

McClain authors 'I Hunt' Pvt. Millen remembered

"I Hunt," a 84-page book with a cheetah on the front, is off the press and new author Terry Lee McClain hopes it will be a best seller.

"We are losing our youth to the streets and the influence of gangs," said McClain, who hope that young people 12-29 will read about his life and its ups and downs and become inspired and gain new understanding.



He added, "This adventure in 'I Hunt' into the world of true events will raise the hair on your arms."

McClain warns that the mindset of children is turning to violence because of what they see, and encourages parents to get back to the grass roots of raising children.

McClain, son of Robbie and Sally McClain of Kings Mountain, begins the first chapter of his book - Today, Sept. 12, 2011- the day after the horrific assault on America. Chapter II is entitled "The Path." As his writing continues, McClain talks about some of his own challenges in life that could have prevented him from finishing his publication. "A new way of understanding life has never been so revealing as to the spine tingling effect that will unfold before you," he says about his book.

McClain served as an electrician in the construction battalion of the U. S. Navy Seabees in 1984-86. A 1981 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, he holds an Associate degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology and is currently a student at UNC in Charlotte. He attends Burge Memorial AME Zion Church in Mount Holly where he has taught Bible studies and is a long-time member of Ebenezer Bap-

tist Church in Kings Mountain.

"I have worked in various areas of industry from textiles to electrical and I believe I was put on earth to help others and to inspire them through my life experiences," said McClain. He has a 25-year-old son, Philip McClain of Charlotte and a grandson. Philip and Sheeree McClain have a three-year-old son, Ariah McClain.

Terry McClain resides in Mount Holly with his future wife, Marvelous Isles, and her two children. He enjoys writing, fishing, and playing chess.

"We see so many kids on the news these days that are in trouble and I feel their pain," said McClain. "We need to put America back to work and get back to guiding our children to a better way of living." He added, "As Blacks and Whites in this country we can get back to work if we use our God-given hidden talents."

("I Hunt" is available at www.authorhouse.com for \$13.95 plus shipping and handling or at Amazon, Books a Million, Wal-Mart, or call 704-964-1085.)



Terry McClain

Pvt. Millen remembered

Kings Mountain has sent many heroes to war, many of them who gave their all.

Pvt. William Robert Millen, Jr., 20, was a front line medic in the Big Red Division of the 16th US Army Infantry, First Battalion, during World War II.

He was one of 12 children of the late Zettie and Robert Millen. He volunteered for service Dec. 12, 1942, trained at Fort Bragg, and left for overseas duty April 2, 1943, arriving at Oran April 13, 1943. He arrived at Normandy, France June 6, 1944 and was killed in action Aug. 7, 1944 in the vicinity of Mayenne, France. He was in the service 21 months with 17 months overseas.

Pvt. Millen was first buried at Marigny, France in the US Military Cemetery.

His remains were moved to Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain, NC Dec. 28, 1948 - four years, four months and 19 days after he was killed in action in World War II in France Aug. 7, 1944. He was 20 years, 6 months and 4 days old. Members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars were the honor guard at the graveside service at which Rev. George Riddle of Cherryville, former Army Chaplain, conducted the service.

He received the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with Bronze star for service in Sicily, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the Good Conduct Ribbon, two Silver Stars, and Bronze Star and posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

Mrs. Millen received a telegram from the War department of her son's death. Henry L. Emerson, Secretary of War, said the President had awarded the Purple Heart established by General George Washington at Newburg, New York Aug. 7, 1782. A Bronze star medal was posthumously presented to his parents as well as two Silver stars with oak leaf cluster and the Purple Heart. Millen attended Kings Mountain Schools and was employed at Park Yarn Mills. He was single.

A telegram to his parents from the War Department on Aug. 25, 1944 from Major General J. A. Ulio, The Adjutant General, read, "I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic service to his country, even unto death, may be of sustaining comfort to you."



Pvt. William R. Millen Jr.

Pvt. Millen wrote his mother on July 21, 1943 from somewhere in Sicily, saying it was much hotter than in North Africa. "It seems the temperature is 110 in the shade," he said. In a Vmail letter on Feb. 20, 1944 from England he wrote: "It's colder here in England. You mentioned milk; I haven't had a glass to drink since the day I was home." From France on July 10, 1944 he wrote to his brother, Willard, "I think you would like the Air Force after you get used to the Army. You are speaking of crossing the Missis-

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sippi, that isn't a drop in the bucket, wait until you cross the ocean several times like I have. I've spent as much as 70 or 80 days on board ships. Say Lester (Moss) is at Camp Croft, SC. Speaking of planes, I have seen them from a fortress down to a Piper Cub like they fly there at home."

"Your brother at all times was a good soldier and was well liked by both officers and men. He continually displayed the habits and bearing of a soldier and gentleman and had the real respect and friendship of all who knew him," said 1st Lt. R. B. Abbott in a letter to Mrs. Lester Moss, who had requested a copy of the record of the military service of her husband and her brother. Moss was killed in action Jan. 4, 1945 at Wiswiller, France while serving with Co. E, 114th Infantry. Moss was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with Bronze star for Rhineland Campaign and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Replying to Mrs. Moss 1st. Lt. Abbott said, "William Millen died as he lived, courageously, in the performance of his duty."

Do you know the state flower?



"What do these have in common?" asks Doug Blackburn as he begins his program on "State Flowers."

On March 14, the Town and Country Garden Club met at the home of Sarah Rhea.

A delicious meal was

enjoyed by the 11 members present for the meeting.

The Club Collect was read by the members.

Doug Blackburn of Cherryville presented a program entitled "State Flowers."

He began the program by giving a quiz on the state flower of North Carolina. The Dogwood is the state flower of North Carolina and was adopted in 1941. It was chosen as the state flower because it is a native flower in all one hundred counties in North Carolina.

Virginia's state flower is also the Dogwood.

Some states have traditional flowers as the state flower: South Carolina,

Jasmine and Indiana, Iris.

Nontraditional state flowers are representative of some states: Arizona, Saguaro (giant cactus) and Maine, White Pine Tassel Cone.

A discussion of different states and their state flowers and state birds concluded the program.

Susan Gibson, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

Glenda Crawford, secretary, read the minutes.

The club project at the Kings Mountain Post Office was discussed.

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Dove graduates basic

Army National Guard Pfc. Maxwell B. Dove has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Dove is the son of Starr Dove of Kings Mountain.

He is a 2009 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.