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**O. C. Macklin**

4/25/1923 – 2/5/2016



**O. C.** (Left) with Unknown Soldier

## *Did You Know?*

### ➤ ... **O. C. Macklin?**

- ✓ O. C. Macklin was born in Racine, Wisconsin. He attended school in Grove, Ok. & Wellington, Ks. before moving to Miami in 1947. He retired from B.F. Goodrich in 1985 after 38 years.

### ➤ ... **What was O. C.'s favorite pastime?**

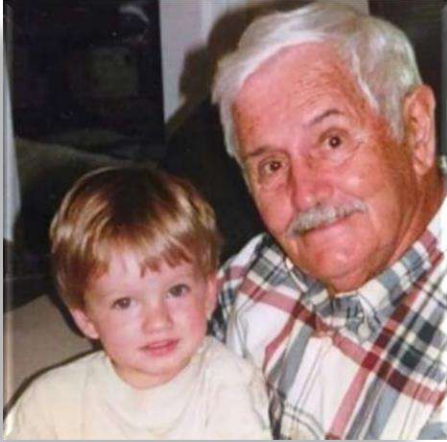
- ✓ O. C. was an avid fisherman. Along with fishing he also loved to visit and talk with people. Many have fond memories of his stories and wisdom he would share.

### ➤ ... **What were some of his most satisfying accomplishments?**

- ✓ O. C. spent many years supporting local Veterans. He was a member of the American Legion for over sixty years, during which time he was the Commander of Post #147. He was also a service officer and formed the *Veteran's Funeral Detail* and the *Veteran's Holiday Flag Program*. He was very proud that he had provided honors to 1,352 Veterans over his years on the Funeral Detail.

### ➤ ... **What were his other passions?**

- ✓ He worked very closely for 20+ years on the Boys State Program for the American Legion, and was a member of the American Legion Elite Group 40 & 8, and held several positions for them over the years.



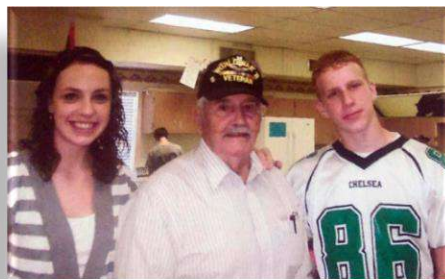
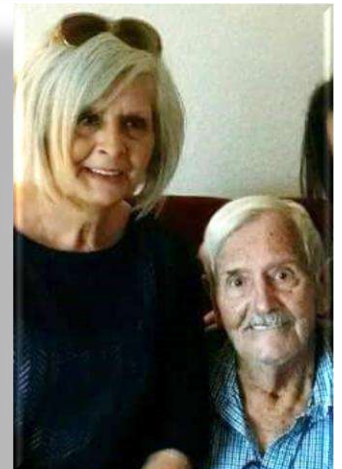
# O. C., Family & Friends



O. C. was a friend to many, including us here at G.A.R. Almost on a daily basis we would see him here visiting the graves of both of his late wives.

He would many times stop and visit and share fond memories of them with us. He was always a pleasant breath of fresh air and he will truly be missed by us and many, many others.

*May you Rest in Peace  
Our Friend*







**Kim Horn**  
G.A.R. Cemetery Director



These are just a few of the banners that will be on display downtown on Main Street this year in celebration of

**Miami's  
125<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday**

## G.A.R. - *A Sense of Place*

Dr. Thomas A Wood, President of Making Sense of Place, Inc. said, "People develop a "sense of place" through experience and knowledge of a particular area. A sense of place emerges through knowledge of the history, geography, geology, and legends of a place. Memories of personal and cultural experiences over time make a place special."

This year is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Miami. Our community has a wonderful sense of place. Miami is rich in cultural, tribal, and community history and legends that have been passed down through time. We continue to strive in a forward direction while always taking the time to appreciate what has brought us to this point...the historical milestones that are still important. The banners marking those milestones will be on display in downtown Miami throughout 2016.

G.A.R. Cemetery also has a strong "Sense of Place". The first burial in G.A.R. was in 1892 making 2017 the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of G.A.R. Cemetery. There are hundreds, maybe thousands, of stories and life histories to share about community members who are interred at G.A.R. G.A.R.'s "Sense of Place" story includes civil war veterans, community volunteers, Indian tribal leaders, famous cowboys, artists, politicians, actors, and British citizens to name only a few. "History is much more than facts and dates. It's people."—Dr. Betsy Peterson, Director of American Folklife Center.

The cemetery staff and I feel honored to be entrusted to care for G.A.R. and are ever mindful of the responsibility of carrying on the history and "Sense of Place" of G.A.R.

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## *FYI...*

### ***Spring... A New Beginning.***

What with Easter arriving early and the warm weather we have had, the trees here at G.A.R. are really budding out. The robins arrived early this year which is a sure sign of spring.

Grass is growing, flowers are blooming and with Memorial Day right around the corner our mowers are tuned up and ready to mow some grass.

You will notice a fresh coat of paint on the fences that surround Baby Circle and also at the base of the G.A.R. Monument. Our road project is almost complete and we have planted a new tree in the center part of the cemetery along the second gate entrance. So I would say "Spring" is off to a good start.



**Chad Masterson**  
G.A.R. Cemetery Manager



**Jerry Cole**  
Memorial Day Ceremony



## *A Day at G.A.R.*



**Nancy Bro**  
G.A.R. Cemetery Office Manager

This issue I would like to give a big "Thank You!" to one of Miami's very own Veterans, **Jerry Cole**.

Every year Jerry brings flags to hand out at our annual Memorial Day Ceremony and greets each and every person with respect and gratitude for their attendance.

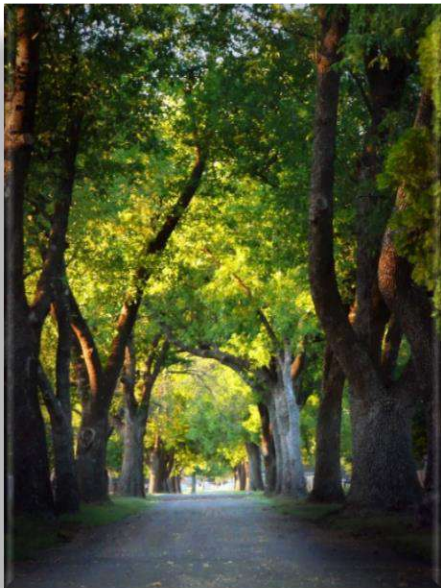
It is a wonderful sight to see so much patriotism from the youngest to the oldest attendee. All with our heads held high as each flag is grasped within our hands as a symbol of our **HONOR & FREEDOM**.

**Please join us as we remember and honor our fallen Veterans This Memorial Day!**

**Monday, May 30, 2016 @ 9:00 am**



# COMING INTO SPRING





# Miami's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Parade

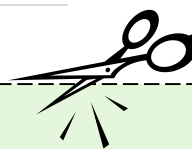
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## A Community Coming Together!

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016







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"Barbara could not have been nicer!" ~ M. J. Pickett

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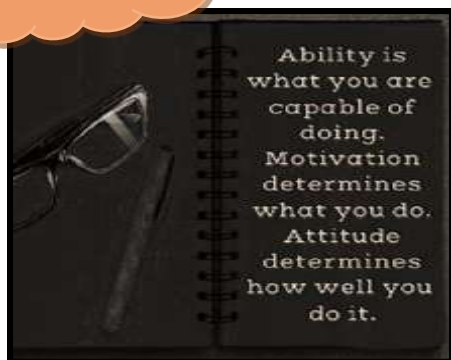
### Decoration Removal Schedule

**\*\*All Decorations Must Be Removed from Graves by 8:00 a.m.**

**On The Dates Listed\*\***

<u>DECORATION REMOVAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>
First Monday in February	02/01/2016
Second Monday Following Easter	04/04/2016
<b>First Monday Following Memorial Day</b>	<b>06/06/2016</b>
First Monday in October	10/03/2016

- Wrought iron basket hangers are not permitted except for the time period of December 15<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup> and one week prior to Memorial Day until the first Monday following Memorial Day.
- Notices for our decoration removal schedule will be posted on signs at cemetery entrances the week preceding decoration removals.
- All decorations not collected by date and time listed will be disposed of with no exceptions.
- For more information about the G.A.R. Cemetery decoration removal schedule, please call the cemetery at 918-541-2288.



***Adopt~A~Flag***

Order by May 12<sup>th</sup> and have yours displayed

***This Memorial Day!***

For more information:  
Call: (918) 541-2288  
Email: [nbro@miamiokla.net](mailto:nbro@miamiokla.net)



## 2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

- Memorial Day Ceremony Monday, May 30, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.
- British Flyers Remembrance Ceremony Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 10:30 am

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