



Table listing names and military service details for veterans whose flags were dedicated to the Veterans Memorial Court of Honor. The table is organized in multiple columns and includes names like Abbey, Clifford L., Baker, Donald C., and many others, along with their respective service locations and dates.

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Memorial Day ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

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Major General (Ret.) Hughes is Memorial Day speaker

Editor's Note: The article on Major General (Ret.) Christopher P. Hughes was not continued in the May 18 edition from page 1A. The reprint of the entire article is below. We apologize for the error.

Tess Nelson
The Red Oak Express

Members of the Montgomery County Court of Honor will hold the annual Memorial Day program on Monday, May 30. The program begins at 11 a.m. in Evergreen Cemetery in Red Oak. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held in the high school gymnasium.

Retired Major General Christopher P. Hughes, a Red Oak High School graduate, is the guest speaker.

"I'm honored to be asked to speak; this is my second time. I'm not sure I will write a speech this time, I will just talk from the heart and hope I can have a positive impact in some very, very small way," said Hughes.

Growing up, Chris' father, Dr. Patrick Hughes, MSG (Ret), was in the Air Force. Once he was honorably discharged, he attended school to be a chiropractor, eventually moving the family to Red Oak.

After graduating from Red Oak High School, Chris attended Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, where he met his wife, Marguerite. After his sophomore year, despite working as much as he could during winter and summer break, he ran out of money for schooling. It was then he joined the Army as a way to get the remainder of his education paid for.

"I bumped into an ROTC instructor who asked if I'd consider coming into the Army," recalled Hughes. "I went into basic training that summer at Fort Knox and while I was there I earned a two year ROTC scholarship, which made it possible for me to graduate, on time. I went active duty straight in. I left graduation that morning and drove to Fort Benning, Georgia to start infantry training."

Hughes was in the Army from May 1983 until July 2018, 35 years and one month. He said being in the military provided him with countless



Major General Christopher P. Hughes

opportunities. Through the Army he traveled to 92 nations, met several presidents and key leaders around the world, fought in multiple conflicts, served in Congress, completed four tours in the Pentagon, served as the Provost of a university, commanded 357,000 cadets around the world, and worked with 986 universities and 1,790 high schools.

"One of the things the military teaches you is you're only limited by your own imagination," Hughes said. "You may not be able to reach your actual dream, but you can definitely shoot for it."

Not only does Hughes hold a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Northwest Missouri State University, he has an M.A. in business management from Webster University, M.S. in National Strategic Studies from the National Defense University and has earned an honorary doctorate of laws degree from Northwest Missouri State University.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced

Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Armed Forces Staff College, and he is a distinguished graduate of the National War College.

Hughes most recently served as the Chief of Staff for United States Army Pacific Command at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

His prior assignments include service as the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center - Education (CAC-E) and the Deputy Commandant, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), the 4th Infantry Division, two tours with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), the 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment and the Joint Readiness Training Center. He has also seen service in the Pacific as a war planner for the United States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC) and with the Deployable Joint Task Force Augmentation Cell at the United State Pacific Command (USPACOM).

His key troop leading assignments include: Battalion and Brigade S3 with the 25th Infantry Division (Light), Commander of 2-327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Commander of Joint Task Force Bravo in Honduras and as the Deputy Commanding General (DCG) (Maneuver and Support) for the 3rd Infantry Division and as the DCG Operations for Regional Command South, Afghanistan.

Key Staff Assignments include Executive Officer to the Secretary of the Army, Chief of the Army Liaison Division to the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., Operations Officer for the J34 Combating Terrorism Directorate Joint Staff Washington, D.C., where he served as the Investigating Officer for the USS Cole Commission and the Chief of Army Current Operations (DAMO-ODO) G-3/5/7, the Pentagon.

Hughes' primary awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachute Badge, Air Assault Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Badge and numerous foreign Airborne Wings.

General Hughes is also the author of War on Two

Fronts: an Infantry Commander's War in Iraq and the Pentagon. He was awarded the Army Historical Foundation's Distinguished Writing Award for Excellence in U.S. Army History Writing in 2008.

He said he wouldn't have published the book if distinguished colleagues and those above him in rank hadn't pushed him. He added, writing the book also served as therapy for what he had experienced in Iraq.

