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Ellen Hudgins is shown working with patient Mary Etta Brown Shelton on a machine used for restoring upper body range of motion and overall endurance.

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks from Heritage Hall

Heritage Hall-Dillwyn would like to thank all of the local businesses and community members for supporting our Resident Council Fund by purchasing meals during our benefit dinner in October. By supporting the Resident Council fund, it helps fund resident Christmas gifts as well as outings for our residents.

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Lisa Lloyd
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Coach Taylor Boyers Returns

Contributed by Kyra Jones

As the 2018-2019 high school basketball season begins, it's time to check in on what's happening at Buckingham High School. With four seasons as assistant varsity coach, Taylor Boyers is now returning for his second year as head varsity coach. "The strength of the team is held up by a diligent group of returning players," he said. "As a team, the most important team building qualities are to trust one another, have good communication and be dedicated to the game." Boyers' approach to selecting a team is: three days of tryouts, conducting separate J.V. and varsity tryouts, and having a system of rating each player. He said that Prince Edward, Cumberland, Bluestone, and Goochland will be the most difficult teams to beat. "Ending last season with 7-13, I'm excited and this group is good and working extremely hard," said Boyers. Good luck to the Buckingham Knights on the upcoming victories. The first varsity game will be in Amelia on December 4 at 7:00 PM. J.V.'s first game will be Friday, December 7 at 5:30 PM at Lunenburg. Check out the school's website, under athletics, to see the season's schedule at http://buckingham.ss16.sharpschool.com/departments/buckingham_athletics. Kyra Jones, a sophomore at Buckingham County High School, has been given the opportunity to submit articles to the *Beacon* as a journalism intern. Kyra, age 15, hopes to attend Savannah College of Art and Design and major in screenwriting.

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Railroad receives Community Pride Award from Chamber of Commerce

By Thomas Jordan Miles, III
Contributor

The Buckingham Branch Rail Road (BBRR) has been named the November recipient of the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce's Community Pride Award.

The BBRR, headquartered in Dillwyn, with offices and rail operations across Virginia, recently erected a "LOVE" sign, in tandem with the "Virginia is for Lovers" motto, made of parts of a railroad, train and bridge. During the recent sign dedication ceremony in September, more than 1,000 people attended the event in Dillwyn.

"The railroad is a major employer and economic development partner in Buckingham County," said Community Pride Committee Chairman Jordan Miles. "The Chamber is proud to support the great work of the Buckingham Branch Rail Road in its efforts to move freight, along with their well-kept business, their expansion into the former Buckingham Farm Supply building, and the creation of the county's new 'LOVE' sign."



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Ellen Hudgins, shown with a patient at MCV, knew as a young girl that she wanted to work in the medical field. Working as a nurse's aide at Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Center drew her to the field of rehabilitation.

Progressive Therapy in Buckingham

By Sue A. Miles
Correspondent

The word progressive is defined as "favoring or advocating progress, change, or improvement." The word therapy is defined as "treatment to relieve or heal a disorder".

Knowing those concepts, Buckingham residents should consider themselves very lucky to have a health facility called Progressive Therapy in the county. Owned by Ellen Crews Hudgins, the business, located in the town of Dillwyn, offers patients state of the art occupational and physical therapy in a caring and nurturing environment. Celebrating her 25th year in business this year, Hudgins and her staff are a welcome resource to the people of Buckingham who, otherwise, would have to travel many miles to get such professional medical help.

"I always knew that I wanted to be in the medical profession," said Hudgins. "I started out wanting to be a dentist but after working for one while in high school I changed my mind." In the summer of 1983, Hudgins worked as a nursing aide at Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Hospital where she found her calling. Upon earning an undergraduate degree at VCU, she obtained her degree in occupational therapy at MCV. After working in health facilities, in both Richmond and Charlottesville, Hudgins opened Progressive Therapy in 1993. She also completed her doctoral degree in 2014.

