

WORLD WAR I
1918 - 2018

O'FRANTO



October 6, 2018
Courthouse Square
Nashville, Georgia



Be sure to visit our display inside the Historical Society



TURNING THE TIDE

Upon entering the Great War, the United States helped turn the tide of the battle. Victory was swift; the enemy was pushed back and defeated. At Left, standing out front, are some of the Berrien County men who enlisted in 1917.

Photo courtesy of the Berrien Historical Foundation.





Schedule of Events

0900 Hours

Wreath Placement

**Living History, Film
& Art Show**

Community Center

1000 Hours

Parade Kickoff

Five Service Flags

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Posting of Colors

Guest Speaker

Song

Reading of the Otranto Names

"Amazing Grace" on Bagpipes

Canon & Gun Salute & Taps

Closing & Prayer

1400 Hours

At the VFW:

100 Balloon Release

Military Equipment Display

Live entertainment, Food Vendors





Berrien County Dead Roll Call

Pvt. Hiram Marcus Bennett, Sparks

Pvt. Jim Melvin Boyett, Milltown

Pvt. John Guy Copping, Cecil

Pvt. Rufus Davis, Sparks

Pvt. Mack Hilton Easters, Lenox

Pvt. George Bruce Faircloth, Milltown

Pvt. Lafayette Gaskins, Nashville

Pvt. Bennie E. Griner, Nashville

Pvt. Lester A. Hancock, Alapaha

Pvt. Robert J. Hancock, Lenox

Pvt. Arthur Harper, Enigma

Pvt. William P. Hayes, Alapaha

Thomas H. Holland, Adel

Pvt. George H. Hutto, Adel

Pvt. Ralph Knight, Ray City

Pvt. Benjamin F. McCranie, Adel

Pvt. James M. McMillan, Nashville

Pvt. William McMillan, Enigma

Pvt. John Franklin Moore, Adel

Pvt. Charlie S. Railey, Alapaha

Pvt. Tillman W. Robinson, Enigma

Pvt. Thomas J. Sirmons, Nashville

Pvt. Shellie Loyed Webb, Ray City

Pvt. Joel Wheeler, Nashville

Pvt. William C. Zeigler, Sparks



1918 - 2018



Order of Ceremony



0900 Hours

Wreath placement at Doughboy Monument.....Purple Heart Chapter
Living History, FilmRet. AF Pilot Tim Oliver
Art Exhibit.....Local Artists

1000 Hours

Parade Kickoff

Five-minute warning:

Please find your places and silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Placement of five service flags

Crisp County High JROTC

Welcome & Introduction of Master of Ceremonies

Mayor Michael Richbourg & Dr. Sumner

***All stand for the posting of colors, pledge of allegiance,
Nation Anthem, Invocation***

Call to post colors.....Worth County High School JROTC

Pledge & National Anthem.....JROTC & Nicole Tyson

Lest We Forget



WORLD WAR I OTRANTO MEMORIAL

Order of Ceremony



(Continued)

Introduction of Rondol Tumberlem.....Master of Ceremonies
Invocation.....Rondol Tumberlim
Introduce VIPS.....Master of Ceremonies
Guest speaker.....Tim McCarthy CMS Army Ret.
“God Bless the USA” song.....Lt. Dan Dalhover
Reading of Names.....Dr. Sellers & Tim McCarthy
Ringing of the Bell & Distribution of Certificates.....Nick Lacey
Significance of Eight Bells & the Navy Pipe....Master of Ceremonies

Eight Bells

Song.....Lt. Dan Dalhover

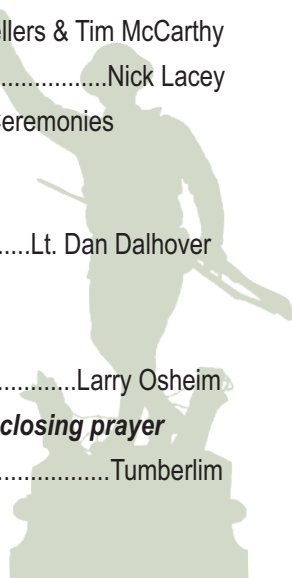
“Amazing Grace” on bagpipes

Canon & Gun Salute & Taps

Closing.....Larry Osheim

Please all stand and remove your hats for the closing prayer

Closing prayer.....Tumberlim



1918 • Remembering Otranto • 2018



229-686-2058

229-686-5703

www.nashvillefordofga.com

723 South Davis St., Nashville, GA 31639

Auto Repair, Service & Towing

1918
2018

We repair and service vehicles to
our customer's satisfaction and
offer a towing service.



