



GMS students participated in a flag-folding ceremony during the annual Veterans Day event at Garrard Middle School on Tuesday morning. (From left to right) Kathryn Lark, Jacob Guminski and Garrett Wesley folded the stars and stripes as guest speaker Randy Roberts recited what each fold represented, as cited by American Legion.

## GMS Carries On Tradition Of Honoring Those Who Served

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Every branch of the military was celebrated on Tuesday morning at Garrard County Middle School for Veteran's Day.

Students, parents and veterans crowded the gym in preparation of the annual event, which featured three guest speakers this year. Harkening back to when it was called Armistice Day, the event began at 11 a.m. in the packed middle school gymnasium as Principal Andrew Pickerill welcomed all guests and students to the event saying, "We are honored to carry on continuing the tradition as hosts to our veterans on this day here at Garrard Middle School."

Veterans from each branch of the military were asked to stand for recognition before the special guests Major Adam Kearney, Garrard County Attorney Mark Metcalf and Randy Roberts gave speeches.

Kearney congratulated the community on getting so many people together in one place to honor the Veterans who served their county.

"The family of our Veterans sometimes have it harder than the folks who serve," Kearney said before asking all of those with family in the military to stand for recognition. "We appreciate your sacrifices back here as you appreciate ours over there."

Metcalf, who spoke at the event in 2012 as well, talked about what

Garrard County means to him, and highlighted some of the heroes from Garrard who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Metcalf directed the crowd's attention to the Lancaster Cemetery and civil war veteran George

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## Local WWII Veteran Wishes A Happy Veterans Day

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Jack Fawley, 95, is remembered by many people in Garrard County as the kind fellow who worked at Jerry's Convenient on Lexington Street in Lancaster for more than 20 years; but those who know him best also know of his patriotism and service to our country.

At 21 Fawley was drafted into the United States Army and ended up finding himself on the battlefields of the Pacific conflict in World War II.

"I was in the Army with the 162nd Infantry, 41st Division. I was inducted in 1942 and served in the Pacific in New Guinea mostly. We traveled to Australia and then from Australia to New Guinea and the Philippines."

In February 1942, the 41st Infantry Division was alerted for overseas movement. It handed over its coastal defense responsibilities to the 3rd Infantry Division and concentrated at Fort Lewis. First to depart was the 162nd Infantry, 641st Tank Destroyer Battalion, and 41st Reconnaissance Troop, which entrained later that month for Fort Dix. This group departed the Brooklyn Navy Yard on 3 March

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WWII Vet  
Jack Fawley

# Garrard Middle School Annual Veterans Day Program

(From Front)

Scott.

Pvt. George D. Scott, born in Garrard County in 1850, would go on to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for extraordinary personal heroism at the Battle of Little Big Horn, Montana, under the command of General Custer.

Roberts, with the help of students, performed a flag-folding ceremony and explained what each fold signifies.

The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right is inverted only when draped as a pall on the casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

In the U.S. Armed Forces, at the ceremony of retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

Symbols for the Folds of the Flag

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women



Guest speaker **Major Adam Kearney** shared a few moments with the crowd at GMS on Tuesday morning to remember the families of those who serve in the military.

## GMS Students Place Flags

The Garrard Middle School Racer Team and the Student Council led by Jon Martin placed flags on the graves of veterans at the Lancaster Cemetery Friday morning with the assistance of sexton Alvin Brickey and his staff.



Laura Collett places a flag as Paige Naylor (L) and Alea Padgett (R) look on.



Andrew Adams places a flag as Josh Gabbard (L) and Jacoby Tuggle (R) look on.

who have made this country great have been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the

seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it has the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under Gen. George Washington and the sailors and Marines who served under Capt. John Paul Jones and were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the U.S. Armed Forces, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

"My Old Kentucky Home" was played by the eighth-grade band and sixth, seventh and eighth-grade choir followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag lead by Colton Howard. The sixth, seventh and eighth-grade choir and the eighth-grade band then played and sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

Students also participated, saying prepared words to the audience and reading letters from veterans.

As many as 175 to 200 veterans have been in attendance in the years since its inception by Willie Graham. The project won a national service project award in 2002, only 10 years after its inception by Graham in 1992.

Graham introduced the student-participants and thanked Roberts for the flag-folding presentation.

