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My father was a Vietnam War Veteran. Many who returned from the war were not respected and it took a very long time for them to be honored. Honor them today by flying the greatest national on earth's flag and if you see a VETERAN today, let them know how much you appreciate them. Thank them for their service and sacrifice. All too often we forget, let's not forget today.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29 honors the men and women who served and sacrificed during the longest conflict in United States history.

It was on March 29, 1973, when combat and combat support units withdrew from South Vietnam. Generations later, Veterans of this time period are gaining the respect that was not so freely given upon their return. Involving five U.S. presidents, crossing nearly two decades and 500,000 U.S.military personnel, it left an indelible mark on the American psyche.

Returning Veterans did not always receive respectful welcomes upon their arrive on American soil. There were 58,000 killed, never to return. National Vietnam War Veterans Day recognize the military service of these men and women who answered the call to service their country when she needed them. They didn't make the decisions to go to war.

On National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we recognize the service and duty rendered by all servicemen and women of this era.

Around the country, commemorative events, speeches and luncheons are being held inviting Vietnam Veterans as honored guests. Thank a Vietnam Veteran. Buy them a drink or lunch. Send them a shout out using #VietnamWarVeteransDay on social media.

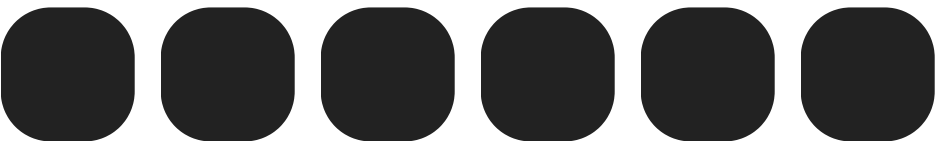
U.S. Sens. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., and Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., introduced legislation in 2017 to honor Vietnam Veterans with a day on the anniversary of the withdrawal of military units from South Vietnam.

President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Day Act on March 28, 2017, calling for U.S. flags to be flown on March 29 for those who served.

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Jacksons Florists & Gifts Now Hiring

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Jacksons Florists & Gifts Now Hiring

Dexter, Missouri - Jacksons Florist & Gifts is seeking a full-time employee who is self-motivated, eager to learn, and creative.

This new member of our team must have a high school diploma or equivalent, a valid drivers license and must be 18 years of age or older.

They are seeking someone to fill a full-time position and must be able to work some Saturdays. Floral design experience would be desired, but not required.

Requirements for this type of position include, but not limited to exceptional customer service skills, good organization skills, ability to type, and be dependable, responsible, and productive.

Wages depend on skill level.

Apply in person at Jackson Florist & Gifts located at 205 N. Walnut St. in Dexter. No Phone Calls PLEASE!

Jacksons Florist & Gifts is an Equal Opportunity Employer. They does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, non-disqualifying physical or mental disability, national origin, veteran status or any other basis covered by appropriate law. All employment is decided on the basis of qualifications, merit, and business need.

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As you may already be aware, on January 11, 2018 Facebook announced a major change to its News Feed algorithm that will profoundly impact brands' ability to reach people on Facebook through organic distribution. This change has affected the ShowMe Times and how you see articles, photos, and postings.

"The change prioritizes interactions between friends and family over company-generated posts, meaning that content consumed directly from business pages on Facebook will shrink and content that is shared & talked about between friends will grow."

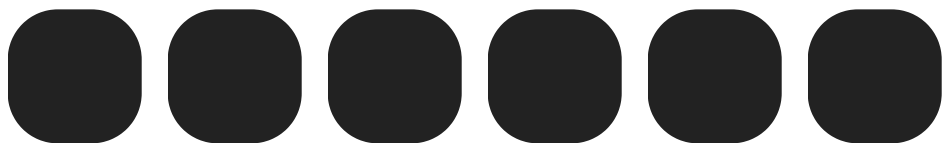
In particular, posts that generate "interactions" such as comments and shares will be weighted more heavily than post that generate just likes or reactions. In addition, posts with longer comments will be weighted more heavily than those with short ones.

People browsing Facebook will see more content from friends and family and less from brands and publishers.

The ShowMe Times needs your help by commenting and sharing each of the articles posted as well as photo albums so that everyone can see them. Several people have texted or messaged the ShowMe Times looking for articles that were already posted, but they did not see in their news feed. If each person shares, likes, or comments on just a couple of the posts each day that would help greatly with keeping the information available to the public. A huge thank you in advance and the ShowMe Times appreciates each and everyone of you! Positive news matters!

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Van Buren, MO – Akers Ferry, located at Akers on the upper Current River, is expected to be closed until mid-June. Akers Ferry provides a Current River crossing on State Route K in northern Shannon County. Recent flooding in the area resulted in a substantial deposit of gravel in the river channel, preventing the ferry from crossing the Current River. Due to fish spawning season, the National Park Service is prohibited from removing gravel from the river from March 15 to June 15. Gravel removal will be completed as soon as possible after June 15.

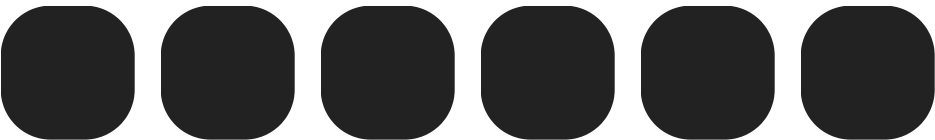
For more information about the Riverways, call (573) 323-4236; visit the park's Facebook page.

Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people.

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Elks Lodge to Host Blood Drive

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Elks Lodge will host a Blood Drive on Monday, April 2, 2018 from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The Dexter Elks Lodge is located at 325 North 2 Mile Road.

The American Red Cross is urging all eligible donors to make an appointment to give blood or platelets this summer. While the need for blood and platelets remains constant throughout the summer, the Red Cross experiences a drastic decline in new donors, and current donors often delay giving due to summer vacation plans. Last summer, nearly one-third fewer new blood donors came out to give than during the rest of the year. Many schools where blood drives are held and where new donors give are out of session during the summer months.

Blood and platelet donations often do not keep pace with hospital demand during the summer months, but every day there are thousands of lives to help save. Right now, blood and platelet donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in.

*Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

*The Red Cross must collect nearly 14,000 blood donations every day to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals across the country.

Eligible donors of all blood types are needed to make a donation appointment now and help sustain a sufficient community blood supply.

*Donating blood is a relatively safe and easy process, and only takes about an hour.

*Scheduling an appointment is easy and fast through the Blood Donor App, online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

*Donors of all blood types are needed to help save lives.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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