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VETERANS DAY

ministration from Northeastern State University and works at the Wichita Workforce Center as a Veterans Employment Representative, where he helps veterans find employment.

JAMES H. BORING, ARMY AIR FORCE
Served: 1943 to 1946
World War II (1941 - 1945)

From: Wichita, KS
My dad was a B-17 waist gunner in the Army Air Force. He was a member of the 368th Bomb Squad of the 306th Bomb Group. Their plane was named the “Ruptured Duck.” He was stationed in Thurleigh, England, during World War II. He is the only member of his squad that is still living. He never talked a lot about his time in the war until about the last 10 years. I have asked questions, trying not to bring up the horrible memories he still has. When he was in training, they picked him to be waist gunner because he was thin and not real tall so he could fit in the waist. They trained them how to put together and take apart the gun blindfolded because their missions were mostly in the dark. He would talk about when they would go on a mission that his fellow servicemen would send a case of beer up with them to get it chilled. The beer was hot on the ground.

He will be 97 years old on Nov. 29, 2021. His mother died when he was 12, and his two sisters and he were raised by their grandma and grandpa. They were very poor. He ate in the soup lines during the Depression. His grandpa also died young. After he was discharged, he married my mom and had two girls, and then my mom went into labor early with their third child, a boy. He died while Dad was rushing him to the hospital. Then my mom died at 45 and left him with two girls to raise as a single dad. He has had a lot of sadness and heartache during his life, but he never let it show.

Dad, I am so very proud of you. I am so lucky to be your daughter. Not only did you serve our country bravely and proudly, you also took care of our family. You have always taken care of everyone — from your grandmother, to our mom, to us girls, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. You take care of all God’s creatures including bugs and mice - yuck! It is a privilege to honor you today. You are my hero. - *Debra Vossen, daughter*

SGT. MORRIS P. COCKING, ARMY
Served: 1942 to 1945
World War II (1941 - 1945)

From: Wichita, KS
Morris was in the fighting war from D-Day to Berlin. He had become an aide to an officer in Berlin. Morris carried a bottle of Coca-Cola throughout the war in his backpack, thinking he would drink it after the U.S. victory. While he was in Berlin working as an aide, the officer he worked for came and asked if he still had the bottle of Coke. He told Morris that Gen. Eisenhower was looking for a Coke, but they didn’t have any at the officer’s club. Morris offered to give his Coke for Ike. The attached picture is the General thanking Morris (at left) with his



James H. Boring

officer looking on. We are truly blessed with young Americans giving up their lives and service throughout our history to preserve and defend our freedoms by service in the military. My uncle represents how a young man from Kansas can be called on to serve our country, which was the case in times of need for the defense of our freedoms, and repeated by hundreds of thousands of young men who have been called on by our country for that purpose. We need to stop and ponder the great sacrifices members of the military make for each of us and give thanks for their service! - *Jim Beasley, nephew*

STAFF SGT. JOSEPH FABER, AIR FORCE
Served: 1952 to 1956
Korean War (1950 - 1953)

From: Wichita, KS
Joe Faber was born in Iowa in 1932. He married Barbara Vernia in 1952 and has four children. The same year as his marriage, Joe enlisted in the Air Force, serving until 1956. He was last stationed at Elmen-



Joseph Faber

dorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska, in the 6981st Radio Group as a Morse Code Radio Intercept Officer, where he listened to the ‘clicks.’ After the Air Force, he moved to Wichita with his family and worked at Beech Aircraft until his retirement in 1996. He has enjoyed a retirement of golf, music and time spent with Barbara until her death in 2020. Joe continues to live in Wichita with his dog, Sadie.

Dad, Grampa, Great-papa: We know how hard you worked to protect and to serve our country. The pride you have in that service is well deserved. We are grateful for your service to your country and to your family. We love you (ditto). Don’t take any wooden nickels! - *Kelsey Faber, granddaughter*

SGT. WAYNE E. FAHRBACH, ARMY
Served: 1941 to 1945
World War II (1941 - 1945)

From: Abilene, KS
Died: May 23, 2017
Wayne Eugene Fahrbach served in the Army during World War II. He was proud of his service and enjoyed



Wayne E. Fahrbach

sharing stories about his service. He was one of the brave soldiers who landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. In a story, he said that as they were approaching the beach in an amphibious tank, he was scared to death. He asked his commander, ‘What if I don’t get off?’ His commander told him, ‘You can either get shot in the back, or you can take your chance on the beach, but you are getting off one way or the other.’ He said he jumped off when they hit the beach and ran like hell! He was one of the lucky soldiers to survive the battle on Omaha Beach and lived until he was 96.

