

Owens seeks 12th District County Commissioner seat

My name is Daniel Owens and I am running for the 12th District County Commission.

I was born and raised in Warren County and I am happy to call this county my home. I have resided in the 12th District for nearly 10 years. I have been employed in the transportation and logistics industry at Freedom Express and McCormick Warehouse in Morrison for approximately 14 years.

When I started working at Freedom Express and McCormick Warehouse, I was a dockworker and have worked my way up to operations manager. At the com-

pany, I am responsible for the day-to-day operations, negotiating customer contracts and bidding for 1- to 2-year business cycles, dispatching, increasing new customers and gaining new accounts, enforcing and maintaining safety rules and regulations, and overseeing accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll. While at the company, we have used our hard-work approach to help grow to 29 semi-trucks and 125 tractor-trailers.

I am a proud graduate of Warren County High School and played a variety of sports for the Pioneers and

various other community teams which taught me the value of teamwork. While working full time, I first attended college at Motlow State Community College taking night classes as a student in the Adult College Express program. I graduated as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society. After my Motlow graduation, I received a PTK academic scholarship and used it to continue my education at

MTSU. I graduated with a bachelor's of business administration degree in accounting in 2017. I think my accounting degree would be beneficial in the development of our county's economic growth and governmental policies. I could use this as an integral resource to help make informed business and finance decisions, determine areas of growth, and track financial informa-



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I am a proud member of McMinnville Young Professionals, Lucky CIC, Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association, and the Loyal Order of the Moose 1725. I received the "One to Watch" Alumni Award in 2018 from the Motlow College Foundation. Over the years, I have been fortunate enough to volunteer in various ways, including Habitat for Humanity, Kids of the Community, Relay for Life, Smokin' in McMinnville, and Taste of the Underground.

In 2009, I married Dayron Deaton-Owens, who is an associate professor of psy-

chology/ sociology at Motlow College in McMinnville. Dayron and I love to travel, kayak, golf, and spend time with our family and our animals.

I would like the opportunity to bring my strong work ethic, educational knowledge, and my utmost enthusiasm to Warren County. I want the opportunity to be elected into this position to help lead Warren County into the future and give back to the community I call home. As your next County Commissioner for District 12, I would be honored to serve Warren County's residents.

WCHS graduation

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They reminisced about the bomb scare their freshman year and bed bugs their sophomore year.

They noted most of their classmates developed a case of senioritis their senior year, a condition which can only be cured by graduating.

Director of Schools Bobby Cox addressed the packed crowd at Nunley Stadium and joked about the high school being rolled Monday. He wondered out loud if the seniors were behind it.

In continuing his tradition of offering inspirational quotes, Cox said, "Success isn't what you accomplish in life but what you inspire in others."

Musical entertainment was provided by the WCHS choir, which sang "A Million Dreams." Dylan Walker played guitar and sang "Five More Minutes."



WCHS seniors, from left, Maddy Pack, Braxton Fitts, and Harley Bell pose for a picture before graduating Friday night at Nunley Stadium.

Lisa Hobbs photos
Graduation is a time to say goodbye. WCHS teacher Cie Harris takes time to say farewell to one of her favorite students, Taylor Jaco.



Raper

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Terry says he began digging into military records and found his father was a well-decorated serviceman in both World War II and the Korean War.

Raper, at age 19, enlisted in the U.S. Army and served under the United Nations from July 2, 1943 to Dec. 19, 1958.

He fought in World War II battles and campaigns in Southern France, Normandy, Rhineland, Africa, and the Middle East. He was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds sustained in France, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, and three Bronze Stars.

He was Rifleman 745. He also had a Combat Infantryman Badge and was an expert rifleman with a Marksmanship with Gold Leaf.

During the Korean War,

he served in the United National Defensive, United Nations Offensive, Chinese Communist Forces Intervention, First United Nations Offensive, Chinese Communist Forces Spring Offensive, United Nations Summer-Fall Offensive.

He was awarded a Korea Service Medal, Bronze Star with Silver Star, Bronze Service Star, Distinguished Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, and Marksmanship (Carbine) Expert Award.

"It took me about a year to get his military service records," said Terry. "It just blew my mind to see where he went, all that he was involved in, and all the medals he received. He was a silent soldier. He served his country and he shouldn't be forgotten."

Raper rose to the rank of sergeant and was honorably discharged on Dec. 19, 1958.

There were signs his dad saw things in those 15 years he would have rather forgotten.

"When we were growing up, we couldn't watch anything on TV that had to do with the military," said Terry. "We weren't even allowed to watch 'Hogan's Heroes.' That was a very popular show at the time. Not in our house."

He taught his son how to shoot a gun, but he also educated him on some self-defense tactics to prevent bullying at school.

"I didn't like to fight," said Terry. "I hated confrontation. He showed me some self-defense moves. During the war, he was a gunner but he also trained soldiers to go to war."

Terry discovered pictures that his father sent home during the war.

"He wrote little notes on some of the pictures. He sent

them to my grandmother and she kept them all these years. I can't believe she had all these pictures."

One photo was of his dad in a group and he wrote, "Part of my crew. Good boys, but a little reckless."

"Lonesome polecat fired 147 rounds today. Had to be checked," was written on the back of a picture that featured Raper with what appeared to be an M1 Howitzer.

"There are a lot of silent soldiers out there," he said. "Each of them deserves recognition. We shouldn't allow any of them to be forgotten."

What Terry knows about his father's military service could be all he ever knows. A fire occurred in 1973 at the National Personnel Records Center and records were damaged or destroyed.

He has requested his father's medals and is awaiting the arrival of those.

Army veteran set to speak at annual Memorial Day event

Ceremony begins at 7 a.m. at airport

BY **EMMA HOLMES**
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

U.S. Army veteran James Cantrell, who served his country in two wars, will be the keynote speaker Monday for the county's Memorial Day ceremony at Warren County Memorial Airport at 7 a.m.

"I am proud to be selected to serve this country as one of its soldiers," said Cantrell. "I'm still in contact with the men I taught and served with. I love them like brothers."

Cantrell was born in June 1942 in McMinnville. He attended Northside School and City High School in 1960. He graduated from MTSU in the ROTC Events Program. After college, he went straight to active duty at Fort Benning, Ga., where he went to Officer Candidate School to prepare for 2nd lieutenant military training.

After his time at Fort Benning, he attended Airborne School and Ranger School. Soon after, he went to the Korean War and was assigned to

the infantry battalion. Cantrell worked for the Korean Demilitarized Zone in North Korea as a company commander.

After Korea, he came back to the states to test airborne equipment and weapons at Fort Benning.

During his time in Vietnam, Cantrell went in combat as a rifle company commander and received the Combat Infantry Badge.

Cantrell returned to the states in 1969 and enrolled in the Infantry Officer Advanced School for a year. The next year he became an instructor for three years at a Florida ranger camp.

While in Florida he married Casey and they adopted their first daughter.

Cantrell and his family went to Germany in 1973 and stayed for three years as he was assigned as the 9th Division airborne unit commander. Later he and his family moved back to McMinnville where their second daughter was born.

Back in the states, Cantrell worked at Arnold Engineering Development Complex (AEDC) in Tullahoma.

Cantrell is now retired as a Lieutenant Colonel and is living in McMinnville with his wife.

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