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Camp Atterbury hosts ceremony to honor veterans

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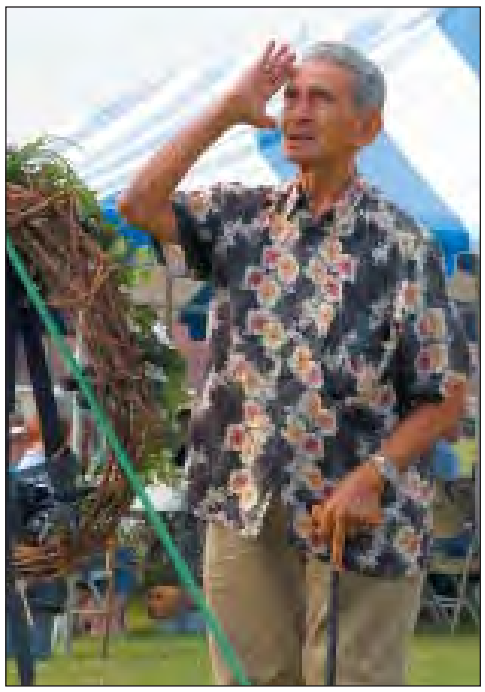
A commemoration memorial for veterans past and present was held Aug. 15 at the War Memorial at Camp Atterbury.



Brig. Gen. Clif Tooley, commanding general of Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck Center for Complex Operations and the ceremony's guest speaker, offered words of gratitude for the veterans of past wars. Tooley said the reason for the ceremony was to honor the people who sacrificed for us.

"From the start, 19 generations of Americans have stepped up and put on the uniform to defend this great nation and everything we cherish," Tooley said.

"We take pause from everyday living to remember and say thanks to the Soldiers, civilians, friends, family and neighbors for the sacrifice you made in the past, the sacrifices you made today and the sacrifices you will make in the future," he said.

Paul Dickerson, a representative of the 28th Infantry Division, Harrisburg, Pa., served in the Korean War and went to basic training at Camp Atterbury in 1950.

"It is a great honor to be here again and to see how much has improved," he said. "It was all wooden barracks back then."

As the final wreath was saluted, "Amazing Grace" was played on bag pipes by the Southern Indiana Bag Pipes and Drums, followed by the retiring of colors by the Camp Atterbury Color Guard.

Among the ceremony participants was William Wallace Atterbury III, the grandnephew of the late Gen. William Wallace Atterbury, for whom the installation was named.

"It was great to come out to see the honoring of the veterans that had fallen and are still here sacrificing," Atterbury said.

"It is a great honor to be here to reflect on what people have given up for our freedom."

Above: Soldiers and veterans salute as the Camp Atterbury Color Guard retires the Colors, during a veteran's memorial commemoration ceremony Aug. 15 at the War Mamorial at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center. **Far left:** Gustan Potthoff, a former Prisoner of War, says a prayer for POWs and service-members and salutes the wreath. Potthoff representated the POWs during the veteran's memorial commemoration. **Left:** The Camp Atterbury Color Guard presents the flags while veterans place their hands over their hearts

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