

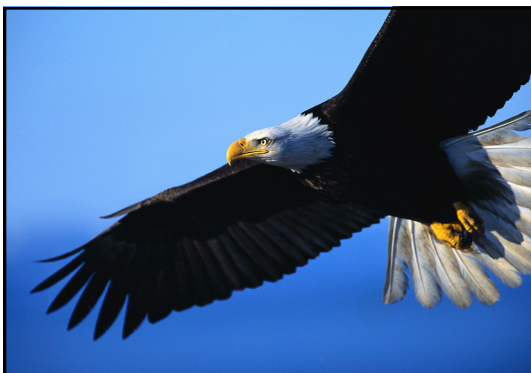
# EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

July 2017

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### THE WISCONSIN SOUTH EAST CHAPTER OF QUILTS OF HONOR

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Korean War Veteran, Darrel Chapman.



Korean War Vet, Elmer Kilian.

*Check out Eagle Historical Society on Facebook.*

*Please like and share to add more friends.*

### ARTIFACT DONATIONS:

The following is a partial list of items donated. Thanks to the following donors:

Phil Hall—Book, *The 1st Infantry Division and the U.S. Army Transformed* by Gregory Fontenot  
Eileen Juedes—WWII Jacket, photo and Sears catalog

Please check your newsletter label for the year “2017” to see whether you have renewed your membership and contact Don Ledrowski at 262-594-3301 or don@ledrowski.com with any questions. Thank you.

Most of our members live in Wisconsin, but we have many others living in other states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Washington).

### EHS Board

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Jeff Nowicki, 2018

#### **Vice-President**

Eloise Hall, 2019

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Ryan Hajewski, 2018

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#### **Financial Officer**

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Fridays and Saturdays,

9 am to noon

Wednesdays, 3-6 pm

#### **Website:**

[eaglehistoricalsociety.org](http://eaglehistoricalsociety.org)

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## EHS YARD CLEAN UP DAY



Boy Scout Troop 15 from North Prairie and several EHS volunteers worked on the grounds guided by Carolyn Rosprim on Saturday, May 6. A large bush was dug up near the large Eagle in front and re-planted in back, and many weeds were pulled in the heirloom flower beds. Nick Beitz and his dad Mike repaired our large eagle. Some plants were divided and prepared for the upcoming plant swap. Thanks!

## PLANT SWAP ON THE PATIO

This year's plant swap harvested a great assortment of flowers, herbs, and vegetables. On Sat., May 20, about eight EHS volunteers were on hand to help with this event. A big thank you to Don Dane for sharing his great wealth of knowledge identifying plants and advising the proper care and location needed for them to thrive. We had a steady stream of visitors for about the first hour or so, and then Mother Nature decided to contribute its own ample supply of water and chill to the air leading to an eventual early closing, but we enjoyed our time together with fellow plant lovers in the meantime.

## WANTED

Individuals with excellent computer skills to help input information on our website. High school students can earn community service hours. Call Elaine at 594-3301.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 9** Ice Cream Social/Palmyra Eagle  
**Community Band Concert**  
**Oct. 28** Pumpkin Party

Art & Carrie Peavy handed out candy and bookmarks on tricycles lent by Rob Hawes and Eagle's Headquarters. Carrie's wardrobe was lent by Elaine Ledrowski. Thank you to all!  
*Photo by Keith Peavy.*

## QUILTS OF HONOR

(Continued from page 1)

The Wisconsin South East Chapter of Quilts of Honor was started in January 2014, and its members have presented over 270 quilts since that date. These quilted Hugs of Gratitude have been in places like Washington DC, Women's Museum of Arlington National Cemetery, Vietnam Memorial in DC, Mount Vernon, Vietnam Moving Wall in Racine, Oconomowoc and Germantown to name a few. Quilters are all volunteers and spend 40-50 hours designing, quilting and binding one of these quilted hugs of gratitude. We were so very fortunate to have them participate in our program this year and present 18 quilts to our Korean War veterans.



Roxann Ashcroft during Presentation of Quilts of Honor to Korean War veterans. *Photo above and on page 3 by Carolyn Rosprim.*

## TRAVELING EXHIBIT

'Wisconsin Remembers: A Face for Every Name' was provided by the Wisconsin Veterans Museum and on display at EHS June 24 and 25. EHS and the Eagle Fire Department partnered to bring the wonderful exhibit to Eagle.

## KETTLE MORaine DAYS PARADE



Any corrections or additions to membership, please contact Don Ledrowski at 262-594-3301 or [don@ledrowski.com](mailto:don@ledrowski.com). Thank you.





Phil Hall, VP 16th Infantry Association, Vietnam 1965-1966.



