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## Local heroes take Honor Flight 2022

Owen Electric is proud to announce that we're sponsoring veteran heroes later this month to travel to Washington, D.C., along with other Kentucky veterans, to see the memorials erected in their honor.

William Massey of Crittenden and Charles Hall of Owenton, both veterans of the United States Army, are among the veterans traveling from Lexington to Washington, D.C., on Saturday, September 17. Massey and Hall will join about 70 other Kentucky veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War for a one-day tour of memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifices. They will represent Owen Electric Cooperative, which is sponsoring the all-expense-paid trip with Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

This is the 11th year the co-ops have sponsored an Honor Flight. While Owen Electric began working with the Honor Flight program in 2010, the last two flights have been canceled due to the pandemic. This year's mission will be coordinated by Winchester-based Honor Flight Kentucky, with veterans flying out of Lexington's Blue Grass Airport.

After landing at Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., veterans will board buses for a full day of honors



Honor Flight veterans in front of the United States Marine Corps Memorial. Photo: Whitney Duvall

and sightseeing. The agenda includes visiting the various war memorials, viewing the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery and participating in the wreath-laying service at the tomb.

Honor Flight is a critical part of Owen Electric's commitment to our community. It's a privilege to be able to send these veterans to their memorials, and it's a small way to serve those who so selflessly served us.

We'd like to invite you to take part in welcoming these veterans home—we'll be at the Blue Grass Airport at 7 p.m. on September 17 to surprise them as they return from their day in Washington, D.C.

For more information about Honor Flight, go to [www.owenelectric.com/honor-flight](http://www.owenelectric.com/honor-flight).

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# Local students represent Owen Electric in Washington, D.C.

Photos: Tim Webb

When you hear about Owen Electric investing in the communities we serve, it's not just improving electrical infrastructure, supporting economic development or sponsoring local events. Our commitment to community is all about our members, including sponsoring local students on the 2022 Washington Youth Tour.

In June, four local high school seniors joined 60 other Kentucky electric co-op students for the weeklong program where they learned about the political process, interacted with elected officials and gained an up-close understanding of American history.

"This trip is exhausting, but so worth it," says Morgan Shipp of Williamstown Independent High School. "Thank you, Owen Electric, for this wonderful opportunity."

The students joined more than 1,800 of rural America's best and brightest high schoolers representing electric cooperatives across America. Now in its 57th year, the youth tour educates the delegates about the issues facing co-ops, encouraging them to come home to Kentucky and help lead the co-ops in the future.



"I am so grateful for this amazing opportunity," shares Williamstown Independent High School student Lauryn Cleveland. "I loved every minute of it. Thank you, Owen Electric, for blessing me with this trip."

The itinerary included visits to national monuments, Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery. At the U.S. Capitol, Owen Electric students interacted with Kentucky's congressional delegation,

including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Sen. Rand Paul and Congressmen Brett Guthrie, Thomas Massie and James Comer.

"This trip has inspired me to pursue my dream of one day working in D.C. as a politician," says Riley Maddox of Notre Dame Academy. "I am so grateful for this wonderful opportunity. I really encourage any incoming senior to apply."

Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, the statewide association for electric co-ops, has been coordinating the tour for Kentucky cooperatives since 1972.

"Our goal this week is to foster a new era of leadership and cultivate a culture of service to shape the future of these students who will go on to create change in their communities," says Mary Beth Dennis, the statewide association's cooperative outreach director.

Isabella Perry, Gallatin County High School, also attended the youth tour, sponsored by Owen Electric.

"The youth tour is an investment in rising leaders and the future of electric co-ops," says Michael Cobb, Owen Electric president and CEO. "These students impress us with their passion for their communities and our nation."



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Above left and right, Serviceman Nate Pickett spent time at Taylor Mill Elementary's Touch-A-Truck event. Photos: Amanda Munich



Servicemen Joe Waichulis and Bobby Von Bokern, shown, enjoyed participating in the Touch-A-Truck event at Boone County Fairgrounds. Thanks to all who stopped by to visit and check out our trucks and equipment. Photo: Joe Waichulis

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