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Avenue of Flags

(photo by Richard Cannon)

## ... A Grateful Nation Remembers

By RICHARD CANNON

Memorial Day is remembered by many people throughout our nation as a time to pause and thank God for the men who paid the supreme sacrifice so that our nation could remain free and that its people can continue to flourish in a land of plenty.

This day was remembered by the Craven County Veterans Council and New Bern National Cemetery. Sunday was the day of preparation and Monday was the day that the citizens gathered to pay their respect for those that had served their country so well.

Sunday over 200 citizens visited the National Cemetery in New Bern. They graciously helped the Caretaker, George Fulmore, mark the 7000 graves with small American flags. Mr. Fulmore said it was something to see as the citizens went about the job and completed it in less than one and half hours. Each grave in the cemetery is

adorned with a U.S Flag to symbolize a free nation under God.

It was noted by the director, Mr. Oliver Creswick, that the New Bern National Cemetery is host to over 3000 visitors per year. He further stated that the cemetery has no Medal of Honor recipients interred; it has males and females, union and no confederate soldiers interred. New Bern National Cemetery was established in 1867, but has dates of death on some stones of 1862 which is because the remains from other areas have been interred there. Four states, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts have erected war monuments in the cemetery. There are twenty sections in the cemetery and nineteen of these are in use. Space in the New Bern National Cemetery will be used up by May 1983 if the average of 110 per year continues to hold. Then it will be a closed National

Cemetery. Plans are underway to acquire property adjacent to the present cemetery.

Monday's program carried the following message.

The significance of Memorial Day is amplified by those who will always hold dear the truths of this great Nation. The wreaths that are placed here today are symbols of the esprit and love of country that veterans organizations perpetuate in our society today. We remember; we are grateful; and, we live and work today for the same ideals for which so many Americans paid the supreme sacrifice. The spirit of our War Dead lives forever with us. They are remembered today by each of us.

The following were introduced as Gold Star Parents: Mrs. Lena Caton, Mrs. Margaret Conderman, Mrs. Mae Herring, and Mr. & Mrs. James Laughinghouse. The assembled group

saw the Presentation of colors, participated in the pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. They heard the Gettysburg Address and the speakers, Lt. Col. J.D. Haynes and Senator Joseph Thomas.

There was a Placing of Memorial Wreaths Ceremony after which the benediction and rifle salute were heard. The program was closed by the sound of Taps.

Mr. Creswick stated, "The participation by members of the veterans organizations in this observance is an inspiration to all Americans. The pride displayed in the cordon of honor guard comprised of representatives from all veterans organization in the Craven County Veterans Council is a heartening example of the spirit of patriotism.

Thank you, all, for your dedication."

## Holzworth Valedictorian Ludwig Salutatorian

(Staff Writer)

Robert Jolly, Principal at West Craven High School, announced today the names of the 1981-82 Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Miss Kimberly Lei Holzworth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Bartlett Holzworth, Route 2, New Bern, N.C., was declared Valedictorian with a four year average of 94.026. Miss Holzworth plans to attend N.C. State University at Raleigh and major in Veterinary Medicine.

Miss Patricia Gail Ludwig, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James E. Ludwig, of Cove City, N.C., was declared Salutatorian with a four year grade average of 93.944. Miss Ludwig plans to attend East Carolina University at Greenville, N.C. and major in Nursing.

Both of these young ladies will be speaking at the graduation exercises in Eagle Stadium at West Craven High School on June 11.



Kim Holzworth and Gail Ludwig

(photo by Richard Cannon)