A special thanks to my dad for serving our country. My brother and I took him to the dedication of the World War II memorial. It was an honor to take him, and this memory will always be cherished. Wayne Fahrbach was a proud veteran and wore his World War II cap every day. - *Connie Fahrbach, daughter*

MAJ. ROBERT W. FIZER, AIR FORCE
Served: 1951 to 1971
Korean War (1950 - 1953) and 16 months of combat missions in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967

From: Wichita, KS
Robert W. Fizer left Staten Island at age 18 to join the Air Force. After initial training, his first assignment was a B-29 tail gunner, but through



Robert W. Fizer

the Aviation Cadet program, he was able to go to flight training and become a fighter pilot. He flew the F-84, F-86, and his favorite, the F-100 Super Sabre. During his career, he spent a year in Korea and 16 months in combat in Vietnam where he received a Distinguished Flying Commendation. Maj. Fizer’s peace time assignments included training other fighter pilots at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix and tours in the Philippines and Tripoli, Libya. Military life was not all work, and Bob has a wonderful story about the time he got to fly in a movie, ‘The Hunters,’ starring Robert Mitchem. Unfortunately, he was playing a bad pilot and ended in a blazing crash in the movie.

Retirement after twenty years in the Air Force did not end Bob’s flying career. He was hired by Cessna early in the development of the Citation program as a demonstration pilot. He advanced to manager of flight operations for the Citation Division and flew to over 120 countries around the world. In 1983, he and another pilot set a speed record flying a Citation 650 from Gander to Paris for the Paris Air Show. His retirement from Cessna after 19 years left him to spin flying stories to his golf buddies at Terradyne Golf Club, where he has had four holes in one.

Bob Fizer has given his wife and three children an interesting life, living in a variety of places, visiting many countries, and creating wonderful memories despite the hardships of a military life. He has the appreciation of many young pilots for the quality of his instruction, as well as other pilots with whom he has worked. Most of all, like all military personnel, he should have the gratitude of our country for his willingness to place his life at the service of his country. - *Barbara Fizer, wife*

LEROY FREEMAN, ARMY
From: Wichita, KS
Died: Jan. 9, 2021
Thank you for your service from your daughter, Gina Freeman.

MASTER SGT. DAN GEHMAN, AIR FORCE
Served: 1966 to 1986
Vietnam War (1962 - 1973)

From: Wichita, KS
Thank you for your service from your spouse, Nellma Gehman.

STAFF SGT. CLIFTON W. GILLENWATER, AIR FORCE

Served: 1948 to 1955
From: Wichita, KS



Clifton W. Gillenwater

Staff Sgt. Clifton W. Gillenwater began his military service in 1948 (while still a student at the University of Wichita) as a member of the Air Guard’s 127th Fighter Squadron at Wichita Municipal Airport. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He completed basic training in the winter of 1952 at Sampson Air Force Base in Geneva, New York, and was assigned to Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas, home of the 3500th Pilot Training

Wing. During the summer of 1953, he relocated to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, where he completed a course of study at the Air Training Command in accounting.

He returned to Reese Air Force Base before being ordered overseas the following spring. He reported to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and boarded the USNS General H. F. Hodges in May of 1954 for a 20-day voyage to Tripoli, Libya. During his time in Tripoli, he was stationed at Wheelus Air Base, a 20-square-mile facility that hosted over 15,000 military personnel and their dependents. He continued his accounting training while on TDY to Wiesbaden, Germany, in 1954 and received a promotion to Airman 1st class in August of that year. He remained overseas for the duration of his 18-month assignment, returning to the states via Manhattan Beach AFS in Brooklyn, New York, in November of 1955. He was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America, with the rank of Staff Sergeant, later that same year. - *Jeffrey Gillenwater, son*

AVIATION/FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR LAURA M. GRUBBS, NAVY
Served: 1943 to 1945
World War II (1941 - 1945)

From: Meade, KS
Died: 2008

Laura was born in a rock house in Meade County, Kansas, in 1910. After surviving the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl days in



Laura M. Grubbs

Southwest Kansas teaching in one-room schools, she enlisted in the Navy in 1943 to become part of the WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service). After training, Laura was assigned to the largest Naval Air Station in the world in Corpus Christie, Texas, where she taught pilots, co-pilots and navigators how to use radio navigation and instrument flight using the Link Trainer. Her students included U.S. Naval personnel from all 48 states, as well as cadets from Latin American allies and Great Britain.

