

A military pictorial history book documenting the veterans of Monroe County, Illinois is now being published. The Monroe County, Illinois Genealogical Society is producing Monroe County, Illinois Veterans Book, Volume II.

There are over 1250 biographies. Some of the stories are amazing. A priest from Monroe County served in the Civil War. One World War I soldier woke up in the morgue as medics thought he was deceased. He lived to return to Waterloo and have children, including twins. A World War II Navy soldier had his aircraft carrier sunk with only one raft not big enough to hold the survivors in the water so they took turns clinging to the side of the raft for 2 days in shark infested waters. Not all survived but one local did. Another soldier from Waterloo was in charge of all secret communications on D-Day! Yet more recently another story in the book is of a soldier responsible for transportation of all nuclear weapons for the Department of Defense: Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

We have one Columbia family, the Wilds, who had five brothers in World War I. Another Vogt family had five brothers serve in the military. And recently Eileen Curran turned in stories of the six Curran brothers, all who served. Four Woodcock brothers served as well as six Eskers, five Mays, four Goesslings and three Hurseys.

EVERY soldier is important. All went into service with the realization they may be giving their life to protect us. And many did give their life. Many of the veterans we spoke to are humble about their service. Yet we hope to ensure our military veteran histories are not lost or forgotten. We need your help making this publication a success so present and future generations are educated about our local veterans. We strive to preserve their memories. Books should be ready by or before Christmas. Orders due by July 9, 2025.

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