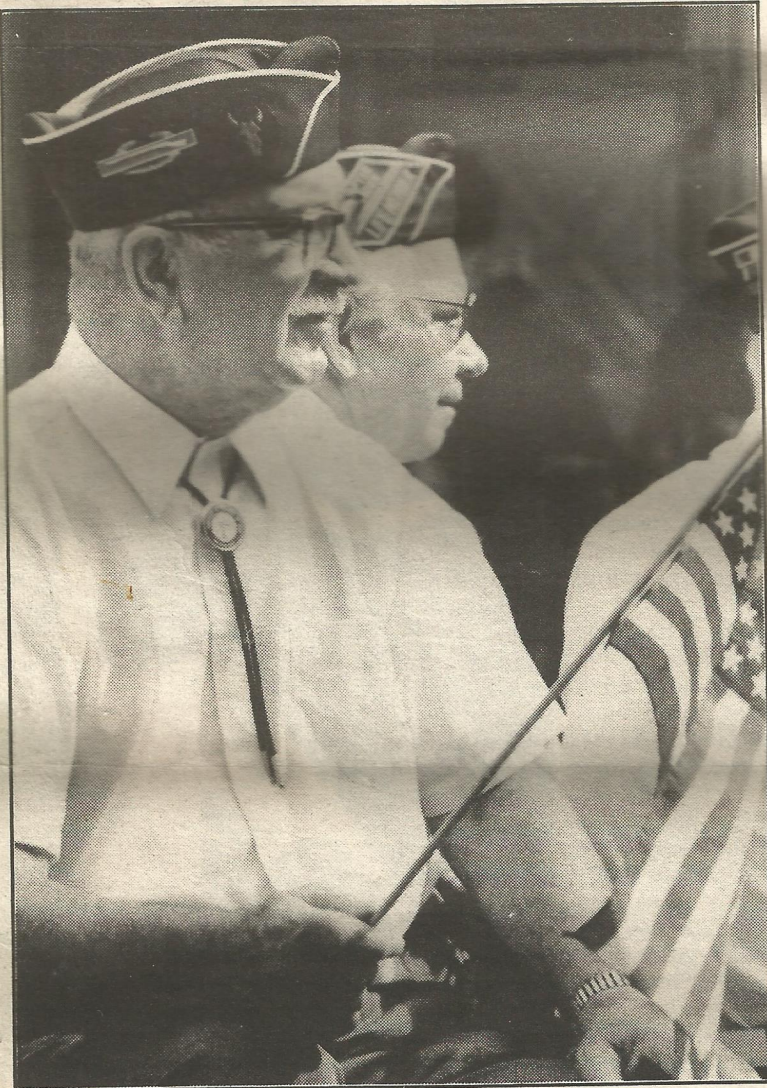


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Parade reminds: 'Honor Them Always'

Military enlists Guard, veterans; float of Stormin' Norman is winner



The American Ex-Prisoners of War, Ohio Chapter No. 1, takes pride in the day as they travel in a float along the route. The group was among approximately 20 military units.



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The recent Memorial Day parade was the longest in Anne Rooney's 13-year history of chairing the Grandview event.

"There were more floats than we've ever had. It was the longest parade I've ever done—or it felt that way because of the heat. It was the hottest day in parade history," Rooney said.

The parade's theme, "Honor them Always," was highlighted by approximately 20 military units including the National Guard, Marine Corps, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Color Guards, and American Legion Post.

The Grandview Junior High float, known as the "Gulf Float," also carried local Desert Shield-Storm military personnel.

Among the 135 units that participated in the parade, the Dodge family's "Stormin' Norman" received the Mayor's Trophy as best overall entry.

Other award winners included "Grandpa's Toy," Commissioner's Award for outstanding vehicle; Adelphi Community Band, Grand Marshal Award; and "Home of the Brave" by the Grandview Junior High Student Council, which received the Tom Hayes Award for outstanding float.

The Adelphi Community Band, the oldest band in Ohio, traveled approximately 100 miles to participate. It includes members ranging in age from 40 to 70.

"I was most impressed with getting the jet flyby," Rooney said. "It went very well. There was a big turnout, and I was very well pleased." ♦



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Above, Dustin and Jenny Rogers show their patriotism with flags during Grandview's annual Memorial Day Parade. At left, a member of the Adelphi Community Band adds music to the lineup. The band received the Grand Marshal Award.