



# LINNELL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## STOP THE PRESSES

### LFA TO DISCONTINUE HARD COPY NEWSLETTERS

The Linnell Family Association of North America (the LFA) has been sending hard copy newsletters to **ALL** of our Membership, most of whom are Lifetime Members or current Annual Members!

The level of expense and effort required to print and mail a hundred quarterly newsletters is just not sustainable for our small organization. In these times of social networking and online communications, we are looking to reduce the number of paper newsletters that are mailed out each month. To that end, **this will be the last hard copy newsletter you will receive** unless we hear from you that you wish to continue receiving it in the mail.

Newsletters are also available via email, on our family website and from links posted in our Facebook Family Page. See [LinnellAssociation.com](http://LinnellAssociation.com) for details.

To receive your newsletter via email, please contact Paul Linnell at [PaulELinnellJr@yahoo.com](mailto:PaulELinnellJr@yahoo.com) or [Membership@LinnellFamily.com](mailto:Membership@LinnellFamily.com).

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The Steering Committee appreciates your understanding and assistance.

## Linnell Family West Coast Reunion Dates Set

Saturday, July 11, 2020 - Timber Linn Memorial Park in Albany, Oregon - 12:00 to 6:00 PM.

Cousin Paul will be sending out flyers and other information via E-Mail and/or Snail Mail as details become available. If you do not receive yours and would like information, please contact him for a copy. See the Steering Committee section for all of Paul's contact information.

Due to Rental fees for the Park increasing; extensive mailing costs; and other expenses, we have established an account to help in defraying these costs. If you would like to contribute, please furnish your check and/or money order (payable to: "Paul E. Linnell, Jr." and in the Memo Section show "For LFWCR 2020") and mail it to Paul: 685 NE Autumncreek Way, Apt J-101 Hillsboro, Oregon 97006-8730.

## 2020 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Annual Memberships:** 1

**Life Memberships:** 172 (39 Deceased)

**Total:** 173

Annual Memberships renew on the first of January each year. To pay your \$20 Annual Dues or purchase a \$125 Life Membership, please go on-line to the LFA Website at [www.linnellassociation.com](http://www.linnellassociation.com) and click on **Membership** for information on how to register and pay online or by snail mail.

# Letter From the Chairman



By Jerry Linnell

Dear Cousins,

Here I am again late in my delivery of this article for the newsletter. As you can imagine, many events have been going on here in North Carolina and elsewhere to slow up the process of delivering the newsletter on time.

I will start right away by telling you I have recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's. Figuring out what was wrong and finding the right medical approach has been somewhat exhausting. But, while the battle may be uphill, I stay focused on the good days and am staying positive as we navigate a new normal. I am mostly looking forward to playing golf again!

And of course, as with all of you, we have been reckoning with COVID-19. We are staying home and washing our hands often! I hope you are all staying safe as well.

Original plans for the steering committee to visit the Cape this month to make plans for next year's reunion have been postponed due to closures and travel restrictions associated with the virus.

Making reservations—hotel and plane and driving—it will be quite the feat to accomplish a great reunion under these circumstances. However, we will be doing our best in the coming months to assure that we have an enjoyable gathering in June 2021.

Others on the steering committee have been working assiduously to make it possible to have a reunion in 2021—and will continue to do so. We have our fingers crossed and hope for some good help from above not only for a good reunion but a healthy and boisterous

group of old and possibly new members.

I will leave it to you to read on as we proceed and make announcements as immediately as possible. I am sure you will be able to read a lot about this reunion on Facebook, on our website and in future newsletters.

Best of luck. Read on, my friends.

Jerry Linnell

PS I think the steering committee will totally agree with me that we need to send our best wishes to all those people up in good ol' Grand Marais in dealing with the tragic fire. It will probably be quite some time before everything is 'back to normal' in that great 'city.'



A fire on April 13 destroyed three downtown businesses next to Sven and Ollie's.

*\*Editor's Note: We are sad to learn that Jerry will be stepping down this summer as our LFA Chairman. Stay tuned for more details and a fine family sendoff.*

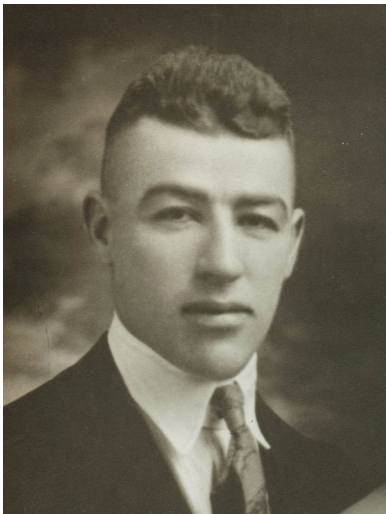
The LFA would like to thank all of our Linnell Family First Responders and essential employees. We are so grateful and proud of the work you are doing to keep us safe.

Our hearts and prayers go out to our cousins who are affected by the Corona virus. May we all stay safe and healthy.

## *LFA Scholarship News*

The winner of the 2019-2020 Linnell Family Association Scholarship is Ellie Johnson, who was born on December 25, 2000. She lives in Wausau Wisconsin with her parents and twin brothers, Bennett and Jace. She started attending Alfred University in New York last fall, working on an Art Major and Arts Management Minor. Below is an excerpt from her winning essay, submitted last year.

Going out East, I will be able to experience so many new things that will provide me with stories that I can one day contribute to the Linnell family history.



Ora Raymond "Ray" Linnell  
1894-1983  
Ellie's Great Great Grandfather

My great grandmother, Phyllis Hagen, was a true descendant of Robert Linnell. Her father was Ora Raymond Linnell (pictured left) who served in World War I and was the oldest son of William Linnell. I was never fortunate enough to meet my Great Grandma Phyllis, but I have been able to learn about her and hear many about her experiences through her husband, Guy Hagen. Looking on the Linnell Family Association Facebook page, you can read information about my Grandpa Guy who served in the Korean War, World War II, and Vietnam War. During his time in the military, he received 3 bronze stars (one with valor), two purple hearts, five battle stars, the US Presidential Unit Citation, the French Croix De Guerre Unit Citation, and two Belgian Fourragere Unit Citations. His story has been told in three books and his World War II division, the 30th infantry, is up for a Presidential Unit Citation for being the

highest rated position in the European Theatre and stopping the breakout of St. Lo at Mortain that could have prolonged the war for a whole year. My aunt, Michelle Green, is also recognized for her contributions to war. She served in the Iraq War as part of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, 1158th Transportation Company, Black River Falls. She specialized in hauling trucks and heavy equipment and was ordered into active Federal Service in Iraq and Kuwait. Having the opportunity to go on our family Facebook site to read about my close family members means so much to me.

Another person that was a great influence on the Linnell family would be my great uncle, Richard Linnell, Phyllis's brother, he was one of the main people to help create The Descendants of Robert Linnell family book. He went to several grave sights throughout the United States to find information to help Rachel Wynn research information to create the book to the best of their abilities. He also visited many historical societies to search for

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information regarding births, deaths, baptisms, marriages, and anything else that could give us the generational ties to one another.

My second cousin Jason Quick, who was born to Jeanne Quick, has been trying to further the research on the Linnell family by using some of the ancestry websites to find more people and more information on our family. He has dedicated a lot of time trying to continue the book and further the exploration of our family's history. Jason has been working specifically on the history and genealogy link for the Linnell family.

