

# Honor & Remembrance

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Great Wars ...

No local chapter had yet been approved and veterans who gathered at the formative May 8 – 10, 1919, St. Louis Caucus of the American Legion determined that all should not be named for living people. Thus, across the country and around the local posts became memorial shrines to those who served, sacrificed and strengthen America through history - Army Capt. Carter C Hanner of Stillwater Oklahoma, and died October 8, 1918 in the Meuse-Argonne, to Illinois National Guard Sgt. Shawna Morrison, lost her life in mortar attack in Iraq on September 5, 2004. Namesakes are in enshrined glass cases, displayed on the walls are documented on the legion's Centennial website ([legion.org/centennial](http://legion.org/centennial)), pay homage to those who fell in defense of the nation. Thousands who became post namesakes made the ultimate sacrifice before The American Legion was formed. The Legion's vow to "preserve the memories and incidences of our associations in the Great Wars" is illustrated by more than 2,400 memorials uploaded to the Legion's centennial database since it was introduced in 2016. ([legion.org/memorials](http://legion.org/memorials))

As walls, statues, bridges, gazebos, benches and even stadiums arose throughout the century to honor military sacrifice, the Legion has worked to ensure that no generation forgets the cost of freedom, regardless of war era or location. The legions legacy of honor and remembrance is immense, with numerous examples.

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