"When I first started the business it was me, myself, and I and a credit card," said Hudgins. My husband, Terry, was working in Richmond. Tim Smith, who is a physical therapist, started with me part-time. It is always a huge risk to start a business but I have always felt strongly about the importance of providing quality therapy."



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Having worked for several large medical corporations, Hudgins was not satisfied with what she was experiencing. "It seemed like the sole focus with the corporations was on productivity, pure numbers. I didn't think there was a concern for quality or outcomes. I realized that the only way I was going to be able to provide patients with quality care was to have my own business."

Over this 25 year period, Hudgins actually owned five therapy centers, eventually reducing to the current three: Buckingham, Farmville, and Blackstone. "Farmville was the first in 1993," said Hudgins. "My husband came on to help with billing (and is now considered a silent partner). Tim came on initially as part-time. We were sub-letting a treatment room with a local doctor and then we decided to move across the road, which is where we are now. Currently we have 16 employees, all but two full time."

Hudgins has fond memories of the opening of the Buckingham business. "Mary Etta Brown Shelton was our first patient," she said. "We'd gotten a refer-

ral for Mary and because the building wasn't ready, we provided services at her home."

Brown-Shelton, who happened to be at Progressive Therapy the day of this interview, is one of Hudgin's biggest fans. Along with having surgery on her elbow, she has had a knee replacement and surgeries on both of her shoulders. "They are excellent therapists," said Brown-Shelton. "The treatments really help you. It's a blessing that we have this type of facility in Buckingham. If you don't come, it's on you. I know a man who was given the opportunity to have therapy and he chose not to. You should see how he's walking now. Not very good." Hudgins nodded and said, "If you don't do what we recommend you don't get the gains."

Progressive Therapy also offers an independent fitness program. "Once clients are released from therapy they can come here and do exercises," she said. "It's a good alternative for someone who may not want to go to the gym. We find that it's a good alternative for

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Physical therapist Tim Smith, shown working on an online certification, has been with Hudgin's since she started her business.

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one who may not want to go to the gym. We find that it's a good alternative for our population in Buckingham so they can keep going with their program." Although the independent fitness program is out of pocket, Progressive Therapy accepts all federal and state insurance programs; Medicare, Medicaid and veterans' affairs for their therapeutic services. "Our goal is that everyone in this area can come in here," said Hudgins. Hudgins noted that they see patients from not only Buckingham but also the surrounding counties. "We are the only patient therapy center in the area," she said. "Many people don't want to drive into a big town or city for services."

Although Hudgins grew up in Richmond, her heart has always been in Buckingham. "I would spend summers in Buckingham with my grandparents. My parents, June and Dabney Crews, retired and moved back in the late 1990s.

"The main concept I want to relay is that even though I grew up in Richmond I spent every summer here with my grandparents. It was a lifelong mission to be able to provide a quality service in a rural area like Buckingham and Farmville." Hudgins acknowledged the difficulty of running a business and having young children. "There were times that I questioned 'what am I doing?'" The biggest thing for me is always being concerned about the employees, their family and their well-being. There were times that I didn't pay myself. There was a period that we actually used our personal furniture to in the waiting room."

Progressive Therapy provides treatment for all age groups from infants to patients that are 100+. "That's the beauty of being in a small practice," said Hudgins. "You have to be trained to treat everything. We see ortho problems, sport injuries, stroke and head



Progressive Therapy has been a welcome addition to the country of Buckingham for the past 25 years. The building is located next to the public library in Dillwyn.

injuries." Hudgins also shared the joy of working with patients. "Hearing and seeing successes is the most gratifying for me. It's those things that make it all worthwhile. I've seen older patients who had to live with relatives return home after successful therapy or people who couldn't drive now able to get back behind the wheel. Or people being able to take a shower on their own again. It's so gratifying when a patient tells me that they're back running track, on the football field, or able

to take care of themselves. That's the reward. To be able to see them function."

Eighty year old Bunny Wood, a patient who was at the facility for therapy, joined in with enthusiasm. Pointing to Hudgins, Wood said, "I am so glad Ellen is here. She's a good gal. I am very, very, very happy that this place is in Dillwyn. If I had to go to Farmville I don't know if I would go."

