

Honor Flight returns



Hundreds of patriotic, flag-waving citizens gave two local veterans—and 64 other Kentucky veterans—a welcome home on September 17 they will never forget. This date marked the return of Honor Flight Kentucky after the 2020 and 2021 trips were postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Blue Grass Energy was honored to sponsor two veteran heroes: Malcomb Thomason of Cynthiana and Gary McComas of Richmond. This Honor Flight marks the 11th Honor Flight Kentucky Blue Grass Energy has sponsored along with Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

The day included viewing the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington

National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Honor Flight representatives participated in a wreath-laying service at the tomb. "I had two favorites of the day: visiting the Vietnam Memorial and watching the changing of the guard and wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," says Thomason.

McComas says, "I've had a hard time putting my experience into words. It far surpassed my expectations." Honor Flight is a critical part of Blue Grass Energy's commitment to our community. It is a privilege to be able to fly these veterans to their memorials, and it's an opportunity to serve them in some small way to repay their service to our nation and our community.

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2022 Honor Flight veterans at Arlington National Cemetery. Photo: Tim Webb

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Celebrating a Co-op Thanksgiving

On Nov. 24, our nation will celebrate Thanksgiving—a day when we collectively pause to express gratitude. As Blue Grass Energy's CEO, there are many things for which I am thankful. During this season of Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude for some of the people and programs that make it a privilege to serve the members of Blue Grass Energy.

I am thankful for:

1. All the veterans who will be celebrated on Nov. 11, including Malcomb Thomason of Cynthiana and Gary McComas of Richmond. Your co-op sponsored these and other heroes on this year's Honor Flight and you can read their story on 26A.
2. Our employees who provide second-to-none service in providing safe, reliable and affordable energy to our members. They understand the responsibility of carrying out our purpose of making life better, the cooperative way. Thanks to their work, members blessed us with the highest satisfaction score in our 85-year history.
3. Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, of which Blue Grass Energy is a member. Working together, we are funding important initiatives such as economic development investments that are growing our communities.
4. I want to express my gratitude for your membership in our electric cooperative. We were founded by members just like you—and members remain at the heart of all we do.
5. And, finally, I'm also thankful for members participating in our Pennies for Purpose program. This participation allows support for charities within our service area.

All of us at Blue Grass Energy appreciate you. I wish each and every member a happy Thanksgiving.

*By President/CEO
Michael I. Williams*



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McComas went on to say, “I enjoyed all of it, but the camaraderie was the best part for me. It was like we all had known each other for a long time.”

“Congratulations to our 2022 Honor

Flight veterans. It is our privilege to honor your service to the country by sponsoring Honor Flights,” says President & CEO Mike Williams. “Our goal is to make it a memorable day for our veterans, and

this year’s trip was fantastic with great weather and fellowship.”

For more information on Honor Flight Kentucky, to apply for a trip or to volunteer, visit honorflightky.org.



Clockwise, veteran Gary McComas with his guardian and grandson, Brandon Abney; Veteran Malcomb Thomason with his guardian and friend, Ian Bear; group photo of the Blue Grass Energy friends and family that welcomed our heroes home. Photos: Tim Webb.

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KENTUCKY CANCERLINK (KCL)

From Dec. 1 through Dec. 16—the first 12 business days in December—help us support Kentucky CancerLink in their fight to reduce barriers to screening, diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

We will collect all types of gift cards that can be used to purchase gasoline for KCL patients.

You can make a difference by dropping off cards at your local Blue Grass Energy office or mailing them when you make your payment; or you can call and make a donation by phone. Any amount is appreciated.

For more information on KCL, visit kycancerlink.org or call (877) 597-4655.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Maximize your heating system's performance by inspecting, cleaning or replacing air filters once a month or as needed to reduce energy costs and prevent potential damage to your system. Make sure radiators, baseboard heaters and warm-air registers aren't blocked so air can flow freely.

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