



This wide shot captures Earl Howard's entire yard. | PHOTO BY ANIYA JAMES



Earl Howard stands next to his mailbox. | PHOTO BY ANIYA JAMES

FLAGS

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“Freedom, freedom, freedom,” Howard said. “That’s why I joined the Marine Corps in 1954, to help preserve our freedom.”

Howard volunteered for service in the United States Marine Corps in 1954 and served four years, achieving the rank of sergeant before leaving the military. During his time in uniform, he traveled extensively — crossing the Atlantic Ocean four times and serving aboard a ship in the Mediterranean Sea for a year.

His travels took him to countries including Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey and Lebanon.

“I’ve been in seven foreign countries,” Howard said. “I’ve seen a lot of places.”

While his military service allowed him to experience different cultures and parts of the world, Howard said those travels only strengthened his appreciation for home.

“I’ve seen a lot, and I’ve not seen nothing like the

United States,” he said. “That’s why I do these things.”

After leaving the Marine Corps, Howard used benefits earned through the G.I. Bill to attend barber school, a path he says would not have been possible otherwise. He worked as a barber for more than four decades, providing for his family through a career

made possible by his military service.

“The Marine Corps was good for me,” Howard said. “It helped me go to barber school. I couldn’t have gone to school without it. They have done everything for me, and I would do it again.”

For years, Howard had marked major holidays by displaying about 150

American flags in his yard. This year, however, he wanted to do something extra special in recognition of the nation’s semiquincentennial.

“I just decided for this celebration to buy 100 more and represent the 250th birthday,” he said.

The project was no small undertaking. Howard finished placing the flags last

and this slowed me down,” he said with a laugh.

As the flags wave across his yard, Howard sees each one as a symbol of the liberties Americans enjoy every day.

“Every flag you’ve got to look at has freedom on it,” he said. “Freedom, I can just see beauty in it.”

Looking across the display, he reflected on how no two flags move exactly alike in the breeze.

“Out here in the wind none of them wave the same,” Howard said. “Each one of them is different. Freedom, freedom — that’s what we all know.”

For Howard, the 250 flags are more than a patriotic decoration. They are a reminder of the opportunities he was given, the service he was proud to provide and the country he still cherishes after more than nine decades of life.

As America prepares to celebrate 250 years of independence, Howard hopes the sight of hundreds of flags fluttering in the Kentucky wind encourages others to reflect on the freedoms they represent.

week, working through the physical demands of the task despite his age.

“I got through Monday late, and I am 91 years old,

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The Towing Company; Performance Auto of London, 8 Jamieson Lane, London, KY 40744 (606)864-3099

*There is no lien on this motorcycle

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Call

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CITY OF LONDON

A SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14

ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION I OF ORDINANCE 2025-15, CREATING TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY”

This Summary is prepared by Christy Shannon who is certified to practice law in this Commonwealth. This ordinance amends the City’s Transparency ordinance by (i) in addition to the documents required, copies of the last five fiscal year audits, prepared pursuant to KRS 91A.040, and any special audits prepared or released by the State Auditor in the preceding five years will be added to the website.

The full and complete Ordinance 2026-14 and Exhibit thereto, is on file at the Office of the London City Clerk and can be viewed there during normal business hours.

Christy L. Shannon