Over the past 25 years there have been changes in the therapy industry.

"One of the biggest changes is that there's a big push for evidence-based practice," said Hudgins. "A lot of services we use are research based. We are not just treating to treat but that the evidence indicates that the results will happen. In practice the services are based on evidence and research to ensure optional outcomes."

Progressive Therapy also offers work hardening programs. "If someone has been injured on the job we can do simulations for their specific job," said Hudgins. We work to strengthen and restore their function for that specific job and task. How one spends their time is what we use as our goal in therapy. We get them back to that level by simulating those activities so that they are more motivated to be successful."

Hudgins also shared that Kyanite Mining and Rock Work Products use their services for pre-employment screening. "Employees have to pass the screening before they will employ them. That includes cardiovascular and blood pressure. Kyanite was the first as part of their safety program. They want to make sure their employees are healthy." Hudgins also conducts functional capacity evaluations, ordered by doctors, to determine if patients can return to work.

Obviously no one wants to be in a situation to need therapy but it is certainly good to know if it is needed, Progressive Therapy is not only available but right in the neighborhood. Hudgins' dedication to her craft and her experienced staff are indeed a gift to the county.

Progressive Therapy offers the following services: physical, occupational and speech therapy, individual rehabilitation, pelvic health, and vestibular rehabilitation. Their website is: www.progressivetherapyinc.com.



Hot pack covers hanging along Progressive Therapy's wall are used in conjunction with a hydrocollator, which is a thermal modality. Moist heat is used relax muscles and to provide vasodilation for the targeted tissues.

Ministry Blitz

Termed a "Ministry Blitz," members from the James River Baptist Association, which included eight area churches, led volunteers from Spreading God's Gifts, Freda's Restaurant, and Buckingham Habitat Build on a day of volunteering in the community. A total of 30 volunteers were able to build a new handicap ramp, as well as rebuild a badly-damaged one. Wayne Davenport and Ralph Dunnavent were the "super" construction supervisors. The volunteers wish to continue to assist those in need. This annual event was coordinated through the Buckingham Department of Social Services. For more information on the program or to join in the volunteer effort contact the Department of Social Services at 434-969-4246. This before and after picture is a testimony to the groups effort. Submitted photo.



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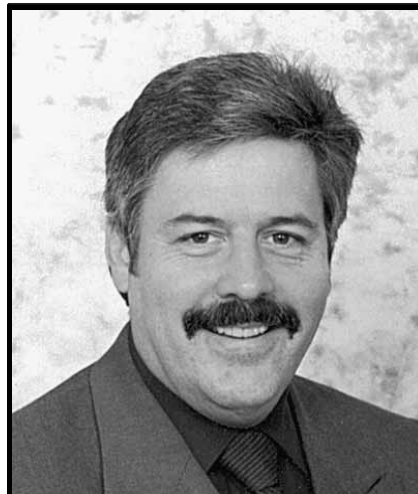
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December 8th 11:00am-4:00pm
with lunch available

December 9th
1:00pm-4:00pm
no admission charge

Lots of vendors and handmade items, Foxfire wreaths, Lunch available, Live holiday music, and more !!!



Exciting Buckingham County Library Activities

Dec. 8- Come create a special homemade gift item .

Dec. 15- "Polar Express" there will

be activities during the day. The main event will be by reservation only. Stop by the Library for details.

Ongoing Activities:

Mondays 5:00-7:00pm Special Teen Activities
Tuesdays 10:30am Preschool Storytime
Thursdays 3:30-5:00pm Afterschool Activities (ages 6-12)
Fridays 12:00 noon Family movies

Watching Your Weight

Yes it's true. The loss is happening on the scales at a Weight Watchers meeting every Thursday afternoon which takes place at the beautiful Wiley

Fitness Center in The Central Va Community Health Center. The group lost 226 pounds in 12 weeks !! The meetings are on Thursdays with weigh in beginning at 2:30pm and meeting at 2:45-3:15pm.

