



2014—Master Sergeant James Goodall, U.S. Army retired, right, presented 94-year-old Casper Hale a medallion, then shook his hand and personally thanked him for his service. Hale served in both WWII and the Korean War.



2013—Local VFW Post 5186 named Shelby Jolly as its flag keeper for the next year. Jolly served in the South Pacific in the later stages of WWII, and also served in the Korean War.



2011—Local VFW Post 5186 named WWII veteran Paul Ray, left, as the 2011-12 Caretaker of the Flag during Veterans Day ceremonies by Randy Brown.



Local VFW Post 5186 honored Lewisport resident Bill Lyles as this year’s Keeper of The Flag, an honor granted to one local veteran each year. Presenting the flag to Lyles are, from left, Randy Brown, back L.T. Newton and right Post Commander Buz Baskett.



2012—VFW Post 5186 Vice-Commander Gary Fuchs, left, shakes the hand of Sallie Basham as her son Lloyd looks on. The post honored Sallie’s husband Edward, who was killed during the Vietnam Conflict.



Vic Hagman, right, salutes VFW Post 5186 Commander Buz Baskett as he is presented with the flag at the Veterans Day ceremony. Hagman served in the U.S. Navy from August 51 to August 55 as an engine man on a submarine.



2016—Army veteran Edgar Payne, right, salutes VFW Post 5186 commander Wagner “Buz” Baskett as Baskett presents him with the folded American flag Friday. The flag is presented to one veteran each year who becomes the flag keeper.



Keepers of the flag



2015—VFW Post 5186 named WWII veteran LW Long as the keeper of the flag. In addition to the flag, Jamie Hylton of Bridgewater Medical Center presented Long with a beautiful wreath honoring the sacrifice of veterans.



2015—LT Newton, with VFW Post 5186 presented the American Flag to Korean War veteran Otto Spencer during Veterans Day ceremonies in 2015. Standing with Spencer is his wife Eva Spencer.



2017—Army veteran Leroy Lamar salutes VFW Post 5186 Commander Wagner “Buz” Baskett after having been presented with the United States Flag during the annual Veterans Day celebration.



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