"You really expose yourself when you write about yourself. Of course you want to write about yourself in a positive light, but then to have 1,100 soldiers watch me. If I don't tell the truth, one of them is going to say, 'He didn't do that.' You have to be absolutely brutal and honest."

When reflecting on his experiences in the military, Hughes said there were many moments where irony wasn't lost on him. For example, his first experience in the Army was at Fort Knox, Ky. in 1981. In 2016, he was the Commanding General of Fort Knox.

"Talk about bookending a career," he said. "It was never lost on me walking around my base, my city, that I was 100% accountable for, that I'd remember standing over there or I remember that happening there."

He added as a history buff he had studied Mesopotamia, Babylon and that part of the world for years, and during the invasion of Iraq, to be standing at this one particular road intersection, it wasn't lost on him he was the 19th commander in the history of recorded history to stand at that road intersection and seize the ancient city of Najaf.

"Kublai Khan was standing here saying the same thing about his grandfather, Genshis Khan, who had done it years earlier. Here I am, Chris Hughes from Red Oak, Iowa. Wow, I'd better not screw it up."

He continued to describe how he felt liberating Babylon and then getting to literally walk the steps of Christ from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to Armageddon to Jordan; something he'll remember always.

After retiring from military service, General Hughes became the President and CEO of Northwest Consulting, LLC.

He and Marguerite, who reside in rural Red Oak, have three children and six grandchildren.

How Memorial Day and Veterans Day differ from each other

Memorial Day and Veterans Day each honor the military, though the two holidays are not the same. Memorial Day, which is celebrated annually on the last Monday in May, honors the brave men and women who lost their lives while serving in the American military.

Many communities host memorial ceremonies honoring their fallen soldiers on Memorial Day, ensuring such soldiers' bravery and sacrifices are never forgotten. While many people now view Memorial Day weekend as the unofficial start of summer, the weekend should not be celebrated without also pausing to reflect on and recognize the military personnel who lost their lives in defense of freedom and the American way of life.

Veterans Day is celebrated annually on Nov. 11 and recognizes all men and women who have served in the military.

Veterans Day coincides with Remembrance Day, which is celebrated by the Commonwealth of Nations, an association of 53 member states with connections to the British Empire. Though Veterans Day and Remembrance Day are each celebrated on Nov. 11, the latter recognizes armed forces members who died in the line of duty, making it more similar to Memorial Day than Veterans Day.

It's not uncommon for people to recognize fallen soldiers on Veterans Day, but many use the holiday to express their appreciation to existing veterans.



Better Financial Living Modern day scams in a high-tech world

Dan Miller
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In the high-tech world we live in today, the possibility of being targeted for a scam or a malicious scheme is well-known. You may be aware of some of the more common, somewhat outdated scams, but today's criminals, however, have become increasingly devious. They know that many people are onto their prior efforts, so they now go to even greater lengths to try to trick consumers into providing vital personal or financial details.

This may include everything from your bank account or credit card account info, to your Social Security number, account password and other details. The following are some of the more advanced schemes that consumers now must also be on the watch for.

Delivery Confirmation Scam

It is common practice for most e-commerce companies to send a delivery confirmation email to the recipient as soon as a package is delivered. Scammers now may send a bogus confirmation that will look almost identical to a real confirmation.

When an unsuspecting person receives the delivery confirmation for an item that they do not recall ordering, their inclination may be to click on the link in the email and review the order. But unbeknownst to them, this link is really part of a phishing scheme designed to collect their user ID and password for the account.

So, if you receive a delivery confirmation email like this, avoid clicking

the link. It is best to always check on the order status through the company's app, or by directly typing in the company's URL before logging in.

Special Events Ticket Scam

Another scam that has come on the horizon involves special events tickets, such as for a concert or a major sporting event. This is a type of phishing scam as well, but it is designed to collect your payment information rather than a user ID and password.

If you receive an offer like this that seems too good to be true, it probably is, and it may be a scam. Rather than clicking on any link provided to you in an email, it is recommended that you open up a new screen or use your app to explore the legitimacy of the offer. In addition, never call a phone number listed in an email where the sender is unfamiliar or unknown to you.

Always research the phone number independently to see if it is legitimate.

Payment Declined Phishing Scam

Some scammers are now attempting to collect financial details or your account login credentials via an email stating that your payment has been declined.