The young women who served in the WAVES left their homes and families, underwent rigorous military training, endured housing accommodations which were less than comfortable and sometimes experienced a hostile work environment because they were women who were trained and assumed jobs previously held by men. Even though these women never served on the front lines, their contributions to the war effort should be remembered and honored. So it was that a young woman from the Kansas prairies became a true pioneer as part of the Greatest Generation who sacrificed so much to serve in the military of the great nation during very uncertain times. Laura completed her military service in 1945 as WWII ended. She returned to Kansas to teach school until she moved to Oregon in 1947, where she continued her teaching career and education.

Laura Grubbs was ‘Aunt Laura’ to my three siblings and me. We loved her deeply, and she was a blessing to so many people during her 97-year journey through life on earth. We were always very excited to have an ‘Aunt Laura’ visit each summer since she lived in far away Oregon, brought unusual surprises for each of us and entertained us with stories about her teacher friends, students, many church-related activities and adventures on Oregon’s coast and mountains. - *Roger Kepley, nephew*

PVT. ROBERT E. JOHNSON, ARMY AND MARINE CORPS

Served: 1941 to 1944
World War II (1941 - 1945)
From: Mt. Hope, KS
Died: May 3, 1982



Robert E. Johnson

Robert was on a ship with the Army and had the opportunity to transfer to the Marine Corps. He did this and was part of combat at Guadalcanal, with the 1st Marine Division. He was wounded in combat while with the Marines. After his service, he farmed and custom harvested until his death, raising eight children with his wife, Alvera. Bob and Alvera are in the Custom Harvester’s Hall of Fame, too.

Thank you, Dad. You taught each of us to be patriotic, love our country and to support veterans. - *Marcy K Aycock, daughter*

ROBERT R. MARTIN, AIR FORCE
Vietnam War (1962 - 1973)

From: Wichita, KS
Died: July 17, 2019
My father came to the U.S. at 12 years old. He



Robert R. Martin

enlisted prior to the draft and served throughout the Vietnam War. Unfortunately, he was injured while on

duty on an air base and was medically discharged.

Years of mental and physical health problems took their toll on my father. His marriage didn’t survive, his mental health meds eventually precluded him from working, and he was homeless for a little while. PTSD and depression treatment along with pain management from knee and back injuries were his whole life. The VA was the only place he found community.

I will always appreciate the staff and doctors that took care of him right up until the end. Our veterans need more than just a thank you on Nov. 11 or a discount. They have suffered, and some have lost. We need to be compassionate for our houseless, struggling with substance abuse or mental health issues. There’s a good chance that they are a veteran and deserve better. - *Faith Martin, daughter*

SEAMAN 1ST CLASS WALTER A. MCKAIN, NAVY

Served: 1944 to 1946
World War II (1941 - 1945)

From: Wichita, KS
Died: Dec. 1, 2017
Walter McKain served as an enlisted sailor in WWII. His duties as a Fire Controlman included servicing and maintaining the weapons on board ship. He served on two ships, both Landing Ship-Tank (LST) type, in the Pacific Theater. His missions included laying smoke screens near shore to support air raids and delivering supplies and troops to islands throughout the region.

Walter (AKA Daddy and Poppy) was an extremely proud man who was very humble about his service years. After returning from the war, he married his high school sweetheart — a union that lasted 54 years. He never met a stranger and would mentor anyone who expressed an interest. He was loved by many and always had a kind word for anyone he knew. His family carries on his legacy of honesty, loyalty and trying to see the best in any situation. For that, we will always be

grateful. - *Brenda Kuhns, daughter*

JERRY D. PAPPAN, ARMY

Served: 1965 to 1967
Vietnam War (1962 - 1973)
From: Derby, KS

Jerry made it home safe, but he had a brother, Bobby, who was 13 months younger and was drafted after Jerry came home. He was wounded in Vietnam and died on his way to Denver for prosthesis. We should all thank our Vietnam veterans because they were not appreciated or thanked when they came home from that war. - *Linda Pappan, wife*

MASTER SGT. PAUL D. WARD, AIR FORCE

Served: 1955 to 1975
Vietnam War (1962 - 1973)

From: Wichita, KS
Paul Ward is a Vietnam veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for acts of heroism while

