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Ceremony relieves soldier of post

Hiram Hunkins honored as last Civil War Union soldier buried in Seward County



STEPHANIE CROSTON

Friend Legion Post 183 provided the colors and honor guard for the ceremony. Members are Bill Voss, James Anderson, Darren Thompson, Ron Corbett, Ray Rohrig, Brian Brahmstedt and Dave Domeier. Assisting are Paul Burright of Omaha and Paul Hadley of Lincoln, part of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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The American Civil War drew thousands of soldiers to fight for both the Union and Confederacy. Some served through the entirety of the war. Many enlisted later and didn't see as much of the battlefield horrors.

Hiram Hunkins was one of the latter. He was born in New Berlin, Waukesha County, Wisconsin Territory in 1844. He was the oldest son of

Benjamin and Sophrona (Hollister) Hunkins.

Hiram enlisted in Company K of the 48th Wisconsin Infantry on March 23, 1865, less than a month before Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, marking the end of hostilities.

Company K was one of eight companies mustered in at that time, according to "Military History of Wisconsin." It left Camp Washburn, Milwaukee, March 28

to go to St. Louis. From there, the soldiers marched to Fort Scott, south of Kansas City, arriving April 28, 1865.

On Aug. 10, 1865, the 48th was sent to Lawrence, Kansas, where they were paid and hoped to be able to go home.

"The exigencies of the service, demanded a force to escort the trains and mail through the hostile Indian Country, and the regiment was ordered upon that duty," "Military History" said.

Eventually, Company K was sent to Fort Lyon, Colorado, to escort mail and government trains. The company mustered out at Fort Leavenworth March 24, 1866.

After the war, like many Civil War soldiers, the Hunkins family (Hiram, his parents and a brother) moved to Nebraska by horse-drawn wagon. Hiram married Cytherea Sterns in Lincoln on Dec. 1, 1866. They moved to an 80-acre homestead west of

26, 1869. The proof of homestead was finalized Oct. 14, 1874, and the land patent signed Dec. 30, 1874.

Hiram filed for another homestead in 1907, this one in Alberta, Canada.

"However, he never moved there because a daughter, Orlinda, that he was counting on to be his housekeeper would not go," Todd Hunkins, one of his descendants, said. Todd was one of the speakers at a ceremony Oct. 15 to honor Hiram.

Without any improvements to the land, the application was considered abandoned.

Benjamin Hunkins homesteaded the southeast quarter of the section in Nebraska. He is credited with founding the nearby town, originally called Hunkins. To avoid confusion with another Nebraska town called Hoskins, the town was renamed Cordova.

Cytherea died in 1898 and was buried in the

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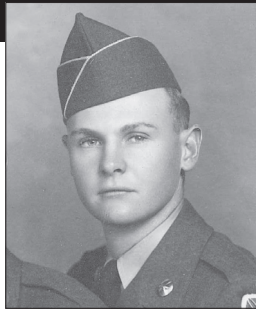


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U.S. Air Force

1942-1945




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U.S. Army

1952-1954




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VIRGIL E. GAUSMAN

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1944




IN HONOR OF

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1965-1969

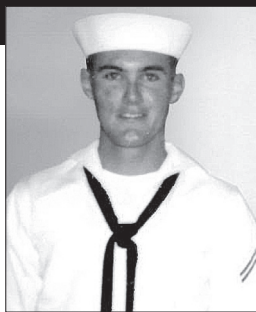


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Vietnam




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1968-1974




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NICK HAYEK

U.S. Army National Guard

2019-present




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U.S. Army

1945



IN MEMORY OF

JAMES HAVLAT

U.S. Army

1951-1952

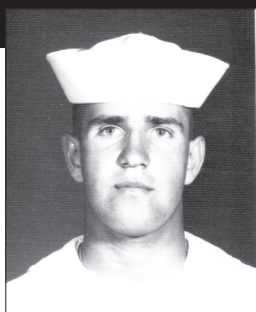


IN HONOR OF

REBECCA HAVLAT

U.S. Army

2010-2019



IN HONOR OF

BRUCE E. HENNING

U.S. Navy

1964-1967



IN MEMORY OF

KENNETH L. HENNING

U.S. Army/Korea

1950-1952



IN MEMORY OF

DORLEN HIER SR.

WW II Japan

1945-1946



IN MEMORY OF

DORLEN "SKEET" HIER JR.

U.S. Navy/Vietnam

1966-1970




IN HONOR OF

KATHY HIER-JOLLY

U.S. Army National Guard

1976-1980




IN HONOR OF

FRED E. HOLLY SR.