We are connected to the Descendants of Robert Linnell book through my mom's side of the family, it is ironic that my dad also has a connection to the Linnell family book. His best friend, Shawn Linnell, grew up with him in Grand Forks, North Dakota. They were best friends while growing up throughout elementary, middle and high school. When my parents' began dating in college, my mother and father were hanging out with Shawn, who is known as Nelly, to his friends. When my Mom met him she asked by he was called Nelly. He shared that his last name was "Linnell." My mom was shocked to hear this considering she is also related to the Linnell's. She immediately claimed that she was the official "Linnell" because she was in The Book. Nelly knew exactly what she was talking about because he was also in The Book!

I am lucky to read and learn more about my family through the hard work of many family members. The time and effort that everyone has been putting into books, Facebook, historical sites to help honor family that I have never met and the people closest to me is profound. Reading about my Great Grandpa and my Aunt is so special because I feel such a strong connection and interest in hearing what they went through and how they risked their lives for the rest of us. I love learning about family members success that I have not been able to meet. I am sad that I was unable to meet founding members of the Linnell family, but thankful that I live in a social media generation so I can continue to connect and learn about my family members living in all parts of the country.

## 2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIP DEFERRED



AMID THE UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REGRETS TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE POSTPONING THE NEXT AWARD FOR ONE YEAR. WE WILL RESUME ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IN 2021 FOR THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND OR VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF OUR COMMITTEES, PLEASE VISIT THE FAMILY WEBSITE OR CONTACT ANYONE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

## LINNELL'S IN THE MILITARY

By Paul E. Linnell, Jr.



As many of you know, I am working on a detailed biography on the “Linnell’s in the Military”. This is a work-in-progress. It is based on the current printed DRL Records, as well as information furnished to me by Linnell Family Members, and will show “ALL” Linnell Family Members that ever served in the Military (Active Duty or Reserves); and/or if they ever served in a War or Armed Conflict (War of 1812; World War I; World War II; etc.). If you know of any Linnell Family Members that ever served in the Military, whether they ever served in a War or Armed Conflict (such as Cold War Veterans), please feel free to contact me.

At the present time, it is made up of fifteen (15) Parts, which include the American Indian Wars; the Revolutionary War; the War of 1812; the Mexican War; the Civil War; the Spanish-American War; World War I; World War II; the Korean War; the Vietnam War; The First Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield); the Iraq War; the Afghanistan War; and Unknown Wars and/or Conflicts. In future Newsletters, I will provide some of the highlights of this biography.

If you would like to furnish information for this biography, please contact me, as shown on the Steering Committee page, and I will provide you with a questionnaire via E-Mail and/or via Regular Snail Mail.

### MEMBERSHIP RESEARCH

From LFA Membership and Vital Records Chairman, Paul E. Linnell Jr: I am continuing to work on updating and keeping our LFA Database of “758 Names” up to date. I am using People Search websites to verify the information in our LFA Database, as well as the published DRL Records and the Additions and Corrections Booklet. A lot of the names in our LFA Database are not listed in the DRL Records; therefore, I have established them as “Line Not Established”. An example of this is the Descendants of Daren Allen Linnell (DRL 118, 241, 112, 635 – Page 368 of the DRL), such as our LFA Secretary, Donald Aaron Linnell. I am assuming that Donald is one (1) of Daren’s Descendants, based on the DRL Number that he listed at our 2018 LFA Reunion in Salem, Oregon. Donald’s late Father, Darren Allen Linnell is listed in the DRL Records; however, none of Darren’s Descendants are listed in the DRL Records, such as Donald, his Wife, Teresa, their Children, Grandchildren, etc. If any DRL Member is uncertain about their facts about their Family Members shown in the DRL Records, please feel free to contact me at the address shown in the Steering Committee section.

### VITAL RECORD REPORT

#### Marriages:

**Amber Rose McNamara** (No DRL Record) and Douglas Nolan Albee: 7 DEC 19 in Salt Lake City, UT. Amber is a Daughter of Veronica May Linnell (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 363) & Timothy Joseph McNamara.