Upon receiving this type of email, you may initially feel a sense of dread or concern since you may not recollect making a payment. The scammers play on a person's potential embarrassment of having a payment declined in hopes that they will try to remedy the situation. They hope this will motivate you to click on links in the email so that you can research the problem, poten-

tially providing your bank or credit card information to make the payment good. All the while, the whole transaction was bogus.

Fake Mobile Banking Apps

You now do not even need to click on bogus links in an email to potentially fall victim to a scam. Some criminals have now developed apps that look very similar to those of major financial institutions. They then use the fake apps to collect personal and financial data. You must always conduct due diligence before downloading any institution's banking app.

This also applies to apps for investments, stock trading, credit cards and more. All of these apps require providing the same type of PIN (Personally Identifiable Information) to conduct business.

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In the high-tech world we live in today, unfortunately criminals are becoming increasingly savvy every day. As technology advances, unfortunately their unscrupulous techniques advance as well. At MFG, we vow to do our best to keep you updated about the latest scams so that you can make informed decisions and take the necessary precautions.

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Red Oak Community High School Awards Night 2022



Camryn Bass, left, was a recipient of the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital Employee Sponsored Scholarship presented by Jaimie Werges. (All photos by Nick Johansen/The Red Oak Express)



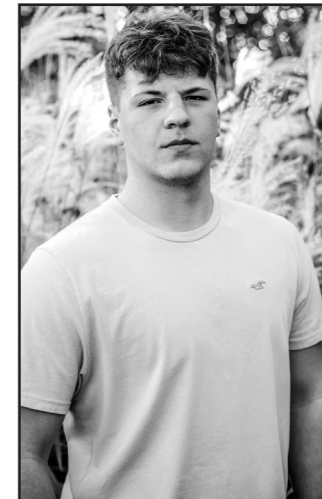
Taylor Bennett was a recipient of the Edwards Sisters Scholarship. She also received a Panther Success Award.



Baylor Bergren, left, was awarded the Thomas Draper Memorial Scholarship by Josh Kippley. Bergren also received a Red Oak Grand Theatre Scholarship.



Trinity LaMar, left, was presented a Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award by Shawn Julius. LaMar also received scholarships from Inman, the Music Boosters, and the Red Oak Good Samaritan Society.



Nick Fouts was awarded a Scholarship from William Penn University.



Nolan Blackman, left, was presented the Ina C. Murphy Memorial Scholarship, presented by Brett Eubank. Blackman was also awarded the Jordan Vannausdle Character Scholarship.



Macy Bozwell, left, was awarded the Doug Simpson Memorial Scholarship by Brad Baker. Bozwell also received a Montgomery County Memorial Hospital Employee Sponsored Scholarship.



Jordan Carlson, pictured left, was awarded a scholarship from the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary by Shirley Koppen. Carlson also received the Zeta Kappa Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship, a Red Oak Rotary Club Scholarship, the John F. Hossie 4-H/FFA Scholarship, a Scholarship from the Red Oak Good Samaritan Society, and the Stanley James Plank Memorial Scholarship.



Tory Carrick, left, was presented the Bank Iowa Spirit of Chandy Scholarship by Deb Maher. Carrick also received a scholarship from the American Association of Women.



Aedynn Graham, left, was awarded the Pella Rollscreen Foundation's Sons and Daughters Scholarship by John Finn. Graham also took home numerous other scholarships during awards night. She also received the Iowa Governor's Scholar Award, and Inman Scholarship, a Music Boosters Scholarship, an Edwards Sisters Scholarship, the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, the John G. Neihardt Scholarship, and the Dr. Ronald Whitt Endowed Speech/Communication Scholarship.



Delaney Hall, left, was awarded the Reifel-Elwood Education Scholarship by Tim Marsden. Hall also received a Red Oak Good Samaritan Scholarship and a Red Oak Grand Theatre Scholarship.



Shelby Heitman, left, was presented the Forest Bloom Memorial Scholarship by Laura Horn. She also received an FFA Alumni Scholarship.



Grayson Hewett, left, received the Ted Sparr Memorial Scholarship from Trasy Sparr. Hewett also received a Music Boosters Scholarship and the Excellence in Speech award.