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

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PUBLISHED IN THE WICHITA EAGLE
ONE TIME ON NOVEMBER 11, 2021 (388592)
MAPC/BZA December 2, 2021
OFFICIAL HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, December 2, 2021 no earlier than 1:30 p.m.**, the Wichita-Sedgewick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission/Board Zoning Appeals will consider the following applications. The meeting will be held virtually, public participation is available in multiple ways, those without technology options can participate by going to the Wichita City Hall Building - 1st Floor Council Chambers - 455 N. Main Street, Wichita, Kansas 67202 (specified at the bottom of this notice). If you have any questions regarding the meeting or items on this notice, please call the **Wichita-Sedgewick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department** at (316) 268-4421.
ZA2021-00656: City Variance to reduce street yard setback from 15 feet to 6 feet on property zoned SF-5 Single-Family Residential to build an in-ground pool, generally located at the southeast corner of Yale Avenue and East 2nd Street (254 N. Yale Ave).
CON2021-00053: City Conditional Use to permit Vehicle and Equipment Sales on property zoned LC Limited Commercial; generally located on the west side of North Ardon Avenue, one-half mile north of West 29th Street North (3351 N. Ardon Ave).
CON2021-00054: City Conditional Use to permit the expansion of an existing substation on property zoned G1 General Industrial; generally located one-half-mile north of East 37th Street North and within one-half mile east of North Hydraulic Avenue.
CUP2021-00062: City Amendment to Lawrence’s Addition Community Unit Plan DP-348 to permit a restaurant/bar to have entertainment (defined as Night Club in the City) on property zoned LC Limited Commercial generally located on the east side of South Seneca St and on the north side of West Kellogg (324 S. Seneca).
VAC2021-00046: City request to vacate the Platter’s Text to allow development in a stated parcel on property generally located one block north of East 37th Street North and east of North Rock Road (in conjunction with zone change ZON2021-00049, from SF-5 Single-Family Residential to G0 General Office).
VAC2021-00048: City request to vacate a portion of East 19th Street North public street right-of-way generally located west of I-135, between North Ohio Avenue and the Wichita Drainage Canal.
VAC2021-00047: City request to vacate a portion of the platted front yard setback on MF-29 Multi-Family Residential zoned property generally located west of South Webb Road, southwest of the East Harry - South Beech Streets’ intersection on the north side of the East Osie Street turnaround.
ZON2021-00048: City Zone Change from SF-5 Single-Family Residential to TF-3 Two Family Residential on property generally located within one block east of North Meridian Avenue and two blocks north of West 2nd Street North (2639 W. 2nd Street North).
ZON2021-00049: City Zone Change from Single-Family (SF-5) to General Office (GO) to allow development of an office building (in conjunction with VAC2021-00045, change of platter’s text). Generally located on the east side of North Rock Road and within a quarter mile north of East 37th Street North.
ZON2021-00050: City Zone Change from Limited Commercial (LC) to General Commercial (GC) to allow redevelopment, generally located on the south side of West Maple Street and within one quarter mile east of South West Street (3623 West Maple Street).
ZON2021-00051: City Zone Change from SF-5 Single-Family Residential to MF-18 Multi-Family Residential with a Protective Overlay; generally located east of North Hoover Avenue and 675 feet north of West Central Avenue.
ZON2021-00052: City Zone Change from SF-5 Single-Family Residential to MF-18 Multi-Family Residential with a Protective Overlay; generally located northwest of West Central Avenue and North Hoover Avenue (1915 North Hoover Avenue).
Complete legal descriptions are available for public inspection at the Metropolitan Area Planning Department, 271 W. Third St., 2nd Floor, Wichita, Kansas 67202. As provided in Section V of the Wichita-Sedgewick County Unified Zoning Code, the same will then and there be discussed and considered by the said MAPC, and all persons interested in said matters will be heard at this time concerning their views and wishes in the premises, and any protest against any of the provisions of the proposed changes to the zoning regulations will be considered by the MAPC as by law provided.

PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING IS CONSIDERED AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE WICHITA-SEDEGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION DUE TO COVID-19, WHICH WILL IMPOSE SPECIAL PROCEDURES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING. THESE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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Email	Planning@wichita.gov
Mailing Address	Wichita-Sedgewick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department Attn: Scott Wade 271 W. 3 rd Street - Suite 201 Wichita, KS 67202
Phone	316.268.4421
Fax	316.858.7764

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WITNESS MY HAND on November 11, 2021
Scott Wade, Secretary
Wichita-Sedgewick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission