

Best of Show

Twenty-year U.S. Navy veteran Jim Jones, of Dawn, Missouri, in a self-portrait holding the chief petty officer's hat that he wore during the last third of his naval career.

Jim Jones—Dawn

Missouri's Patriotism: Then & Now

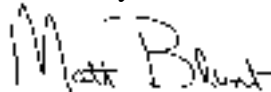
Dear Fellow Missourians:

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we present this special section for the 2001–2002 edition of the *Official State Manual*. The theme of the first Blue Book photo contest of the new millennium is “Missouri’s Patriotism: Then and Now”. Every Missourian has had the privilege of witnessing and participating in patriotic events in our great state. The patriotic spirit is still an important part of life in Missouri.

Pride in community, state and nation are thriving in the Show-Me State. In honor of this rich tradition, I wanted to set aside space in the official manual for photographs depicting the special ways that Missourians have paid tribute to our veterans and to the American way of life over the years. Interest in this contest was high, and selecting the photos contained in this book was a time consuming process. I am very grateful to all of the photographers, amateur and professional, from across the state who submitted entries.

It is my sincere hope that these photographs will serve as a reminder of how truly blessed we are to live in a country as inspiring as America and in a state as wonderful as Missouri.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Blunt". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Matt Blunt



*Best of Show—
First Runner Up*

U.S. Marine George Flora
surveys the terrain from a leafy
foxhole in Korea, July 1951.

George Flora—Eldon

Best of Show— Second Runner Up

These two young ladies show their patriotic spirit with a bit of face painting during the 1998 Honor America celebration.

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Honorable Mentions



Former Missouri State Representative, George W. Parker, standing next to his "Missouri Mule II" B-26 bomber in France, May 1944.

George W. Parker Jr.—Columbia



Lester Glastetter of Oran, (at left) and friends standing in the doorway of their living quarters while stationed in Nome, Alaska, May 1944.

Lester Glastetter—Oran

Army re-enactors from Wilson's Creek Battlefield, representing every U.S. conflict from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm, during the History of the Uniform narration of the Honor America Celebration, June 1998.

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Young Brennan Underwood observes the DAV memorial at the Bates County Courthouse on Memorial Day, 2001

Donna Gregory—Butler



Budding patriot Caitlin Donoho holding a WWII photo of Lt. James Daly.

Debi Donoho—Warrenton



Five year old Kiahla Kirchoff celebrates Independence Day with sparklers in Lee's Summit.

Jeff Kirchoff—Lee's Summit

Nancy Klobe of Crosstown,
Perry County, in the early 1900s.
Trish Erzfeld—Perryville



Post World War I victory celebration.
John Wieneman—Jefferson City



TOP RIGHT: Color guard at the Warren County Fair parade.
Warren VFW Post 2180 and Wright City VFW Post 10687. August
1997 in Warrenton, Missouri.

Russell Brockfeld—Warrenton

BOTTOM RIGHT: Clinton, Missouri celebrates its “Olde Glory
Days” with a parade on Independence Day, 1999.

Gerald Happy—Clinton





ABOVE: Raymond, Frederick, Bernice and Harold Garnett, of Marion, Missouri celebrate the Fourth of July, 1917. The photographer was their mother, Katherine Raithel Garnett.

Kelly Taggart—Centertown

RIGHT: Infant Eileen Liberty Klobe, a young patriot in the making, celebrates her first 4th of July in 1918 Crosstown. **Trish Erzfeld—Perryville**





Cub Scout color guard at College of the Ozarks
Independence Day celebration, July 1, 2001.

Rick Osenga—Branson

Color Guard of
American Legion
Post 287, at a Memorial
Day 2001 ceremony in
Savannah, Missouri.
Lynn Liehti—Savannah



Unidentified women at an
Indian gathering in Faust
Park, St. Louis County.
Annie Marshall—St. Louis



A crowd enjoys the 2000 Honor America program on the grounds of Lake Honor, College of the Ozarks.

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Members of the Army National Guard re-enact the raising of the U.S. flag at Iwo Jima on a parade float by American Legion Post 642.

**Abbie Turner—
Sedalia**



The “Mighty Mo” (USS Missouri) outbound from San Francisco Bay, June 1990.

Cody A. Hanna—Buffalo



Veterans of the Persian Gulf War during President and First Lady Barbara Bush’s Independence Day, 1991 visit to Marshfield, MO. Photographer unknown.

J. Thompson—Marshfield



Rich Chrismer and other Vietnam veterans in a solemn moment of remembrance at the Moving Wall.

Rich Chrismer—St. Peters