

THE RESEARCH CONTINUES ...

Currently over 300 records have been located and documented. The records are divided almost in half, between the living and deceased of our Lodge.

This research will continue to mature as we move into the future, and will involve finding other deceased of our Lodge as older records are explored. In addition, a check box in our Lodge application process will help identify future Veteran Freemasons joining our Lodge.

A project of this size, does not come without incurring some type of expense.

Should you be so inclined, the Lodge will accept donations of any amount to support this ongoing project.

Please feel free to send your donation to the Lodge at the address printed on the back cover of this pamphlet. Mark the memo line as: Veterans Project

**Abraham C. Treichler Lodge
No. 682**

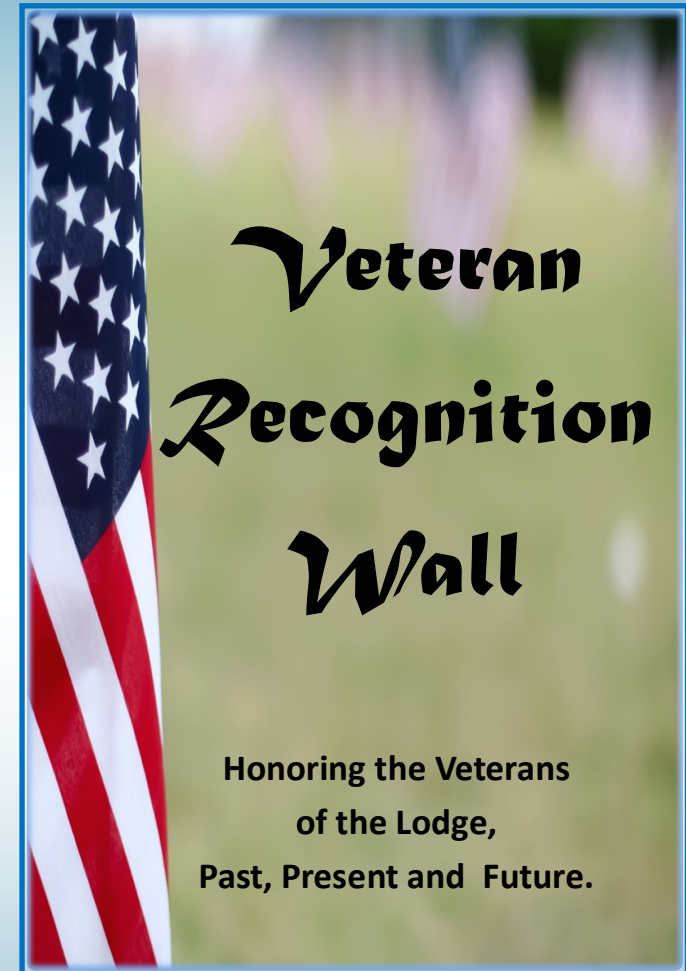
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**Our Lodge holds
a rich history of
regular men
providing
extraordinary
service in the
defense of our
Country.**

Fred R. Kaylor, PM

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OUR STORY ...

In the spring of 2021, Gerald I. Fretwell, Worshipful Master, formed a Veterans Committee. After a few months, the position of Chairman was filled and the laborious work of finding Veterans of the Lodge was started.

Locating our Veterans is a very time consuming task. The National Sojourners provided a list of Veterans belonging to that Masonic organization, as most members are Veterans. Two publications from the Grand Lodge were referenced, those being the Veterans of WWI and The Veterans of WWII, having names from the various Lodges. A Lodge questionnaire was sent to all members of the Lodge asking for military service information. Finally, records were pulled from the Grand Lodge database for deceased members and that list scrubbed to find deceased Veterans using newspaper obituaries and Ancestry® information.

Through this research, a database and Masonic record of our military Veterans was developed.



The Veterans Wall overall size is approximately 8 feet wide and 4 foot 2 inches high. The wall is located on the South-West wall just outside of the entrance to the anteroom of the Lodge. The wall is trimmed with cherry wood and Lemongrass solid surface trim. The center title plate holds an engraved logo. The inscription "Honoring those who have served in the Armed Forces of our Country" was copied from an earlier WWII plaque that hung in the space of this wall. The quote is from Brother General Douglas MacArthur "No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation".

Two cherry frames hold 598 2 3/4" x 1 1/2" Lemongrass solid surface nameplates with magnet back. They adhere to galvanized steel in the back of the frame.

The research continues. Plans to update this wall yearly prior to Veterans Day will be a priority of the Veterans Committee.

In addition, an online booklet, with more Veteran information, stories, and facts is being developed and can be accessed by scanning the QR code with your phone.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

