


Mount Pleasant Township
Washington County

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DAY

Veterans Day
November 11, 2011
11:00 a.m.



Mount Pleasant Township
Community Center
Allison Memorial Auditorium
Hickory, PA 15340

Veterans Memorial Service

**Indicates Congregation to Stand*

Welcome and Opening Statements	Hickory Lions President, Jeffrey L. Cox
“Salute to the Military” (Army ~ Coast Guard ~ Marines ~ Air Force ~ Navy)	Toni Sears ~ Piano
Presentation of Colors*	Joel Grey, Christopher Batove and Sam Schaub Hickory Boy Scout Troop 1365
Pledge of Allegiance *	
National Anthem *	The Star-Spangled Banner
Invocation *	Rev. Dr. Douglas Reinard, Pastor Hickory United Presbyterian Church
Instrumental Solo	“America, The Beautiful” Lion Lou Templeton, Saxophone
Musical Selection *	“America” (My Country 'Tis of Thee)
Vocal Solo	“Tell My Father” ~ Chris Kramer Accompanied by Son Drew Kramer ~Guitar
Introduction of Speaker	Hickory Lion Past Pres. Ron Stewart
Address	Lion Jim Meston
Vocal Solo	“God Bless the USA”~ Chris Kramer
Roll Call of 28 Veterans who died in the military	Hickory Lions Past Pres. Ron Stewart
<i>*Family members or Lion will stand to remember each as their name is called.</i>	
Taps – Echo *	John Gaskill & Joel Grey F.C. Band
Musical Selection *	“God Bless America”
Benediction *	Rev. Dr. Douglas Reinard

Honorable Mention to Recently Passed Veterans

John "Jack" Caldwell, WWII Army, Died 9/12/2011

Jack Schoffield, WWII Navy, Died 2011

Robert E. Johnson, WWII Merchant Marine, Died 2011

*Special thanks to all performers and to the Caldwell family
for providing Jack's notes and files to make
this program possible today.*

SONGS

The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)

My country, 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty, Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside let Freedom ring.

My native country, Thee, Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees,
Sweet Freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our father's God to Thee, Author of Liberty, To thee we sing,
Long may our land be bright, With Freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

God Bless America

God bless America, Land that I love, Stand beside her,
And guide her, Through the night, with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.



Mount Pleasant Township
Military Honor Roll
In Memoriam
1941-2010



RANK	NAME	HOME	AGE
WORLD WAR II			
Private	Richard McAnany	Westland	22
Sergeant	Earl Kersten	Westland	23
Private	Harold Ramacker	Primrose	19
Private	Donald Gordon	Primrose	21
Private	Louis Kargle	Primrose	30
2nd Lieutenant	James Herbert Bebout	Chartiers	21
Private First Class	Grover Gould	Southview	20
2nd Lieutenant	Malcom Dinsmore	Hickory	27
Sergeant	Orrin Miller	Jefferson	26
Corporal	Joseph Mercier	Primrose	24
Private	John Williams	Hickory	27
Private	Charles Dotts	Hickory	33
2nd Lieutenant	Roy Storrick	Hickory	20
Ensign	Wayne Scott	Hickory	24
Private	Michael Morris	Primrose	21
Tech/5	Steve Bawolak	Primrose	26
Sergeant	Ernest Kaiser	Eighty Four	34
Private First Class	James McDowell	Hickory	22
Staff Sergeant	Nicholas Meriage	Primrose	21
KOREAN War 1950-1953 – VIETNAM War 1965-1975			
Corporal	Joseph Manion	Westland	30
Private First Class	Howard Andrews	Southview	24
3rd Class	Robert Davidson	Hickory	19
Private First Class	Robert Allshouse	Westland	21
Specialist 4/C	Robert Campbell	Hickory	24
Private First Class	Charles Zoog	Hickory	22
1st Lieutenant	Donald Jacobs	McDonald	22
Sergeant	Jeffery Cowden	Hickory	21
Sergeant	Joseph Bongiorno III	Hickory	20



