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THIS EMBLEM IS TO BE DISPLAYED BY MEMBERS ONLY.



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ERANS AFFAIRS

New Eligibility Dates

In response to inquiries, News of the Legion herewith presents a brief recapitulation of the Legion's new membership eligibility dates and other pertinent information. At presstime, Congress was poised to amend the Legion's federal charter so that the dates would conform. The new dates: WWI, April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918 (no change); WWII, Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946 (formerly Sept. 2, 1945); Korean War, June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955 (formerly July 27, 1953); Vietnam War, Aug. 5, 1958 ~~1954~~ Aug. 15, 1973. In addition—and which has not been widely noticed—all active duty members of the U.S. armed forces are eligible to join the Legion provided any part of their service occurred during one of the eligibility periods. Since active duty personnel may not have a discharge, the Legion's National Judge Advocate has ruled that, in the absence of other evidence, an official memorandum from the commanding officer of the prospective member's military unit will suffice. The memorandum should show that active military service began prior to August 15, 1973. Just one day of active, honorable military service during any one of the four eligibility periods outlined above fully qualifies a veteran for Legion membership.

cover the member's post, department and national dues.

To get an idea of what the cost of a PUFL membership would be, let's take the case of three Legionnaires in good standing aged 45, 55 and 65, who belong to a post that charges \$10.00 annual dues. The cost would be about \$235.00 to the 45-year-old member, \$186.00 to the 55 year-old member and \$135.00 to the 65-year-old-member.

Though PUFL is a national plan, departments may opt out of it by vote of their Department Executive Committees or Department Conventions. It should be noted that PUFL, which a member may purchase for himself, is not the same as an Honorary Life Membership which is awarded to a member by his post in recognition of outstanding service. Complete details on the paid-up-for-life membership plan will be distributed to departments and posts in the coming months.

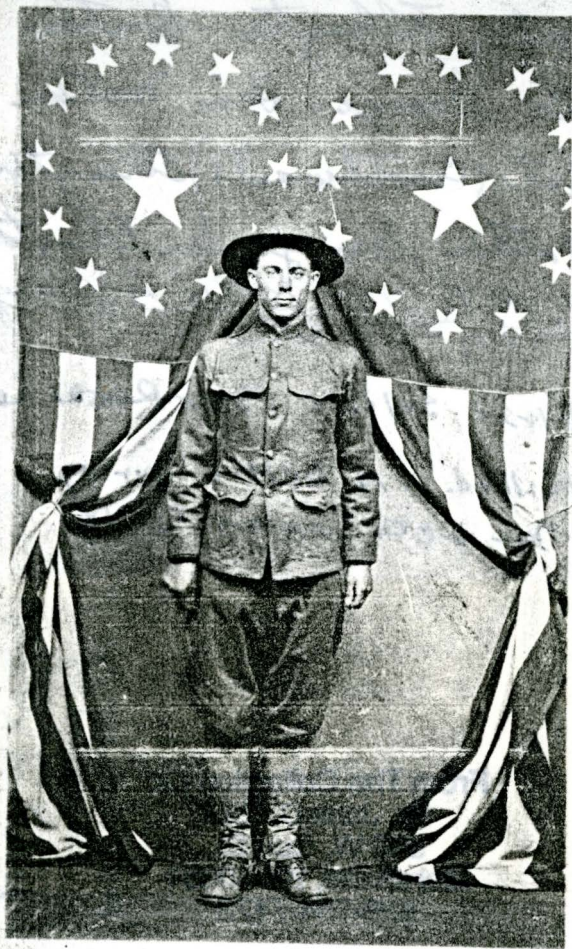
In another action at the fall meet-



CORBIE ELLINGTON
FIRST SOLDIER FROM
ROWAN COUNTY KILLED
IN BATTLE IN THE
20th CENTURY. (WWI
1918). HE WAS KILLED
BY A GERMAN HAND
GRENADE AT RHEIMS
FRANCE.

AMERICAN LEGION
POST 126 MOREHEAD
KY IS NAMED FOR
HIM.

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Corley Ellington - Brother
to George. His mother
Kate (Crostwate) Ellington
Mother George Sen. Ellington

Corley was killed WW I.

First soldier from Rowan Co.
Killed in battle during
the 20th century. (1918)

This soldier, CORBIE ELLINGTON
WAS KILLED IN WORLD WAR I
BY A GERMAN HAND GRENADE.
HIS MEMORY IS CONTINUED
BY HAVING THE MOREHEAD
AMERICAN LEGION POST
NAMED FOR HIM.

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DAVID F. ABNER
WAS ELECTED
KENTUCKY AMERICAN
LEGION STATE
COMMANDER
1982-83.

HE IS A MEMBER
OF ~~AMERICAN~~

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POST 267
MILLSBORO, KY



AMERICAN LEGION
POST 108
PT CHARLOTTE, N.C.



AMERICAN LEGION
POST 1
MILLING, N.H.



AMERICAN LEGION
POST 25
DANVILLE, VA



AMERICAN LEGION
POST 604
BIRMINGHAM, AL



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Rowan County
Veterans Day 2000

Parade Grand Marshall
Ernest West (2nd From Left)
CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF
HONOR WINNER FROM
GREENUP KY.

