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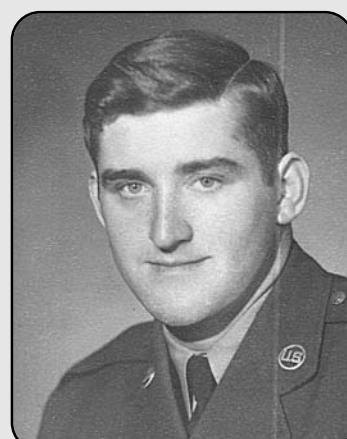
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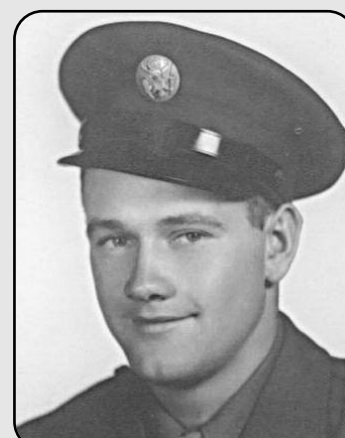
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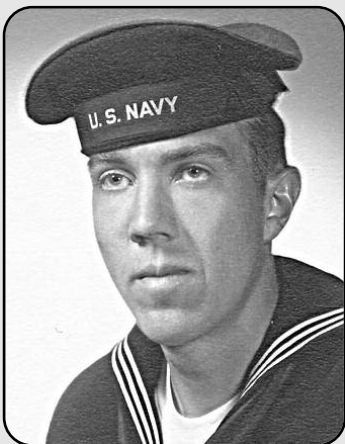
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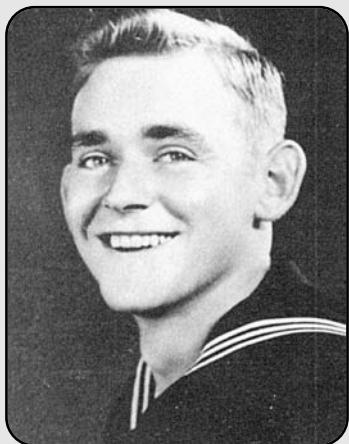
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Area Memorial Day ceremonies



Memorial Day Events

Veterans organizations will celebrate Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2015 in accordance with the following schedule. Please set aside time to attend one of these featured events in commemoration of those who have and are currently serving our country in the military. As citizens of the United States of America, we especially pay tribute to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice of life so we may experience freedom in the United States of America.

New Richland

At 8:30 a.m. all veterans and those who wish to visit area cemeteries assemble at the Legion building. Cemeteries will be visited in the following order: **Calvary, St. Peter, St. Olaf, LeSueur, Vista Lutheran and Vista Covenant.** At 10:45, units are to assemble at NR City Hall for the parade to Trinity Lutheran Church.

The Memorial Day Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran. Pastor Scott Williams will give the invocation. Jeremiah Miller, CW02, Army National Guard, will be the keynote speaker. The NRHEG High School Band will provide the music. A chicken dinner will be held at the church following the program.

Waldorf

The Waldorf American Legion Post # 587

Memorial Day Program will be held at the Waldorf Community Center located on Main Street. Guest Speaker is Harry Popiel, Retired Air Force Major, along with readings and music selections by the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School students. The program will be followed by a parade to the community and First Lutheran Church cemeteries for graveside services. A potluck dinner will be held at noon in the Community Center. Everyone welcome.

Ellendale and Geneva

American Legion Post #296 and Veterans of Foreign War Post #8941 will provide Memorial Day Services at the following times and locations, weather permitting:

8:15 Holy Trinity Cemetery, Litomysl
9:15 St. Aiden's Cemetery, Bath
10:15 Geneva Community Cemetery, Geneva*

*in case of rain, service will be held in the Community Lutheran Church

11:15 First Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Ellendale

The American Legion and VFW Posts will provide an honor guard and firing squad at all locations. A commemorative message will be delivered at the Geneva and rural Ellendale locations by Kurt Foster, who graduated from NRHEG and later served his country during the

first gulf war, as well as several selections by the NRHEG Middle School Band under the direction of Mr. Frank Whitcomb.

All area service men and women, both veterans and active duty personnel alike, are asked to join the ranks, whether you have participated in the past or not. Meet at the Ellendale Community Building at 7:45 a.m. If you have any questions please contact Roger Shaunce (507-383-3750) or Larry Otto (507-475-1023).

Hartland

At 7:00 a.m. a Memorial Day Service will be held at Cross of Glory Church. Service by Rev. Mark Larson.

Clarks Grove

A Memorial Day service will be at 9 a.m. at the Clarks Grove cemetery. The Clarks Grove Boy Scout Troup # 219, led by Scoutmaster Mike Rudau, who will conduct the flag raising ceremony.