Keynote speaker Major David Shamsi, war veteran Iraq 2006-2008 & Afghanistan 2016.



After a morning of intermittent rain showers, the skies cleared allowing a crowd of close to 200 to pay tribute to past and present veterans in a beautiful outdoor program of remembrance on Saturday, June 3. President Jeff Nowicki welcomed the audience after The Star Spangled Banner awed the air followed by Phil Hall's remarks and an invocation by Don Enright. Major David Shamsi spoke of his experiences followed by Recognition of Deceased veterans and the Presentation of Quilts of Honor to Korean War vets. Don Enright closed with prayer. The Kettle Moraine Blues performed inspiring patriotic music throughout the program and EHS volunteers served light refreshments afterwards.



Korean War Veteran special guests of honor: Robert Curran, Ed Loomis, Harry Jung, Don Ledrowski, Elmer Kilian and Bill Theile.



## Update on *Eagle Remembers; Our Memories March On*

By Gina Neist

On Saturday, June 3, we proudly presented our tribute to those whose names are recorded in the bricks that make up our walkway to the Veterans Memorial. The book, *Eagle Remembers; Our Memories March On*, presents 121 essays and even more photographs of settlers, veterans, local businesses and organizations, and ordinary citizens who make up the fabric of our community. In addition, visitors to the museum will find digital links (QR codes) that will connect them to YouTube videos for each of the stories. This book is part of a continuing effort to honor veterans and their families. May the stories recorded here bring to life our memorial bricks!

In September of 2016, we requested that each donor of a brick submit a story and photo of the person or organization depicted on their brick. We received 121 essays and compiled them into a beautiful book. With design assistance from Advanced Printing in Delavan, we completed our book in May of 2017. Jim and I then recorded each story and created videos that are posted on YouTube. Visitors to the museum are able to connect to the short clips by using a QR code app on their phones or devices. You can even try it at home with this link to a welcome video!

We hope the stories recorded in this book bring life to our memorial bricks! We are grateful to all the contributors who took time to compose the essays and submit the pictures to memorialize their loved ones.



Purchasers of new bricks will be encouraged to submit essays and photos, too. Their videos will be added to our YouTube channel, and their stories will be included in a later publication of *Eagle Remembers; Our Memories March On*.

## MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS



Background left:  
Brian Breber.  
Back row left to right:  
Peter Jones, Art Peavy.  
Front row left to right:  
JoAnn Gilbert and  
Gina Neist.

Photo taken by Elaine  
Ledrowski.

## NEW LOCAL FARM EXHIBIT



Steve Shearer and Judi Heinz in front of our newly designed exhibit of local farms. Framed photos and map were donated by the husband-and-wife team.

EHS is very fortunate to have generous businesses in Eagle. The owners of Interior Elements donated the large plat map and farm pictures for our new exhibit. Their business is located in the old Krestan Store building.

Interior Elements is an Eagle, Wisconsin, based picture framer and art printer. We provide wholesale artwork to stores in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. Many pieces are of our own creation. We also offer custom framing to the public from our location at 101 East Main Street in downtown Eagle. Steve Shearer and Judi Heinz, the owners, are residents of Eagle and enjoy meeting and serving local customers! Steve is an Interior Designer and Judi sells real estate for Realty Executives in addition to their work at the showroom. *by Steve Shearer*

Thank you, Steve and Judi, for your generous donation and sharing of your talents. We encourage visitors to come and check out this beautiful display of Eagle's past.

## BLIZZARD OF 1947

Did you recognize **Dorothy Reed Clark, Mary Sasso Crosswaite, Iris Gale Sasso, Loretta Mich and Millie Edmonds Pipp** in the photos published in the April newsletter? Thanks to the joint efforts of Shari Sasso, Jackie Adams' mother-in-law, and Pat Hawes for solving this mystery. Did you catch the name of "Smoley's Tavern Beer and Sandwiches" on a sign in the background of one of the photos? Does anyone remember that establishment, the owners and/or have any stories to share?

Daniel Bigelow built a little sawmill in the wilderness at Eaglveille[sic] in the fall and winter of 1836. He opened the first grist mill in the county.

The first hotel in the town was built by Jerry Parsons in 1837 at what was later called Jericho on the road to Madison and the far west.

T. W. Pittman built the first frame building in town with boards sawed at Bigelow's and the finishing lumber coming from Racine.

The first store was at Palestine, opened in 1842 by William Harrison.

The first baby born in the town was a child of Charles Sherman.

The first marriages were those of John James to Miss Francis and George Robinson to Ann Archer, both performed by Henry Hinkley, the first justice of the peace, appointed by the territorial governor.

The first church in the town was the Methodist Episcopal.

