

Teens Serving Those Who Serve

The Clinton County 4-H Teen Ambassadors recently had the opportunity to give back to those who have served our country through a special service project titled "Teens Serving Those Who Serve."

Thanks to a \$500 military grant from the Kentucky Extension Military Collaborative and the University of Kentucky Land-Grant Engagement Initiative, the teens were able to create meaningful connections with local veterans while learning more about the sacrifices made in service to our nation.

On March 6, 2026, the Teen Ambassadors hosted a military appreciation luncheon at the Clinton County Extension Office.

Before the meal, each teen sat down with a veteran for a short interview. These conversations allowed the youth to hear firsthand stories of military service, sacrifice, and history.

Afterward, the teens shared what they learned with one another, describing the experience as eye-opening and expressing how thankful they were for the opportunity to listen and learn from those who have served.

The project continued on April 27, 2026, when the teens traveled to the Robley Rex VA Medical Center in Louisville. There, they delivered care packages to veterans and their families as a small gesture of appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy each day.

Through this project, the Clinton County 4-H Teen Ambassadors not only strengthened their community outreach efforts but also gained a deeper understanding of the resources available through Extension programs that support Kentucky's military-connected families.

Most importantly, they built meaningful connections with veterans and developed a greater appreciation for the service and sacrifices made by members of the military.

The teens are proud to honor the veterans who have served our country—past, present, and future—and they are already looking forward to continuing this effort to serve and support veterans in the years ahead.

Veteran: Donald "Donnie" Schuyler Cross - Interviewed by: Mason Musk

I interviewed Donnie Cross. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1969 in the Monticello, Kentucky unit. In 1976, he joined the Army Reserves, Burkesville, Kentucky unit.

He served at Ft. Knox, Ft. Campbell, Camp Pickett, Virginia, Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin, Ft. Lee, Virginia and Camp Shelby in Mississippi as a Master Sergeant.

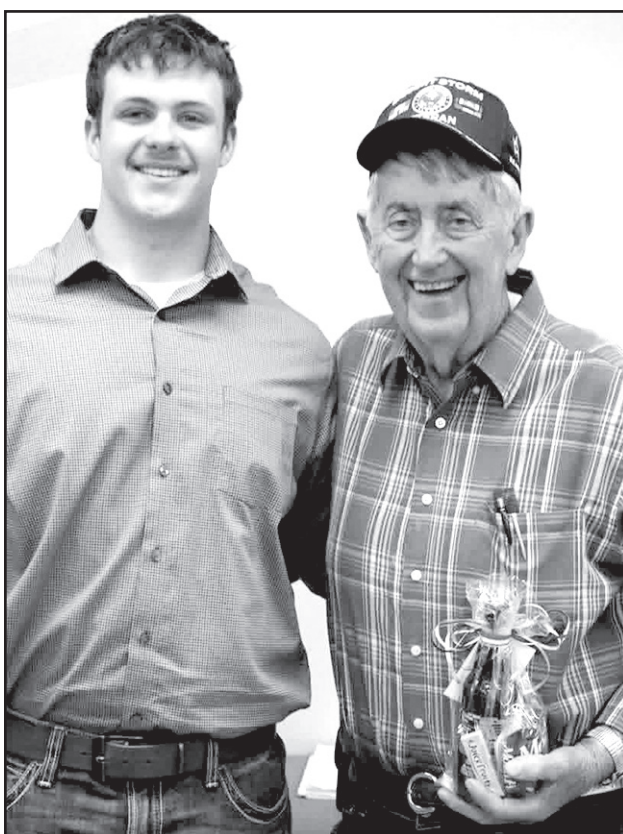
He was discharged in 1995 at the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Veteran: Charlie Olson

Interviewed by: Cade Ipock

Charles Olson served in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1969, a journey that began when he left college at age 21 to pursue opportunities in electronics. Originally from Bluefield, West Virginia, Olson completed basic training in San Antonio before attending radar school in Biloxi, Mississippi—a pivotal choice that shaped his subsequent career. As a specialist in electronic warfare, he trained Strategic Air Command (SAC) bomber crews and served as a controller during critical incidents, including the high-stakes recovery efforts following B-52 and B-58 crashes. His service included a dangerous deployment to Southeast Asia, where he faced missions with only a 40 percent survival rate, as well as assignments in Texas and Kentucky.

Reflecting on his time in the military, Olson emphasizes the profound impact of discipline and responsibility on his life, noting that while the public reception for Vietnam-era veterans was often mixed, the camaraderie and life lessons he gained remain invaluable. Today, he encourages young people to consider military service for the personal growth it fosters, believing that the discipline forged in our youth creates a foundation of resilience that lasts a lifetime. Ultimately, his story reminds us that military service is less about the machines and more about the enduring character built through high-stakes responsibility and a deep appreciation for life.



Clinton County Veteran Donnie Cross and 4-H interviewer Mason Musk.



Clinton County Veteran Charlie Olson and 4-H interviewer Cade Ipock.

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Riding for a cause . . .

Motorcycles flooded the road Sunday afternoon as this huge group of riders made their way through Clinton County as a part of the first annual Moonshiners Run.

The 84 mile-long charity ride was based out of Southern Kentucky Distillery just across the Clinton/Cumberland County boundary. According to organizers, 55 motorcycle with a combined number of 71 riders and passengers came from as far away as Indiana to participate, with a host of Kentucky and Tennessee cyclists taking part.

The charity ride was staged as a fundraiser for the Bleeding Disorders of Kentucky Organization, a group dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders through education, engagement, and support. The ride raised \$2,300 it's beneficiary.

Pictured above, Sunday's riders are shown moving through the KY 90 / Hwy. 1590 intersection toward the western Clinton County boundary, on their way back to the host location, Southern Kentucky Distillery.

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