



2017 Memorial Day

Countrywood Military Salute

Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for men and women who died while serving in the American armed forces. As a neighborhood, we are taking the next month to pay tribute to all our current servicemen and veterans. Our neighborhood mailboxes will proudly display bows representing 31 US Army (black/gold), 17 US Navy (blue/gold), 17 US Air Force (blue/silver), 13 US Marines Corps (garnet/gold) and 3 Coast Guard (blue/white) along with 34 Patriotic red, white & blue bows.

Honorees include World War II, Korean Conflict, Berlin Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Operation Allied Forces, Operation Enduring Freedom, and a current US Navy Blue Angel. You will see two solid blue bows on our *Blue Star* family's mailboxes- Steppe & Dorset- on behalf of their son and grandson's current service. The solid gold bow on Daniella & Dave Piggott's' mailbox, signifies a **Gold Star* family, is honoring Dave's father lost in Vietnam on May 18, 1969. ***Please take the time to read each biography of these brave men and women, you will be inspired.*** Also, take the time to speak to your neighbors, ask about their bows and thank them for their service to our country.

Twenty-two of these neighbors are veterans themselves. We are richly blessed!

Our neighborhood will be displaying bows from Memorial Day Weekend until July 4th. Thank you for participating in this special event. We look forward to next year.

God Bless America, Land that I love.

** If you or a neighbor have a GOLD Cancer bow on mailbox, kindly move it to your front door or front porch area so not to confuse the two during this one month period. Thanks!*

Family	Address	Branch of Service/Patriotic	Honoree Biographies
Allison	3501 Birchwood Lane	Patriotic	Father, Winston E. Chapman - US Navy, WW II, Pacific Fleet, stationed at Pearl Harbor, radio & Morse code operator
Anthony	2611 Whetstone Road	US Navy	Father, James F. Anthony - US Army Reserves; Col. Jay Barnard Harrelson , US Army, WW II, survived the Bataan Death March and 3 years 1/2 years as a Japanese POW. He went on to serve tours of duty in Korea & Vietnam before retiring. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Our first grandson due in September 2017 , Barnard (Barnes) Cross Harrelson, will be named for him.
Anthony	2611 Whetstone Road	US Army	*Henry L. Battle - US Army
Battle	3764 Shady Cove Drive	US Army	*Dean Battles - US Navy, active military & reserves for 26 years.
Battles	2532 Old Oak Lane	US Navy	Father, Charles Benjamin Collins , US Air Force, served four years in WW II, Active military from 3/42 to 7/52 serving also through the Korean War. He was a pilot and received many medals, stars & oversea bars.
Beard	3525 Countrywood Lane	US Air Force	
Belcher	2568 Aspen Cove Drive	Patriotic	
Bellows	3432 Water Oak Drive	Patriotic	Army Sgt. Carl Hall , Air Force Sgt. Robert Bellows
Bennett	3732 Shady Cove Drive	US Navy/US Marines	Fathers: Robert Lakebrink - Marines, WW II, Pacific Theater & Raymond Bennett - Navy, WW II, US Submarine Patrol, Great Lakes
Black	2816 Countrywood Circle	Patriotic	
Blackmon	3859 Timberline Way	Patriotic	
Bochnak	3473 Water Oak Drive	US Army/Coast Guard	Fathers, Joel Beasley Army & John Bocknak Coast Guard
Booth	3419 Creekwood Drive	Patriotic	Nephew, Capt Patrick Border - College ROTC, Civil Engineer commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant, 2011 promoted to 1st Lt, 2013 promoted to Captain, Served in Afghanistan & currently posted in Korea
Brady	2004 Timberline Circle	US Army	Brother-Major Matthew Jollitt , Completed two tours of duty in Iraq, currently in the Army Reserves; Father, 2nd Lt. William Jollitt , Korean War
Brannan	3740 Shady Cove Drive	US Navy	

Brewer	Janelle & Mike	3873 Timberline Way	Coast Guard/Air Force	Father-in-law, Army-- my brother, Michael Biddle , 1980's; Air Force-- my niece's husband, Stice Front , May 2017 finished Basic Training in MO
Brock	Suzanne & Frank	3436 Water Oak Drive	US Navy	Father, L.Coleman Parrott -Navy, WW II, Pacific fleet and served for 30 years & Brother. F. Coleman Parrott - Navy Hershell E. Swarengin , ADC, Chief Petty Officer E-8, United States Navy Aviation (Retired 1960), WW II & Korea, Bronze Star WW II, Buried in Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola; Aljo Wiles Brooks , Lieutenant United States Navy,
Brooks	Nancy & Allen	2517 Aspen Cove Circle	US Navy	Benjamin Bailey Brooks III. , Corporal (Pharmacist); WWII; James H. Walker, Jr. , Corporal, United States Army, Assigned to Japan Early 1950's. Received Special Commendation for Outstanding Efforts in repatriation of the people of Japan.
Brooks	Nancy & Allen		US Army	
Brown	Dane & Susan	3472 Water Oak Drive	US Army/US Air Force	*Happy Cates , US Army and Son, Eric Cates , graduate of US Naval Academy, Annapolis, US Navy
Cates	Ann & Happy*	3403 Creekwood Drive	US Navy/US Army	
Comer	Kristen & Marc	2724 Countrywood Way	Patriotic	
Crenshaw	Edward*	3741 SHady Cove Drive	US Army	*Edward Crenshaw , Two tours of active duty in US Army & Berlin Crisis of 1961.
Daniels	Sandra	3504 Water Oak Drive	Patriotic	Fathers, James Bonner . US Air Force, Vietnam War; Ed DeArman, US Army, Vietnam War; Grandfather, Julian Bishop , US Navy, WW II.
DeArman	Julie & Jeff	3628 Birchwood Lane	US Air Force	Father- C.H. Bud Hartsfield , Korean Conflict, Philippines
Deathridge	Rhonda & Joe	2005 Timberline Circle	US Navy	Father- Hiram Raleigh Cannon, III , Navy
Dixon	Cristi &David	3809 Timberline Way	US Navy	Grandson, Bill Cremins , graduating in May 2017 from West Point in the Top 1% of his class.
Dorsett	Mary & Lyle	3505 Birchwood Lane	US Army- Blue Star Family	*Lyle Dorsett , Marine Reserves, 1950s
Dorsett	Mary & Lyle*		US Marines	
Edmundson	Marcia & John	3428 Creekwood Drive	Patriotic	*Charles Elson , US Army Medical Corps, Vietnam, 1970-
Elson	Charles *	2559 Aspen Cove Drive	US Army	72

Evers	Kelley & Jay	3616 Birchwood Circle	Patriotic	Uncle, Charles R. Woods , Chief Master Sergeant, Retired US Air Force. Served 25 years & 10 months. He was a Tailgunner on the B-52 Bomber. He served 5 tours in Vietnam and flew 168 combat missions. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross medal and 8 air medals.
Farris	Gardner & Matt	3865 Timberline Way	US Air Force	Grandfather, Holt Rast . WW II Combat Engineer 9th Infantry Division in North Africa, Sicily, France & Germany 1942-46. Earned a Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster & twice wounded. Later served in the Alabama House of Representatives 1957-66.
Farris	Gardner & Matt	3865 Timberline Way	US Army	
Ferguson	Becky & Trey	2553 Whetstone Road	Patriotic	
Ferguson	Elizabeth & Lee*	2551 Aspen Cove Drive	US Air Force	* Lee Ferguson - US Air Force
Flenniken	Judy & Phillip	3761 Shady Cove Drive	US Marines	Father, Thomas G. Russell, Jr. US Marines, WW II, South Pacific Theater
Florio	Andrea & Jeffrey	2544 Old Oak Lane	Patriotic	
Foyt	Sherri & Jim	2528 Aspen Cove Drive	Patriotic	
Genetti	Lisa	Countrywood Lane	US Army	Honoring th Genetti Family
Giesen	Natalie	2525 Old Oak Lane	Patriotic	Father, Donnie Franklin -US Army
Gribbon	Jane & Joe*	2533 Old Oak Lane	US Navy	*Commander Joe Gribbon - retired US Navy, served 24 years in US Navy, 4 years of active duty in Vietnam on the USS Enterprise.
Halcomb	Meredith & Kenn	3644 Birchwood Lane	US Army / US Marines	Grandfather, Clements Leon Halcomb - Private First Class US Army, 1944-45. WW II, Germany: Grandfather, Bill Snipes- US Marines, 1943-46, enlisted at age 17 with parent's permission, served in South Pacific, Island of Angaur, and Tsingtao, China during Occupation duty.
Hallman	Brooke & Mike	3500 Birchwood Lane	Patriotic	
Ham	Melissa & Jack	3427 Creekwood Drive	Patriotic	
Harms	Ashley	3477 Birchwood Lane	US Army	Grandmother, Alma Gean Warshauer - Army Nurse, WW II; Grandfather, Louis "Chuck" Harms - Army, WW II; Grandfather, David "Pawpaw Bud" Simpson -Army, Korean Conflict
Harris	Julie & Greg	3485 Birchwood Lane	US Marines	William Penn Lloyd , III- US Marines
Herrington	Amy & Bruce	3477 Water Oak Drive	Patriotic	

