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# Website honors Boone's military personnel

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**BOONE COUNTY** - In honor of the continued service of American military personnel, Boone County has developed a website dedicated to past or present member of the armed services.



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The "Hometown Heroes" website recognizes men and women from Boone County who have served or are serving in the armed forces.

Initially it was designed to recognize active-duty members of the armed forces, but it expanded to anyone from the county that has served.

The site also includes some who have made the ultimate sacrifice in serving their country, such as Tech. Sgt. Anthony Campbell, the Air Force Reservist and Cincinnati Police Officer who died in Afghanistan in December.

It's not clear exactly when the site was set up, but Adam Howard, the county's community relations director, provided some details about how it came to be.

"The county wanted to acknowledge veterans and active-duty military who are serving our country and who live, or lived, in Boone County," Howard said. "County officials approached the military and asked for a list of names and addresses in order to reach out to those families."

The military, however, does not provide that information, Howard explains, even if it is for a good cause.

Without access to a database, county officials decided the best way to get the information was to go directly to the source and began requesting information from county residents.

Over time, the emphasis has shifted from a focus on active duty military personnel to include veterans.

"It was an outgrowth from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and has continued to grow from there," Howard said.

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