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DIED	CEMETERY	MILITARY SERVICE
- 1941 - 1945		
04/30/1942	Not Recovered	Army, Infantry
04/10/1943	Not Recovered	Army, Air Force
09/03/1943	Midway	Army, Infantry
09/09/1943	Midway	Army, Infantry
02/29/1944	Guam	Army, Engineers
06/02/1944	Arlington	Army, Air Force
06/06/1944	Not Recovered	Army, Infantry
06/21/1944	Not Recovered	Army, Air Force
07/27/1944	Not Recovered	Army, Air Force
07/30/1944	Hawaii	Marine Corps
08/03/1944	Hickory	Army, Infantry
10/21/1944	Washington	Army, Infantry
12/02/1944	Washington	Army, Air Force
12/12/1944	Hickory	Navy
12/19/1944	France	Army, Infantry
12/25/1944	McDonald	Army, Amphibious Force
01/01/1945	France	Army, Infantry
04/17/1945	Holland	Army, Signal Corps
07/23/1945	Not Recovered	Army, Air Force
PERSIAN GULF War 1990-1991 – IRAQ-AFGHANISTAN 2001-		
10/06/1946	Canonsburg	Army, Air Force Police
04/25/1951	Not Recovered	Army, Infantry
10/01/1953	Washington	Army, Air Force
08/07/1955	McDonald	Army, Paratroopers
08/25/1964	Hickory	Army, Infantry
03/05/1966	McMurray	Marine Corps
06/11/1968	Hickory	Army, Aviation Battalion
10/15/1976	Hickory	Marine Corps
02/25/1991	Hickory	Army, Quartermaster

Veteran's Tribute

When America had an urgent need,
These brave ones raised a hand;
No hesitation held them back;
They were proud to take a stand.

They left their friends and family;
They gave up normal life;
To serve their country and their God,
They plowed into the strife.

They fought for freedom and for peace
On strange and foreign shores;
Some lost new friends; some lost their lives
In long and brutal wars.

Other veterans answered a call
To support the ones who fought;
Their country had requirements for
The essential skills they brought.

We salute each and every one of them,
The noble and the brave,
The ones still with us here today,
And those who rest in a grave.

So here's to our country's heroes;
They're a cut above the rest;
Let's give the honor that is due
To our country's very best.

By Joanna Fuchs



WORLD WAR II



Pvt. Richard E. "Dick" McAnany Age 22

Born 1920. Died April 30, 1942. Son of Edith and James McAnany. Sixth of seven children. Raised by Robert Grant family, Midway, PA. Lived in Westland, PA with John Bentrem family. Worked in Westland Mine prior to entry into U.S. Army. Trained as Infantryman. Died in captivity during Bataan Death March. Remains not recovered.



Sgt. Earl "Bud" L. Kersten Age 23

Born February 3, 1920. Died April 10, 1943. Son of Ella and William Kersten, Westland, PA. Siblings Fred, William, Ruth, Harold, Elizabeth, Laura, Rebecca, Alice, Anna, Nancy. Graduate of Perryopolis H.S., Class of 1938. Employed at Westland Mine prior to enlistment in U.S. Air Force. Radio operator and gunner on B-17 Bomber that went down in the North African Campaign. Remains not recovered.



Pvt. Harold F. Ramacker -- Age 19

Born May 4, 1924. Died September 3, 1943. Son of Catherine and Joseph Ramacker, Belgium Hollow Road, Primrose, PA. Brother Louis. Infantryman in U.S. Army 7th Infantry, 3rd Division. Killed during North African Campaign. Buried in Midway Cemetery.