OTHERS ARE - L-R
CHUCK FERGUSON POST 126
COMMANDER
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Claude

Ferguson

Chuck F

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Vet's Day 2000



POST 126

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JOHN BARKER

CLAUDE WEADE

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auxiliary meeting
maybe a District Meeting

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Preamble to the Constitution of
the American Legion

It is the will of the people of the United States to have a more perfect Union, to establish Justice, to insure domestic Tranquility, to provide for the common defense, to promote the general Welfare, and to secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, that we have ordained and established this Constitution, to be the supreme Law of the United States; that we do hereby ratify and confirm all the Amendments heretofore proposed, and we do hereby give authority to the Executive and the Judiciary to carry out and maintain its provisions and all laws made in pursuance thereof, and we do hereby authorize the Executive to execute all the powers vested in him by this Constitution and by the laws of the United States, and we do hereby give authority to the Judiciary to exercise all the powers vested in it by this Constitution and by the laws of the United States, and we do hereby give authority to the Executive to execute all the powers vested in him by this Constitution and by the laws of the United States, and we do hereby give authority to the Judiciary to exercise all the powers vested in it by this Constitution and by the laws of the United States.

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AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE
1990^c

From The Director of
Dr. Jack D. Pits
652 W. SUN ST.
Burlington, KY 40301
603-704-7473



Preamble to the Constitution of
the Spanglers Legion

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we are the
members of the Spanglers Legion and we do hereby
pledge ourselves to the maintenance of the
highest standards of morality, integrity and
loyalty to the Legion and to the community
in which we live. We will strive to uphold
the principles of the Legion and to promote
the welfare of our members and the
community in which we live.

MOREHEAD
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Post 126

District 9 meeting
1998

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1999 Military Ball at
El Hasb Temple
Legion members L-12
Chuck Ferguson - Post Commander
Wes Meade
Claude Meade

(No. 16A) 012 13 -2 4NNNN+11AU 0005

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1999

Building picnic shelter
at Legion Park on
McCoy Rd

CHG. 7A 828 33-81 NNNN-06AU 0049

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POST 126

BBQ - 3.00
w/choice sauce
Hot Dog - 2.00
w/choice sauce
Sloppy Joe - 2.25
w/choice sauce
Peppi - 1.00

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AMERICAN LEGION
POST 126

Serves Hot
Cream
Free
Coca Cola
Cups

FROM THE OFFICE OF
DR. JAMES D. EMMETT
BIRMINGHAM ST.
BIRMINGHAM, KY 40001
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POST 126
JUST ROOM
MORNING

(NO. 1101 815 28-01 MARCH 2000 6000)



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Dr. W. W. D. E. E. E.

55 E. W. Elm St.

Morehead, KY 40351

606-78-8888



Pool 126
Fireing squad

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Dedication of
Pet's section
2 unidentified
marines

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Dedication of Veterans
sections at Forest Lawn
Memorial Park

L to R

Gene Hamm

Pete Hamm

John Barker & Grandson

Claude Meade

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We Need You!

Are you or someone you know not receiving the benefits they deserve? If this is the case, please help us recruit them into the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Let us help them fight for the benefits that are due to them.

Referred By:

JACK ELLIS

VFW Membership Benefits

- ✓ Free subscription to VFW Magazine (11 issue/year)
- ✓ Personal Accident Protection Policy, at no cost to you.
- ✓ Personal assistance securing government benefits and entitlements for veterans.
- ✓ Discounts on car rental, travel packages and major purchases and prescription, vision, dental and hearing. Also available is a credit card, VFW Credit Union, vatical and senior programs and other new benefits.
- ✓ Group-rate Insurance Programs.
- ✓ Representation for veterans rights in Washington.
- ✓ Plus many other valuable benefits.

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ATTAINED AGE		SEE
Through 30		\$245.00
31 - 40	VFW JACK ELLIS	235.00
41 - 50		215.00
51 - 60	LIFETIME	195.00
61 - 70	MEMBER	165.00
71 - 80	(74)	125.00 ✓
81 and over		85.00

The correct fee is to be determined using the applicant's attained age as of December 31st of the calendar year in which the application is submitted regardless of actual date of birth.

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 Morehead, KY 40351
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DEARLE HARRIS OR SURVIVOR
John Barker & Grandson

Need I say more
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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

In gratitude for your war-time service

This certifies that

Jack D. Ellis

upon meeting the strict requirements set forth by the

Congress of the United States of America

shall thereby be accepted for

Official Membership in

The American Legion



Billy R. Johnson

Membership Director

TEMPORARY CHARTER

The American Legion

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Charter for MOREHEAD Post, Department of KENTUCKY, No. 126
(Name of Post)

This is to Certify, that the National Executive Committee of THE AMERICAN LEGION hereby grants a charter to

<u>JAMES V. BAUMSTARK</u>	<u>C. L. GULLETT</u>	<u>JACK WILSON</u>
<u>W. T. BAUMSTARK</u>	<u>J. M. CLAYTON</u>	<u>H. L. NICKELL</u>
<u>T. P. ANDERSON</u>	<u>C. B. MC CULLOUGH</u>	<u>W. K. MC CULLOUGH</u>
<u>HOBART S. CECIL</u>	<u>S. C. CAUDILL</u>	<u>W. D. EARLY</u>
<u>H. C. HAGGAN</u>	<u>THOMAS E. KEGLEY</u>	<u>J. M. HELEWIG</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

for the formation of a Post of THE AMERICAN LEGION at MOREHEAD, Department of KENTUCKY, under the name of