Richard Nelson will lead the morning program and Pastor Jamie Cameron will provide the morning message.

Doug Rudau will play "Taps" as the Colors are retired.

If it rains, it will be held at First Baptist Church in Clarks Grove.



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James R. Miller’s final wish is paid forward

Mazeppa boy goes to D.C. to honor N.R. area veteran

By REED WALLER
Staff Writer

On April 2, Juanita Miller of Waseca received this letter from Kimberly Cote of Mazeppa, MN.

Juanita,

I hope this letter finds you are doing OK in these past few months.

I hope that with the Easter holiday you will be in the company of many loved ones and many wonderful memories.

Enclosed is a letter my 14-year-old son, Danny, wrote. He has a school trip planned to go to Washington, D.C. and see many wonderful historical sites. But most of all there was a chance to be selected to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

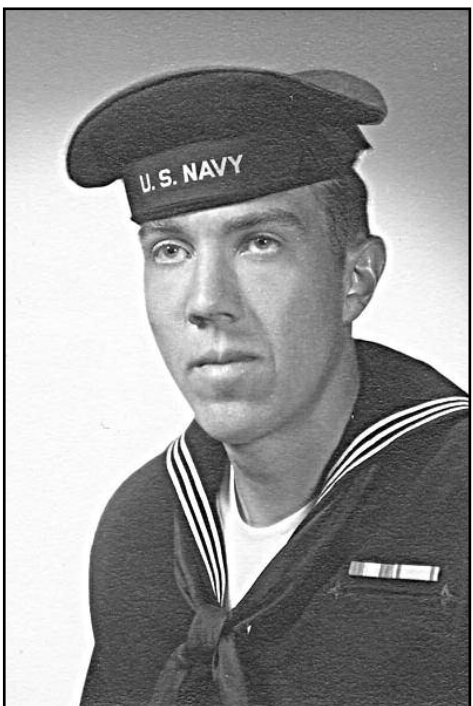
In order to be considered, he had to be a kid of character, and submit an essay on why he wanted this honorable opportunity.

Danny wrote the enclosed essay. I thought maybe you would like to read it.

Your husband’s act of kindness to Danny’s grandpa Don made an impression – a huge impression. Our son is hard of hearing and wears a hearing aid, and very much wants to be in the military. He knows the reality of this, but to him, being involved in such an honor as laying the wreath is his way of being able to honor all those who served.

Please keep in mind this is from a kid, and some facts and wordings aren’t exact. But please know it’s from his heart. What your husband did to reach out and connect and honor my dad (Danny’s grandpa) and his other shipmates made a huge impression on my son. He thought the statue and pictures were “so cool” (as Danny puts it).

I was very happy to read Danny’s essay and really excited that he had lis-



NAVY VET James R. Miller was a graduate of New Richland High School.

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DANNY COTE of Mazeppa, MN was inspired to write this award winning essay.

Submitted photo



JIM MARRIED Juanita Steege June 20, 1959. Submitted photo

tened to me tell the story of your husband and his kindness. And to think of him and his kind act, and write about it!

Guess what? Danny won the essay contest. He and three other kids were selected and Danny will lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on June 26 when he visits Washington, D.C.

I hope this letter does your husband justice.

Sincerely,
Kim Cote

February 8, 2015

Dear Veterans,
My name is Daniel James Cote, and I

Here is Danny’s essay.

am writing this to honor and commemorate all veterans, dead or alive. We all appreciate what you have done for our country, our families, and all the sacrifices you have made. Whether it was leaving your family or loved ones, you put your lives on the line for our freedom. Though after all this we still take it for granted, what you do is still very appreciated and we should give back.

I was going to write about my family and its many ties to the military. But then just recently, something happened.

A man I never met in my life, by the name of James R. Miller, served with my grandfather Donald Johnson during the Korean War, on the USS Brinkly Bass. During that time, James R. Miller and my grandfather became good

mesothelioma.

James R. Miller’s final wish was to honor and recognize all his Naval buddies on that ship, and he did so. That time on the USS Brinkly Bass made them not only friends, but family.

James R. Miller is a model for us all. Despite having lung cancer, he always put others before himself, and we should all follow in his footsteps. He not only honored our veterans, but he went out there and traveled across the nation to find all of his brothers in arms. I would like to thank all of the servicemen and women for what they have done, and people like James R. Miller who have sacrificed so much for others.

In honor of James R. Miller, I would like to lay the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The person may not be identified in that very tomb. But if I learned anything from James R. Miller, it’s that you should go out of your way for others. Even if you have absolutely no idea who this veteran is, they stood up for you. Now it is your turn to do something for them.

God bless James R. Miller,
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Sincerely,
Danny Cote

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James Miller’s final journey should remind us all to give a thought for our veterans before they become deceased.



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