Holmes	Don & Ann	2564 Whetstone Road	US Army	Father, Reverend Lee R Spencer- WWII, Lt Colonel US Army. Served as a Chaplain who took letters from dying soldiers to send back to their families. He took care of the soldiers who were on the front line.
Huffman	Ann & Gordon *	3405 Countrywood Lane	US Air Force	* Gordon Huffman, Air Force
James	Patsy & Jerry	2549 Whetstone Road	Patriotic	
Jason	Amy & David	3501 Countrywood Lane	US Marines	Father, Jim Wright
Jordan	Rachel & Todd	3529 Countrywood Lane	US Army	Father, Ray McIntosh- US Army, 1st Lieutenant, Sept. 1965-July 1968, Artillery Battery Executive Officer in Vietnam for 11 months, awarded 2 Silver Stars
Kaiser	Ann & James	3431 Creekwood Drive	Patriotic	
Key	Emily & Chris	3717 Shady Cove Drive	Patriotic	
Lawyer	Deena & Don*	3457 Water Oak Drive	US Army	* Don Lawyer- Army
Manown	Pete & Terry	3437 Countrywood Lane	US Army	Father, Voyle F. Manown, Jr. , US Army Captain in the Combat Engineers. WW II, Battle of the Bulge
Manown	Pete & Terry	3437 Countrywood Lane	US Navy	Duncan Hamilton, US Navy Seal
McGruder	Billy	Countrywood Lane	US Air Force	Colonel Lisa Manion, Served 30 years. Four post 9/11 deployments; Colonel Michael Manion, Served 30 years including Desert Storm & Bosnia, Four post 9/11 deployments; Lt. Colonel Eric Wittendorfer, Operation Allied Air Force, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom
McIntyre	Douglas & Caroline	3489 Birchwood Lane	US Army	Father, James Elizabeth, Sr. US Army, WW II
Mince	Ashley & Steve	2536 Whetstone Road	US Army	Dennis Brewer
Moore	Ana & Jeff	3413 Water Oak Drive	AU Air Force	Grandfather, K.C. Barber, WW II in US Air Force
Moore	Ana & Jeff	3413 Water Oak Drive	Patriotic	
Moore	Linda & David*	2824 Countrywood Circle	Air Force	* David Moore was an Orthopedic Surgeon in the US Air Force 1997-2001 serving in San Antonio.
Moore	Kimberly & Grady *	2808 Countrywood Circle	US Army	* C. Grady Moore, Jr. ; C. Grady Moore, Sr. ; F.J. Palmer, Jr. ; F.J. Palmer, Sr. All four were officers in the US Army and served overseas together in 4 wars.
Moorhouse	Courtney	3512 Countrywood Lane	Patriotic	
Moss	Ashley & Jim*	3805 Timberline Way	US Marines	* Jim Moss- Marines
Murrell	Laurie & Charles*	3828 Timberline Way	Air Force	* Charles Murrell- Pilot in the Air Force Military Airlift Command (MAC), Flying C-141 from 1969-74 in Vietnam