MOREHEAD Post, Department of KENTUCKY, No. 126
(Name of Post)

- This charter is granted on the recommendation of the Department Organization and on the following terms and conditions:
1. All acts heretofore duly and properly taken for the formation of the above named Post are recognized and confirmed by the National Executive Committee.
 2. The above named Post shall uphold the declared principles of THE AMERICAN LEGION and shall conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the Department Organization and of the National Executive Committee, or other duly constituted national governing body of THE AMERICAN LEGION.
 3. This charter is subject to revocation by the National Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the Department Organization, or by such authority that may hereafter be established by the National Convention.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of MARCH, 19 27

H. L. McClain
Department Commander.

W. H. Keyser
Department Adjutant.

Howard P. Savage
National Commander.

James J. Barton
National Adjutant.



CORBIE ELLINGTON NEWS

**AMERICAN LEGION
POST 126**

January 1-2001

Volume 2 Issue 1

Morehead Kentucky

FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR 2000 WAS ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION POST OF MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY. ONE OF THE BEST SINGLE EVENTS WAS VETERANS' DAY 2000. THE SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR WAS ERNEST WEST WHO RECEIVED THE MEDAL OF HONOR. HIS CITATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ERNEST WEST, COMPANY L, 14TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY IN ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY ON 12 OCTOBER, 1952, NEAR SATEARI, KOREA. HE VOLUNTARILY ACCOMPANIED A CONTINGENT TO LOCATE AND DESTROY A REPORTED ENEMY OUTPOST. NEARING THE OBJECTIVE, THE PATROL WAS AMBUSHED AND SUFFERED NUMEROUS CASUALTIES. OBSERVING HIS WOUNDED LEADER LYING IN AN EXPOSED POSITION, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WEST ORDERED THE TROOPS TO WITHDRAW, THEN BRAVED INTENSE FIRE TO REACH AND ASSIST HIM. WHILE ATTEMPTING EVACUATION, HE WAS ATTACKED BY THREE HOSTILE SOLDIERS EMPLOYING GRENADES AND SMALL-ARMS FIRE. QUICKLY SHIFTING HIS BODY TO SHELTER THE OFFICER, HE KILLED THE ASSAILANTS WITH HIS RIFLE, THEN CARRIED THE HELPLESS MAN TO SAFETY. HE WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED AND LOST AN EYE IN THIS ACTION, BUT COURAGEOUSLY RETURNED THROUGH WITHERING FIRE AND BURSTING SHELLS TO ASSIST THE WOUNDED. WHILE EVACUATING TWO COMRADES, HE CLOSED WITH AND KILLED THREE MORE OF THE FOE. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WEST'S INDOMITABLE SPIRIT, CONSUMMATE VALOR, AND INTREPID ACTIONS INSPIRED ALL WHO OBSERVED HIM, REFLECT THE HIGHEST CREDIT ON HIMSELF, AND UPHOLD THE HONORED TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE.

SIGNED: DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
THE WHITE HOUSE
JANUARY 12, 1954

ORIGINAL

Articles of Incorporation

Know all men by this writing that we have associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation to be known as Post 126 of the American Legion, Department of Ky. with its principal office and place of business located in the City of Morehead, Ky.

1. This corporation is formed for the purpose of enabling Post #126 (now known as Corbie Ellington Post) American Legion, Department of Ky. to engage in such activities as may be customary for similar military organizations, to promote and secure conventions of said organizations or others for the City of Morehead, Ky., to acquire and own real estate for a Post Home, to operate exchanges and engage in such other projects, and promotions of an eleemosynary character either for the public at large or the members of said post.
2. This corporation has no capital stock, but shall be owned and controlled by the undersigned members of Post #126 of the American Legion Department of Ky. together with such other veterans of The World War, who are honorably discharged from any branch or arm of the military service of The U.S., who are now members, or may in the future become members of said Post, but not for the financial advantage of any of its members.
3. This corporation shall commence business at any time after the day on which it shall have complied with all statutory requirements requisite to its formation and continue as long as any member thereof shall be living.
4. The affairs and business of this corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors to be composed of 15 members of said Post in good standing, who are to be chosen at an election to be held not less than 30 days after its Charters shall have been received and on 5 days notice to all members of said ^{post} and said Board

of Directors shall elect from its number a President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whose duties and tenure of office shall be specified in By Laws to be adopted by them within a reasonable time and when future elections are held in compliance therewith for directors, the entire membership shall be entitled to have one vote for each Veteran present.

5. This instrument may be amended to such extent and in such manner as the By Laws may provide.

6. The indebtedness which this Corporation may incur shall be limited to (\$100.00) One hundred dollars.

7. The private property of the stockholders and members of this Corporation shall not be subject to the corporate debts of this association.

