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Christmas Open House

Come Visit Us
December 12th
for Our Christmas OPEN HOUSE
Book Sale

Free Kids Monogrammed Stockings

Free Kids Family Tree

Door Prizes

Face Painting



Merry Christmas





United States Air Force

The U. S. War Department created the first antecedent of the U. S. Air Force in 1907, which through a succession of changes of organization, titles, and missions advanced toward eventual separation 40 years later. In World War II, almost 68,000 U. S. airmen died helping to win the war; only the infantry suffered more enlisted casualties. In practice, the U.S. Army Air Forces (USAF) was virtually independent of the Army during World War II, but officials wanted formal independence. The National Security Act of 1947 which established the USAF was signed on 26 July 1947 by President Harry S. Truman.

Today's Air Force predecessor organizations Signal Corps Aeronautical Division, Aviation Section, Division of Military Aeronautics; U. S. Army Air Service; U. S. Army Air Corps, and U.S. Army Air Force.

The United States Air Force and its predecessor organizations have been involved in many wars, conflicts and operations using military air operations. These actions include World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Operation Eagle Claw (1980 Iranian hostage rescue), Operation Urgent Fury (1983 US invasion of Grenada), Operation El Dorado Canyon (1986 US Bombing of Libya), Operation Just Cause (1989-1990 US invasion of Panama), Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm (1990-1991 Persian Gulf War), Operation Southern Watch (1992-2003 Iraq no-fly zone), Operation Deliberate Force (1995 NATO bombing in Bosnia and Herzegovina), Operation Northern Watch (1997-2003 Iraq no-fly zone), Operation Desert Fox (1998 bombing of Iraq), Operation Allied Force (1999 NATO bombing of Yugoslavia), Operation Enduring Freedom (2001—present Afghanistan War), Operation Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn (2003-2011 Iraq War), Operation Odyssey Dawn (2011 Libyan no-fly zone), Operation Inherent Resolve (2014-2015 intervention against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant), and Operation Atlantic Resolve (2015 NATO defence of Europe).

USAF has also taken part in numerous humanitarian operations such as Berlin Airlift 1948-1949, Operation Safe Haven 1956-1957, Operations Babylift, New Life, Frequent Wind and New Arrivals, 1975, Operations Provide Comfort and Sea Angel in 1991, Provide Hope 1992-1993, Provide Promise, 1992-1996, Unified Assistance December 2004-April 2005, Unified Response 14 January 2014 to present, Tomodachi, 12 March 2011— 1 May 2011. For more information on the US Air Force visit their website.

Our feature article on the Coast Guard on the next page will conclude our salute to the military branches of the armed services. We can never repay the brave men and women enough for their dedication to this nation and for preserving our freedom. "Freedom is no free" remember to thank all veterans them for their service. I hope you have enjoyed this years salute to our military.

Sherrell Brown, Editor



United States Coast Guard

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) is a branch of the United States Armed Forces. The Coast Guard was created by Congress on 4 August 1790 at the request of Alexander Hamilton as the "Revenue Marine", to collect customs duties in the nation's seaports. By the 1860's, the service was known as the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service.

The modern Coast Guard dates to 1915, when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the U.S. Life-Saving Service when Congress formalized the existence of the new organization. In 1939, the Lighthouse Service was brought under the Coast Guard's purview. 1942 saw the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation transferred to the Coast Guard. In 1967, the Coast Guard moved from U.S. Department of Treasury to the newly formed U.S. Department of Transportation. It was placed under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in 2003 as part of 2003 legislation designed to more effectively protect American interests following the terrorist attacks of September 11th.

In wartime, individual components of the Coast Guard can operate as a service of the Department of the Navy. The arrangement has broad historical basis, as the Coast Guard was involved in the War of 1812, Mexican-American War and the American Civil War, in which the cutter Harriet Lane fired the first naval shots attempting to relieve besieged Fort Sumter. The last time they operated as a whole within the Navy was in World War II. More often, military and combat units within the Coast Guard will operate under the Navy or joint operational control while other Coast Guard units will remain under the Department of Homeland Security.

While not the oldest search and rescue (SAR) it is one of the Coast Guard's best known missions. They are the federal agency responsible for maritime SAR operations, and the United States Air Force is responsible for inland SAR. Both agencies maintain rescue coordination centers and have responsibility for both military and civilian search and rescue. The two services jointly provide instructor staff for the National Search and Rescue School that trains SAR mission planner and coordinators.

For more information about the Coast Guard visit their website.

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We wish to acknowledge and thank these individuals for their generous donations to the Historical Society this year. Their support helps us preserve Jessamine County History for everyone. We greatly appreciate all they have done for us this year.

