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Memorial Day Memories: May 18, 1956 In Flanders Field, The Poppies Grow - and in Veteran's Hands



Saturday, May 26 members of the American Legion, auxiliary and volunteer workers give the people of the Kershaw area the privilege of buying all red poppies. Poppies made the weekend shaking hands of veterans who are living out lives in wheelchairs and in hospital beds. Poppies to honor valliant war dead who laid down their lives that we might know the blessed priviledges we are prone to take for granted.

In Arlington National cemetery, near Washington D.C. is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, symbol of a nation's homage to war dead. In foul weather or under skies bright, selected members of an elite guard keep watch. By day and by night, each in turn keeps watch, this solitary soldier being a reminder that this is a shrine, sacred to the people of the United States.

The Guard is changed every

hour on the hour by the Corporal of the Guard. There are three or four sentinels and a Corporal of the Guard, with each on duty for 24 hours and off 48. They live in quarters under the Trophy Room in the amphitheatre near the Tomb when on Duty.

No deviation from the high standard of behavior is tolerated. The Tomb is a shrine and the men who serve there consider their jobs in that light, off-duty and on.

Once assigned to the guard, a sentinel walks the rubber mat in front of the Tomb - a paced distance of some 23 to 25 steps at a cadence of 128 paces a minute for an hour at a time. He pauses for 20 seconds after each facing movement and stands at attention for 10 seconds when the Tomb is saluted at the Changing of the Guard. At no time Does his head waver from the infantry-man's well-disciplined "eyes front."

Duty with the Honor Guard is voluntary. Application must be made and competition is keen for the coveted few spaces in the guard. To the soldiers selected, the honor they are privileged to give is the greatest they could ask.

We here in Kershaw can pay honor in a much more simple manner than do the fine young members of the Unknown Soldier's Honor Guard. When we purchase small red poppies on Saturday we not only honor the dead, but we provide funds for their widows and children. The Kernel hopes that the people of Kershaw will buy every small red poppy that is put on sale in this town Saturday. We should be proud to do so.

This column form "Kernel Kershaw Sez" originally appeared in the May 18th, 1955 Kershaw News-Era

Kershaw Town Council Declares May "National Tennis Month" in Kershaw



The Kershaw Town Council passed a proclamation Monday evening celebrating the tennis programing in the Town. Program coaches Tim Webb and Cami Armbrust Beverly Timmons and AJ Senior Jayden Pointe were presented the proclamation by Mayor Mark Dorman(center). Webb, Armbrust, Timmons and Pointe had come to the meeting from practice at the town's tennis cour.

Lancaster County Council Selects Brian N. Tucker, as County Administrator

Lancaster, S.C. — Lancaster County Council has unanimously selected Brian N. Tucker, IOM to serve as the County's next County Administrator. Mr. Tucker will begin his duties on July 1, 2026.

"I am excited and humbled to serve as the next County Administrator of Lancaster County. Coming home to serve my family and friends is overwhelmingly surreal." Commented Mr. Tucker, "I have watched the growth and evolution of Lancaster County over the last number of years. Lancaster County is made up of so many distinct communities. Maintaining the warmth and character of these communities while channeling the unprecedented growth is an exciting opportunity that I could not have imagined. I am thankful for the trust that County Council is showing and I cannot wait to get started."

Mr. Tucker, a native of Lancaster County, brings more than 20 years of leadership experience across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, with a proven track record of operational excellence, economic development, and community revitalization. He currently serves as Assistant City Manager for the City of Myrtle Beach, where he oversees daily operations for an organization of approximately 1,000 employees and a \$300 million budget, with direct responsibility for more than 400 employees across multiple departments.

In Myrtle Beach, Mr. Tucker was recruited to help lead the revitalization of the City's downtown core, a major tourism destination hosting approximately 20 million visitors annually. His portfolio includes oversight of construction and capital projects, economic development, public works, planning and zoning, and the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

He has played a key leadership role in implementing the Arts and Innovation District Master Plan and the East of Kings District, which includes significant public infrastructure investments, adaptive reuse of historic structures, and strategic partnerships with higher education and private-sector stakeholders. Prior to his service in Myrtle Beach, Mr. Tucker served as Director of Economic Development for Georgetown County, South Carolina, where he reorganized the County's economic development structure to foster stronger public-private

collaboration and led major visioning efforts related to the Port of Georgetown and a former steel mill site. He also acted as the County's primary liaison to private-sector employers during multiple natural disasters, coordinating response and recovery efforts with utilities and partner agencies.

Mr. Tucker previously served as President and CEO of both the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce and the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce. In those roles, he led successful financial turnarounds, strengthened organizational governance, expanded membership and programming, and advanced key policy and economic initiatives that supported business growth and community development.

A graduate of Clemson University, Mr. Tucker holds a Bachelor of Science in Financial Management. He is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organizational Management and holds the IOM designation.

His professional development also includes completion of the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute and participation in multiple leadership programs throughout South Carolina.

Mr. Carnes noted "County Council is excited to welcome Brian Tucker as our new County Administrator! During the interview process Brian quickly rose to the top as someone whose values, experience and management style was perceived as being a great fit for our County! We look forward to his attention to detail and his thoughtfulness in attention to the details and developing workable solutions and guiding us into our next phase as a vibrant and growing community!"

The County Council also appreciates the participation of community leaders and staff leaders in the early stages of the process as they narrowed the candidate pool and invited candidates for interviews.



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Left to Right standing- Tanner Graham(Columbia International University Cross Country and Track Coach), Jimbo Barton(Athletic Director) and Mrs. Miller(Principal) Sitting - Kayli Cervantes-Pena and Maria Isabel Pena Gutierrez(Mother) Gwynn Leaird Photography