

WWII veteran, PFC George W. Bethany

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Inducted:
November 19, 1943
Discharged:
April 30, 1946

George was one of many Choctaw County men called up for service in World War II. George, like all the rest, boarded a bus at the corner Drug Store on his way to Ft. McPherson, GA. George would get the same hair cut as the rest of us got ... all cut off!

He was attached to the Medical Detachment of the 121st Cavalry of the United States Army. For the next five months he was in basic medical training, and then moved into field training as an Aideman. They were "The Soldiers' Doctors", the ones with the Red Cross on their headgear.



Our Veterans

By SFC Richard M. 'Pete' Allen (Ret.)



Cross-trained in many fields, George moved into driving half-tracks, then truck driving as the Cavalry needed men in all areas. George hauled supplies in Germany, France, Belgium, and Austria. He would help doctors and other Medical Aidemen with the wounded as he moved from place to place. George served in the 3rd U.S. Army under General George Patton; we all

know the story of General Patton in World War II. He was a good Army General.

George returned home and married Sara Brown from Riderwood. He worked many jobs in the county, and — as we all did who returned from the war zone — he had his good times and bad times.

George was awarded the following medals: European African Middle

Eastern Medal with 2 Bronze Stars; World War II Victory Medal; and, the Army Occupation Medal. George W. Bethany died on October 5, 1973 of cancer ... he was a good man and a good person.

NEXT WEEK -- Choctaw men who died in service of their country in World War One; and, a history of the Battleship USS Wyoming (BB-32).

(ED. NOTE: *Pete Allen's columns on Choctaw County's men and women in military service appears in The Choctaw Sun's Friday — or Weekend — edition each week. If you have information, clippings, photos or other information regarding veterans that you would like to share, drop it off at our offices in Butler or Gilbertown.)*

SoundOff

Thanks to *The Choctaw Sun* for some OUTSTANDING coverage of our SCA Lady Rebels CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM!! GO REBELS!!

On the uniform thing .. my child comes home every day written up for some kind of violation. If the socks are not the right color, its the belt, or the wrong color shoes. Come on people! It's not like us adults don't forget something on our way to work. We all make mistakes and forget something. This is the most ridiculous thing I have heard of. Its funny, though, that some teachers' children can wear different color socks with shorts and nothing is done. Let's be fair here!

I don't agree with most of the comments about school uniforms because I think uniforms serve a good purpose, but I do believe the debate and voicing of different opinions is a really good thing.

I am a single mom also in need of support from a deadbeat dad. He is in jail for non-support, but he's been there before and was released on a promise that he would start paying. I'm still waiting for the check. If it weren't for my mom, I'd be lost. She keeps my child in order for me to work. His relatives don't attempt to help at all. They barely see this child. This dad has only acknowledged our child during tax time when he can get financial gain from it. Now that's just plain sorry. He didn't ever take that money and apply it to child support. I love my child and my family helps as much as possible. But the truth is I didn't do this alone, he is the father of this child and should step up to the plate.

Where can I get a copy of that petition that's going around to get rid of school uniforms in Washington County? Me and about 10 of my relatives with kids in the school at Millry want to sign it!

I would like to know how many people have been offered the county engineer position and what salary was offered.

Uniforms aren't the only thing we need to get rid of. The next election for Board of Education seats is less than two years away and I can promise you, my name will be on that ballot and, if elected, I will do all in my power to do away this uniform thing.

I am 13 years old and really like to hunt. I enjoyed all of the deer pictures you printed this year. I didn't get me one this time, but you just wait til next season! I hope my picture gets in the *Sun*!

I don't have a problem with uniforms. I think they make the kids look nice and neat.

If you are not handicapped, please DON'T park in these parking spaces. My grandmother is 87 and can hardly walk. It's people like her who need them when they go shopping. It doesn't hurt us able-bodied folks to walk a few more steps to get to where we are going. I'm asking nicely. Please respect these people who are not as able to get around as you and I.

We loved the coverage of the SCA Girls Championship team! You go, *Sun*! You are the best.

The 8th and 9th graders at CCHS need a math teacher! It is ridiculous that these children have gone through almost a whole year with NO MATH TEACHER, and as a result, they have INCOMPLETE GRADES. What is the problem? There are qualified MATH teachers at schools in this county who are teaching OTHER subjects. Why not transfer one of them to that position? I am a parent and yes, I am MAD!!!!

More SoundOffs in Tuesday's paper!

Center has full slate of activities planned

LAVACA — The Choctaw Community Development Center, Inc. will sponsor a dance on Friday, Feb. 23, from 8 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. at the old East Choctaw School on Highway 10 East. Music by Leon, Admission is \$5.

In other events at the Center, Joshua Victory Assembly will take on Sweet Water R.C. Basketball on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The Center offers After School Programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free tutoring for the

Alabama High School Graduation Exam will be available each Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning Feb. 27.

Adult Computer Classes will also begin February 27 and last for six weeks. The cost will be \$30 per student. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m.

Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. the center will host the Choctaw Co. and Marengo Co. Basketball Shoot Out. Admission is \$1 for all ages.



Jail Log

Speeding, driving while driver license revoked, DUI (3rd) — Brian Keith Abston, 35, 1107 Jenkins Road, Gilbertown, arrested on 2/11/07 by Trooper Moore. Released on bond.