8. This instrument is prepared in triplicate.

9. The following are the present members and controllers of this Corporation and association.

H. E. Proctor, Emmett Roberts, Oliver Hall, H. L. Nickell, M. Everett Bradley, C. B. Daugherty, L. G. Hanaker, R. D. Couley, J. H. West, C. B. Proctor, C. B. Lane, M. C. Croley, Malon Hall, J. B. Rose, Jesse Maxey, John B. Maxey, H. A. Spurlock, Everett Randall, Jack Cecil, whose Post Office address is Morehead, Ky.

Subscribed and sworn to by the above to be their own free will and act. At Morehead, Ky April 19, 1939

(Seal)

My Commission expires
November 2, 1942.

Pruda Nickell
Notary Public in and for
Rowan County State of Ky.

State of Kentucky
County of Rowan

I, C. V. Alfrey, Clerk of the County Court for the County and State aforesaid, Certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was on the 15 day of May, 1939 lodged in my office for records, whereupon the foregoing and this Certificate have been duly recorded in my said office.

Given under my hand this 15th day of May 1939
C. V. Alfrey - Clerk

VEETERIANS DAY

CURBIE ELLINGTON POST 126 AIR 220101X

ASN 733,663 was the first soldier
 from Rowan County, killed in the 70th Army.
 Another Rowan County man was killed on the
 same day, but it was determined that
 Leabe Ellington met his death a
 few hours earlier, on Oct 12, 1918 at
 St. Miheil in France. He was born
 at Pongar in Rowan County and was
 25 years old when he was killed
 US Decided War Apr 16, 1917

Moraine Hon Signer Auxiliary was

organized in 1928

Hon Signer started relay Program

First Boy Scout Troop

First Rescue Squad 1939 Flood

Helped organize Scout Patrol

Organized 2nd Junior League League
 Little League

Sent representatives to Boy Scout
 Yearly State

Organized 4th of July Celebrations

CURBIE ELLINGTON

MARRIED HANNAN SMITH
 WHILE HOME ON FURLOUGH

HE WAS ^{W.W.I} KILLED DAY AFTER
 THE WAR ENDED NOV 12, 1918

HIS WIFE WAS JUBILANT

WHEN SHE HEARD WAR ENDED
 BUT WAS CRUSHED WHEN
 THE NEWS CAME OF HIS DEATH.
 BURIED IN THE ALEXINGTON
 AT THE LEESTOWN MILITARY
 CEMETERY ON LEESTOWN RD.

American Legion - Corbie Ellington Post 126
 COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS
 1927-2002

LOCATION Morehead Ky

POST NO. 126

DISTRICT 9

YEAR	COMMANDER	ADJUTANT
1925		
1926		
1927	W. D. Early	W. T. Baumstark
1928	W. D. Early	W. K. McCullough
1929	Jack Cecil	W. K. McCullough
1930	Tom Drumbo	Jack Cecil
1931	H. L. Nickell	Jack Cecil
1932	Everett Randall	Jack Cecil
1933	Jack Cecil	E. J. Richards
1934	Wm. Glover	Jack Cecil
1935	F. R. Burrows	Jack Cecil
1936	H. A. Spurlock	James Rigsby
1937	None Submitted	None Submitted
1938	None Submitted	None Submitted
1939	None Submitted	None Submitted
1940	Dr. Homer L. Nickell	Malon Hall
1941	Malon Hall	Jack Cecil
1942	Jack Cecil	Clarence Nickell
1943	Felix Wellman	Malon Hall
1944	Russell G. Barker	"
1945	Herbert Hogan	Andre B. Bowne
1946	None Submitted	None Submitted
1947	Harold F. Blair	Franklin P. Blair
1948	Russell G. Barker	Malon Hall
1949	None Submitted	"
1950	Jack Helwig	Mrs. J. H. West
1951	Evellyn West	Malon Hall
1952	"	"

LOCATION Morehead

POST NO. 126

DISTRICT 9

YEAR	COMMANDER	ADJUTANT
1953	F. M. Justice, Jr.	Paul J. Reynolds,
1954	Malon Hall	John D. Alexander
1955	//	//
1956	J. H. White	Eugene Reynolds
1957	Clifford Fultz	Jack Cecil
1958	//	//
1959	//	//
1960	Malon Hall	Jack Cecil
1961	"	"
1962	None	"
1963	William Bowman, Acting Comdr.	"
1964	"	"
1965	Clifford Rigsby	"
1966	"	"
1967	"	"
1968	C. B. Cornette	Watkins Martindale
1969	"	Van Myers
1970	"	"
1971	Crayton Jackson	"
1972	Robert G. Lyons	David F. Abner
1973	"	"
1974	None	None
1975	Charles E. Jennings	David F. Abner
1976	//	//
1977	"	"
1978	R Wayne Stewart	"
1979	Willard Adkins	R. Wayne Stewart
1980	"	"

YEAR	COMMANDER	ADJUTANT
1981	R. Wayne Stewart	David F. Abner
1982	Willard Adkins	R. Wayne Stewart
1983	Robert G. Lyons	R. Wayne Stewart
1984	Carl E. Campbell	Wayne Stewart
1985	Charles Gregory	Wayne Stewart
1986	Claude Meade	Wayen Stewart
1987	Elwood Warren	R. Wayne Stewart
1988	Elwood Warren	"
1989	"	"
1990	"	"
1991	"	"
1992	Olen Nanty	"
1993	Ralph Wagoner	"
1994	Thomas Goodpaster	"
1995	Keith McGuire	"
1996	"	"
1997	"	"
1998	Charles R. Ferguson II	"
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Application for Post of The American Legion

FILED

Provisions of Constitution Adopted at Minneapolis Convention, November 10, 11, 12, 1919
Amended by the National Convention at New Orleans, La., Oct. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 1922.