Ryan Johnson, left, and Delaina Olson, center, received a Mills Montgomery Cattleman's Scholarship from Randy Cooper. Johnson also received scholarships from the Edwards Sisters, Altrusa, Red Oak Rotary, and the Gleneva Klopping Memorial Scholarship. Olson received scholarships from the FFA Alumni, Ben Rolf Memorial, Altrusa, Elks Grand Lodge National Legacy Scholar, the Don Pendleton Memorial, the John Hossie 4-H/FFA, and the Red Oak Education Association.



Ashlyn Blackman was the recipient of a Red Oak Education Association Scholarship/



Reese Jackson, left, was awarded the Red Oak Ambassadors Scholarship by Nate Perrien. She also received scholarships from the Edwards Sisters, Altrusa, Red Oak Education Association, Red Oak Optimist Club LaVon Billings and the Wayne State College Wildcat Excellence Scholarship.



Kaila Larson, left, was presented the Gustafson Family Memorial Scholarship by Joel Kinser. Larson was also awarded a Montgomery County Memorial Hospital Employee Sponsored Scholarship, the Class of 1942 Scholarship, and C.G. and Aluia K. Lingo Memorial Scholarship.



Julie Loftesness, pictured left, was presented a scholarship from the American Red Cross by Tracy Vannausdle.



Lennon O'Neal, pictured left, received the American Bar Citizenship Award from Drew Swanson. She was also a recipient of a scholarship from the Red Oak Rotary Club.



Chase Sandholm, left, was awarded the Russell & Mary Benda Memorial Scholarship by Nate Perrien. Sandholm also received the Iowa State University Barbara J. Green Scholarship.



Jaylyn VanHouten, left, was presented the Red Oak Heritage Help Our Youth Scholarship by Leanne Fluckey. Van Houten was also awarded the Bob Crocker Memorial Scholarship.



Gannon Sallach, left, received the Jim Logan Memorial Scholarship from Tim Marsden. Sallach also received a scholarship from the Music Boosters.



Bradley Sifford, left, was presented a scholarship from Montgomery County Pheasants Forever by Brett Eubank. Sifford was also awarded the Northwest Missouri State University Merit Scholarship, and the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcat Advantage Scholarship.



IN THE NEWS

The Stanton Child Resource Center is honored to receive a donation from Great Western Bank for the Stanton Child Resource Center Expansion Project.



(L-R) Britany Schoning, SCRC Director; Sheila Mainquist, SCRC Board Member; Pastor Eric Kutzi, SCRC Board Member; Stacy Kutzi, SCRC Board Member; Barb Lewellen, Security State Bank; Kevin Cabbage, SCRC Board Member and Maurine Allen, SCRC Board Member

The Stanton Child Resource Center is honored to receive a donation of \$1,000 from the Stanton Chamber of Commerce for the Stanton Child Resource Center Expansion Project.



(L-R Front) SCRC Board Member Stacy Kutzi, SCRC Board Member Maurine Allen, SCRC Board Member Sheila Mainquist, Stanton Chamber of Commerce Vice President Emily Martin, Stanton Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Barb Lewellen

(L-R Back) SCRC Board Member Pastor Eric Kutzi, Stanton Chamber of Commerce Member Mickey Anderson, Stanton Chamber of Commerce Member Paul Aufdenberg, and SCRC Board Member Kevin Cabbage

Stanton

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JUNE 15

Turnin' Gears
7 p.m.
behind Old Gas Station

JULY 15

Eric Nelson
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TBD

JULY 7

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7 p.m.
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AUGUST 13

Chautauqua Road Band
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Stanton Old Lumber Yard Events Center

Thank you to everyone who recently attended the Stanton Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting/Varfest! Those who attended enjoyed food by Gibbs Chophouse and Kustom Sweets & Eats, Stanton Trivia, a Stanton Community update, and Stanton Community Schools Project Update.



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- 18 Midsommar Celebration
- 28 Farmers Market, 4:30-6:30pm (Old Lumber Yard Event Center)



AWARDED \$1,000,000

The Stanton Child Resource Center was recently awarded \$1,000,000 for the SCRC Expansion Project through the Cindy Axne Community Grant Funds.



The Stanton Community Foundation recently presented the Stanton High School Class of 2022 with mailboxes. The mailboxes are an invitation and reminder that they are always welcome "home" to Stanton. Congratulations to the Class of 2022!



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