by Barbara Scafferi with help of Barbara Baltisberger
on the day of dedication.*

Today we are here to salute the Veterans and People of this Community.

We have 20 World War I Veterans' names on this board. The surviving member of that group is Emmett Wickersham, who is here today.

There are 122 names listed for World War II; 36 for the Korean War; and 25 for the Vietnam War. We are honoring all of these today.

Two hundred and forty-three contributors have made this project possible. This is truly a combined effort of the LaMoille Alumni, plus current and former members of the LaMoille community, working together to make this dream a reality. Only two other organizations have helped with funding. They are: the Marshalltown VFW and the Marshalltown American Legion.

We had two casualties in these wars. They were Harold Shaver and Darrell Bittner. Will the families of these veterans please stand?

The LaMoille Amvets Auxiliary and LaMoille Alumni have worked diligently to give this community a memorial of which they can be proud. The Amvets Auxiliary was started in the 1940's and continued through the 1960's. They put up the original board and replaced it three times as years and weather took their toll.

Until they disbanded, the Auxiliary continued serving the Iowa Veterans at the Veterans Home in Marshalltown by doing sewing and pushing residents in wheelchairs.

We have worked together for nearly two years to bring this project of a permanent marker to completion. It is something we can all be proud of as an example of the ideals of the community.

We would like to see how many Veterans are here. If you are able, veterans of World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, please stand—and last of all friends and family, please stand.

We, the LaMoille Alumni, hereby dedicate this marker to all of the service men and women of the LaMoille Community and believe it will represent the honor we show and the pride we feel today, and for years to come. At this time, the members of the Alumni Committee will place a basket of flowers by the marker.

"May we never forget that freedom has a price. May we be reminded today that we enjoy our freedom because there are those who have suffered greatly in order for us to have what we have today." -Ken Locke