"I came today to hug all of my friends and to think of those that are no longer with us," Graham said. "Today we have some eighth-grade students that are going to present special letters that have been written to them."

Student Brynne Galloway presented a letter penned by Magistrate Ricky Arnold, who was a long-time teacher at the middle school, retiring last year.

"What is a Veteran. A Veteran is someone like my Dad who spent 22 months on the front line during World War II," Galloway read from

Arnold's letter. "A Veteran is someone like my Uncle Andy who was wounded during World War II. A Veteran is someone like my Aunt France's husband who was killed during World War II. All these veterans sacrificed so that you and all Americans can have the freedoms that The United States has today. Freedom to a good education to all. Freedom to live where you want to live. Freedom to work at a job of your choice. Freedom to go to the church of your choice. Freedom to be or do anything you choose. I as a Veteran salute all Veterans young and old who have given so much to us for liberty. Students, today walk up to a Veteran say thank you. Shake their hand or salute them or give them a big Hoorah. Thank you students and staff for a great Veterans Day. Sincerely, Ricky Arnold."

Student Maya Ray read from a letter written to her from her grandfather, Wesley Harris, who lives in Georgia.

"I am writing this letter to you, to tell you at this time when your brother prepares to enter the US Marine Corps to serve his country, do not worry or I did the same thing at the age of 17 and 1966," Ray read from Harris' letter. "By 1967 until 1969 I found myself serving in Vietnam with B company first Battalion fourth Marines trying to secure the freedom of the South Vietnam people. They had patriots just as we do here, I am very proud of being a veteran of that war. Being a patriot to me is everyone who believes in America and is ready to serve when called upon. Everyone can't serve in the military, But there are many ways to show your patriotism. Some like your brother and myself chose to volunteer rather than waiting till called. Some of you students will become American veterans by serving in a war somewhere in the world. Love Peepop, Gunnery Sgt. Wesley Harris, United States Marine Corps."

The last of three letters was read by student Liam Clark from his father Raymond Clark.

"What it means to be a Veteran: It means you know that distinct sound of a metal trash can bouncing across the barracks at three in the morning. It means you know what it's like to be 18, and scared to death, away from home for the first time," Clark read from the words his father wrote to him. "It means you know what it's like to be cold, wet, hungry, and tired for days on end. It means you know what it is to sacrifice and be away from your family and loved ones for extended periods of time. It means you know what it's like to have more brothers and sisters than Mom would want to feed on a daily basis. It means you know about diversity, once you put on that uniform, it didn't matter your race, religion, or even which state you came from, we were all committed to each other as one. It means you were willing to die for your coun-

try, as so many had done before you. Please remember them and their Families in your prayers. Being a Veteran means there is a part of your life that only other veterans can understand, you have been places, some wonderful, yes, those exotic ports of call for you Navy guys, and other places not so great, that we don't even talk about. Being a Veteran, means to me, that I am proud to have served such a great country. No matter how messed up we think it may be at times, just remember, because of our veterans, past, present, and future, we all still live in the greatest country in the world." Clark read the letter's closing to the crowd, from his father, "Thank you to all my brothers and sisters in Arms, be they Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, I know I can sleep a little easier tonight. God Bless America. And may her flag forever wave free."

Morgan Osborne also read a tribute to the armed forces and Brock Milburn told the story of taps, which is a musical piece sounded at dusk, and at funerals, particularly by the U.S. military.

Taps was played by Haylie Preston.

Kennedy Bruner also presented a special veteran's recognition letter.

"Our freedom is a right, a privilege," Bruner read. "Thanks to these men and women before us and the men and women who are not with us today. We thank all of you for your service, your dedication, and for your love of our country and freedom. This school is a privilege one of the many rights and freedoms that we thank you for. To vote one day, to believe in who I want to believe and worship in is my choice, not who someone tells me I have to believe in, these are sacrifices these heroes have made for us. To do almost anything we do now is a result of the sacrifices they made, leaving homes, comfort, and their families to fight for us and our freedom. So we can do, say, and have almost anything we want thanks to them. Thank you for my freedom to be here before all of you and to be able to say what I'm saying now. I will end in something I wrote to honor you."

