

# THE LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER - NEWSLETTER - *History Matters*

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## SALUTE TO

# *Logan County Veterans*

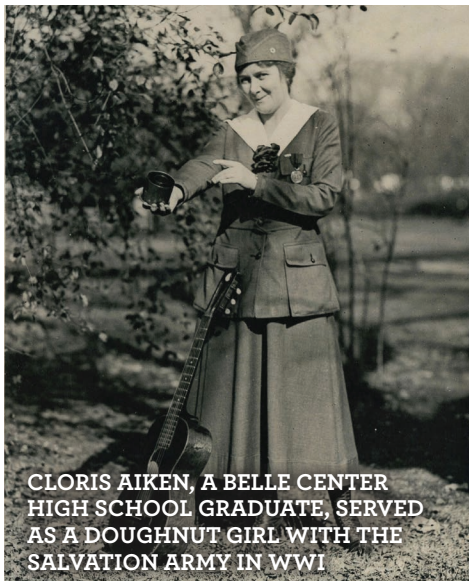
**SUNDAY, APRIL 27 • 1:00-5:00**

This year's spring open house, A Salute to Logan County Veterans, will be Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00PM. This will be our third Salute to Veterans open house. The previous two events were some of the best attended we have ever had. We hope this open house will be just as successful.

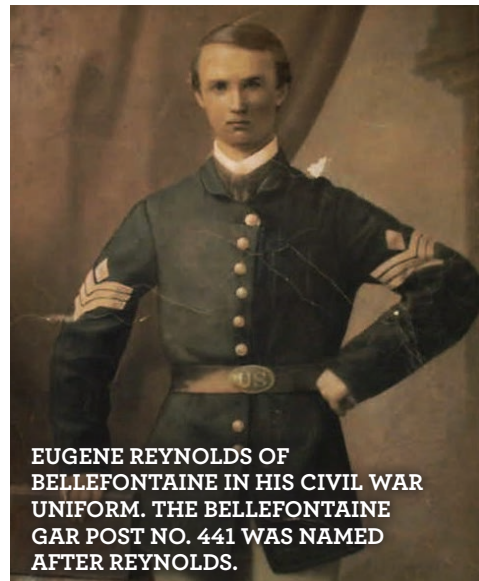
The open house will have exhibits throughout the History Center illustrating U.S. military history and the role Logan Countians have played in this history. We will be featuring interesting stories about some of Logan County's veterans through the years. There will also be a Gallery of Uniforms exhibit in the Orr Mansion's 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Ballroom. The open house will also be the official debut of the new Cold War exhibit in the Rotating Exhibit Room and a new exhibit in the Business & Industry Room about how Logan County businesses, organizations and individuals have helped with war efforts throughout history. Most importantly, we are having this open house to remember and to thank all of Logan County's veterans, and those currently serving, for their bravery, dedication, and sacrifice in protecting our country.

There will be free refreshments served in the Presidents' Room. If you would like to donate cookies for the open house, please contact the office at 937-593-7557 or by email at [historycenter@loganhhistory.org](mailto:historycenter@loganhhistory.org).

We hope to see you all on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>!



CLORIS AIKEN, A BELLE CENTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, SERVED AS A DOUGHNUT GIRL WITH THE SALVATION ARMY IN WWI



EUGENE REYNOLDS OF BELLEFONTAINE IN HIS CIVIL WAR UNIFORM. THE BELLEFONTAINE GAR POST NO. 441 WAS NAMED AFTER REYNOLDS.

# 2025 LCHS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## CURATOR'S CORNER

The Logan County Historical Society and History Center will have a 0.25 mill replacement operating levy on the May 6, 2025, ballot. The 5-year levy would help the Society and History Center continue to better serve and educate the people of Logan County through exhibits, school tours, special events, publications, historic presentations and much more.

The 0.25 mill replacement levy will cost the homeowners very little money. A resident whose home is valued at \$100,000 will probably pay around \$9 per year. As our levy slogan goes, "It Costs So Little To Save So Much!"

The passing of the levy is also necessary for the History Center to continue to be open year-round (seven days a week between office & museum hours), employ a professional staff and continue the upkeep and improvement of the History Center's 1906 Orr Mansion, the Logan County Museum and the Logan County Transportation Museum.

The levy would also make it possible for the Society to continue its many programs and projects and develop new ones. The Society offers a variety of programs including bimonthly meetings, speeches to groups, school tours and programs (nearly 1,000 students in the 2023-2024 school year and over 150 hours of local history instruction) and much more. The Historical Society is very proud of its relationship with area schools and the role it plays in the students' education.

