

Today's Issue...

- ▶ [Page One](#)
- ▶ [City](#)
- ▶ [Regional](#)
- ▶ [Sports](#)
- ▶ [Weather](#)
- ▶ [Obituaries](#)
- ▶ [World News](#)
- ▶ [Entertainment](#)
- ▶ [Town Hall](#)
- ▶ [Stock Quotes](#)
- ▶ [Health News](#)



- ▶ [Shopper](#)
- ▶ [Classifieds](#)
- ▶ [About Us](#)
- ▶ [Archives](#)
- ▶ [Illinois Lottery](#)
- ▶ [e-mail](#)

**Search The
Web**

- [Travel Info](#)
- [Web Directory](#)
- [Yellow Pages](#)
- [White Pages](#)
- [Meet Someone](#)
- [My Page](#)
- [City Guide](#)
- [Lottery Results](#)
- [Weather](#)
- [Movie Listings](#)
- [Maps/Directions](#)
- [Horoscope](#)
- [Greeting Cards](#)



This Memorial Day special in Galva

By *DAVE CLARKE* Of *The Star Courier*

GALVA -- Fewer people think of Memorial Day as the first, big three-day weekend of the summer and more are understanding why the veterans of World War II are called "The Greatest Generation," was the message delivered by Mayor Don Hagaman and others who spoke to a large gathering on a blustery Monday morning service at the Galva Cemetery.

The keynote speaker was Lt. Col. Craig Hess, whose brother, Sgt. 1st Class Chris Hess, is stationed in Baghdad with Galva's Battery F of the Illinois National Guard. He remarked that Memorial Day means more this year in the Galva community because the local National Guard unit is in Iraq. Lt. Col. Hess' unit, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Field Artillery in Milan, was placed on alert last week for duty in Iraq.

During his address Hess said of the 800 soldiers killed so far in Iraq, 30 have been from Illinois, and paid special tribute to seven of those who were members of the Illinois National Guard.

Also delivering remarks was Staff Sgt. Larry Comer, a member of the Galva National Guard, who was granted one of a limited number of 15-day leaves available, to attend the graduation of his daughter, Sarah, from Galva High School on Sunday. He also was able to see his new son, Tirus Troy, born May 21 to his wife, Brandie, just 24 hours before he arrived.

SSG Comer said the local support for the Galva Guard unit is extraordinary. "The active duty guys get six or seven letters and three or four packages a day. They have to send a separate truck just for ours. There are

sometimes 40 or 50 packages a day," Comer said.
"People come up to me and thank me for what we're doing, but it's us who should be thanking all of you for what you are doing."

1st Sgt. (Ret.) Lloyd Anderson, a member of Galva's Hagberg-Hamlin American Legion Post 45, announced the rededication of 113 names added to the post's Veteran's Memorial Walk, bringing the total to 441.

The post also presented certificates of appreciation to nearly 50 veterans of World War II from the Galva area. They included: Art Apfel, Chuck Hay, Al Lambin, Willard Lindbom, Harold Anderson, Gideon Barlow, Don England, Lee Floy, Dick Headley, Doug Hormann, Waverly Huber, Maurine (Reig) Jones, Russell Kelly, Harry Kempin, Dick Leaf, Clyde Lind, Mervin Looney, Cal Maginel, Riley McNaught, Clarence Nichols, Roy Nixon, Alexander Friesel, George Pahlow, Frank Peterson, James W. Anderson, Arthur Sandberg, Harold Riner, Albert Clow, Robert Cox, Norm Theesfeld, Roger Anderson, Grayston Campbell, Bernard Cromien, Arlo Edwall, Hubert Franks, Ralph Haga, DeRollo Kelly, Richard Lewin, George Wilson, Gerald Nelson, Edwin Newell, Furnley Phillips, Robert Resseguie, Gene Rose, Don Schuster, Richard Winter and Gerald Young.

More than 400 men and women from Galva and Weller townships served in World War II.

Miss Poppy Chelsee Lindbom placed a wreath on the grave of Dale Hamlin, one of two deceased veterans for whom the post is named. Hamlin was killed on Dec. 7, 1941, aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Wayne Abbott commanded the Fusiliers color guard and taps was performed by Adam Rux.

[[Home Page](#)] [[City News](#)] [[Regional News](#)] [[Sports](#)] [[Obituaries](#)] [[Weather](#)] [[Editorial](#)] [[Photo Gallery](#)] [[Classifieds](#)] [[Calendar](#)] [[Archives](#)] [[Shopper](#)] [[Illinois Lottery](#)] [[About Us](#)] [[Email Us](#)] [[Health](#)] [[Entertainment](#)] [[Town Hall](#)] [[World News](#)] [[Stocks/Market](#)]
