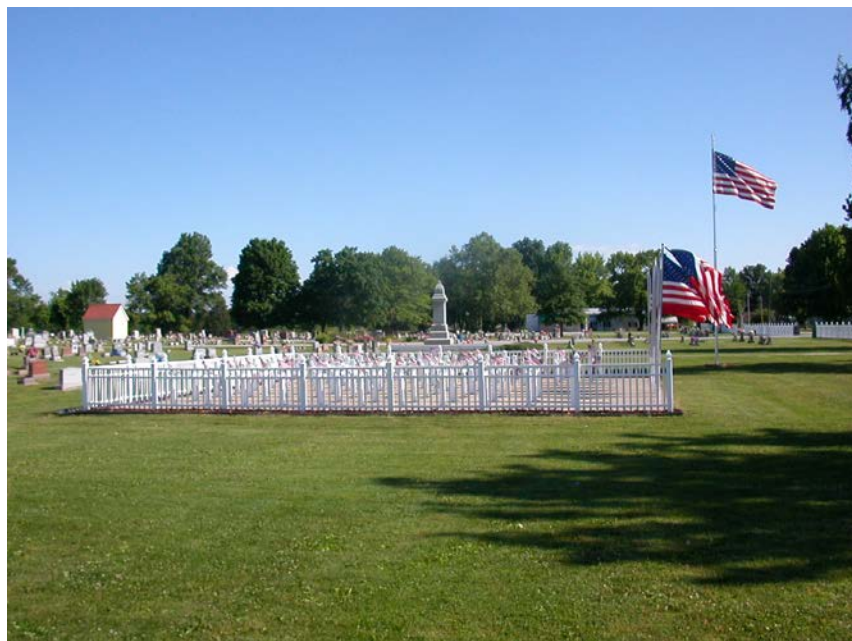


**World Wars I and II Memorial at Elmwood Cemetery**  
 Comprising a Field of Memorial Crosses and the American Legion Monument



WW II Veterans Honored in the Field of Memorial Cross

Terrance William Bailey	Eugene H. Fleener	J. Edward McIntire
Richard Leslie Barton	Ray J. Foster	William M. Morgan
Francis F. Bietler	Roy H. Fry	Donald Max Murphy
Harold E. Blair	William J. Gray	Maurice A. O'Dell
Norton J. Bowman	William Ralph Gray	Wallace E. Pearce
Marvin H. Brainard	Bill B. Grogan	Chester A. Rapp
Lawrence Clark Brashear	August C. Haak, Jr.	George F. Reynolds
Kenneth R. Bricker	David L. Hagen	George O. Rosenberg
William E. Briscoe	Dewitt Hagen	Edwin L. Schoonover
Charles W. Brown	Charles D. Hall	Delmo A. Smith
Evan S. Brown	James Leon Handley	Jack Sparks
George H. Bunnell	Raymond P. Harmon	Milton R. Stanley
John David Chaney	Norman H. Heiden	Ivan L. Stoops
Chester O. Coggin	Curtis McKee Henderson	Merle N. Stoops
Dennis Marion Coggin	Ruben Otis Henson	Ishmael F. Tackitt.
Rufus Owen Colclasure	Harold Harvey Hoard	Joseph F. Tolliver
Glen W. Crawford	Clyde Hoskins	Ralph B. Turner
George W. Crowder	Andrew Hough	Lusco Isaac Wickiser
Charles Jack Cunningham	Loren Carol Keith	Harlan A. Wildbur
Clyde R. Daniel	Charles C. Kraucunas	George Wireman
Robert E. Davis	Everett E. Kurr	Don Edwin Woods
C. J. Dearmond	George S. Lagle	James Allen Yates
Edgar E. Eakin	Roscoe Lewis Lamb	Orin Arthur Yates
Leslie E. Etchason	Robert E. Lawrence	Harry E. Young
James Fellows	Ralph Leroy Martin	Hubert Zerkel
	Loren Arnold Maxwell	

## **Elmwood Memorial Cemetery WW II Honorees' Registry of Remembrances Pages**

At Elmwood Cemetery in Flora, Illinois, is a Memorial Cemetery for WW I and WW II Veterans. It was originally constructed and dedicated by Post 14, American Legion, on Memorial Day, 1945. Since then, there have been several changes over the years resulting, today, in a concrete plot about 50 x 50 feet square with spaces for 99 White Memorial Crosses, 90 of which are installed. Eighty-five of the crosses bear names of veterans from the local area who were Killed in Action or Died in Service from other causes. Seventy-six of these are WW II Veterans.