It would be impossible for us to include all that the Logan County Historical Society and History Center provides for the people of Logan County. The support from the citizens of Logan County in the past has made it possible for the Logan County History Center to become one of the most respected county historical society museums in the state. The county's support through the operating levy is truly exceptional and greatly appreciated. We hope you will once again support us on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (EARLY VOTING BEGINS ON APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2025).

We need our members' help to pass the levy:

- Please talk to your neighbors, friends, co-workers and family about the importance of the Historical Society and the levy.
- Better yet bring them to the History Center so they can see first-hand what we are doing.
- Help us by placing a levy sign in your yard and asking friends to do the same. (You can pick signs up at the History Center)
- We also need help locating and getting permission to place levy signs in high traffic areas throughout the county.
- And of course, we hope you will vote YES on the levy!

Remember It Costs So Little To Save So Much!

Thank you,

*Todd McCormick*  
Curator/Director



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SEVERAL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to thank several of our volunteers for taking on projects to help us get ready for our “Salute to Logan County Veterans” open house and exhibits. We would like to thank Ray Kramer for repainting the Military Room. We had to get some drywall and ceiling work done in the room. Once that work was complete Ray volunteered to repaint the whole room. It looks great! Thanks Ray!

John McPherson (yes, John’s a volunteer now!) and Terry Conley reinstalled the gun rack in the Military Room. Thank you, John and Terry!

We would also like to thank Ray Stamm for making more uniform stands for our “Gallery of Uniforms” exhibit in the Ballroom. Thanks Ray! We also would like to thank Diana Wackerman for making padded hangers for some of the uniforms, as well. Thank you, Diana!

We would be remiss if we did not thank Judy Snyder. Judy has been indispensable in helping Beth with “Gallery of Uniforms” exhibit and helping research some of the men and women whose uniforms will be on exhibit. Thanks Judy!



Ray Kramer

## Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

### December 2024

Mark Stayrook  
Eric & Krista Adelsberger

### January 2025

Gordon Kinney  
Shirley A. Tracey  
Shane J. Lile  
Timothy Davis  
Lydia Hess  
Jeanne Jenkins

### February 2025

Elle A. Design Co.  
Robert & Melissa Cummins  
Kenneth F. & Judith A Bailey

[www.loganhistory.org/  
membership-information](http://www.loganhistory.org/membership-information)

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

MONTHLY \$20  
GIFT CERTIFICATE  
DRAWING

*January*  
Bruce Norris

*February*  
Gary Haber



Please Vote Yes for Logan County Historical Society levy on May 6<sup>th</sup>, or during early voting!