Bruner then read the following poem:

You shed your blood  
so I can walk free  
Your families live each day  
with the reality

I awoke with choices  
I speak to my God  
for this we should live  
in complete awe

You are my hero  
You fought and you battled  
For our common name

You're dedicated and faithful  
And taught me freedom  
is never free

And I want to salute you  
for your bravery  
And the path you have  
paved for me

# Veteran Walter C. Cox Holds Book Signing At Library On Veteran's Day

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Being a boy from a small town, Walter C. Cox went from being shy to being the first college graduate in his entire family. Cox was then a captain in the infantry graduating from Fort Benning infantry school and basic training in the hottest weather Camp Wolters, Texas, could deal out.

His book, titled "I Love My Angel: Front Line War II Infantryman 2nd Louie" is a memoir detailing his life starting in a small town to JAGC officer in Korea to founding partner of a presti-

gious law firm.

"My guardian angel worked overtime keeping me alive and wound free," Cox, now 92, said. "A second lieutenant in charge of an infantry platoon has an ordinary life span of about 2 hours in combat, except when an angel is present."

Cox was a Captain, 3rd Infantry Division, US Army. He enlisted in April, 1943. At time of enlistment, he was a college student.

He entered active duty on 8 Aug. 1944. He served overseas with the 70th Infantry Division, 2nd Light Platoon Leader with Co. E,

274th Infantry Regiment. He became Company Commander in Feb. 1945.

"We crossed the Saar River April 1945 and fought all the way to Frankfurt, Germany, where we stopped. Stayed in Germany until June 1946 as Battalion Adjutant of 7th Infantry, 3rd Division. Promoted to Captain April 1946," Cox said. Cox fought in Rhineland and Central Europe and was decorated with a Distinguished Unit Badge (1945), American Theater Service Medal; Germany Occupation Medal; EAME Service Medal; and WWII Victory Medal. This autobiography, narrated

in the third person, follows the life of Walter Clay Cox, Jr. from his childhood in Lancaster to the trials and successes that would follow. Covering the early jobs he used to work to pay for things as a teenager to being shipped out from college to the western front of Europe in World War II, the tale told is one of a varied life.

Upon returning, Cox starts a family and his dream career in law before being sent off to Korea in the next historical conflict.

With ups and downs but always with a keen presence of mind and the love of family, Cox follows his career to the



present day where it grows and changes much like his golf game and the composition of his close-knit family.

The choice of a third-person narration for this autobiography makes for an interesting perspective like that of an omniscient narrator. The readers get all of the insights for how the author internalized the various events of his

life both good and bad, but have it read in a sense like it happened to somebody else entirely.

The way the writer's life ties into so many well-known events of American history and also is filled with unique characters that many of us can relate to makes the title easy to read and enjoyable throughout.



The Major James H. Bridgewater Camp 7 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War dedicated the grave of Isaac Singleton in the Lancaster Cemetery on Veteran's Day. Placing a flower on the grave is Susan Wyler, Singleton's great-great granddaughter. Barbara Day Napier is also a great-great granddaughter of Singleton.

## Civil War Veteran Honored On Veterans Day In Lancaster Cemetery

Submitted by David Gambrel of the Major James H. Bridgewater Camp 7 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Lancaster - A Civil War soldier, Isaac Singleton was honored in a Veterans Day ceremony at the Lancaster Cemetery.

Singleton was born in Lincoln County about 1818. Early in the Civil War he served as a Lieutenant in the 19th Kentucky Union Infantry but resigned due to health issues. In the summer of 1862 he reentered the war as captain of Company B of the 8th Kentucky Union Cavalry.

Singleton endured a great deal of hardship during the war. His son, Richard M. Singleton, was one of about 15 area men captured by the Confederate Cavalry on their way out of the state following the Battle of Perryville.

Among the prisoners was Singleton's Crab Orchard neighbor, Capt. Harbert King, and King's two teenage sons, John Franklin King and William A. King.

In his autobiography Nicholas Sandifer, who was County Judge of Garrard County during the war, wrote that the Confederates paraded their prisoners around Lancaster. One of the captured men, Augden Bridgewater, managed to kill his guard at London and escape.

However, Richard Singleton and the others were hanged in Pineville where the Pineville Hospital is currently located. Newspaper accounts of the day stated that Capt. Singleton was with the 8th Kentucky in the western part of the state when his son was executed and that he had plans to retrieve his body. However, no record of Richard Singleton's grave has been located.