U.S. Navy

1968-1972



IN MEMORY OF

BYRON W. HOMOLKA

U.S. Army

1951-1952




IN HONOR OF

FRANCIS "GENE" HORKY

U.S. Air Force

1964-1999

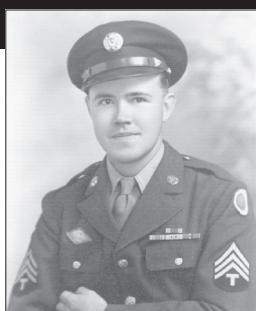


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JOHN HUBER

U.S. Army

1916-1916




IN MEMORY OF

JOHN D. HUBER

U.S. Army

1943-1946




IN HONOR OF

PAUL F. HUBER

U.S. Army

1951-1953

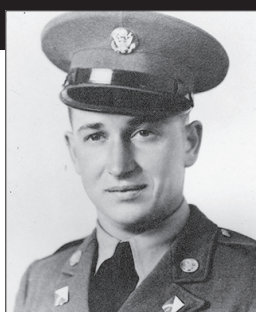


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1941-1945




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U.S. Army

1958-1961




IN MEMORY OF

CHRISTOPHER JAMES JURICEK

U.S. Army

1993




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U.S. Navy

1968-1974




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ROBERT KASL

U.S. Army

1950-1957




IN HONOR OF

ALVIN H. KASPAR

U.S. Army

1961-1964



IN HONOR OF

LARRY KASPAR

U.S. Navy

1964-1967



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LAD KASTANEK

U.S. Army

1942-1945

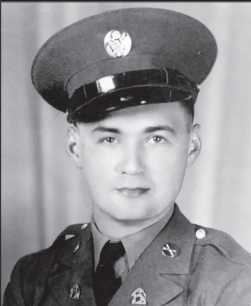


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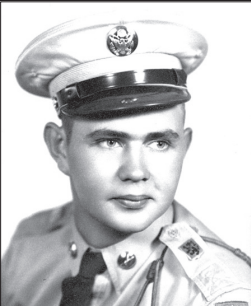


IN MEMORY OF

EDWARD KOHOUT JR.

U.S. Army

1941-1945




IN MEMORY OF

STAN H. KOHOUT

U.S. Army

1951-1953



IN MEMORY OF

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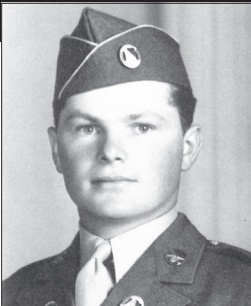


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1957-1959




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FRANK "DUKE" KOZAK

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1941-1945



IN HONOR OF

NOYLE KRAMER

U.S. Navy

1961-1964




IN MEMORY OF

KENT D. KRAUS

U.S. Army

1969-1971



IN HONOR OF

KEVIN D. KRAUS

U.S. Navy

1967-1971



IN MEMORY OF

LEONARD V. KRAUS

U.S. Army

1944-1946




IN MEMORY OF

RICHARD A. KRAUS

U.S. Army

1943-1945




IN MEMORY OF

ROBERT A. KRAUS

U.S. Air Force

1952-1979




IN MEMORY OF

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U.S. Army Nat'l Guard

1954-1999

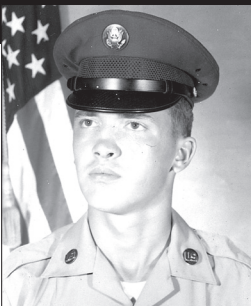


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U.S. Army

1952-1954




IN HONOR OF

DONALD KUBICEK

U.S. Army

1971-1977




IN HONOR OF

GENE LITTEN

U.S. Navy

1950-1954




IN MEMORY OF

LEONARD R. LISEK

U.S. Navy

1952-1960




IN HONOR OF

ROBERT MARES

U.S. Army/U.S. Army Reserve/U.S. Army Nat'l Guard

1957-1979



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Three memorial panels are displayed side-by-side. Each panel features a black and white photograph of the individual on the left and their name and service details on the right. The first panel is for John A. Prochazka Jr., a U.S. Army veteran (1961-1963), shown in a civilian setting reading a newspaper. The second panel is for Henry R. Prokop, a U.S. Marine (1999-2019), shown in a military uniform with numerous medals. The third panel is for Melvin G. Rademacher, a U.S. Army National Guard member (1957-1963), shown in a military uniform with a garrison cap.