Buck's Auto Repair

A Walking Man's Friend
Call us: 686-2290

307 Hazel Ave • Nashville, GA • After Hours: 686-5904

Never Forget



HONORING OUR FALLEN
1918-2018

Terry Hogan
Owner

Nashville Tire

730 South Davis • Nashville, GA 31793

229-686-1900
Checkerflag32@yahoo.com

© My Georgia Hometown Magazine



The Viquesney Doughboy

Spirit of the American Doughboy

Submitted by the Berrien Historical Foundation

Just over a month before World War I ended on November 11, 1918, Berrien County experienced the horrors of war in a way that probably no other county in the United States has regarding the loss of its homefolk. Twenty-five young men from every town that was part of Berrien at the time—Adel, Alapaha, Cecil, Enigma, Lenox, Milltown (now Lakeland), Nashville, Ray City, and Sparks—lost their lives on October 6, 1918. They were traveling on the British transport ship, the HMS Otranto, which was struck by another British ship, the HMS Kashmir.

The collision occurred during a severe storm while the convoy was only a day away from port in the Irish Sea. The ships, battling gale-force winds, collided because of a navigational error. Taking on water and listing badly, the Otranto ran aground and broke in-two just 500 yards off the Isle of Islay. In spite of rescue efforts by a near-by ship, 431 troops lost their lives; 596 survived. Only 3 Berrien soldiers were among the survivors.

About the Doughboy

Forever charging into battle, the “Spirit of the American Doughboy” statue faces Eastward to the battlefields of World War I. Engraved on its base are the names of the Berrien County fallen who were lost at sea and in battle. The monument is a fitting tribute to those who served their country from 1917 - 1919.

Designed by Ernest Moore Viquesney, the memorial statue of a WWI American soldier is one of the most reproduced, life-sized sculptures in the United states.

The “Spirit of the American Doughboy” which proudly stands on the courthouse square in Nashville, Georgia, is the original statue. Made of multiple sections of pressed copper, the statue’s molded pieces are welded together, creating a hollow figure that

weighes only 200 pounds.

In 1920 the statue was shown in a national competition in Centralia, Washington, promoted across the country, then displayed in Americus, Georgia. While in Georgia, Viquesney built one for Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. The Furman statue is the first installed, but the Nashville statue is the “original.” It was placed in 1921 but was not unveiled until it was paid for in 1923.

*The first doughboy
E. M. Viquesney
Sculptor*

Lest We Forget



The cost of the monument was quite expensive for the period. According to the *Nashville Herald*, the original “monument fund” lists the 14-foot marble base at \$1375. Added to that is the price of the Doughboy statue itself, which was \$5,000 in August of 1920.

Since it was first constructed, more than 150 full-size copies of the statue have been created for municipal memorials across the nation, according to the Smithsonian Institution.

Each one is mounted on a different monument base and placed in settings ranging from government buildings, to veteran’s parks and cemeteries. The Viquesney “Doughboy” has been viewed more than any other statue in

the US, except the Statue of Liberty.

The monument in Nashville was originally placed in the center of the intersection of Davis Street and Marion Avenue. Landscaping was added at the base of the monument sometime around 1930. When the road was widened for vehicle traffic in 1939, it was necessary to move the monument to its present location. Brickwork was added to its base when the courthouse was refurbished in 1981.