In 1851 the Southern Branch of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Was laid through the county. William J. Klein gave the company three acres for a depot and laid out a plat of town lots thus creating Eagle Center. In the beginning of 1900 there were 12 passenger trains daily, and by 1953 the passenger service was discontinued; In 1956 the large depot was razed.

*Found in EHS archives.*

When people fall sick, they seem to lose what little common sense they possessed when well. Any candid physician will admit that the use of medicines by the most skillful and experienced practitioner is, to a great extent an experiment. No single medicine may cure the same disease in different persons in different stages. The household medicine chest should contain only simple remedies.



**WOUND FROM RUSTY NAIL**—Smoke this or any inflamed wound over the fume of burning woolen cloth, wool or sugar, for fifteen minutes and the pain will be taken out.

**BEE STINGS**—Any absorbent will give relief from bee stings, but nothing is more effectual than lean raw meat. The sting of a bee or wasp may be

almost instantly relieved by it. It is said to cure the bite of a rattlesnake and relieve erysipelas.

**BURNS AND BRUISES**—Apply peach leaves, the smooth side next to the skin, and bind them on. For burns when there is danger of mortification, bind on strips of cloth dipped in clean tar.



**Steinke, Robert A.**

December 24, 1921-May 7, 2017

Bob, 95, of Mukwonago, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2017 surrounded by his family. He was born in Waukesha on December 24, 1921. Bob is survived by his devoted wife June (née Sprague). They shared 72 years of marriage together. He is also survived by his children Tom (Sharon), Jim (Phyllis), John (Pam), Mary (Don), Bobby (Cindy), Pat (Wade), Dave (Carole), and Sally (Thomas); 16 grandchildren: Mike, Pam (Chris), Penny, Matt (Beth), Erin (Travis), Jesse (Vivienne), Rhonda (Jeff), Heidi, Katie (Norb), Dan (Becky), Nicole (Ryan), Josh, Stacy (Brian), Mindy (Derek), Bree (Tom), Cassy; and 20 great-grandchildren: Mary Ann, Abby, June, Ansley, Easton, Matthew, Andrew, Zach, Zoe, Bryn, Aaron, Caleb, Kendra, Makenzie, Chase, Morgan, Ashton, Xavier, Greenleigh, and Lennix. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Emma Steinke, his sisters, Mildred Kutchera and Mabel Brown, and his granddaughter, Jenny.

Bob loved farming and worked in his garden into his 90s. He was a World War II Army veteran, a member of the American Legion Post 375, and a longtime member of St. James Catholic Parish. He also enjoyed Mukwonago Senior Citizens events. Bob had a strong belief in God and the blessings He brings. He always enjoyed spending time and playing cards with family and friends.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Seasons Hospice Care in Waukesha for their loving, compassionate and attentive care they provided Bob throughout his stay.

Visitation was held at St. James Catholic Parish in Mukwonago on Thursday, May 11th from 4-7pm and followed with Mass. Burial at St. Theresa Cemetery in Eagle on Friday, May 12, at 10:30 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations were made to St. James in Mukwonago or to their favorite charity in his name.

Haase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Homes and Crematory assisted the family. For the online guest registry, please go to [www.haaselockwoodfhs.com](http://www.haaselockwoodfhs.com).

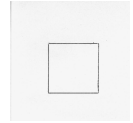
**BENCH DONATION**

The Kilian family donated a matching bench for the Memorial Walkway in honor of Elmer Kilian. Thank you for your generosity. President Jeff Nowicki and Board member Peter Jones prepared the concrete base for the marble bench. *Photo taken by Elaine Ledrowski.*

**SIGN DONATION**

A permanent sign marking our Veterans Memorial site now graces our patio due to the generous donation given by the Jatczak Family as a lasting, loving memory of EHS board member, Barb Jatczak. Jeff Nowicki prepared and installed the mounting frame. Thank you. *Photo taken by Elaine Ledrowski.*

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**ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
and  
PALMYRA/EAGLE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT**

Mark your calendars as the Palmyra Eagle Community Band and the Eagle Historical Society present **"The Great American Song Book"**.

Come to Eagle Village Park for a fun, song-filled afternoon of American Melodies.

Enjoy the amazing vocal talents of Kim "Kimbirdlee" Fadner, the sweeping sounds of the Kettle Moraine Blues, the clarinet artistry of Dr. Jeff Olson as Bandmaster Ed Pierce fills your Sunday with great American melodies including Richard Rogers, Leroy Anderson and John Philip Sousa! The scouts from Troop 54 will be available to help carry in chairs for people as they arrive at the event. They will also do a Flag Presentation at 2:00 and lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Come for the music; stay for the ice cream!

**THE SUMMER EVENT OF THE YEAR.**