## 2025 Calendar OF Events

### APRIL

**8<sup>TH</sup> MAY PRIMARY/  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
EARLY VOTING BEGINS**

Logan Co. Board of Elections

**12<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP**

8:00AM Transportation Museum  
Atrium

**12<sup>TH</sup> DAR MEETING**

10:00AM AcuSport Rm

**14<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING**

7:00PM Presidents' Rm

**20<sup>TH</sup> CLOSED FOR EASTER**

**27<sup>TH</sup> SALUTE TO VETERANS  
OPEN HOUSE**

1:00-5:00PM

### MAY

**6<sup>TH</sup> MAY PRIMARY/SPECIAL  
ELECTION**

Logan Co. Board of Elections

**8<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF TRUSTEE  
MEETING**

7:00PM AcuSport Rm

**10<sup>TH</sup> DAR MEETING**

10:00AM AcuSport Rm

**12<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING**

7:00PM Presidents' Rm

**26<sup>TH</sup> CLOSED FOR  
MEMORIAL DAY**

### JUNE

**8<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP**

8:00AM Transportation  
Museum Atrium

**9<sup>TH</sup> PIECEMAKERS MEETING**

7:00PM Presidents' Rm

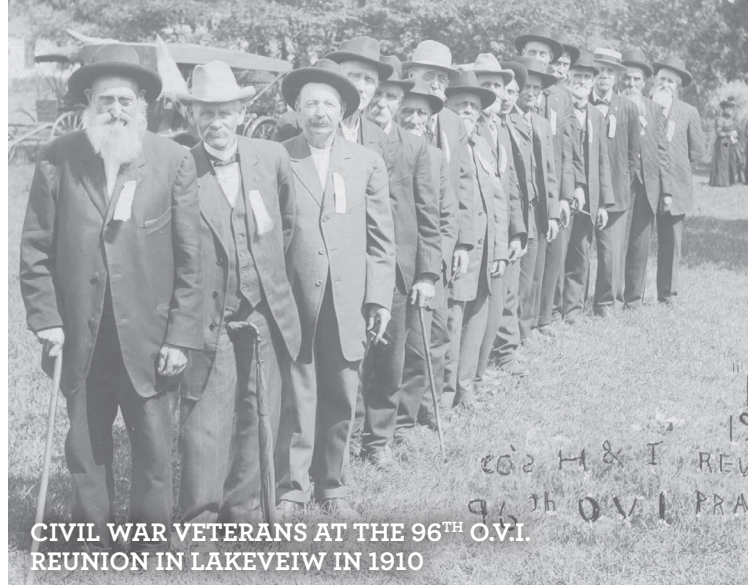
**18<sup>TH</sup> 664<sup>TH</sup> AIR FORCE/NADRM  
MUSEUM TOUR**

6:30PM Ohio Hi-Point  
Career Center





664<sup>TH</sup> A. C. & W. SQUADRON BASE MAIN GATE AT HI POINT.  
THE BASE OPERATED FROM 1951-1969



CIVIL WAR VETERANS AT THE 96<sup>TH</sup> O.V.I.  
REUNION IN LAKEVIEW IN 1910



WWI SUPPLY CO. 134<sup>TH</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY 37<sup>TH</sup> DIV. FROM BELLEFONTAINE AT COURTHOUSE AUG 28 1917



CO. A 112<sup>TH</sup> MEDICAL REGIMENT IN OCTOBER OF 1940 STANDING IN FRONT  
OF MEMORIAL HALL IN BELLEFONTAINE



DAVID WAGNER OF ZANESFIELD SERVED AS AN  
INTELLIGENT AGENT IN THE AIR FORCE SECURITY  
SERVICE DURING THE VIETNAM WAR

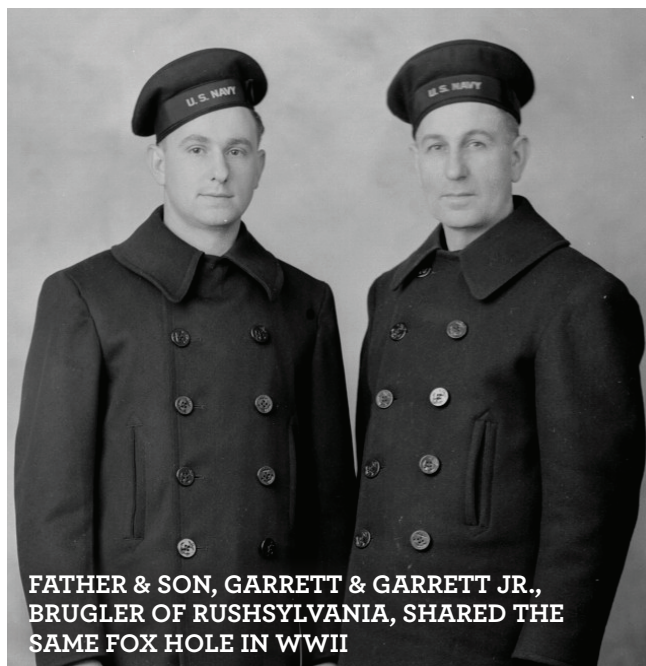




VANCE HADLEY WWII PHOTOGRAPHER. THE HADLEY FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED HADLEY STUDIOS IN BELLEFONTAINE FOR SEVERAL DECADES



HI POINT AIR BASE A.C. & W. 664<sup>TH</sup> SWITCHBOARD CA 1953



FATHER & SON, GARRETT & GARRETT JR., BRUGLER OF RUSHSVLVANIA, SHARED THE SAME FOX HOLE IN WWII



GEORGIA INSLEY, OF BELLEFONTAINE, & JEANETTE PITCHERELLA, NOT FROM THE AREA, SERVED AS NURSES IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS DURING WWII



664<sup>TH</sup> MUSEUM PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT WALKER



BUCKEYE BOYS SPANISH AMERICAN WAR - EARL DETRICK, CHARLES BALDWIN, CLAUDE RICHARDSON, DAVID LIGGITT, JASPER EWING



## DAN GILBERT MEMORIAL

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Logan County Historical Society lost one of its most dedicated members and volunteers when Dan Gilbert passed away at the age of 91. Dan served as LCHS president from 1963 to 1985! During much of this time, Dan's parents, Johnston "Huck" and Martha Gilbert, served as curators. Dan continued to volunteer as a docent before he and his wife Myra moved to Urbana.