When the Berrien County Courthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, the “Spirit of the American Doughboy” monument was placed on the National Register as well. ★

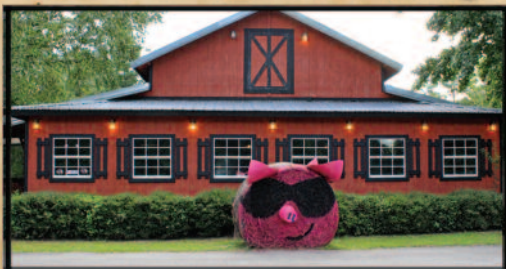
**1918
2018** **WORLD WAR I**
OTRANTO MEMORIAL

Real Pit Bar-B-Q

**Mon-Sat 11-2
Thur & Fri
nights 5-9**

**Takeout:
(229) 686-2212**

 **Georgia
Smokehouse**



**Pork, Chicken,
Ribs & Brisket**

713 N Davis St | Nashville, GA



The Brown Bag

Gourmet Sandwiches, Sides & Salads

★ ★ ★
A Salute ★ ★ ★
To our fallen,
may they never
be forgotten.

229-335-0200

106 N. Davis St., Nashville, GA



229-563-1369

710 S. Davis St., Nashville, GA 31639

Remembering Otranto
1918 • 2018

Hair Shack

Jennifer Brown

Owner / Stylist



Remembering the Otranto *Gone But Not Forgotten*

Hayley's *Coffee, Tea & Sweets*

Serving
Breakfast & Lunch

Hours: 6 am - 3 pm
Monday - Friday

229-494-9188

Local delivery during working hours

323 S Davis Street • Nashville, GA

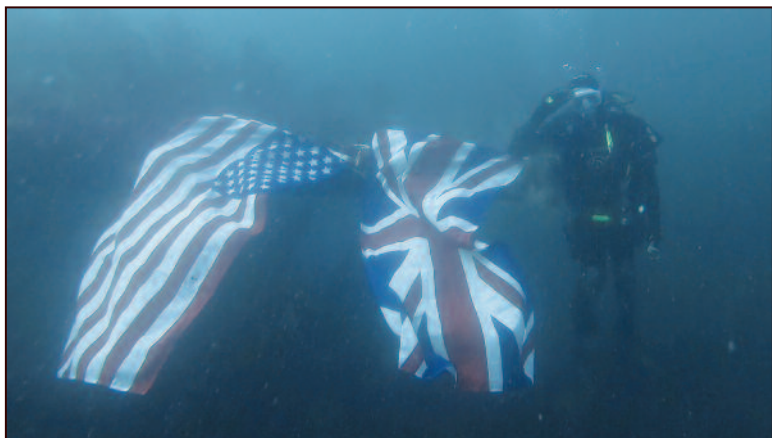
Caribou Coffee
Espresso Drinks
Variety of Sweets



10% OFF Next Order
with this Ad



Some Returned: Some were Lost at Sea



Dive Team Visits Otranto's Remains

Of the hundreds of Georgians who joined the Allied Powers in Europe, many did not return. Today we remember the men who lost their lives on the HMS Otranto on October 6, 1918, just one month before the end of World War I. The ship went down off the coast of Islay, Scotland. The stormy seas claimed both American and British lives that day.

Recently, the Expedition Dive Team, BadLads Diving, recorded their visit to the site of the wreckage. The items displayed in our exhibit today were collected on this dive. We thank the team for sharing these precious artifacts with us. The flags are the ones that were flown on the Otranto's gun barrel during the expedition. **PHOTO:** A solemn salute.

Please visit the display at the Community Center and the Berrien Historical Society from the HMS Otranto. There is also a video of the dive. ★



Ship's information plate



Monument at Islay honoring American and British Troops

Expedition Dive Team, OTRANTO 100



Pete Kenrick, Dave Marshall,
Paul Allen, Jeff Kenrick,
Mike Armitage, John Hardman,
Jane Barker, Fred Mousdale,
Sam Barker



Circa May 1918: Berrien County Soldiers at Nashville train depot.



Photos Courtesy of The Berrien Historical Foundation

★★★

WE STAND!

★★★

VETERANS

20



18

DAY

Celebration

SUNDAY 11/11/18 AT 11:00 A.M.



FREE LUNCH FOR RETIRED VETERANS

300 W 4TH STREET, ADEL, GA 31620

WWW.YOURWEBSITE.COM



LASER LIFE AND LASER LIFE OUTDOORS

We've got something for EVERYONE!

300 W. 4th St. • Adel • 229-896-1733

Monday - Friday 10 am - 5 pm



We
perform
custom
engraving
on most
materials

**With the
exception
of plastic*



Our Uncork'd Wine
Glasses and Winesulator
make the perfect gift for
any occasion!