Pvt. Donald T. Gordon Age 21

Born August 17, 1922. Died September 9, 1943. Born to Hazel and Joseph T. Gordon, Jumbo Road, Primrose, PA. Brother Leroy. Attended Hickory H.S. through 11th grade. Withdrew from school intending to join Merchant Marines but parents withheld approval. Worked at Universal Cyclops prior to entry into U.S. Army. Infantryman and radio operator in 36th Infantry Division. Killed in Salerno, Italy. Buried in Midway Cemetery.

WORLD WAR II



Pvt. Louis "Bruth" Kargle, Jr. Age 30

Born 1913. Died February 29, 1944. Son of Madeline and Louis Kargle, Sr., Belgium Hollow Road, Primrose, PA. Siblings Anna, Madeline, Frank. Entered U.S. Army in May 1943. Trained as equipment operator in Army Engineers. Died from injuries received in dozer accident in New Guinea. Buried in Guam.



2nd Lt. James "Mike" Herbert Bebout Age 21

Born Feb. 24, 1923. Died June 2, 1944. Third son of Alice & James Bebout, Kisnertown, Chartiers Twp. Graduate of Hickory H.S. Class of 1941. Siblings Clarence, Verne, Rowena, Elizabeth, Donald, Wayne. Enlisted in Air Force becoming a pilot of B-24 Bomber. Shot down over Germany. All crew members died except Bombardier. Buried in Arlington Cemetery.



Pfc. Grover "Buddy" C. Gould Age 20

Born 1924. Died June 6, 1944. Son of Olive and John Johnson, Vestaburg, PA. Adopted by Olive and Harry Gould, Southview, PA. Step-brother Thomas. U.S. Army Infantryman killed in troop ship sinking in the Mediterranean Sea enroute to North Africa. Remains not recovered.



2nd Lt. Malcolm M. Dinsmore Age 27

Born August 15, 1916. Died June 21, 1944. Only son of Laura and John Y. Dinsmore, Waterdam Road, Hickory, PA. Sister-Eleanor. Graduate of Hickory H.S., Class of 1935. Employed in Harness Racing with Delvin Miller. Entered U.S. Army Air Force. B-17 pilot in 571st Bomb Sq. 390th Bomb GP (H). Downed in English Channel returning from bomb run. Remains not recovered.

WORLD WAR II



Sgt. Orrin G. Miller Age 26

Born June 30, 1918. Died July 27, 1944. Youngest son of Amy and Earl Miller, Bancroft Farm, Jefferson Twp. Siblings, Albert, Delvin, Margaret. Graduate of Hickory H.S., Class of 1938. Enlisted in Air Force, becoming a Turret gunner on a B-24 Bomber. Shot down over Budapest, Hungary. Remains not recovered.



Cpl. Joseph Mercier Age 24

Born March 9, 1920. Died July 30, 1944. Son of Louise and Jules Mercier, Primrose, PA. Siblings Louis, Jake, Dorothy. Attended Hickory H.S. Employed by Universal Cyclops prior to enlistment March 2, 1942 into U.S. Marine Corps. Departed Nov. 28, 1942 for the South Pacific. Killed during invasion of Guam while serving in the 3rd Marine Div. Buried in Hawaii.



Pvt. John T. Williams Age 27

Born January 3, 1917. Died August 3, 1944. Eldest son of Lucy and Taylor Williams, Main St., Hickory, PA. Siblings Dorothy, Cliff, Wilma. Wife Rose Marie. Graduate of Hickory H.S., Class of 1934. Truck driver for J.R. Cowden prior to draft Jan. 23, 1943 into U.S. Army Infantry. Killed in France. Buried in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory, PA.



Pvt. Charles H. Dotts Age 33

Born June 28, 1911. Died October 21, 1944. Only son of Vista Porter and L.M. Dotts, Marianna, PA. Wife Mildred Herron Dotts. Son Dick. Entered U.S. Army April 2, 1944. Killed serving in 119th Infantry Regiment in Ouken, Germany. Buried in Washington Cemetery.

