

LWC 17th annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

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More than 130 area veterans and their guests were honored Friday at the 17th-annual Lindsey Wilson College Veterans Appreciation Luncheon held in the Roberta D. Cranmer Dining & Conference Center.

Around two dozen LWC students were in attendance to greet, serve and assist the veterans and their families during the luncheon. The LWC nursing program was also on-hand to welcome the veterans to campus.

LWC Dean of Students Chris Schmidt says the annual event to honor local veterans has become a highlight at LWC.

“This has become one of the best days we

have on campus,” said Schmidt, who is responsible for organizing the annual event which began in 2003. “We cannot thank these men and women enough for their service and commitment to our country and what they continue to do to serve their communities.”

Friday’s guest speaker was Kentucky VFW State Commander Bruce Unland who served the U.S. Army from 1965-1971 and completed two tours of duty in Vietnam. Unland is the recipient of three purple hearts and a bronze star with oak leaf cluster. He was honorably discharged from service in 1971 with the rank of E-6 Staff Sergeant

Unland spoke about leadership lessons based on the unassuming life of WWII U.S. Army veteran and Medal of Honor recipi-

ent Private William Crawford.

“Everyone deserves respect,” said Unland from Madisonville, Ky. “Take the time to know people and be careful of labels. Crawford was labeled a janitor, and until his achievements were discovered by the students of the academy, no one noticed him.”

According to Unland, Private Crawford spent his days after retirement working as a custodian at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

“Anyone can be a hero, Mr. Crawford’s achievements in WWII certainly met anyone’s standard of a hero. Private Bill Crawford didn’t pursue glory, he did his duty and then swept floors for a living. No job is beneath a leader. If Crawford, a Medal of Honor recipient could clean lavatories and then smile, so can the rest of us.”



Photos submitted

U.S. Navy veteran Roy Kimbler and his wife, Sue from Russell Springs, Ky., talk to fellow Air Force veteran Charles Mashburn from Columbia, Ky., before the start of Lindsey Wilson College’s 17th-annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon held on Friday, Nov. 8 in the Roberta D. Cranmer Dining & Conference Center.



Marine Corp veteran Wilbur Blair from Columbia, Ky; Army veteran Richard Henningsen from Chicago, Ill.; and Donald Allen from Columbia, Ky., chat at Friday’s 17th-annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon at Roberta D. Cranmer Dining & Conference Center. The three retired servicemen served during the mid-to-late 1960s.



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Senior Adam Hoehler, left, from Somerset, Ky., and junior Dominick Ferrara, right, from Nashville, Tenn., present the colors at the 17th-annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon held on Friday, Nov. 8. The students are cadets in the Army ROTC program at Lindsey Wilson College. When Hoehler graduates in the spring, he will be the first cadet to commission from the college.

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Veterans Appreciation



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United States Air Force Veteran Ron Gaunce was served refreshments by Branch Manager Kacey Boils, left, and employees Jessica Hayes and Becky Lowe during Veterans Appreciation Day Friday at Community Trust Bank.

Correction

The Nov 6 Lindsey Wilson College Veterans Day ad had the wrong date for the annual luncheon. We regret the error and hope the mistake did not cause any great inconvenience.

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