PERSONALIZE IT WITH YOUR NAME OR MONOGRAM
LASER ENGRAVED WE NEVER USE VINYL!

10% DISCOUNT FOR ACTIVE MILITARY
AND FIRST RESPONDERS



Laser Life
Mascot,
"Shadow"



THE TURNER-STONE AGENCY



TAYLOR STONE

In Memory of the
brave young men
who lost their lives
in the sinking of the
Otranto.

We Salute You.



100 YEARS
O'TRANTO

108 S. JEFFERSON | NASHVILLE | (229) 494-9277
TURNERSTONEAGENCY@GMAIL.COM

229-686-7839
C 229-686-0301

Jonathan Keen
Broker / Owner

104 South Jefferson Street
Nashville, GA 31639

Keen Realty

Never Forget



jonathankeen@windstream.net

100 YEARS

1918

2018



COYOTE
MFG Co.

**CUSTOM
MARINE
PRODUCTS**

229-494-9158
www.coyotemfgco.com



541 Hazel Ave.
Nashville, GA 31639



**direct
DOC**

229-638-6726
110 S. Jefferson St.
Nashville, GA

Improving patients' lives through better, affordable healthcare.

*Offering medical services for a flat monthly fee.
We take out the insurance middle man,
saving money for you, our patient.*

Member services include, but not limited to:

- Annual Wellness Exam (Basic Labs)
- Same-Day/Next-Day Visits
- Telemedicine Visits (Email/Phone/Text)
- EKG
- Skin Lesion Removal/Cryotherapy
- Joint Injections
- Laceration Repair
- Pap Smear/HPV Testing (No Pathology)
- Urinalysis
- Rapid Strep and Flu Testing/Flu Shot
- DOT/Work and Sports Physicals

**To learn more
about Direct
Primary Care and
enroll in the
practice go to:**

www.thedirectdoc.com

Jonathan Wade, DO FAAFP · Bill Bryant, NP



O'TRANTO
100 YEARS

May we never forget





DOGWOOD PHARMACY



1918 • Remembering Otranto • 2018



229-356-2411

1909 Hwy 82 Suite 11
Tifton, GA 31793

229-316-8200

501 N. Davis St.
Nashville, GA 31639

NASHVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Locally Grown Produce
Homemade Goods

Thurs-Fri 10am-6pm • Sat 9am-4pm



502 Marion Street • Nashville, GA
Telephone: 229-686-5538



Remembering
OTRANTO



We Salute You

1918 • Never Forget • 2018

Serving South Georgia
Since 1960

Martin Motors



WWI • 100 • YEARS

Guy Martin

Owner

www.martinmotorsonline.com

709 S. Davis St., Nashville, GA 31639

Phone: 229-686-2068

Fax: 229-686-7309



Building relationships and service since 1907

In Remembrance of Our Troops

**1918
2018**

100 YEARS



We support our Veterans



Farmers and Merchants Bank

As the times and technology have changed, so has Farmers and Merchants Bank, but one thing has and will always remain constant: our commitment to be "The Best of the Best".

- Checking & Savings Accounts
- Money Market Accounts
- Certificates of Deposit
- IRA
- Business Banking
- Credit Cards
- Loans & Real Estate
- Mobile Banking App

Lakeland: 4 N Carter St • 229.482.3585
Nashville: 202 W Washington Ave • 229.686.9451

302 W Cypress St.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750



LORENZO'S CUSTOM PRINTS

- ☆ T-shirts ☆ Hats ☆ Mugs
- ☆ Pillows ☆ License Plates
- ☆ Decals & More



lcprints302@gmail.com
Facebook: lcprints302

229-325-8894

Jernigan's Farm Supply, Inc

To those who gave all

Thank you



229-532-6365



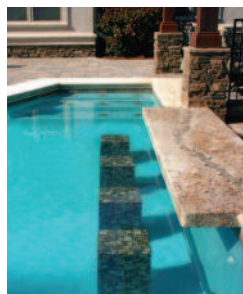
9462 US 82, Alapha, GA 31622

210 N. Davis Street • Nashville, GA • 229-686-2033
watsonpoolsofga.com • facebook.com/watsonspoolsofga

Watson's Pools & Patios

Custom Gunite Swimming Pools, Spas & Patios

- Pool Supplies & Equipment • Patio Furniture • Cleaners
- Above Ground Pools • Painting & Resurfacing
- Layout & Excavation • Free Water Analysis • Pool Service