WORLD WAR II



2nd Lt. Roy L. Storricks -- Age 20

Born May 2, 1924. Died December 2, 1944. Eldest son of Kathryn and John Storricks, Washington, PA. Siblings Mary Jane, John, James, William, Richard. Enlisted in U.S. Army Air Force during 2nd year at W&J College. Co-pilot of B-24 downed during Bomb Run over France and Germany. Served in 564th Bomb Sq, 389th Bomb GR, 8th AAF. Buried in Washington Cemetery.



Ens. J. Wayne Scott Age 24

Born June 12, 1920. Died December 12, 1944. Son of Tillie and Walter Scott, Wabash Ave., Hickory, PA. Siblings Walter Jr., R. Kenneth, Paul, Samuel, Julia Belle. Wife Jean Leckey Scott. Graduate of Hickory H.S., Class of 1938. Enlisted 1943 in U.S. Navy. Skipper of LCT Boat in France Invasion. Died from illness during Bond Drive in Chicago, IL. Buried in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory, PA.



Pvt. Michael "Mitch" Morris Age 21

Born 1923. Died December 19, 1944. Youngest son of Anna and Harold Morris, Belgium Hollow Road, Primrose, PA. Siblings Andrew, Charles, Mary. Killed in Germany while serving in the U.S. Army Infantry. Buried in France..



Tech/5 Stephen "Steve" Bawolak, Jr. Age 26

Born March 14, 1918. Died December 25, 1944. Only son of Julia and Stephen Bawolak, Sr., Meriage Street, Primrose, PA. Wife Gladys Daudet Bawolak. Served in U.S. Army Amphibious Force. Killed during retaking of Leyte, Philippine Island. Buried Robinson Run Cemetery, McDonald, PA..

WORLD WAR II



Sgt. Ernest "Ernie" G. Kaiser Age 34

Born June 27 1910. Died January 1, 1945. Only son of Eldora Kaiser, Youngwood, PA. Wife Nellie Rush Kaiser. Son David. 1932 graduate of W&J College. Physical Education teacher and Coach at Hickory H.S. prior to entry into U.S. Army Jan. 18, 1944. Killed in France serving in the 7th Army, 45th Thunderbolt Div., 180th Infantry. Buried in France.



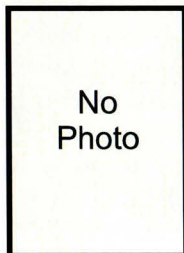
Pfc. James "Jim" A. McDowell Age 22

Born March 6, 1923. Died April 17, 1945. Son of Margaret and John H. McDowell, Red Fox Rd., Hickory, PA. Siblings Ida Katherine, Sarah, John. Attended Hickory H.S. prior to entry Feb. 6, 1943 into U.S. Army Signal Corps. Departed March 1944 for England. Served in 4th Bn. in France, Belgium, Germany, Holland. Died from wounds received in Germany. Buried in Holland.



Sgt. Nicholas "Nick" Meriage Age 21

Born July 3, 1924. Died July 23, 1945. Son of Mary and Stanley Meriage, Primrose, PA. Siblings Millie, Sally, Michael, Paul, Lawrence. Graduate of Hickory H.S., Class of 1942. Employed by Universal Cyclops prior to entry February 18, 1943 in U.S. Army Air Force. Ball Gunner in B-24 that was downed in South Pacific. Remains not recovered.



Cpl. Joseph J. Manion, Jr. Age 30

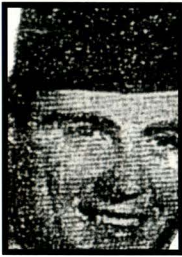
Born March 23, 1916. Died October 6, 1946. Son of Agnes McCruske and Joseph Manion, Sr. Wife Sylvia Mae Manion. Siblings Mrs. Jack Loar, James. Enlisted 1937 in Field Artillery and re-enlisted 1940 in U.S. Army Air Force Police. Killed in military staff car accident while on patrol duty between Harrisburg and Hershey, PA. Buried in Canonsburg Cemetery.

