

## VEC Board Members Running Unopposed

The following incumbent candidates have qualified to run for positions on the Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) Board of Directors in districts in which the current directors' terms of office are expiring.

There will be no contested elections in districts 1, 5, or 9. Per Section 4.10 of the VEC Bylaws, in a voting district in which only one candidate has been qualified, no further action is necessary and these uncontested candidates have been elected as Directors.



Milen

### DISTRICT 1 – Polk County – David Milen

David J. Milen, of Benton, is the incumbent member of the Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) Board of Directors representing Polk County. He has served on the VEC Board since 2010.

Milen was born in Old Fort and graduated from Polk County High School. He served four years in the U.S. Navy and is retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad Company.

He served on the Polk County Commission for 16 years and is also a member of Ocoee Lodge #212 Chattanooga Scottish Rite. Milen currently volunteers at the food bank and works with the senior ministry Happy Hearts.

He and his wife, Daphne, have two children, Deanna Sloan and Dusty Milen, and attend First Baptist Church in Benton where he serves as a deacon. He also coached Little League Baseball for 12 years.



Norton

### DISTRICT 5 – Meigs County – Sammy Norton

Sammy Norton, of Decatur, is the incumbent member of the Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) Board of Directors representing Meigs County. He has served on the VEC Board since 2000. He earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Norton is a dairy farmer and a graduate of Meigs County High School. He has served on the board of directors for the Valley Farmers Cooperative and served on the Farm Services Agency board from 1983 to 1997. He is also a member of Meigs County Masonic Lodge.

He has four children and is a member of Pisgah Baptist Church. Norton has served as a Gideon for several years.



Bond

### DISTRICT 9 – Cumberland County East – Randy Bond

Randy Bond, of Crossville, is the incumbent member of the Volunteer Energy Cooperative Board (VEC) of Directors and is representing Cumberland County East. He has served on the VEC Board since 1997. He is retired from his position as executive vice president at Cumberland County Bank.

Bond graduated from Fort Knox High School in Fort Knox, KY. He earned his Bachelor's of Business Administration degree from the University of Kentucky and his Master's Degree in Business and Education from Tennessee Technological University. Bond served as an Infantry Squad Leader with the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry Division in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970.

Bond served on the Board of Directors of Hilltoppers, Inc. since 1983 and is currently the Chairman. He also serves on the Board of Directors for BPC Corporation, as well as the Bank of Putnam County.

He and his wife, Glenda have two children, Michael and Scott, and are members of Crossville First United Methodist Church.

## Volunteer Energy Announces Scholarship Recipients

Volunteer Energy Cooperative has announced four recipients of the Lillard-Shadow Scholarships for 2018.

**Hannah Caitlyn Asberry**, daughter of Scott and Bobbie Joe Kirby, is a 2018 graduate of Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute and the winner of the Jamestown Service Area Lillard-Shadow Scholarship. She plans to attend Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville and will be pursuing a degree in Nursing. Hannah graduated number 4 in her class with a 4.0 GPA.

Cleveland Service Area Lillard-Shadow scholarship winner **Kelby Fritts**, daughter of Rhonda McKnight, is a 2018 graduate of Polk County High School. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee Chattanooga and pursue a Chemical Engineering degree. Kelby graduated with a 4.0 from and was ranked second in her graduating class. During her high school years she volunteered with People Helping People, Paint Polk Pink, assisted the Chilhowee Middle Basketball coach, and ran a can food drive.

Stone Memorial High School graduate and Crossville Service Area Lillard-Shadow scholarship recipient **Jordan Ann Houston** plans to attend Tennessee Tech University. Jordan is the daughter of Kenneth and Vickie Houston. She graduated from Stone Memorial with a 4.0. At Tech she plans to pursue a degree in Biochemistry. Jordan has a history of serving others as she participated with Kids on the Rise, was a 4-H Teen Leader, Beta Club President, HOSA Club President and on the SMHS Cheer Squad. While on the cheer squad she volunteered with the Special Olympics, Relay for Life, House of Hope and St. Jude. Jordan was described by her teachers as a genuinely kind person who seeks to include others in projects, and who is respected by peers and faculty alike.

