



average of 100 veterans annually in Barren, Hart, Metcalfe, Monroe, Allen, Cumberland, Edmonson, Warren and Green Counties.

In reflecting on why the group honor veterans in this way, Houchens commented, "They are really an asset to our community and our nation. We honor them with the best we have. We try to honor those veterans because without those veterans, our country wouldn't be what we are today."

The last rites ceremony includes a 21-gun salute and Taps along with a ceremonial folding of the American flag covering the veteran's coffin. Members of the DAV share with those assembled the meaning of the thirteen folds used in preparing the flag before it is presented to the family of the deceased.

The work of the local DAV continues to honor the commitment that none of America's heroes will never go it alone.



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