ARTICLE IV. Eligibility.

Section 1. Any person shall be eligible for membership in The American Legion who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned, and who was accepted for and assigned to active duty in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States at some time during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, or who, being a citizen of the United States, at the time of his entry therein, served on active duty in the Naval, Military or Air forces of any of the Governments associated with the United States during the Great War; provided, that no person shall be entitled to membership (a) who, being in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States during said period, refused on conscientious, political, or other grounds, to subject himself to military discipline or unequalled service, or (b) who, being in such service, was separated therefrom under circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge and has not subsequently been officially restored to an honorable status.

Section 2. There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership, and dues shall be paid annually or for life.

ARTICLE IX. Post Organization.

Section 1. Those who desire to form a Post shall make application for a charter to the Commander of the Department in which they reside. The charter shall be issued by the National Commander and National Adjutant upon receipt of the application properly executed by the charter members of the projected post, but only when such application is approved by the Commander of the Department, or by the Department Executive Committee. Post charters shall be countersigned by the Commander and the Adjutant of the Department.

Section 2. The minimum membership of a post shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Department in whose area it lies.

Section 3. Each Department may prescribe the Constitution of its posts. Post charters may be revoked by the Department Executive Committee with the approval of the National Executive Committee. Post charters may be suspended or cancelled as provided in the By-Laws.

Section 4. No post shall be named after any living person.

INSTRUCTIONS (Read carefully)—Each local group will designate a representative to sign the certificate at the foot of this application and to receive the charter when issued. No application can be considered unless properly executed by at least fifteen persons. Applications must be made in triplicate, one original bearing the signatures of fifteen applicants eligible for membership and two copies bearing the same fifteen names typewritten. All three will be forwarded to the Department Commander. The original application will be returned by indorsement to the Local Post with the charter. One copy of application will be retained by Department Headquarters, and the other by the National Headquarters.

To _____
Department Commander of The American Legion (Department of _____)

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have served in the military or naval forces of the United States, between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and are entitled to membership in THE AMERICAN LEGION under Article IV of the Constitution, as above quoted. We hereby request the issuance of a charter for the formation of a Post at _____, to be

Known as _____ Post, Department of _____, No. _____
(Name of Post)

On the issuance of a charter we hereby agree to organize and maintain a Post under the above name with a minimum membership of fifteen. We hereby further agree to uphold the principles of THE AMERICAN LEGION and to comply with all rules and regulations prescribed by the Department and National Organization of the Legion.

NAMES	ADDRESSES
1 Jas. V. Baumstark,	Morehead, Ky.
2 C. L. Gullett,	Salt Lick, Ky.
3 Jack Wilson,	Morehead, Ky.
4 W. T. Baumstark,	"
5 J. M. Clayton,	"
6 H. L. Nickell,	"
7 T. P. Anderson,	"
8 C. B. McQuillough,	"
9 W. K. McQuillough,	"
10 Hobart S. Owell,	"
11 S. C. Gaudin,	"
12 S. C. Gaudin,	"
13 S. C. Gaudin,	"
14 S. C. Gaudin,	"
15 J. V. Halvick,	Halderman, Ky.
	Halderman, Ky.
	Morehead, Ky.
	Morehead, Ky.
	Morehead, Ky.
	Morehead, Ky.

Original Charter

I Hereby Certify to the accuracy and good faith of the above application. The charter when issued is to be mailed to me at the address below.

Jas. V. Baumstark, _____
(Signature) (Address)

Application for Post of The American Legion

FIRST INDORSEMENT

Date 3/24 1927

Address Louisville, Ky

To The American Legion,
National Headquarters,
Indianapolis, Ind.

I certify that I have examined the foregoing application and do (do) recommend the approval thereof.

CORBIE ELLINGTON

Charter to be issued under the name [Redacted]
(Name of Post)

No. 176 Department of Kentucky

G. L. McMillan
Department Commander

(Department of Ky)

SECOND INDORSEMENT

Date MAR 28 1927

To the Commander, Department Organization,
The American Legion (Department of _____)

Returned. Approved. Charter issued and inclosed herewith.