IN MEMORY OF

**LAVERN W.
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U.S. Marines

1951-1953

A black and white portrait of a young man in a U.S. Air National Guard uniform. He is wearing a flight suit with a pilot's wing emblem on the collar and a pilot's cap. The name "REZABEK" is visible on the bottom left of the photo.

IN HONOR OF


**RAYMOND G.
REZABEK**

U.S. Air Nat'l Guard

1965-1971

A black and white portrait of a young man in a U.S. Army uniform, wearing a garrison cap and a jacket with sergeant's chevrons on the sleeve. The text "IN MEMORY OF" is at the top, followed by "BERNARD RISCHLING" in large bold letters, and "U.S. Army" and "1942-1945" below it.

A black and white portrait of a young man in a U.S. Army uniform, wearing a garrison cap and a tie. The text "IN MEMORY OF" is at the top, "WILLIAM SLADAK JR" is in the center, "U.S. Army" is below it, and "1960-1962" is at the bottom.




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TEET**

U.S. Army

1965-1967



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THOMPSON**

*U.S. Marines/U.S. Army
Nat'l Guard*

1988-2010



IN HONOR OF

**KENNETH
"SCOTT"
THOMPSON**

*U.S. Army/U.S. Army
Reserve*

1980-2005



IN HONOR OF

**RICHARD
"RICK"
THOMPSON**

U.S. Air Force

1977-2008



IN MEMORY OF

**RONALD D.
ULDRICH**

U.S. Army

1953-1955



IN MEMORY OF

**FRANCIS
VALENTA**

U.S. Air Force

1953-1956



IN MEMORY OF

**CLARENCE
VANEK**

U.S. Army

WWII



IN MEMORY OF

**EMIL
VANEK**

U.S. Army

WWII



IN HONOR OF

**RICHARD I.J.
VANOURNY**

U.S. Navy

1952-1956



IN MEMORY OF

**CHRIS
VINDERSLEV**

U.S. Army

1946-1947



IN MEMORY OF

**RONALD
VLASIN**

U.S. Navy

1958-1964



IN MEMORY OF

**JOHN W.
VLCEK**

U.S. Navy

1953-1957



IN HONOR OF

**ALBERT
VOSIKA**

U.S. Army/U.S. Air Force

1959-1967



IN HONOR OF

**CHARLES
VOSSLER**

U.S. Army

1956-1958



IN MEMORY OF

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1941-1945



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	<p>IN MEMORY OF</p> <p>DENNIS ZLAB</p> <p><i>U.S. Navy</i></p>		<p>IN HONOR OF</p> <p>TANNER ZLAB</p> <p><i>U.S. Air Force</i></p> <p>2018-Present</p>		<p>IN HONOR OF</p> <p>CHARLES W. ZOUBEK</p> <p><i>U.S. Army</i></p> <p>1952-1954</p>
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Ceremony relieves soldier



Above Left: Todd Hunkins places a penny on Hiram Hunkins’ headstone, indicating that someone has visited this veteran’s grave. Above Right: Eric Bachenberg of Lincoln places a flag in the new commemorative holder at Hunkins’ grave.

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(continued from cover) Leland Cemetery north-east of town. Hiram lived in Nebraska until his move to Greeley, Colorado, to live with his daughter, Annis Barnes. “By the 1930s, his sight failed him, but he

could still quote some of the literary classics from memory and was well versed on inter-national and domestic political events,” Todd said. During Hiram’s life, he saw Nebraska go from a territory to a

state. Twenty-two states were added to the Union. He lived through five wars – Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I and World War II. Hiram later moved to the Veterans Hospital in Cheyenne, Wyoming,

where he died March 4, 1947, at age 102. Hiram was survived by two daughters, Annis and Orlinda, and four sons, Orin, Ernest, Benjamin and Robert. “His body was re-turned to this Seward County cemetery to be

buried beside his wife – thus making him the last Union Civil War veteran to be buried in Seward County,” Todd said. On Oct. 15, family members, visitors and members of the Sons of

Civil War gathered at Leland Cemetery to hon-or Hiram. Shiloh Camp Commander John Surman officially relieved Hiram from his post. A medallion and flag hold-er were unveiled next to his headstone.