BUILD • RENOVATE • ENHANCE



1918 • Remembering Otranto • 2018

IN MEMORY OF OTRANTO



Pvt. Hiram Marcus
Bennett
Sparks



Pvt. Jim M. Boyett
Milltown



Pvt. Rufus Davis
Sparks



Pvt. Mack Hilton
Easters
Sparks



Pvt. Lafayette Gaskins
Nashville



Pvt. Bennie Griner
Nashville



Pvt. Lester A.
Hancock
Alapaha



Pvt. Robert J.
Hancock
Lenox



Pvt. Arthur B Harper
Enigma



Pvt. Thomas H Holland
Adel



Pvt. George Hutto
Adel



Pvt. Ralph Knight
Ray City

Bank of Alapaha

Berrien County's Oldest Bank Since 1905

229-686-7491

201 W. MARION AVENUE

NASHVILLE, GEORGIA 31639

Member
FDIC



IN MEMORY OF OTRANTO



Pvt. Benjamin F.
McCranie
Adel



Photos Courtesy of The Ray City History Blog
and The Berrien Historical Foundation



Pvt. James M.
McMillan
Nashville



Pvt. William McMillan
Enigma



Pvt. John Franklin
Moore
Adel



Pvt. Charlie Railey
Alapaha



Pvt. Tillman W.
Roinson
Enigma



Pvt. Thomas J.
Sirmans
Nashville



Pvt. Shelby L. Webb
Ray City



Pvt. William C.
Zeigler
Sparks

Bank of Alapaha

Berrien County's Oldest Bank Since 1905

229-532-6115 • ALAPAHA

229-533-6315 • ENIGMA

229-896-5176 • ADEL

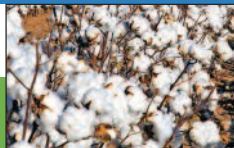
Member
FDIC





A Few of Our Soldiers

Visit the Living History display
and the Historical Foundation to
see more photos and artifacts.



22281 Main Street, Alapaha, GA 31622

229-532-5195



May We Never Forget!
Saluting Our Fallen Soldiers



DIXON
SEED & CHEMICAL

Circa 1918: Berrien Enlisted Men



*Lifting a glass
to the Georgians
who gave all!*



HORSE CREEK WINERY



Your Local Favorite for
WINE · FOOD · WEDDINGS

HORSECREEKWINERY.COM

Serving Lunch, Dinner, Coffee, and Drinks

Off ^{the} Hook

Seafood Grill

Drop in anytime, or call ahead for a reservation!



Seafood, Steaks, Burgers, Sandwiches & More



Remembering

1918 ★ Otranto ★ 2018

206 South Street
Nashville, GA

229-543-0025



*We appreciate all who helped make
the Otranto Memorial a success.*

American Legion Sylvester Post 335

Sons of the American Legion 335

American Legion Auxilary 335



**BERRIEN
HISTORICAL
FOUNDATION**

Misty Hughes

Berrien Middle School

Coby Rice

Berrien High School

Our local artists

BadLads Diving

OTRANTO 100

My Georgia Hometown Magazine

Lorenzo's Custom Prints



**American Legion
Otranto Post 115, Inc.
Nashville, GA 31639**

Post 5978, Nashville



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

www.vfw.org



Otranto Program
Designed & Published by
My Georgia Hometown Magazine
© 2018

46 Gaskins St.
Alapaha, GA 31622

mygahometown@windstream.net
vickie.harsey@mygeorgiahometown.com
stanley.harsey@mygeorgiahometown.com

229-402-9533 • 229-472 0878

Tommy

Painting by Richard Harpum



1918 - 2018

Remembering our fallen solidiers lost in the
sinking of the HMS Otranto near Islay.

LOVEIN
FUNERAL HOME

1218 Adel Hwy
Nashville, GA
(229) 686-2007