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Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm - Scottsville United Methodist Church. AA meets in the Fellowship Hall and Al Anon (for families of problem drinkers) meets in the Sunday School Room.

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FFA Tractor Operators Contest

On November 8, Ethan Martin, a Buckingham Middle School seventh grade FFA member; and Chandler Sexton, a Buckingham High School FFA senior, competed in the Southeast Area FFA Tractor Operator's Contest held at Whetstone Farm in Buckingham County. The contest consists of a written test, safety walk-around, a two-wheeled wagon obstacle course, and a four-wheeled wagon backing event. Ethan placed 1st in the junior level and Chandler placed 2nd in the senior level event. A special thank you to the Davis family for hosting this event and to Crewe Tractor and James River Equipment for providing tractors for this event.

Village Christmas Market

Saturday, Dec. 8th • 11:00 am– 4:00 pm–Lunch available
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Mudder Men Competition

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Sweet Potato Man

Gene Absher holding his prize winning 10lb sweet potatoes that he presented at this year's Historic Buckingham's Fall Farm Fest.
Photo by Martha Louis.

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Pictured are, from left, front row, senior team members Shaylynn Elick; back row, Tyler Padgett, Stephen Davis and Jakob Toney.



Pictured are, from left, junior team members Cassidy Tyson, Daniel Farris, Jakob Carter and Hunter Branch.

Buckingham FFA Compete in Area Forestry Contest

Members of the Buckingham FFA Chapters competed in the Southeast Area Forestry Contest held on Nov. 14 in Powhatan, in both the senior and junior level events. The contest included tree identification, topographic map interpretation, and measure tree volume. In addition to these events, the senior team had to read a compass, and juniors had to determine tree value. The senior team members included Stephen Davis, Shaylynn Elick, Tyler Padgett and Jakob Toney. The senior

team placed 4th overall in their division. The junior team placed 3rd in their division with members Hunter Branch, Jacob Carter, Daniel Farrish and Cassidy Tyson. Farrish placed 6th and Branch placed 7th individually. The Buckingham FFA would like recognize Mr. Matt Hall and Mr. Henry Parris for their assistance in preparing the teams for the contest.



US Army Raider National results

We wanted to announce the results from the recently conducted US Army Raider National results from Molena, Georgia that were held 1-4 Nov 2018: To be eligible to compete in the US Army Raider Nationals, the Raider Teams must finish in the top three of their respective Brigades Best of the Best Raider Championships that are held annually. Buckingham Raiders finished 2nd overall last April in the 4th Brigade Raider Championships. Tyler Moore won the Ultimate Male Raider Award for 2018. He won this event by one second. Tyler has been with our Raider Team for three years now. He was awarded the best shape male for Raider in the United States. Raiders are extensively trained by the JROTC Cadre from Aug-June. 4th in the Nation in Rope Bridge with a time of 2:32 5th in the Nation for Cross Country Rescue, which is a grueling course that involves carrying 6, 35 LB rucksacks and a 200 LB weighted litter for over a mile. The finishing time was 10:54. Our overall placement was 4th in the United States. We missed 3rd by one point. 30 Male Teams competed from all over the United States. Buckingham County Raiders finished the highest in 4th Brigade history with their overall 4th Place finish in a field of over 30 Raider Teams. Pictures from L/R bottom: Ian Martin, DaQaun Tindall, Tyler Moore, Joshua Meek, James Moneymaker and Michael Graham. Middle row, L/R: Grant Martin, Nathan Price, Martin Ortiz, Ayers Newton, Enoch Matthews, Tyler Moree and Joseph Tio-Payne. Top row L/R: Jaycee Call, Alyssa Gentry, Christian Poole, Minnie Wallace, Isabel Martinez, Adreah True, Sarah Perry, Dalton Stuple, Jonathan Gowans, Dillon Kimberlin and Devin Corral. SFC Bruce Grazier is the Raider Coach.