Rhea County High School graduate **Isabelle Grace Marshall** is the Decatur Service Area winner of the Lillard Shadow Scholarship. The daughter of Joni Ann Marshall, Isabelle graduated with 4.0. She will be attending the University of Southern California to major in International Business and Entrepreneurship. Isabelle has a history of volunteering including but not limited to Rhea county Animal Hospital, Rhea County Sheriff's Department Toy Drive, JROTC Canned Food Drive, and the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

This scholarship program began in 2003 as a way to honor Willis A. Shadow and J. W. Lillard, founders of the Meigs County Power Association which would ultimately become Volunteer Energy Cooperative. Four \$2,000 scholarships are awarded to high school seniors each year by VEC using an independent panel of judges.



Hannah Caitlyn Asberry



Kelby Fritts



Jordan Ann Houston



Isabelle Grace Marshall

## Peak Load Reduction Program Saves Energy and Money

It takes everyone working together to keep the cost of power down. Each time we partner together and reduce the overall amount we pay for power, those savings can be passed down to our customers.

As part of our ongoing effort to reduce costs, Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) launched a program in 2016 targeting peak load reduction for our business customers. This program offers bill credits in exchange for electric load reduction during times of high demand. Reductions in load during peak times result in VEC paying less to Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for the power we purchase. Those savings can then be passed along to each commercial customer who participates in the program. Participating business customers choose the amount of load they can reduce and VEC provides a credit for each kilowatt of demand that is reduced. The actual amount of credit is based on the time of year and can range from \$2.80 per kilowatt - \$4.50 per kilowatt.

To make reduction events manageable for our business customers, we limit the events to 1-2 hours per event with no more than eight total hours per calendar month. We do our best to forecast peak

demand and notify companies in advance when there is a high probability of a load reduction event. We are also limiting the load reduction events to weekday on-peak hours.

Over the last 24 months VEC and our



Load Reduction Program participants have participated in 43 events totaling 62.5 hours which averages 1.5 hours per event. So far VEC has saved 32,193 kW and our Load Reduction Program Participants have received over \$109,000 in credits.

It is not too late to sign up to participate. If you are a business customer with 100 kW or more and are interested please contact your local VEC service area manager.



Rody Blevins  
President/CEO  
Volunteer Energy  
Cooperative



The VECustomers Share program funded \$29,000 in community service grants in June. Since the inception of the program in October 2001, more than \$6.1 million in grants has been awarded. The deadline for grant applications is the last working day of each month. For additional information, contact the office of Marketing and Economic Development, at 423-334-7051. Applications are also available online, at [www.vec.org](http://www.vec.org).



VECustomers Share Board Member Gary Gilmore presented a grant check to Jim Reed of the Spring City Lions Club.

**Organizations receiving grants in June**

Stone Memorial High School Volleyball Boosters	\$3,420	Midway Quarterback Club	\$500
The Caring Place	\$2,750	Midway High School Baseball Boosters	\$500
Fantastic Quilt Guild Quilts of Valor	\$1,580	Hiwassee Blueway Committee/TN Overhill Heritage Association	\$500
Hull/York Chapter 5 Disabled American Veterans	\$1,500	Rhea County High School Junior Anglers	\$500
Happy Hearts Seniors	\$1,500	Downtown Summer Nights	\$500
Fentress County Bull Dogs Football	\$1,250	Grace Youth Group	\$500
Pickett County Relay for Life	\$1,000	Meigs County 4-H	\$500
Monterey Ministerial Association Back Pack Program	\$950	Frazier Elementary Tremont Booster Club	\$500
The Gap Group of Maple Grove	\$800	Meigs County High School Cheer Boosters	\$500
Ooltewah High School Band Boosters	\$800	Kiwanis Club of Spring City	\$500
Rogers Creek PTO	\$750	Cumberland G.A.P. Mission	\$500
Rhea Alliance	\$750	Dragon Renaissance-York Institute	\$500
Midway High Bass Club	\$750	Wolf Creek Fire Association (WCFA)	\$500
Meigs County High School Girls Volleyball Team	\$750	YAI (York Agricultural Institute) Book Club	\$500
Monterey Community Youth Group	\$600	Brown Middle School PTO	\$350
Monterey Hometown Project	\$500	National Center for Youth Issues	\$300
Harrison Recreation Center	\$500	Monterey Junior High School Cheerleading Booster Club	\$300
John Knox Center	\$500	Midway Youth Cheerleading Organization	\$250
		Monterey Little League	\$150

