

Veterans Remembrance Fall News Release November 10, 2024 at 2 pm at the Veterans Plaza

**In the event of inclement weather, the Veterans Day Program will be held in Veterans Auditorium located at 233 West Sixth Street, Marysville.*

Veterans Day, in November, reminds us of "all veterans" who have served or are serving. The Veterans Remembrance Committee has set a date for the Veterans Day Program, November 10, 2024, at 2 pm on the Courthouse lawn at the Plaza.

Bruce "Bo" Johnstone, Docent Director of Union County Historical Society will be the Master of Ceremonies. Pavers purchased during the year will be dedicated. This year's honoree for Voice from the Stone will be Private First Class Roland E. Palmer, United States Marine Corps who died of wounds on February 21, 1945 at Iwo Jima. Also speaking will be Marine Veteran, Jermaine Ferguson.

The Union County Veterans Monument and Plaza was first dedicated on Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2007, and there is still time to purchase pavers for this year's ceremony. They make wonderful gifts, and anyone can purchase a paver or give as a gift certificate for their veteran. There is also still room for families or organizations to purchase pavers for the walkway to the monument. Pavers may be purchased at the Union County Foundation, www.unioncountyfoundation.org or 126 N. Main St. The purchase deadline for this year's ceremony is Tuesday, October 25, and personal or business tax deductible contributions are welcome anytime throughout the year for the perpetuity of the plaza and can also be made to the Veterans Remembrance Fund, c/o Union County Foundation.

As of now there are over 2200 Veteran pavers installed in the plaza, and over 6100 published veteran records on the website, which may be accessed at www.ucvetmemorial.org or at the kiosk at the plaza. The Veterans Remembrance Committee goal is to make sure all Union County veterans are listed and honored in our database and plaza. The Plaza belongs to everyone in the county for the purpose of honoring and giving thanks to all area veterans, past and present, who served during conflict or peace on home soil or overseas. All veterans are encouraged to publish their information and picture on the county website. For more information, contact Marie Bouic at 740-272-2950 or bouic1@gmail.com.