Mrs. J. Barton
National Adjutant

duplicate temporary
charter issued

THIRD INDORSEMENT

Date April 9, 1926

To _____
(Name of Representative of Post)

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YEAR	COMMANDER	ADJUTANT
1925		
1926		
1927	W. D. Early	W. T. Baumstark
1928	W. D. Early	W. K. McCullough
1929	Jack Cecil	W. K. McCullough
1930	Tom Drumbo	Jack Cecil
1931	H. L. Nickell	Jack Cecil
1932	Everett Randall	Jack Cecil
1933	Jack Cecil	E. J. Richards
1934	Wm. Glover	Jack Cecil
1935	F. R. Burrows	Jack Cecil
1936	H. A. Spurlock	James Rigsby
1937	None Submitted	None Submitted
1938	None Submitted	None Submitted
1939	None Submitted	None Submitted
1940	Dr. Homer L. Nickell	Malon Hall
1941	Malon Hall	Jack Cecil
1942	Jack Cecil	Clarence Nickell
1943	Felix Wellman	Malon Hall
1944	Russell G. Barkie ^{CR}	"
1945	Herbert Hogan	Andre B. Bowne
1946	None Submitted	None Submitted
1947	Harold F. Blair	Franklin P. Blair
1948	Russell G. Barker	Malon Hall
1949	None Submitted	"
1950	Jack Helwig	Mrs. J. H. West
1951	Evellyn West	Malon Hall
1952	"	"

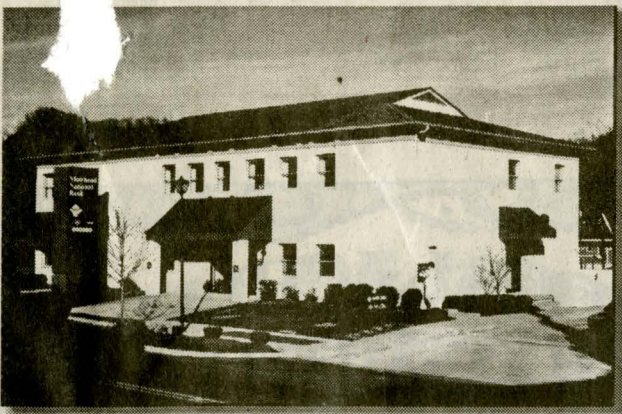
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DISTRICT 9

YEAR	COMMANDER	ADJUTANT
1953	F. M. Justice, Jr.	Paul J. Reynolds.
1954	Malon Hall	John D. Alexander
1955	//	//
1956	J. H. White	Eugene Reynolds
1957	Clifford Fultz	Jack Cecil
1958	"	"
1959	"	"
1960	Malon Hall	Jack Cecil
1961	"	"
1962	None	"
1963	William Bowman, Acting Comdr.	"
1964	"	"
1965	Clifford Rigsby	"
1966	"	"
1967	"	"
1968	C. B. Cornette	Watkins Martindale
1969	"	Van Myers
1970	"	"
1971	Crayton Jackson	"
1972	Robert G. Lyons	David F. Abner
1973	"	"
1974	None	None
1975	Charles E. Jennings	David F. Abner
1976	//	//
1977	"	"
1978	R Wayne Stewart	"
1979	Willard Adkins	R. Wayne Stewart
1980	//	//

YEAR	COMMANDER	ADJUTANT
1981	R. Wayne Stewart	David F. Abner
1982	Willard Adkins	R. Wayne Stewart
1983	Robert G. Lyons	R. Wayne Stewart
1984	Carl E. Campbell	Wayne Stewart
1985	Charles Gregory	Wayne Stewart
1986	Claude Meade	Wayen Stewart
1987	Elwood Warren	R. Wayne Stewart
1988	Elwood Warren	"
1989	"	"
1990	"	"
1991	"	"
1992	Olen Nanty	"
1993	Ralph Wagoner	"
1994	Thomas Goodpaster	"
1995	Keith McGuire	"
1996	"	"
1997	"	"
1998	Charles R. Ferguson	"
1999	"	"
2000	"	"
2001	"	"
2002	Keith " McGuire	"
2003	Wayne Stewart	Robert Carlill
2004	Wayne Stewart	W Stewart
2005	Ollie Keeton	" "
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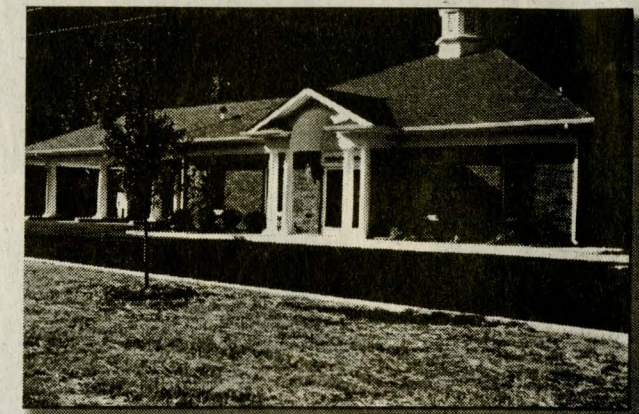
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American Legion Corbie Ellington Post 126



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By JACK D. ELLIS
Special to The Morehead News

"Mighty men of valor... soldiers fit to get out for war and battle" (I Chronicles 7:11).

The American Legion was founded at an historic caucus of 1,000 Allied Expeditionary Force veterans of WW I on March 15, 1919 in Paris, France. It was chartered by the Congress of the United States on Sept. 16, 1919.

Its membership included all honorably discharged veterans of WW I. On Oct. 29, 1942, Congress amended the charter to include all honorably discharged veterans of WW II. On Dec. 28, 1950, Congress amended the charter again to include all Korean War veterans, and on Aug. 15, 1973, the charter was amended again to include all Vietnam War veterans.

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the American Legion.
Morehead American Legion Post chartered in 1927

The basic unit of the American Legion is the local post. Morehead's Post 126 first received a temporary charter dated March 28, 1927, with a list of 15 members. A permanent charter registering a name change to "Corbie Ellington" Post 126 was issued June 15, 1928.