**Austin Jeffery Cramer** (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 383, 1) and Ana Johnson: 21 MAR 2020. Austin is the Son of Lisa Gaye Burchard (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 383) and Jeffery William Cramer.

#### Birth Notices:

**Deklan Jared Vasquez:** 10 MAR 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia to Kathryn Fae McNamara (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 363, 2) & Jorge Alcides Vasquez. Sibling to Jarom Kaleb (8 AUG 15) & Rebekah Belen (9 JAN 18).



## Death Notices

**Harry Gale Kraus, Sr.** (DRL 117, 612, 412, 11)  
1 May 1928 – 12 DEC 2006, Cleveland, OH  
Parents: Mary Linnell (DRL 117, 612, 412, 1) and  
Joseph R. Kraus.

**Henrietta G. Kraus** (DRL not established)  
31 JUL 1928 – 1 DEC 2010, Cleveland, OH. Wife  
of: Harry Gale Kraus, Sr. (above)

**Gary Robert Nelson** (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 922)  
Park Ranger, Yellowstone Park, WY  
2 DEC 1955 (Albany, OR) – 4 APR 2012  
Parents: Laura Beth Lough (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 92)  
and Lawrence Albert “Bud” Nelson.

**Nancy D (Shaffer) Linnell** (DRL 118, 241, 116,  
983S) 11 JAN 1955 – 9 JUL 2016, Missoula, MT.  
Wife of: William Mark Linnell (118, 241, 116, 983)

**Ronald Dale Shaffer**  
(DRL 11a, b15, 515, 422) LFA Life Member.  
10 JUL 1938 (Cope, CO) – 8 MAR 2017 (Colorado  
Springs, CA) Parents: Naida Leona Rountree  
(DRL 11a, b15, 515, 42) and Ramon Shaffer.

**Charles Edward Keller, Jr.**  
(DRL 117, 612, 122, 43S) LFA Life Member  
10 MAY 1932 (East Orange, NJ) – 23 APR 2019  
(Miles City, MT) Husband of: Barbara Reinl  
Ferguson (DRL 117, 612, 122, 43)  
Parents: Charles E. Linnell, Sr. & Dorothy LaBord

**Penelope Roybal** (Line Not Established)  
12 DEC 2019 – 12 DEC 2019, Mesa, AZ  
Parents: Jessica Joan Linnell (DRL 118, 241, 142,  
315, 11) and Raymond “Ray” Roybal.

**Betty Evilo (Linnell, Gurney, Breslow,  
Wilkens) Thomas** (DRL 11a, b15, 514, 81)  
16 JUL 1924 (Ruleton, KS) – 14 JAN 2020  
(Eugene, OR) Parents: Simeon Stillman Linnell  
(DRL 11a, b15, 514, 8) and Lena Lavina Hobbs.  
Betty’s Family migrated to Oregon in the 1930’s  
during the Dust Storms.

**Ida Henrietta (Dale, Hopkins) Linnell**  
(DRL 11a, b15, 515, 61S) 1 FEB 1918 – 24 JAN  
2020, Albany, Oregon. Wife of: the late Paul Ed-  
ward Linnell, Sr. (DRL 11a, b15, 515, 61) and she  
was Paul’s Step Mother. Just 7 days shy of 102,  
Ida was our Oldest Living Linnell Family Member.

**Y’Vette Diyin (Linnell) Huston** (DRL 11a, b15,  
7-10-1, 364) 11 DEC 1968 (Castro Valley, CA) –  
27 FEB 2020 (Fallon, NV) Parents: Clinton War-  
ren Linnell (DRL 11a, b15, 7-10-1, 36) and Luella  
Jean Riggs. Even while battling cancer, Y’Vette  
was able to attend the 2018 Reunion in Salem, OR

## **THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

### **Steering Committee 2019**

The purposes of the Association are to promote  
fellowship among Linnell Family members through  
reunions, the publication of the Linnell Family  
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#### GRAVE RESTORATION

Vacant at this time.

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