

Honor and Respect

A December picture of Arlington National Cemetery, in a blanket of snow with green wreaths with red bows placed at each veteran's grave, was the genesis of Honor and Respect. Lewis and Clark Veterans and Tribal People who aided the exploration deserve recognition at their widespread burial sites. A simple picture was the initial inspiration.

The first year Ed Hamilton's Bronze Statue of York, Willaim Clark's enslaved servant, was the only expedition member that received a wreath. However, after seven years, V. F. W. Posts, American Legion Posts, libraries, interpretive centers, and individuals are assisting with a wreath laying at the final resting place of Lewis and Clark Expedition members and Tribal People linked to the epic story. The Tribal respect includes Day Time Smoke, believed to be William Clark's Nez Perce son, buried at Tonkawa Cemetery near Ponca City, OK.

The December wreath laying is an opportunity to bring greater recognition to the Lewis and Clark Veterans and the service they provided all people. The wreath laying is now on city calendars, organization planners, and individual's "To-Do List." Unfortunately, there are burial locations that are still unrecognized or even unknown but deserving of recognition.

Please join the Lewis and Clark Trust in recognizing the Lewis and Clark Veterans and the helpful Tribal People with a wreath laying in a community where a burial site is located. Each community or group determines the degree of formality and who attends. A wreath presentation is an opportunity to preserve through education.

The following pictures recognize organizations and individuals that preserve the memory of the U.S. Army veterans serving in the first successful military exploration of the West, the Lewis and Clark Expedition.



Jean Baptiste Charboneau, Inskip Station, Malheur Co. ID

Credit: Julie Rittenberry, Boise, ID



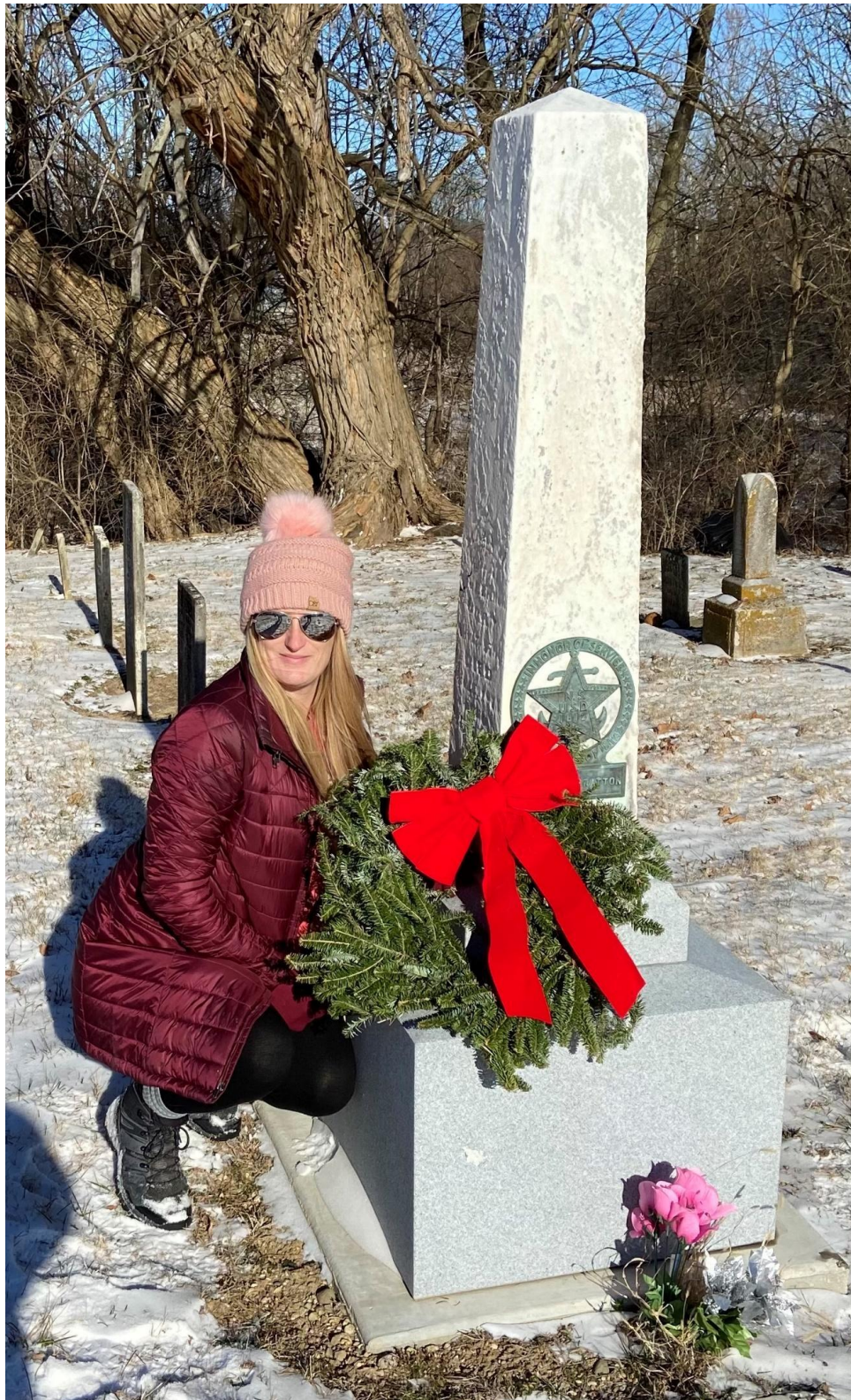
Patrick Gass, Brook Co. Cemetery, Wellsburg, WV

Credit: Paul Zuros Old Fort Steuben, Steubenville, OH



York, Louisville Belvedere, Louisville, KY

Honoring York, Pictured: Jim Holmberg, Ed Hanilton, Bernadette Hamilton,
Jerry Robertson, Linda Robertson, Linda Keith, Jim Keith, & Paula Mallory
Credit: Lewis and Clark Trust



William Bratton, Old Pioneer Cemetery, Waynetown, IN

Credit: Amie Cox, Bratton Descendant



Lucy Meriwether Lewis Marks, Ivy VA

Credit: Alexandria Searls and Malou Stark Dichtel



Reuben Lewis, Ivy, VA

Credit: Alexandria Searls and Malou Stark Dichtel



Nathaniel Pryor, Graham Cemetery, Pryor, OK

Credit: Cari Rerat and Scott McCall



Veterans Memorial Park, Atchison, KS

Credit: Karen Seaberg



John Shield, Little Flock Cemetery, Harrison County, IN (38.073484 -85.978272)
Credit: Lewis and Clark Trust



Haláx túuqit (Daytime Smoker), Tonkawa Cemetery, OK

Credit: The Ponca City News

<https://www.poncacitynews.com/news/nez-perce-tribe-recognized-wreaths-across-america-event>



Sgt. Charles Floyd, Floyd Monument, Sioux City, IA

Credit: Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Sioux City, IA



Alexander Hamilton Willard, Franklin Cemetery, Elk Grove, CA

Credit: Louis Silveria, Elk Grove Historical Society



John Colter, near New Haven, Franklin County, MO

Credit: Larry Boschen, David Cain and Larry Kluesner

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Meriwether Lewis, Lewis Site, Natchez Trace Parkway, near Franklin, TN

Credit: Charlotte Ollinger



William Clark, Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, MO

Credit: Larry Boschen, David Cain, and Larry Kluesner