



CRAIG BROWN
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RECORDER OFFERS VETS GRAVE LISTING

Columbiana County Recorder Craig Brown is now offering veterans' organizations a complete hard copy list of veterans' gravesites for veterans that have died in 2004.

Brown said, "Sometimes it is difficult for organizations to obtain a complete list of deceased veterans gravesites in the county because not all veterans have obituaries printed in local newspapers and not all veterans are members of veterans' organizations."

He said the problem is compounded because many people who are buried in Columbiana County resided in other counties at the time of death.

Brown explained that in the past individuals searching for graves had to search using the name of the deceased in the recorder's database.

He also stated that using individual name searches is a time consuming process that can possibly only produce a partial list of graves.

Brown said that he decided to offer hard copies of the veterans' grave listing in order to help groups place markers and flags on graves.

Brown said, "I know how important it is to recognize our veterans because I know how important it was to my grandfather that his grave was marked and said that he served in World War II."

The gravesite list is provided to Ohio county recorders by the Ohio Department of Health. Ohio law requires recorders to record veterans' grave information but does not require recorders to make a hard copy list available to veterans' organizations.

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list will be available to veterans' organizations by calling the Columbiana County recorder's office at (330) 424-9517 ext. 640.