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The endeavor to find those who lived in Summit County and died in the line of duty for their country started when I prepared a display for the Summit County Library in Coalville for Memorial Day. There was a synoptic biography for each individual and photos taken during each of the conflicts. The 19 biographies were of individuals that entered the service within the boundaries of the American Legion Post 93. The boundaries follow those of the North Summit School District.

NaVee Vernon, Summit County Historian, asked me if I would do the rest of the county. I divided the remaining area of the county into the Park City and South Summit areas.

The names were obtained from the memorial plaques in the Summit County Building in Coalville, the Coalville City Monument, and the plaque in the Oakley Town Hall. They are from the start of World War I through Vietnam. There were no deaths during the Korean War.

Thirty-eight individuals are included in the work. I am still doing research concerning three individuals, but have not been able to confirm their military service. There may be more and if you think you know of someone that could be included, please send an e-mail to NaVee Vernon at nvernon@summit.gov with the name of the individual and any information you have.

They died in the line of duty. Some died of disease or illness, one was killed in training, others died of injuries and others were killed in action. One was on the USS Arizona when it was bombed at Pearl Harbor and one died almost a year after he left the service from the disease he contracted while serving in Vietnam.

I am thankful for the assistance of Na Vee and Russ Judd. Russ would assist me when I ran into the proverbial 'brick wall' and found the information that I needed.

For some of the biographies, there was abundance of information and for others a minimal amount. There was not enough space in the biographies to cite sources, but there is a list of sources provided on the website. For the most part, information for the biographies was paraphrased and for the descriptions of the patches and distinctive unit insignias they were copied verbatim.

Abraham Lincoln said what we should do to honor those who died in the line of duty:

"...that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion..."

Tom Toole