Rocking and Writing: Rock songs of war

Wars and/or the military have inspired countless songs across genres and decades.

Since Wednesday was Veterans Day, I thought it might be interesting to research the meaning or backstory associated with a few of these songs in the rock realm.



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I'm not making any political statements here, but there are a few anti-war songs I like listening to, like "Disposable Heroes" by Metallica and "Fortunate Son" by Creedence Clearwater Revival.

Here are a few things I learned while researching the topic (Loudwire was my main source):

• "Rooster" by Alice In Chains got its title from the nickname given to guitarist Jerry Cantrell's father when he served in the Vietnam War.

• "One" by Metallica was inspired by a 1939 novel Johnny Got His Gun. It tells the story of a soldier struck by an artillery shell. He loses his limbs and fails to speak, but his mind still functions.

• "The Trooper" by Iron Maiden was apparently written about the Charge of the Light Brigade at the Battle of Balaclava in 1854.

• One of my favorite "fight songs" in rock is "Indestructible" by Disturbed. Frontman David Draiman told Rolling Stone it is an anthem for soldiers.

Where can you check out local live music this Halloween weekend?

• Sandy's Gaming, Cannonsburg: Redefyned, Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight

• Patties & Pints, Ironton: Smoke & Whiskey, Thursday (today), 6:30-9:30 p.m.

• Patties & Pints, Portsmouth: Smoke & Whiskey, Friday, 8-11 p.m.

• Jerk Riley's Irish Pub, Ashland: Jason Mays, Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight

• Jerk Riley's Irish Pub, Ashland: Wheelhouse, Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight

• The Armory Smokehouse, Ironton: Nick & Kyleigh, Saturday, 6-9 p.m.

• Jerk's-Pullman Square, Huntington: Rebel Railroad, Thursday, 7-10 p.m. (free for veterans, family; $10 non-veterans)

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• Jerk's-Pullman Square, Huntington: Hannan with Truckstop, Saturday, 7 p.m. (ticketed event)

• Kentucky Bluebird Grill & Pub, Summit: The Kevin Prater Band, Friday, 7-10 p.m.

• Kentucky Bluebird Grill & Pub, Summit: Tim Michaels, Saturday, 7-10 p.m.

Please let us know who's playing where each week by emailing me (email address below). We love to highlight the local talent in our area.

Rock on, readers.

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• The JSF Bookstore is open to walk-in customers Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. In-store shopping at other times is available by appointment; call 606-326-1667 or e-mail jsf@jsfbooks.com to make an appointment. Curbside pick-up is available from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday – Friday.

• The Regional Readers book discussion group meets Tuesday, November 24 in the Jesse Stuart Room; coffee and conversation at 1:00 pm and the book discussion at 2:30 pm. The November selection is True Christmas Stories from the Heart of Appalachia, compiled and edited by James M. Gifford, Judith F. Kidwell, and Wayne Onkst. The book group is open to all and new members are always welcome.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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CIVIL CASE NO. 26-CV-00032

Please take notice that the Court-appointed Receiver in the above case is conducting a public sale of the following real property to the highest responsible bidder at public auction:

Real property located at 516 Oak Street, Wurtland, Kentucky 41144.

Sale Date: December 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time

Location: The Courthouse steps of the United States District Court of Kentucky, Ashland Division, 1405 Greenup Avenue Ashland, KY 41101, or another location subsequently noticed, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001(a) and 2002.

Terms: 10% deposit due along with an executed purchase agreement at the time of sale with 6% interest accruing on balance owed. A surety bond will be required for the balance with the closing to occur within ten (10) days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

The auction is subject to postponement or continuance as the Receiver may determine in its discretion. The final sale is subject to approval of the Court.

For complete auction and bidding details, contact the Receiver, Mark Rubin, at mark@rubinproperties.net, (859) 509-0909.

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Real property located at 167 Lulu Street, Ashland, Kentucky 41102.

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INVITATION TO BID

Pathways Inc. will be accepting sealed bids for the following vehicle types. Two (2) 2026 or current-year model ranging from 12-16 Seat Passenger Vans. One (1) 12-16 Seat Passenger Van with hydraulic rear entry wheelchair lift (retaining 10 seats in rear). One (1) Mini Van with a rear load wheelchair ramp. Parties interested in submitting a bid should email jarmstead@pathways-ky.org requesting a bid package. An intention to bid must be emailed to the above address no later than November 24, 2026. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 PM EST on **Wednesday, December 16, 2026.**

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PUBLIC HEARING
BOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS:
BOYD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

In accordance with KRS 158.6453(17)(a), the [Boyd County School District] announces that the official 2026 School and District Report Card results have been compiled by the **Kentucky Department of Education**.

The complete district and individual school report cards—including academic achievement, student transition metrics, graduation rates, and safety data—can be accessed electronically online at the Kentucky School Report Card Portal. : https://reportcard.kyschools.us/kysrc?organization=20252026:045:045000&sid=8239C8A6-5566-F9F0-D4C8-3A1EB0F2FA72

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
ASHLAND DIVISION
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-CV-00032

Please take notice that the Court-appointed Receiver in the above case is conducting a public sale of the following property:

Real property located at 3502 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky 41101 plus any de minimus personal property that may be located thereon.

"Qualifying Bids" are due prior to November 12, 2026 at 5PM ET and must exceed the Stalking Horse Bid of $650,000.00 by at least $10,000 (i.e., at least $660,000.00).

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