
 **Newsletter****TUSCOLA COUNTY DECEASED
VETERANS MEMORIAL LIST** 

5140 English Rd., Clifford, MI 48727

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Dear Friends,

The 2006 Tuscola County Deceased Veterans Memorial List display is at the Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, Vassar, Michigan from May 1st through May 26th. A ceremony is scheduled at 11:00 AM on May 1st. Again this year The Michigan Army National Guard Military Honors detail will perform the Flag folding, and we have requested American Legion Post 400 Honor Guard to perform the Rifle Salute and Taps.

During the past year the Project committee accomplish a lot, in fact it is phenomenal to be able to point to the accomplishments. Shortly after the May 2005 display in Millington, committee member John Engles did a detailed study of the Veterans buried at Riverside Cemetery. His work resulted in the most complete accounting of records of the veterans laid to rest there that we know of. A little later last summer, Cemetery Board member Roy Knoll, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Richville, called me to request assistance in accounting for veterans buried in the church cemetery. With the help of members from American Legion Post 400 we obtained and verified 49 new records. And American Legion Post 400 provided a list of their deceased members including charter members.

In late summer I talked with Winford Engineering about designing a website for our data. I provided them my database, discussed what the Website should do for visitors, and suggested what type of information a visitor would find, and how the mechanics of the site should function, i.e. search and query. Over a period of three months we worked out the search by cemetery, by conflict, and individual search. Additionally a feedback form is included and available for visitors to submit new records and submit corrections. On November 1st the data was pushed to the web-server. You can see all of the data, over 4800 records, at www.tuscolaveterans.org. The site was visited 350 times as I write this newsletter. There have been four or five requests for links to other veteran and historical sites. In December Ed Jagosz and I briefed the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners on our Project.

That was not the end of our work though. In November Arlene Robinson walked several cemeteries, e.g. Rich Twp., Fremont Twp. East Dayton, and North Grove. Her work added greatly to the accuracy of many records, and several new records were found making the Mayville area as up-to-date as it has ever been. Rita Easlick has been diligent researching problematic records. It is this kind of dedication that is so satisfying, and knowing our goal of documenting all Tuscola County deceased veterans is coming closer to completion. We are not being delusional about this. Some day someone will be ever so grateful to find that certain veteran was remembered in this manner. I hope you are able to attend this year's ceremony.

Yours truly,

TCDVML Project Committee
Ed Jagosz, Don Lotter, Arlene Robinson, John Engels, Rita Easlick