On May 29th of 2004, the National WW II Memorial in Washington, D. C., was dedicated. "The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people."

One of the Master Design Features of this Memorial is an electronic database called the WW II Registry of Remembrances. "The memory of America's World War II generation is preserved within the physical memorial **and through the World War II Registry of Remembrances**, an individual (and searchable) listing of Americans who contributed to the war effort. Any U.S. citizen who helped win the war, whether a veteran or someone on the home front, is eligible for the Registry. Names in the Registry will be forever linked to the memorial's bronze and granite representations of their sacrifice and achievement."

On Memorial Day 2005, as Keynote Speaker at the Elmwood Ceremony, I announced that as part of my Registry Enrollment Project, my Research Assistant, Jean McDaniel, and I had successfully enrolled the 76 Elmwood Memorial Cemetery WW II Honorees in the WW II Registry of Remembrances (see Memorial Day Address Text at Tab A). And, for those without access to The Registry via the Internet, we would make a book with printed honoree pages for these honored veterans available for public viewing at Flora Library. This is that book.

We hereby dedicate this "**Elmwood Memorial Cemetery WW II Veterans National Registry of Remembrances Print Collection**" to the honored memory of those 76 fallen local heroes, and donate it for the use of the public at the Flora Library, this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2005.

*Robert Medley Gatewood*

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Research Assistant

(Please see next page for additional information about the Registry and a request.)

## **More About the WW II Registry of Remembrances**

The Registry combines four distinct databases that can be searched for names of those whose service and sacrifice helped win the Second World War. The Registry includes the names of Americans who are:

- Buried in American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) overseas military cemeteries.
- Memorialized on ABMC Tablets of the Missing
- Listed on official War and Navy Department Killed in Service rosters now held by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).
- Honored by public enrollment in the Registry of Remembrances.

The first three of these are rather impersonal, as they are constructed from rather dry government data, but useful to a degree in finding a little bit about a veteran's military statistics, but only if they died in service, and they are very incomplete. And they list no civilians on the home front.

The fourth data base is the most important because only it can contain a mix of available public data, but also plus purely personal information (including many photographs) that clearly come from the person him/herself, or family, or friends of the honoree. Notice, I didn't say Veteran, because there are many civilians on the home front already in the registry, and there should be many more. This registry data base will eventually be the largest and best of the four because it is not being put together from any government lists by some government committee. It is being built, honoree by honoree, exclusively by inputs from private citizens like any of you ... and me ... with private knowledge of and information about their honorees in addition to public records.

If you would like to learn more about the Registry, visit it on the Internet at [wwiimemorial.com](http://wwiimemorial.com) and click on WWII Registry. If you'd like to search, you may do so by Last Name, First Name, and State (any or all). A more interesting Search is to look for all the names currently entered for a particular Hometown and State (search for only those two entries), using the Advanced Search feature. Enjoy.

### **A Couple of Requests**

The data available on the 76 honorees varied widely. For 18 of them, it was only their names on the Elmwood Memorial Crosses. Consequently, we are in search for more information and/or photographs for those with little information and no photograph. If you can add anything pertaining to any of the honoree's data and particularly about their hometown, branch of service, and activities during WW II (or about how to contact whomever honored the Veteran, other than Gatewood); please fill out a Data Sheet on that person that you'll find at Tab B, and leave it with the Librarian who will pass it on to us. Be sure to date it and include your name and contact data too.

Finally, whether or not you can provide additional data about any of the honorees, please sign and date the Reader Log found at Tab C, and provide any comments you'd like to make. We'd appreciate you spreading the word to others that this book is available and in need of further information – perhaps from the general local population.

Thanks,

Medley Gatewood and Jean McDaniel

**Additional Data Sheet** (Date: \_\_\_\_\_)

Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Honored By (Contact Info for Those Other than Gatewood): \_\_\_\_\_

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Activities During WW II: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Enlisted/Drafted? Dates of Entry to Active Service and Where? Training and Military Occupational Specialty/Job? Military Unit and Theater(s), Battles, Operations, and Campaigns Participated In? Wounds/Captured? Earned Awards and Decorations. Discharge Rank, Date, and Where? Etc.?)

Your Name and Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

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