On The Move
With Joanne Yeck

Joanne Yeck has been fascinated with Buckingham County for over twenty years. Since late 2012, she has shared her collection of Buckingham facts and photos on her blog, "Slate River Ramblings" (slateriverramblings.com). Her newest history, *Peter Field Jefferson: Dark Prince of Scottsville & Lost Jeffersons*, is now available locally and online (braughlerbooks.com).



Maysville Presbyterian Church.
Sketch by Margaret Pennington. Courtesy Historic Buckingham.

Many members of the Perkins family attended Maysville Presbyterian Church. According to the obituary of Rev. Caesar Perkins, an African-American Reconstruction-Era leader in Buckingham County, William Harding Perkins (1824–1892), son of William Harding Perkins, Sr. (1740-1806), was his former master. The details of Caesar Perkins' emancipation are unclear. It is possible that he purchased his freedom or that he was freed by the Perkins family. To date, however, no evidence has appeared that he was freed before the general emancipation.

Private collections often hold Buckingham County treasures. The "Perkins Family Papers, 1806–1874" is an excellent example. Part of the Robert Alonzo Brock Collection at The Huntington Library in San Marino, California, its contents are available on microfilm from the Library of Virginia. The Library's finding aid provides the following genealogical information about the family:

William Harding Perkins (1780–1826) was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, to William Perkins (1740–1806) and Elizabeth Lee Fearn Perkins (1750–1839). William H. Perkins established his home at "Solitude" in Buckingham County. Perkins was a tobacco farmer and served as deputy sheriff in Powhatan County, Virginia, and as sheriff of Buckingham County. He married Mildred Walker Merry (1794–1841), and they had five children: Thomas Fearn Perkins (b. 1820), Catherine Merry Perkins (1821–1889), Eliza Mildred Perkins (b. 1823), William Harding Perkins (1824–1892), and Anne Frances Perkins (1827–1907). William Harding Perkins represented Buckingham County in the House of Delegates in 1853–1854.

In 1937, Rosa G. Williams surveyed the cemetery at "Solitude" for the Virginia Historical Inventory. Located four miles west of Buckingham Court House, about one mile south of Hwy 60, Mrs. Williams noted that the oldest grave in the cemetery was dated 1820. The flat, slab marker set on a two-foot rock foundation, marked the grave of William H. Perkins, Sr. the inscription reads:

*Sacred to the memory of William H. Perkins
He was born 9th Sept. 1780 and died 11th December 1820.*

*In death society has lost a valuable citizen, his wife, an affectionate husband and his children a tender father, his servants a kind master.
Lived beloved, died lamented by all who knew him.*

Mrs. Williams survey was mislabeled "Solidute Cemetery"—a reminder to always search a subject with multiple terms. I discovered the survey not by searching "Solitude" but by searching Perkins and Buckingham. Slate River Ramblings readers can dig further into the Virginia Historical Inventory at the online catalog of the Library of Virginia.

Buckingham Notables: Frank Moss

During the Reconstruction Era, Francis "Frank" Moss represented Buckingham County at the Virginia Convention of 1867–1868 and, later, was elected Senator. An outspoken and controversial Republican, in 1871, Senator Moss opposed the acquisition of a portrait of Robert E. Lee to hang in the capitol building. Recently, a blog post at the Library of Virginia's blog, "Out of the Box," mentioned Frank Moss' opinion concerning a portrait of General Lee. Titled, "STATUE STORIES: THOMAS J. JACKSON AND CIVIL WAR REMEMBRANCE," the post read in part:

In 1871 the state had proposed an acquisition of \$600 for a portrait of Robert E. Lee to hang in the Capitol. Senator Frank Moss, an African American legislator from Buckingham County, took the floor to object to the appropriation. Moss felt that as "Gen. Lee had fought to keep him in slavery . . . he couldn't vote to put his picture on these

walls." While Moss's opposition made the newspapers, the portrait purchase was approved. By 1875, Moss was serving in the House of Delegates. Together with three white Republican lawmakers—Charles G. Bickings, Godfrey May, and George W. Young—Moss and fellow African American delegates Peter Jacob Carter, Matt Clark, Henry Cox, William Gilliam, James P. Goodwyn, Ross Hamilton, H. Clay Harris, Henry C. Hill, Rufus S. Jones, and Robert H. Whitaker, voted against the Jackson [statue] appropriation. They were outnumbered, and the bill was passed.

Was Frank Moss a former slave? His entry at Wikipedia claims that he was born a free black man, a member of an African-American family which had been free for several generations. If a Slate River Ramblings reader knows more about the origins of Frank Moss, please contact me at slatereiverramblings.com.

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Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 "The Alienist" author
- 5 Hang down
- 10 Box-office bomb
- 14 Orchestral reed
- 15 North Carolina's _____ Banks
- 16 Greet the judge
- 17 Paper purchase
- 18 City served by The Daily Planet
- 20 Classic Cadillac
- 22 Pig's innards
- 23 Floral necklace
- 24 Date-night hirees
- 25 Hollywood Foreign Press awards
- 30 Bay window
- 31 Maid Marian's man
- 32 Barbecue bit
- 35 Actress Tuesday
- 36 Question
- 37 Foal's mother
- 38 "____ a chance!"
- 39 Lethal loop
- 40 Kind of roll
- 41 Bright side
- 43 Mayor in Madrid
- 46 Irish rebel group
- 47 "Death of a Salesman" writer
- 48 Texas nickname
- 53 Modest
- 55 Bit of filming
- 56 Blood fluids
- 57 Chop finely
- 58 Rainbow goddess
- 59 Paleozoic and Mesozoic

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- 60 Look of disdain
- 61 Small price to pay
- 12 Basket willow
- 13 Annoyances
- 19 Communion plate
- 21 Casting need
- 24 Lamenting one
- 25 Prom purchase
- 26 Cookie with Peeps and Peppermint varieties
- 27 Cheerful tune
- 28 Disco favorite, "Shake Your _____ Thing"
- 29 No-good sort
- 32 Indian princess
- 33 Hotel amenity
- 34 Floating ice mass
- 36 Low spirits
- 37 Like some religious orders
- 39 Frasier's brother
- 40 Bring on board
- 41 Cantina dips
- 42 Hang around
- 43 Give the giggles
- 44 Eyelid cosmetic
- 45 Red Cross founder Barton
- 48 Cash biopic "Walk the _____"
- 49 Grimm beginning
- 50 Scale deduction
- 51 Comparable (to)
- 52 Medical advice, often
- 54 Time div.



Five veterans of World War II met together in November to share memories of their service to their country. These members of the Greatest Generation are treasures and we wish them, and all veterans, a happy Veteran's Day. John Griffen (left) is standing in the rear with E. B. "Dick" Bland. Malcolm "Red" Oliver (front, left), Waverly Bolden Sr., and Joseph R. Gough are in the front row.

World War II Veterans

By Sue A. Miles
Contributor



E. B. "Dick" Bland served in the Navy's Amphibian Corps in the Pacific from 1943-1946. He earned one battle star.

It was a true meeting of giants when five Buckingham County World War II veterans gathered together, some meeting each other for the first time, to share common memories of their service to their country during a very dire time in our world's history. Research tells us that there were over 16 million active duty soldiers during World War II. Now there are just over 550,000 such veterans remaining. We are losing over 360 a day. These statistics make these veterans even more special to us. Because these brave men are our county's treasures we take this occasion to recognize them during this Veteran's Day month. Picture captions are provided of the veterans as young men. Sadly, Mr. Joseph Gough was unable to provide us with a photo of himself in the military as it was destroyed in a house fire, years ago. Please note: the Beacon attempted to seek out all Buckingham WWII vets who served during the war years. If we have missed anyone please contact the paper so that we can recognize them.



Malcolm "Red" Oliver served in the Army Medics in Europe from 1943-1946. He earned two battle stars.



John Griffen served in the Merchant Marines in both the Mediterranean and Pacific from 1943-1946.



Waverly Bolden Sr. served in the Navy from 1943-1946 and was in Okinawa when Japan surrendered.



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