Possession of forged instruments (three counts) — Thomas Boswell, 46, Rt. 1, Box 19-B, Porterville, MS, arrested on 2/17/07 by Gates.

Public intoxication — James Crosby, 55, 334 Heather Lane, Butler, arrested on 2/11/07 by J. Lovette. Released on bond.

Theft of property — Sarah Conler, 1502 Quail Run, Quitman, MS, arrested on 2/14/07 by

Abate and Lovette.

Unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia — Patricia Ann Flores, 27, 206 Chestnut Street, Demopolis, arrested on 2/18/07 by Johnston.

Failure to pay, DUI, probation revocation — Daniel Earl Gunn, 36, 105 Maple Street, Silas, arrested on 2/13/07 by Dunn. Released on bond.

Burglary (3rd degree), theft of property, destruction of private property — Kevin Green, Quitman, MS, arrested on 2/15/07 by Gilbertown P.D. and the Choctaw Co. Sheriff's Department.

Probation violation — Cedric Mosley, 33, Old Lock II Road, Pennington, arrested on 2/12/07 by Estes.

Public intoxication — Richard Allen McCain, 38, 15 Pickett Creek Road, Butler, arrested on 2/18/07 by Dixon.

Possession of firearm (handgun) without a permit — Darnell Travell Napier, 2362 Parkwood Avenue, Columbus, OH, arrested on 2/12/07 by Gates and Watson. Released on bond.

Criminal mischief, non-payment of child support — Roderick O'Field, 26, P.O. Box 290, Lisman, arrested on 2/15/07 by Skinner and Cottrell. Released by order of DHR.

Harassment (two counts), reckless endangerment — Labrandon Powe, 22, 2570 Shady Grove Road, Silas,

arrested on 2/15/07 by McGrew.

Harassment (two counts), reckless endangerment — Dellas Powe, 27, 2570 Shady Grove Road, Silas, arrested on 2/15/07 by McGrew.

Warrant — Lee D. Sargent, 47, 1132 W. Avenue, Waynesboro, MS, arrested on 2/11/07 by Cunningham.

Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of marijuana — Saul Sierra, 25, 206 Chestnut Street, Demopolis, arrested on 2/18/07 by Johnston.

DUI (3rd), unlawful possession of marijuana (1st degree), no tail lights — George Turner, Jr., 40, 205 Woodland Road, Needham, arrested on 2/17/07 by Turner. Released on bond.

NOTICE

If you are interested in cleaning up Choctaw County, from countyline to countyline, please come to a meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 27th at 7 p.m. at Old Buddies Restaurant in Butler.

Working together we CAN make it happen!

LAND SALE WAYNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Sealed bids will be received by Slater M. Doggett, Donald R. Clark, Jimmy Dale Clark and Wilda B. Clark, "SELLERS", for the sale of approximately 95 acres of land and timber, until Friday, March 2, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a. m. at the office of John R. Gunn Attorney at Law, 718 Wayne Street, Post Office Box 1154, Waynesboro, Mississippi 39367 [Telephone 601-735-3440, Fax 601-735-4141]. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter.

The legal description of the property to be sold is as follows:

TRACT NO. 1:

Township 9 North, Range 5 West

Section 18: The SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 18, Township 9 North, Range 5 West, Wayne County, Mississippi; less and except that part lying within the Four(4) Lane Right-Of-Way of U.S. Highway 84, containing 29 acres more or less.

Section 19: All that part of the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 lying and being West of Buckatunna Creek, containing 35 acres, more or less.

OWNER: SLATER M. DOGGETT

TRACT NO. 2

Township 9 North Range 5 West

Section 19: All the parts of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 lying and being West of Buckatunna Creek, containing 31 acres, more or less.

OWNERS: DONALD R. CLARK, JIMMY DALE CLARK AND WILDA B. CLARK

Each bidder should submit a separate bid for each of the two tracts. A combined bid on both Tracts 1 and 2 will not be considered. Bids should be marked "Bid on Tract 1" and/or "Bid on Tract 2".

The Sellers will reserve all of the oil, gas and other minerals in, on and under said property and no mineral or royalty interest will be conveyed.

Merchantable title to the property described above will be conveyed to the successful bidder(s) by a general warranty deed for each separate tract, subject to the reservation of all mineral rights. Taxes for the year 2007 will be prorated as of the date of closing.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition. Acreage figures shown above are based on tax assessments and actual acreage is not guaranteed. Any prospective bidder will be responsible for his own due diligence inspection of the property prior to submitting a bid, including any desired timber cruise or survey. Prospective bidders may obtain a written permit to inspect the property at the office of John R. Gunn, Attorney for Sellers, at 718 Wayne Street, Waynesboro, Mississippi, during regular business hours.

The full purchase price will be due at closing. Sellers shall have ten(10) days to consider all bids received. Sellers will notify the successful bidder(s) in writing. Closing will take place within 14 days of such notice being given to the successful bidder(s). Failure of the successful bidder(s) to complete closing within the specified 14 day period may result in the rejection of the bid and termination of the sale at the sole option of the Sellers.

The Sellers reserve the right to reject any or all bids on each tract.

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