1950 - 2010



Pfc. Howard Andrews Age 24

Born Oct. 23, 1926. Died April 25, 1951 in Korea. Son of Helen and Carl Andrews Sr., Southview, PA. Siblings Carl Jr., Donald, Bert, Geraldine, Kenneth, Richard. Attended Southview Elementary School. leaving to drive father's coal truck. Employed by Universal Cyclops when drafted into Army. Became Infantryman in E Co., 2nd BN, 7th Regiment, 3rd Division in Korea. Listed MIA in combat at Uijongbu-Tongduchon. Presumed dead Dec. 31, 1953 and Purple Heart delivered to family in 1954.



3/C Robert "Bob" Wilson Davidson Age 19

Born Feb. 11, 1934. Died Oct. 1, 1953 in Georgia. First son of Dorothy and Alvin Davidson, Dairy Road, Hickory, PA. Siblings Margaret, Helen, Gladys, Joanne, Wayne, Nancy, John, Carolyn. Attended Hickory H.S. through 11th grade. Graduated from Washington H.S. in 1952, enlisting in the Army Air Force. Died in B25 crash in Columbus, GA. Buried in Washington Cemetery.



Pfc. Norman Robert "Bob" Allshouse Age 21

Born Oct. 14, 1933. Died Aug. 7, 1955 in Kentucky. Son of Anna and John Allshouse, Westland, PA. Siblings Dorothy, Phyllis, Margaret, Bill, Edith. Graduate of Hickory H.S., Class of 1952. Enlisted in Army becoming a Paratrooper in Ft. Campbell, KY. Died from injuries received in an automobile accident. Buried in Robinson Run Cemetery, McDonald, PA.



Sp4/C Robert "Bob" Mason Campbell Age 24

Born Mar. 20, 1940. Died Aug. 25, 1964 in Germany. Son of Florella and Walter Campbell, Sawmill Lane, Hickory, PA. Siblings Donald, Doris, Richard, William. Graduate of Hickory H.S., Class of 1959. Water well driller for Marcott Drilling prior to draft into Army. Became a mechanic and served in Co. C, 2nd BN, 48th Infantry Div. in Germany. Fatally injured while towing a disabled Army vehicle near Grafenwohr, Germany. Buried in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory, PA.



Pfc. Charles "Chuck" Louis Zoog Age 22

Born Aug. 2, 1943. Died March 5, 1966 in Vietnam. Son of Mary and Jerome Zoog, Main St., Hickory, PA. Sibling Roy. Graduate of Ft. Cherry H.S., Class of 1963. Enlisted in U.S. Marine Corps. While serving in I Company, 3rd BN, 1st Marine Div. in Vietnam. Killed in fighting around Quang Ngai. Buried in Forrest Lawn Gardens, McMurray Cemetery.



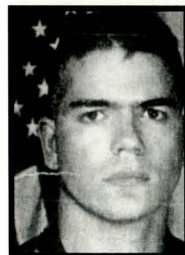
1st Lt. Donald Wayne Jacobs Age 22

Born Sept. 20, 1945. Died June 11, 1968 in Vietnam. Son of Alvie C. and Elizabeth Jacobs, Jacobs Rd., McDonald, PA. Siblings Alvie, Florence, Willard, Mary Ann, Richard, Janet, David. Graduate of Ft. Cherry H.S. and Washington School of Drafting in 1963. Employed by Weirton Steel prior to 1964 draft into Army. Graduate Officer's Candidate School and Army Aviation School. Commissioned as Recon Pilot in the Head Hunters Group 219th. 223rd AVN. BN. 17th. AVE. GP. 1st AVN. BDE. Killed in Vietnam. Buried in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory, PA.