Newsom	Deborah & Kevin	3760 Shady Cove Drive	US Army	Brother-in-law, Lt. Colonel Darin Wiggins , US Army, retiring in June
Palmer Parks	Jeanette & Tim	3701 Shady Cove Drive	US Air Force/ US Army	Brother, Michael Biddle , US Army, 1980's and niece's husband, Air Force, Stice Front, in Basic Training in MO
	Clare	3520 Countrywood Lane	Patriotic	
Perez	Bonnie & Joe *	3476 Water Oak Drive	US Navy	* Joe Perez, Jr. US Navy, Vietnam War; Father, Joe Perez, Sr. & Father-in-law, Chuck Hurst both served in US Navy, WWII.
Pigotts	Daniella & Dave	2821 Countrywood Circle	US Marine Gold Star Family	Father, Captain Charles William Pigott , US Marine Corp pilot in Vietnam. On May 18, 1969 he was killed in a mid-air collision that took down his F4. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He was just 24 years old. He left behind a 3 year old daughter & 11 month old son, my husband, David Charles Pigott, and a loving wife. Step-Father, Joe Word from Owings, MD-US Marines, Vietnam, Pilot F4.
				Father, Chief Warrant Officer Gary Lee Robbins , served 2 tours of duty in Vietnam, and retired after serving 20 years in the Army before retiring at age of 37. He went on to finish MBA and have other careers in the military/civilian boards before his final retirement at age 70
Pigotts	Daniella & Dave		US Army	Eugene Allie Jones, Jr. US Navy, SP2, WW II; Richard Glenn Peters , US Navy
Pilcher	Ali	3705 Shady Cove Drive	US Navy	Grandfather, Douglas Atkins - US Navy, WW II
	Scott	3417 Water Oak Drive	US Navy	
Purvis	Nancy & Flynt	3848 Timberline Way	Patriotic	
Reeves	Susan & Marvin*	2548 Whetstone Road	US Army/ US Marines	* Marvin Reeves -Army ; Son, Brian Reeves -Marines
Saunders	Donna & John		US Marines	Uncle, Ben F. Tingle Jr. was a medical corpsman attached to a company of infantry marines, which was part of the Fourth Marine Regiment and belonged to the Third Marine Amphibious Corps. Ben served valiantly in the Battle of Guam and Okinawa during WWII. While treating a wounded soldier on the battlefield in Guam a mortar exploded very close bursting both ear drums and badly wounding his arm. Ben was awarded the Purple Heart for his valiant service to his country.

Saunders	Donna & John		US Air Force	<p>Uncle, Argel Glenn Leopard served in the US Air Force with the rank of A2C. Argel died off the coast of French Moroccans on May 14, 1955 while trying to save comrades from drowning in a dangerous undertow, he helped save the lives of his friends but lost his own at the age of 21, A true American hero. Uncle, Sergeant Dave Tingle served in the 15th A.F. 2nd Bomb Gp., 96th Bomb Squadron, in Foggia, Italy. His bombing missions included targets in Italy, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, and Romania. On his 26th mission his plane was shot down, he was shot 8 times, and after struggling to get his parachute open, he bailed out 24,000 feet above enemy territory in Steyr, Austria. While a prisoner of war he survived three operations- one with no anesthetic. After one year, he was exchanged as a prisoner of war and returned to America. Upon discharge he had received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation, Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, and the European Medal.</p>
Scott	Kathy & V.C.	3872 Timberline Way	US Army/US Air Force	<p>Husband & Father, US Army, WW II; Brother, US Air Force, Vietnam</p>
Shields	Bonnie & Bob*	3468 Birchwood Lane	Patriotic	<p>*Robert L. Shields III- Navy, Robert L Shields- Army Air Force, Bill Murray- Navy</p>
Simpson	Susan & Darrell	2610 Whetstone Road	US Army	<p>Grandfather , Army- Retired Lt. Col. Charles W. Simpson, WW II and Father, Korean War; Retired Lt. Col. Charles Simpson, Jr.</p>
Simpson	Susan & Darrell	2610 Whetstone Road	US Air Force	<p>Brothers, Retired Lt. Col David Simpson, and Retired Lt. Col Scott Nesmith- US Air Force</p>
Slaughter	Carol & C M	3472 Birchwood Lane	US Air Force	<p>Son, Adam Slaughter- US Air Force</p>
Smith	Kathy & Jim*	3833 Timberline Way	US Army	<p>*Jim Smith & George H. Smith, Army National Guard 1967-1973</p>
Steppe	Ann & Michael	Whetstone Road	US Navy- Blue Star Family	<p>Son, Lt. David Steppe- US Navy, Blue Angels, EA-18G Growler naval flight officer currently assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ), the Viking, at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. He is a 2008 graduate of Auburn University.</p>