**Restoring History with Your Change**

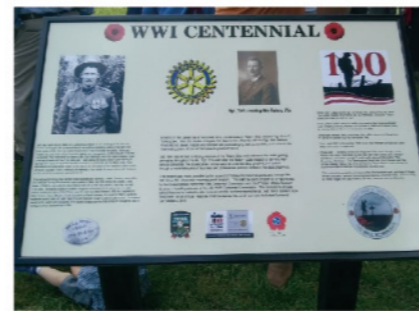
Born in 1863 near Pall Mall, Alvin C. York was the third child of 11. Drafted into the Army shortly after the United States entered World War I in 1917, Alvin C. York initially applied for conscientious objector status due to his strongly-held religious convictions. His application denied York reported for basic training in November 1917. York shipped out to France in May 1918 and went on to become one of the most celebrated soldiers of World War 1.



Memorial Day 2018 Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony.

During an attack at Meuse-Argonne by his battalion to capture German positions, York's actions earned him the Medal of Honor. York and 13 privates were ordered to infiltrate the German lines to take out the machine guns. The group worked their way behind the Germans and overran the headquarters of a German unit. The men were contending with the prisoners when machine-gunfire suddenly killed six Americans and wounded three others. The fire came from German machine guns on the ridge. The loss of the other soldiers put Corporal York in charge of the remaining U.S. soldiers. As his men remained undercover, guarding prisoners, York worked his way into position to silence the German machine guns. York recalled:

*"And those machine guns were spitting fire and cutting down the undergrowth all around me something awful. And the Germans were yelling orders. You never heard such a racket in all of your life. I didn't have time to dodge behind a tree or dive into the brush... As soon as the machine guns opened fire on me, I began to exchange shots with them. There were over 30 of them in continuous action, and all I could do was touch the Germans off just as fast as I could. I was sharp shooting... All the time I kept yelling at them to come down. I didn't want to kill any more than I had to. But it was they or I, and I was giving them the best I had."* (Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation; Archived at Archive.today, 2012)



Informational Kiosks

Described by General John "Blackjack" Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, as "the greatest civilian soldier of the war," his actions from this battle earned him more than 40 awards, including the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre.

Upon his return to the United States, the Nashville Rotary Club

began a fundraising effort to buy York a farm and build him a home. A grateful state and nation contributed to this effort, and York received the deed to his farm in 1922.

This Rotarian effort to recognize and honor Sgt. York continued in this centennial year of York's deployment by the Jamestown Rotary Club. The club recognized that although the home place, bible school, grist mill, post office and general store are all part of the Tennessee State Park System and maintained by park services, the grave site was not and had suffered. Located in the Wolf River Cemetery, the Alvin C. York grave is close enough for visitors from the park to visit by foot.

Jamestown Rotarians created a plan and raised enough funding, including a grant by VECustomers Share to restore and rejuvenate the site. They installed an ADA walkway to the front of the gravesite and footers around the grave site for a wrought iron fence. They added a new flagpole with new US and Tennessee flags and lighting. They purchased rock to fill inside the grave and added landscaping fabric to prevent weeds. They procured the services of a professional company to clean the gravestones and raise Mrs. Gracie York's grave which had sunk. They installed a new bronze sign and two new Kiosk signs which help share the story of this American hero. The Rotary hosted a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Memorial Day 2018.

VECustomers Share Grants are funded by rounding up your bill each month, and members who participated in 2017 averaged a little over \$5.00 each. This change made a difference. This change helped honor a historical site and the man whose life of service impacted the world.



Gravesite before Restoration Process



Alvin C. York Restored Grave Site

**Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)**  
Residential & Outdoor Lighting Fuel Cost Adjustment  
Effective July 1, 2018

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