

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 11, 2023, at 2 pm on the Courthouse lawn at the Plaza. Spanish American Veteran, Samuel Layton Hill who was killed by friendly fire, will be the focus of the program for the Voice from the Stone. Samuel graduated from Marysville High School and signed up on April 26, 1898 with Company E of the 14th Ohio. Retired MSgt Jeremy D. Miller will speak on his experience's during his 20-year career as a paramedic with the U.S. Air Force. positions. Jeremy served in Iraq and Afghanistan wars where he was awarded the Bronze Star. Bruce "Bo" Johnstone, Docent Director of Union County Historical Society will be the Master of Ceremonies. Pavers purchased during the year will be dedicated.

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,

<u>www.unioncountyfoundation.org</u> or 126 N. Main St. The purchase deadline for this year's ceremony is Friday, October 14, 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 6000 published veteran records on the website, which may be accessed at <u>www.ucvetmemorial.org</u> 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 <u>bouic1@gmail.com</u>.