



Lisa Hobbs photo  
**Residents at the VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro are used to seeing these smiling faces. For more than 50 years, the McMinnville American Legion Auxiliary Post 173 has been delivering a meal each month to Unit 8A, a ward that receives few visitors. Pictured, from left, are members Anita Grissom, Pat Bryan, Darlene Tinley, Leslie Argo, and Sheila Bell.**

# ALA gives back to veterans

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
*Reporter for the Southern Standard*  
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

The McMinnville American Legion Auxiliary Post 173 has been delivering gratitude to veterans at the VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro for about five decades.

“On the fourth Thursday of every month, we provide a meal to Unit 8A at the VA in Murfreesboro,” said ALA president Pat Bryan. “It’s very rewarding. Some of them do not have family members who come visit. This is much more than a meal for them. It shows someone cares and they haven’t been forgotten.”

The VA unit houses veterans who are receiving long-term rehabilitation and nurs-

ing home care. It’s a locked ward.

While the gesture behind the food remains unchanged since the program started, the meal items vary.

“Sometimes it’s just a snack, but other times it’s a meal,” said ALA secretary Darlene Tinley, who coordinates the VA meals. “Once during the summer, we bring all the supplies and make banana splits. During the winter, we bring soups. We’ll take the broiler with us and make them grilled cheese sandwiches right there on the unit.”

The American Legion Auxiliary, established in 1919, is the world’s largest women’s patriotic service organization. They are advocates for veterans and offer

support to them using various programs including the Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation program, and the poppy program.

The poppy program connects the image of the poppy with the sacrifice of men and women who have served and died during war. Since the program’s inception in 1924, members have distributed poppies, most handmade, in exchange for contributions to assist active-duty military, veterans, and their families.

“We are having our Poppy Donation Day at Walmart on the last Saturday in October, the 27th,” said Bryan. “The funds we raise help us continue to assist veterans. Please stop by and made a

donation.”

These are just a few of the many programs the American Legion Auxiliary offers. It also provides a college scholarship. One senior, the descendent of a veteran, is selected each year. ALA sends six upcoming senior girls to Volunteer Girls State each year with the financial assistance of several businesses and clubs in Warren County.

The local ALA also assists American Legion members in the placement of flags on veteran graves in Warren County prior to Memorial Day.

ALA has 58 members. The group is open to any female relative of a veteran, including a spouse.

# Commission recommends rejecting spot-zoning request for daycare

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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A local couple could see their dream of offering an in-home daycare slip away after purchasing a city property not zoned for business.

Members of the McMinnville Planning Commission met Tuesday to consider a request by Tristan and Justin Adcock to rezone their property on Oak Hill Drive from R-1 low density residential district to R-2 medium residential district. The change would allow a special exception to offer an in-home daycare.

“Can we take one section of a neighborhood like this?” asked commission member Todd Noblin.

Commission member Jim Brock stated, “No, it is spot zoning.”

Spot zoning is allowing one parcel of land to be rezoned in direct opposition to its surrounding properties. In this case, the couple’s property is surrounded by R-1 properties.

Community Development director Nolan Ming recommended rejecting the request.

“This is considered spot zoning, which is why I would recommend this not be approved,” said Ming. “If you look at the map, it is completely surrounded by R-1.”

Commission members Brock, Noblin, David Marttala, Jerry Williamson, Allison Moore, and Mayor Jimmy Haley were united in their stance against the measure.

Prior to rejection, Mrs. Adcock presented letters from neighbors who were in favor of allowing the business and informed the commission a state inspection approved the home for a daycare, contingent upon city of McMinnville endorsement under its current zoning restrictions.

Mr. Adcock asked what they should do now.

“As a property owner, what’s our next step?” he asked. “Is there anything we can do?”

Ming stated, “Not that I know of.”

Mr. Adcock asked the commission to reconsider allowing the change.

“The problem we have here is not whether we want to do it or don’t want to do

it,” said Brock. “The problem is, spot zoning by federal judicial review has been again and again shot down as illegal. I can’t find any, and I’ve done research on it, instance where spot zoning was upheld in any court of law anywhere.”

Commission members are

not the final say on a zoning change request. Their recommendation is a suggestion to the McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen. In this case, their recommendation will be to deny the request when the measure comes before elected officials.

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# Prosecutor to seek jail for all gun crime

**NASHVILLE (AP)** — A prosecutor in Tennessee says his office will seek jail time on all gun-related offenses, among other new policies.

In a news release Wednesday, Nashville District Attorney Glenn Funk said the policies aim to make the city safer and address the proliferation of guns in the hands of convicted felons.

Funk says his office will seek to present all gun cases to the grand

jury. Once the cases are in criminal court, Funk says prosecutors will seek jail time on the gun-related offenses.

He says anyone prohibited from buying or having a gun due to criminal record, age or mental health condition will be prosecuted.

Funk says prosecutors will continue seeking juvenile detention for 30 days prior to resolution of cases where a juvenile is arrested for having a gun.

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Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at Billy’s Restaurant (2822 Nashville Highway in McMinnville). Members will meet at 5:00 pm for dinner with the meeting to follow at 6:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Prospective members are also welcome to attend. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @post173 to stay up to date on all American Legion activities.  
New Post address is: American Legion Post 173, P.O. Box 173, McMinnville, TN 37111. **The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the same time.**

**THE BOBBY RAY DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at the Warren County Administrative Building (201 Locust Street) in the Magnolia Room. Doors open at 1800 and the meeting starts at 1830. All honorable discharged Marines, Navy FMF Corpsman and Navy Chaplains who served with the marines are invited to attend. For more information call 931-934-5619.

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER (POST 173)**  
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the third Saturday each month at Gondola Restaurant (305 Mullican St. in McMinnville). Members will meet at 9:00am for breakfast and the meeting will follow at 10:00am. We will ride after the meeting. We are looking for new members. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @ American Legion Riders Chapter Post 173 McMinnville. For information please contact Director John A. Davis at American Legion Rider Chapter Post 173, PO Box 173, McMinnville, TN 37111.

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, ROYCE DAVENPORT CHAPTER 1112**  
Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at Billy’s restaurant (2822 Nashville Hwy. in McMinnville). Members will meet at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, with meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Perspective members will need to bring copy of DD Form 214 to verify service and join. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @ VVA1112 to stay up to date on all VVA and AVVA activities.

**Associate Vietnam Veterans of America, Royce Davenport Chapter 1112**  
Meeting is the same time and place as the VVA (see above). Anyone can be a member. There is no requirement to be related to a Veteran in anyway, however Veterans can also join. Please come and join our organization. Royce Davenport Chapter 1112 will again be collecting non-perishable items for the Warren County Emergency Food Bank during the Main Street Live Concert Series on Friday nights starting June 9, 2017 and continuing through the series. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 5064**  
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at the VFW Post Home (3340 Sparta Highway) at 7:00 pm. Prospective members are encouraged to attend. Call 931-668-8392 for more information. **The VFW Auxiliary meets at the same time.**

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