In a letter dated Feb. 9, 1929, addressed to T.H. Hayden Adjutant, State of Kentucky from W.K. McCullough, Adjutant Morehead American Legion Post 126 stated, "At a regular meeting of Legion Post 126, it was voted to change the name of our post to The Corbie



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Corbie Ellington, Army

Officer, H.L. Nickell; Employment Officer, C.B. McCullough; Chaplain, H.C. Haggan; Historian, C.B. Lane; Athletic Officer, M.S. Bowne; Sgt. At Arms, C.L. Gullet.

This small cadre of WW I veterans kept the organization alive and active during the 1920s and 1930s. Their goal was to promote patriotism and opportunities for veterans. During that era, they helped to keep patriotism alive by sponsoring youth groups, eg. Boy Scouts, organized July 4th celebrations and Veterans Day parades.

Corbie Ellington Post Incorporated in 1939

Formal Articles of Incorporation that authorized Morehead's Corbie Ellington Post 126 to do business in Kentucky were registered April 19, 1939. Their handwritten charter listed no capital stock and stated as its purpose, "Such activities as may be customary for similar organizations to promote and secure conventions of said organizations or others for the city of Morehead, Kentucky; to acquire real estate for a post home; to operate exchanges in such other projects and promotions of an appropriate character either for the public at large or the members of the post".

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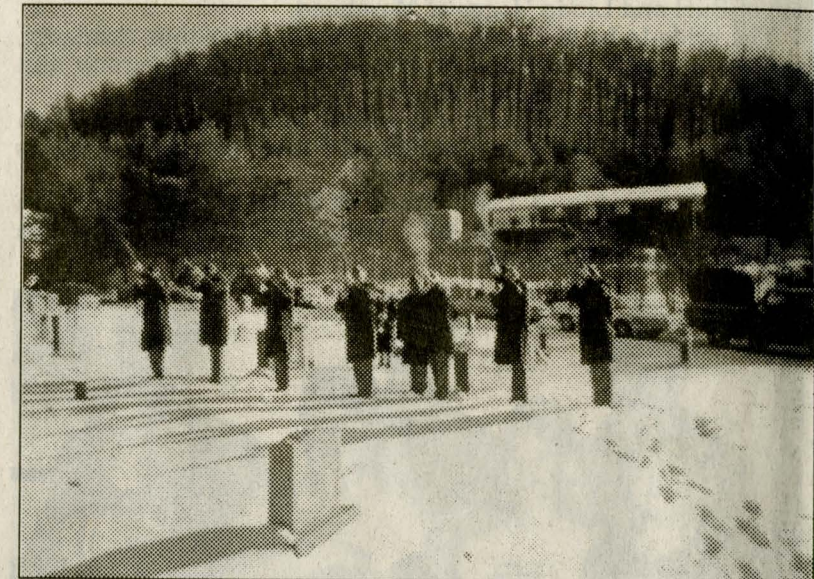
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WW I Veterans served on



Post 126 Honor Guard during a military funeral, 1993.

"Greetings: You have been selected for military service and you are to report for your physical exam at the time and place listed above".

Many of those WW II veterans on the draft board selected their own sons to be drafted. C.B. McCullough was a member of the local draft board that drafted his own son, George McCullough, who was killed in WW II. Among other American Legion

members that served on the Draft Board included: Jack

Cecil, Russell Barker, Jack West and Felix Wellman.

Following WW II, a whole new generation of eligible prospective American Legion members returned home. At first most of them just wanted to get home and return to civilian life. The Legion was

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Needless to say, the American Legion is the largest veterans organization in the world, and at one time reached a membership of 1,700,000. Rowan County has approximately 175 members of



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Corbie Ellington, Army serial number 733663, was also the first soldier from Rowan County killed in the 20th century. It was reported that one other man from Rowan County was killed on the same day, but it was determined Pvt. Ellington was killed in action at St. Michiel, France, six hours earlier.

Pvt. Corbie Ellington married Hannah Smith while home on furlough, but they had no children. He was born at Charity Branch in Rowan County, Kentucky. He was the son of George Sr. and Kate Crosthwaite Ellington. Pvt. Ellington is buried at Leestown Military Cemetery on Leestown Road in Lexington, Kentucky. He was 25 years old when he was killed.

Jack Cecil almost 50 years as Morehead Legion Member

With the name officially changed, the new charter was listed with 18 members out of approximately 200 eligible for membership.

The first Post Commander was W.D. Early, an active Mason and local lumber dealer. Hobart "Jack" Cecil, one of the original 15 charter members, was the second Post Commander. Jack Cecil was an active member of the

American Legion from 1927 until his death in 1975. He was the Commander when they changed the name to "Corbie Ellington Post 126.

The other early officers were Adjutant and Treasurer, W.K. McCullough; Service

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From 1937-1939, the local American Legion membership dwindled. Certainly there are peaks and valleys in any organization and in the late 1930s, the organization struggled. No officers were submitted to the national headquarters from 1937-1939, but in 1939, Corbie Ellington American Legion Post 126 was incorporated into a new non-profit corporation.