Dan's love of history and the Logan County Historical Society was contagious. Dan, and his parents, truly helped shape our organization and museum. We will forever be indebted to Dan, along with his parents, and will always remember them.

We would like to thank the Gilbert family for choosing the Logan County Historical Society/History Center for donations in memory of Dan. We will make sure the money that we receive in Dan's honor will be put to good use and will honor him for his many years of dedication to Historical Society.



Huck, Dan & Martha Gilbert

## Upcoming Meetings

### LCHC JUNE MEETING

**JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> 2025 – 6:30PM | 664<sup>TH</sup> Air Force/NADRM Museum Tour**  
Ohio Hi-Point Career Center | 2280 St Rt 540 Bellefontaine, OH 43311

Our June Society meeting will be held at the 664<sup>th</sup> Air Force/NADRM (National Air Defense Radar Museum) Museum. Robert Walker, Chairman of the 664<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee and caretaker of the museum, will give a tour of the museum that is housed in one of the former FPS 26 radar towers.

Logan County played an important role for the United States during the Cold War. In 1951, the United States Air Force opened the 664<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Control & Warning System on Campbell Hill, the highest point in Ohio, just east of Bellefontaine. The 52.7-acre airbase was part of the U.S. Air Defense Command that monitored the skies for enemy planes and air attacks. The 664<sup>th</sup> A.C. & W. Air Force base operated in Bellefontaine from 1951-1969.

The 664<sup>th</sup>/NADRM Museum is keeping the history of the 664<sup>th</sup> airbase and its members alive with a wide variety of priceless memorabilia from the 664<sup>th</sup>. The museum is packed full of photos, radar equipment, uniforms, publications, and much more.

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**Eric Adelsberger**  
Bookkeeper

**Tim McPherson**  
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*Thank  
You!*

JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024 – MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

## ARTIFACT DONATIONS

—.. *Thank You!* ..—

### Andy Castle in Memory of Judy Castle

Late 19<sup>th</sup> century cradle belonging to Charles & Jeanette Barton

### Janice McDonald

Photographs of the Dairy Queen in Bellefontaine

### Theresa McKirahan

1846 Joseph Chambers letter, Belle Center book See You Later

### Rev. Don Davidson

Bellefontaine Examiner newspapers

### Joe Denton

1843 letter (photocopy) written by Bellefontaine prominent citizen J.S. Dawson

### Jason Lombardi

Autograph albums of Blanche & Ida Hatcher of Zanesfield

### Lynne (Blue) Baer

Letters & photos from Sadd family, Zanesfield area school photos

### Ray Watkins Estate

Wissler WA-6 and WA-9 airplane drawings, railroad photographs

### Sophie (Sukyoung) Suh

Book Familiar Letters of Lulu Frey Ewha Womans University Press, 2024

### Sabrina Glett

1920s First Aid Kit for automobile, Ice delivery sign, Moore's Bakery calendar

### The Art Club

Minutes books, scrapbooks

### Daniel E. Gilbert Family

Military items and photos of Gilbert family members

### Pam Hershberger

Indian Lake High School yearbooks, Cranberry Resort painting

### Don & Susan Corwin

Simon Kenton/Frontiersman costume, archaeology reference/research books

### Kristie Kreiger

Huntsville area school photo and papers

### Parrie Veo

East Liberty area photographs

### Pat Ortli

Stamp dispenser/postage/scale

### Dennis Madden

Indian Lake pennant and I.L. postcards

### Chris Casey

Russian/Soviet WWII pocket watch

### G. Bruce & Louise Norris

Honda of America magazine articles, schoolbook from Mary Fulton School, local business advertisements

### Jennifer L. Wilkins

Late 19<sup>th</sup> century graduation dress, Belle Center area documents, doll

## MAC-A-CHEEK FOUNDATION

The Mac-A-Cheek Foundation for the Humanities (MFH) at Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek is expanding its volunteer opportunities of behind-the-scenes projects to also include interacting with visitors. Shifts are flexible and training is offered. For more information, contact: [Margaret@piattCastle.org](mailto:Margaret@piattCastle.org) or either 937-465-2821 (office) or 937-844-3902 (cell).

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### MEMBERSHIP:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Lifetime      | \$300.00 |

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Your donation is tax deductible.

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OR BECOME A  
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(Make checks payable to Logan County History Center)

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