Many of his neighbors had joined the Confederate Cavalry under Gen. John Hunt Morgan.

Singleton was a part of the group of Union soldiers who chased Morgan's men as Morgan conducted the longest raid of the Civil War through Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio during the summer of 1863. So Singleton the unenviable task of fighting against his own neighbors. One of Morgan's soldiers, Dr. William Pettus of Lancaster, made mention of surrendering directly to Singleton in letters he wrote home from prison camp in Chicago's Camp Douglas. After the war Dr. Pettus was a Lancaster physician for many years.

Tragedy struck once again on July 21, 1863, when another son of Singleton, Robert H. Singleton, died at the Union Army hospital in St. Louis where he had served

as a hospital aide. Robert's body was brought back to Crab Orchard and he is buried there in the Crab Orchard Cemetery.

After the war's end, Singleton and his wife, Polly, moved to Garrard County and eventually to the city of Lancaster where he served briefly as police chief and postmaster. Singleton was also an active member of the Masonic Lodge in Stanford and later in Lancaster. His wife and he had 15 children in all.

Singleton died May 4, 1889, and was buried in an unmarked grave in Lancaster Cemetery.

Due to the efforts of David Gambrel of the Major James H. Bridgewater Camp 7 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Kevin Brickey of Lancaster Cemetery, Singleton's grave was located. Singleton's great-great granddaughter, Susan Wyler, applied for a grave marker from the Veterans Administration to mark her ancestor's grave.

The dedication of the grave marker was conducted by the Bridgewater Camp SUVCW commanded by Mark Price of Lancaster and the Bridgewater Scouts Sons of Veterans Reserve commanded by Tim Downey of Hustonville.



## PLE Honors Vets

The following veterans were in attendance and recognized during the annual Veteran's Program at Paint Lick Elementary School Friday: Walter Harris, Bill Combs, Joseph Husband, Ed Husbands, Zona Moore, Kenneth H. Kelley, Henry Pack, LeRoy Patterson, Joseph Culver, Ed Louisignau, Ricky Wilmot, Joe Czarniecki, Delbert Childress, Michael Runyon, John Wilson, Joe Purcell, David R. Duncan, Tim Day, Lonnie Napier, Lonnie Smith, Kenneth Lyons, Gregory (Jay) York, Jerry Browning, Joe Brown.

## Fawley

(From Front)

1942 and sailed for the Pacific via the Panama Canal, reaching Melbourne on 9 April. They were among the first U.S. military units to be engaged in offensive ground combat operations.

"It was all new at first, the discipline we had and everything, the training. But once we got over there we were out in the wild the whole time. We didn't spend any time near the barracks," Fawley said.

Fawley was originally born in Niagara Falls, Ontario and raised mostly in Indiana. It was a drastic change to thrust from the cornfields of Indiana into the jungles of the South Pacific.

"We fought through the hills and all of that stuff, but

as far as the impact it had on my life, I was able to travel and see things I would never have seen otherwise and saw some beautiful things. New Guinea was a pretty place. There were a lot of natives there and they were still very primitive."

His wife, Mary, was raised in Preachersville and met Fawley while working for the same company in Indiana.

"Some of the pictures he brought back are amazing," Mary said. "It really was a primitive culture. I've seen most of his memorabilia and heard a few of the stories that went along with it. But we have only been married 41 years. I think it probably had quite an impression in him, his service that is, because it taught him a lot about loyalty and being dedicated to what he was doing. He still is. He is 95 and still does everything that needs to be done on our little farm. That says

a lot for someone at his age."

Jack and Mary are in their 41st year of marriage. "When I was growing up we were in Lancaster all the time. This was the place to be," Mary said. "We worked at the same place, for an aluminum company in Indiana. After that we ended up getting together in 1973. We have been married for 41 years now. We moved back here to Garrard in 1981 and that's about when Jack started working for Jerry."

Mary and Jack have 4 children, three girls and a boy, all of whom live in Indiana except one daughter who also lives in Garrard County. Jack belongs to the DAV and American Legion. He served as a Staff Office Sergeant at the time his service ended.

"I hope everyone has a happy Veterans Day," both Mary and Jack said.