Stockton	Kim & Bill	3448 Water Oak Drive	US Navy/US Army	<p>Father, Van B. Fleming, US Army, WW II, South Pacific Theater, He was assigned to the warship, the USS Portland which was to escort aircraft carriers and troops. He participated in the Battle of the Coral Sea and the Battle of Guadalcanal, witnessing his first suicide bombers from the Japanese. He was assigned to a troop transport ship for the marines to invade Japan and while in Tokyo, witnessed the signing of the peace treaty between US & Japan through binoculars from our ship 800 yards away. We left Tokyo and went to Nagasaki, Japan where the US dropped the atomic bomb earlier. He was awarded the following ribbons-American Arena, World War II victory, Phillipine Liberation, Good Conduct, Asiatic Pacific with one silver star, Korean Conflict.</p>
Terry	Malin	3636 Birchwood Lane	US Navy	<p>Donald Terry, Lieutenant US Navy, US Navy Intelligence, WW II (1944-46)</p>
Thacker	Joann & Jim*	2709 Countrywood Way	US Army	<p>*James Thacker- US Army, 2 years active duty 1961-63, Artillery, 2nd HOW/Tier Battalion, 11th Artillery, Ft. Campbell. KY, Army Commendation Medal, 4 yrs Indiana National Guard 1964-67</p>
Torcivia	Krystal	3605 Birchwood Way	US Air Force/ US Army	<p>Capt James Nelson McKaig, Sr. - Army/ Salvatore James Torcivia, Sr. - Air Force</p>
Vaughn	Donna & George	2717 Countrywood Way	Patriotic	
Vickery	Scottie & Steve	2621 Poplar Post Rd	Patriotic	
Wade	Judy & Milke *	3400 Water Oak Drive	US Army	<p>*Mike Wade- US Army</p>
Warren	Betty & Jim*	3841 Timberline Way	US Air Force	<p>* Capt. Jim Warren-Pilot, Alabama Air National Guard 1969-75</p>
Watkins	Karen & Charlie*	3720 Shady Cove Drive	US Air Force	<p>*Charlie Watkins- Captain Air Force pilot 1966-71, Vietnam War, over 200 combat missions, 5 Air Medals plus numerous other medals</p>
Webb	Jackie & Rex	3417 Countrywood Lane	Patriotic	
Whitehurst	Sherry & David	3504 Countrywood Lane	US Marines	<p>Father, David Bonard (Barney) Whitehurst, born 9/14/21, died 10/10/2002. He served in the US Marine Corp during WWII. He fought in the Pacific and was awarded the Purple Heart. Honorably discharged after the war ended.</p>

Williams	Aren & Jason	3712 Shady Cove Drive	US Marines	Grandfathers, Retired Marine Corps Neal Curtis Newell . He served his country in several historic battles during WW II, including Okinawa and Guadalcanal. After returning he formed a three state Marine Corps Reserve unit headquartered in Birmingham. He led this unit to Korea, was in the Chosin Reservoir and was honored by the Korean government in a nationally held ceremony in 2003. Edward Baldwin Boettcher, US Army. He served during WW II in Africa and the European Theater of Operation, obtained the rank of Personnel Sergeant Major, and was awarded the Bronze Star.
Yarbrough	Bobby*	3416 Creekwood Drive	US Navy	* Bobby Yarbrough , US Navy from 1957-59, serving on board the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt