



# News Letter

## TUSCOLA COUNTY DECEASED VETERANS MEMORIAL LIST



*March 31, 2004*

Dear Friends,

Preparation for this year's display is almost complete. The "Tuscola County Deceased Veterans Memorial List" will be displayed at the Rawson Memorial Library, 6495 Pine Street, in Cass City during the month of May 2004 (May 3 thru May 28). There will be a ceremony on Monday May 3, 2004 at 11:00 AM.

The Display is enhanced this year. We have obtained a new display table, added a special tribute to our Tuscola County's Vietnam War deceased, and expanded the list with over 300 new records.

VFW Post 3644, Commander Bob Guza, has been very supportive in obtaining data from the Cass City area. I met with the Post in January and explained the program and the ideas that made this list so successful. Additionally, Arlene Robinson, VFW Post 10884 Ladies Auxiliary submitted approximately 50 new records this year.

The reason this type of list is important is because when a person finds a name he or she recognizes they pause for a moment and remember an instance, a memory, an occasion about a veteran they knew. Whether a veteran sacrificed their life on the battlefield or served our Nation and returned home, they did it for the greater good of our society, culture, and way of life. It has been said that the memories of living generations rarely exceed 100 years. Yet if one record sparks a memory that time span may be extended. This is one reason this project is important.

May 2004 will mark the fourth year of our effort. I know of no other comparable County effort that honors our deceased veterans in this way. Our cemeteries and military records contain this information but it is not focused and presented in a format that is easily used or accessible. And this is why the committee felt this effort is important for Tuscola County.

Yours truly,

Ed Jagosz  
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