Local youth to present flags in Friend for Veterans Day

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On Nov. 11, the Friend Sons of the American Legion will partici-pate in Friend Public School’s Veterans Day program. Members and Friend eighth grad-ers Evan Brahmstedt, Grady Bresson and Jax-on Brandt were invited to demonstrate drill and ceremony, which is military marching with facing movements, and a flag folding ceremony. The boys started practicing in Septem-ber once a week for 1-2 hours at the American Legion Post 183 with Sons of the American Legion Sergeant at Arms Hampton Smith. They emphasized the importance of flag con-duct and the pillars of the American Legion. “Many people do not know that a flag can never ever touch the ground,” Smith said. “Each movement with the flag has purpose

and intent. You must be exact with the flag and respect it.” In 1919, The Ameri-can Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilita-tion, National Security, Americanism, and Chil-dren and Youth. Each of these pillars encompass-es a variety of programs that benefit the nation’s veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. “The Sons are taught the four pillars to honor veterans, show appre-ciation to the schools who allow ceremonies like this, and engage with the community and youth. We are a group that is active and present serving in the community,” Smith said. “We are not just a group of people with a military connection. We are serving.” Each fold of the flag has significance, which will be explained by guest speaker Com-



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mander of the Sons of the American Legion Brian Brahmstedt while they are executed during the ceremony. Evan Brahmstedt will present the flag to Principal Liz Stutzman.

The flag will be kept in a dedicated flag box at Friend Public School. “This is personal to me because I am a dual member of the Sons and the Legion but mostly due to the state of our

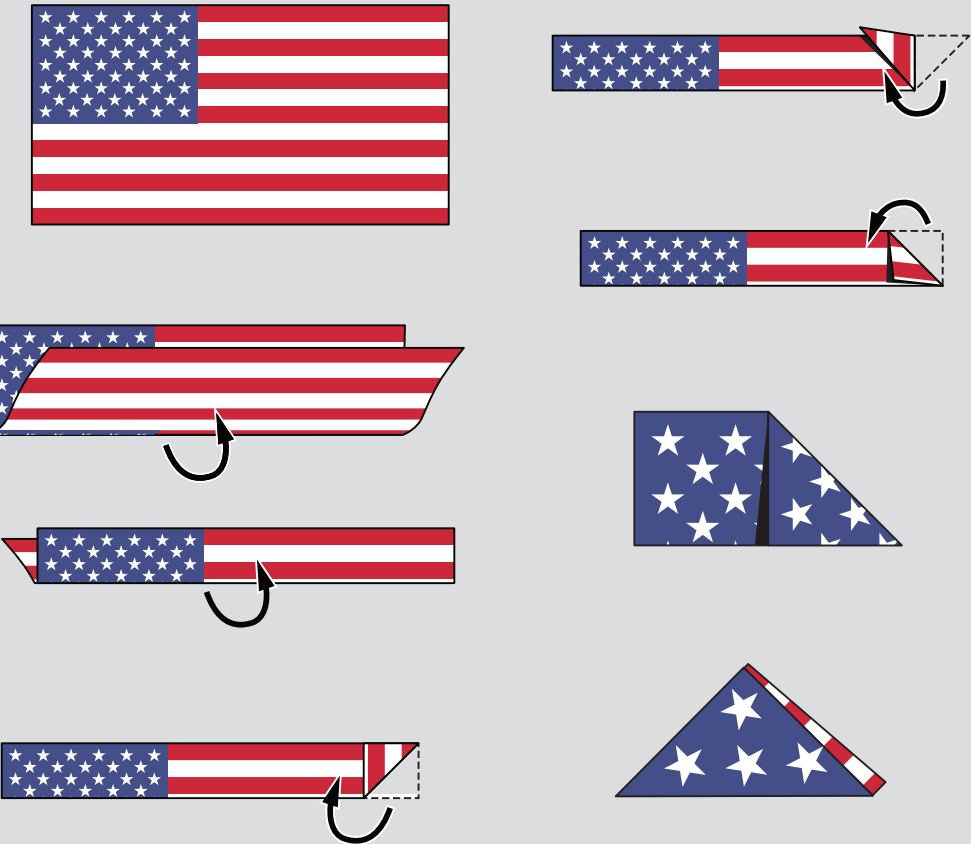
culture. There is so much hate and discon-tent. It is important to educate our children on the morals and principles that honor those who served. It is our duty as citizens

and Americans, and we are thankful to see that start in our schools,” Smith said. The ceremony will be on Friday, Nov. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the Old Gym and is open to the public.

The 13 Folds

The flag is folded exactly 13 times in remembrance of the original 13 colonies with each fold having a specific meaning:

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
4. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country. In the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
9. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood. It has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that has molded the character of the men and women who have made this country great.
10. The 10th fold is a tribute to father, who has also given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.
11. The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
12. The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.
13. The 13th and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."



The basic steps for folding the flag.

Courtesy of <https://www.military.com/flag-day/meaning-behind-13-flag-folds.html>