The following members were listed as controllers of those Articles of Incorporation

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WW I Veterans served on draft board in WW II

During the years of WW II, many of the members of the American Legion served on the local draft board. They were responsible for sending young men to war and they took their duty seriously.

They met every month to examine the list of men registered for the draft. They would place those men in 1-A Classification, meaning they were eligible to be drafted. Then their names would be sent to the national draft headquarters in Washington, D.C., and those selected would then receive a letter from the President of the United States. The letter would say,



David F. Abner was elected Kentucky American Legion State Commander 1982-83. He is a member of Morehead Post 126.

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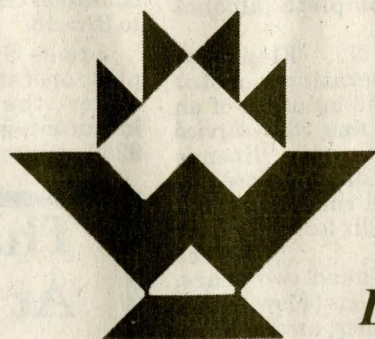
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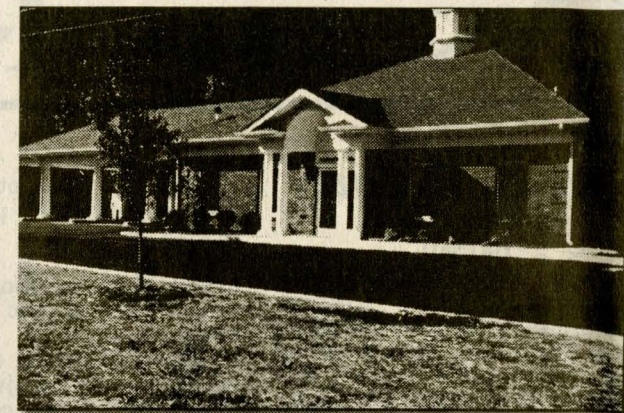
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kept active with the old WW I veterans. This writer returned home in 1946, and my uncle, Hobart "Jack" Cecil (one of the original charter American Legion members) paid my dues for several years, even though I was not active. Also, the post WW II years of 1951 saw the first and only woman, Mrs. J.H. (Evelyn) West, to be elected as Post Commander.

American Legion more community oriented

During the post WW II era, the American Legion, became more politically active. Members ran for political office, worked for more veterans benefits and became more community oriented. They helped organize the first fire rescue squad in connection

with the volunteer fire department.

Girls State and Boys State are programs for high school students between their junior and senior years of high school. In that program the American Legion provides a week long scholarship on a college campus designed to give young people practical experience in government. There is an average of 225-275 boys and girls and 30-35 counselors that attend each year. The average cost of each person attending is \$175, and is paid by the American Legion. The Corbie Wellington Post 126 has been one of the sponsors for Boys and Girls State for over 50 years.

American Legion Baseball is perhaps the best known and

most rewarding of American Legion sponsored community programs. Post 126 has sponsored a successful baseball team for 50 years. They provide \$5,000 - \$8,000 per year in accident liability insurance.

The American Legion by no means provides all of the support for this program. The team helps raise money and there is also private and public support for the American Legion Baseball teams. Other community efforts by Post 126 includes helping with educational events, children's programs, community Christmas and Santa Claus. They also assist with athletic events and Special Olympics.

Local Post 126 helps needy veterans and arranges transportation to V.A.

Hospitals. Also, for 15 years they have offered local physical facilities and administrative assistants to the Lexington V.A. Hospital for an out-reach mini-clinic in Morehead. Twice each month, what is called a "care mobile" consisting of five or six medical professionals from the V.A. Hospital in Lexington, come to the Morehead American Legion Building.

They provide medical treatment to 30-35 veterans at each visit. It requires 5-9 local Legionnaires or auxiliary members to assist in the programs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each visit. It is a heavy volunteer load for the local Legion to bear, but it is well worth the effort in time saved. It reduces the load on the V.A. Hospital and the veterans say they don't have to sit around in the hospital all day.

Legion members serve in many funerals

One of the most rewarding and visible contributions by the American Legion is serving as honor guards at military funerals. In that role, they respectfully provide a 21 gun salute by seven uniformed veterans at the grave side. Then they fold an American flag and present it to the next of kin as they play taps. It is a very moving ceremony that reminds the deceased's family of their loved one's military service.

This writer, in his role as a



Rowan County Veterans Day 2000. Parade grand marshal, Ernest West, second from left, Congressional Medal of Honor winner from Greenup. Others from left are Chuck Ferguson, Claude Meade and JN Ferguson.

minister, has participated in dozens of those solemn ceremonies. I always say all that I have to say before they play taps, because it usually

"breaks me up" and I'm sure I could not say much after taps. With the veterans of WW II dying at the rate of over 1,000 per day, American Legion Post 126 performs 30 to 40 of these funerals each year.

So many people have the wrong impression of the American Legion. Looking at the organization through the telescope of time, it is

apparent that it is one of the oldest clubs in the county, but it is one of the most active and community oriented clubs. Its members have contributed greatly to the welfare of this community.

They not only have given unselfishly of themselves in service to their country, but after returning to civilian life, continue to give generously of their time, talent and treasure to their community. May they continue to do so as it says in their original charter, "As long as there is a living member thereof."