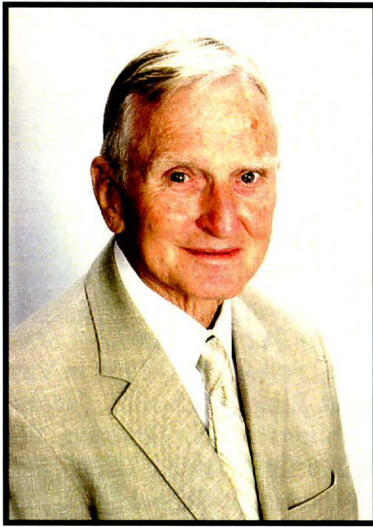
Sgt. Lanos Jeffrey "Jeff" Cowden Age 21

Born Aug. 31, 1955. Died Oct. 15, 1976 in Denmark.. Son of Martha and Dale Cowden, Henderson Rd., Hickory, PA. Siblings Mark, Greg, Cary. Wife Linda. Son Robert Allen. Graduate of Ft. Cherry H.S., Class of 1973. Enlisted in U.S. Marine Corps.. Died from illness on a Naval Ship during NATO Maneuvers In North Atlantic near Denmark. Buried in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory, PA.



Sgt. Joseph "Joe" P. Bongiorno III Age 20

Born Jan. 30, 1971. Died Feb. 25, 1991 in Saudi Arabia. Son of Rita and Joseph Bongiorno Jr., Burgettstown Rd., Hickory, PA. Sisters Lorie, Jody. Enlisted in Army Reserves in high school. Graduated from Ft. Cherry H.S., Class of 1989. During 2nd year at WVU, volunteered for the Persian Gulf War. Killed while serving in 14th QM Detachment, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Buried in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory, PA.



In Memory
John T. Caldwell
1926 - 2011

In memory of John T. "Jack" Caldwell, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Jack was a lifelong resident of Mt. Pleasant Township and continually worked for the betterment of the community. When there was an urgent need or project in the community, Jack would always step up to the plate and pitch in where necessary. During his life, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army, an active member of his church, a founding member of the Hickory Lions Club and the Hickory Youth Baseball program, and a past member of the Fort Cherry School Board.

He enjoyed trains, baseball, reading and his family. One of his proudest accomplishments was the Veterans Memorial located at the Hickory Community Center. Jack worked tirelessly to identify local veterans and gather information on their family history and their service to our country.

Jack will be lovingly missed by his family and friends and for his tireless work on behalf of Mt. Pleasant Township.

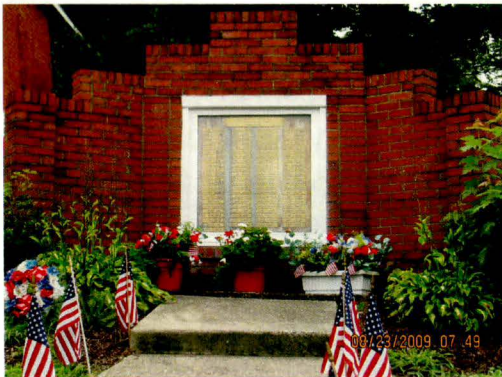
Hickory Lions Club thanks all participants of the Nov 11, 2011 Veterans Memorial Day Service and are grateful to the Old Schoolhouse Players and Community Center for the use of their facilities.

Veterans Memorial 1950-2010
 20 Wabash Avenue
 Hickory, PA



World War II Honor Roll
 20 Wabash Avenue
 Hickory, PA

Mount Pleasant Township Schools
 Hickory, Primrose,
 Southview, Westland
 Roll of Honor
 Lobby
 Mt. Pleasant Township
 Community Center



World War II Honor Roll
 Noblestown Road
 Primrose, PA



Mount Pleasant Township Community Center

Home of Three Veterans Monuments:

World War II

Veterans Memorial

Mount Pleasant Township Schools Roll of Honor

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