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President's Message

I hope everyone has a really wonderful Thanksgiving and a truly Merry Christmas. We are truly entering into a wonderful time of the year. First we get to follow in the footsteps of our forefathers and give thanks to The Lord for all He has done for us. Then we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Through all these busy times I hope we can all pause and reflect on the meaning of these important days.

I also hope you can stop by your Society December 12th as we open our doors during Nicholasville's celebration of the season. As you can read in another section of the newsletter we have planned what we hope are things of interest to you and your children and grandchildren.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Jerry Brown, re-elected as your Vice President; Charlie Hamm, re-elected as your Secretary; Pat Hunt, re-elected your Treasurer, and Janelle Fain, re-elected as one of your Directors. And Yes you are again stuck with me as your President for another two years. I would also like to thank Jerry Brown for serving as the Nomination Committee Chairman.

Please check out how you can help your Society financially when you shop at Kroger's in this newsletter and on the website. Also don't forget membership renewal is coming up soon.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all

Richard Lucas

Cemetery Report

It's "FALL IN THE GRAVEYARDS", A TIME FOR WEEDS TO DIE! But things are very alive in our research department. We have five cemeteries that are in or around new development. The Walker Cemetery on U.S. 27, the Cravens on Brannon Pike, and the Bourne cemetery on Main. We were able to gain access to the old Griffing family cemetery located on new property acquired by Camp Nelson. We have uncovered the old stones and hope to repair and reset them soon. This cemetery predates Camp Nelson, with the earliest burial in 1809, Jasper Griffing a Revolutionary soldier. The 5th cemetery is located on Historic Chaumiere farm on Catnip Hill. (See below). Much of Jessamine County's history remains in our old sometimes forgotten graveyards. We may lose many of our old homes and landmarks with the changing times, but I feel it is very important to protect the resting place of those who separated us from Fayette and made us Jessamine.

If you agree, you can support the cemetery project with a tax exempt donation. With the death of some of our older sponsors our donations for this year have been very little. We greatly appreciate any support you can give.



On Saturday November 14th, Chaumiere sold for \$1,860,134 to Ken Ramsey. Our hopes are that Chaumiere and the Meade family cemetery will be safe.

November 20th High Point Golf course will be sold. The Isaac Shelby cemetery is located on this property and has been maintained by them.

Research News

I would like to make those who live in Keene and Woodford County aware that we received a very wonderful donation from Mayor Pete Sutherland. It includes surnames such as Young, Collins, Evans, Burgess, and Thompson. It includes 3 family Bibles; the Peter Evans family, the A.N. Collins family and Lizzie Young family. The Young bible contains the funeral notice for Ephriam January Young. There are many photos in excellent condition. This is one of our largest donations much like the Mary Lee Mahin collection, which also includes some of these same surnames.

We receive many e-mail requests, via our website, for research information and donations like these are a gold mine for descendants to find. We appreciate all donations large or small. Our hopes for 2016 are to get out and visit many parts of Jessamine County and to discover more about Keene, Wilmore, and High Bridge. You can join us by becoming a member of the Jessamine County Historical Society. We look forward to a full year.

Happy Holidays,

Ernestine Hamu

Kroger Community Reward Program

The Jessamine County Historical Society recently enrolled in the local Kroger Community Rewards Program. It's completely free and allows the Historical Society to receive money, based upon our members' purchases from Kroger. We encourage everyone to enroll their Kroger Plus cards and select Jessamine County Historical & Genealogical Society (NPO #97146) as their preferred donation organization. The proceeds received from the Kroger Community Rewards Program will be used to further the Historical Society's mission to preserve the history of our county.

Complete instructions have already been e-mailed to our members with e-mails and they will be included with the newsletter to those of you that do not have e-mails. We hope you will join the program and participate in making this a successful fund resource for your Society.

Thanks to Charlie Hamm for the idea and Beverly Zuck for all her hard work in getting it set up.

E-mail Inquiries and Website Visits

We continue to receive a steady volume of e-mails inquiries for information about various family names, old houses or buildings, and locations such as Keene, High Bridge and others. E-mails are from all over the country, as well as, local.

Fortunately, we were able to find information for 99 percent of these individuals because of the family files, books, newspapers, maps, and other sources available at your Historical Society. For those we had no information we were able to suggest other sources that might help them in their search.

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed to this collection and encourage everyone to think of donating or sharing information they may have with the Historical Society.

We are pleased with the number of visitors to our website which is steadily increasing each month. The majority are spending time researching the information there, as well as, using our links to other sites. We know this because of the e-mails we receive complementing us on the site and contents.

If you have not visited the site before we encourage you to do so. Your feedback and/or suggestions are always welcome.

Your input will help us make your Society, Newsletter, and Website better.

Sherrell Brown, Editor

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Sponsorship Levels

Annual Membership Fees:

Individual \$20.00

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