

‘A Deep and Long-Standing Relationship’

Tennessee VFW Post collaborates with university

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In February, members of VFW Post 4575 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, were invited onto the court during a Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) home basketball game for an ovation to their service and their continued support of veterans.

“Post 4575 and MTSU have a deep and long-standing relationship,” Post 4575 Quartermaster Jerry Stewart said. “This partnership is underscored by MTSU’s dedication to honoring and supporting all veterans through various events and initiatives throughout the year.”

Each year, the university holds several events on or near Veterans Day at a home football game. Veterans and their families are invited to a formal ceremony dedicated to veterans, a free meal alongside a tailgate event and a walk across the field at halftime.

The Post also has an ongoing collaboration with MTSU’s Student Veterans of America Chapter, the Blue Raiders America Veteran Organization (BRAVO). The BRAVO chapter will be collecting canned goods to donate to the Nourish Food Bank this upcoming school year.

Many members of Post 4575 are either currently enrolled at MTSU, alumni or former professors. Stewart is enrolled at MTSU and serves as the BRAVO chapter president. Post Jr. Vice Commander Therrell Kast is a former professor of military science.

On the campus of MTSU stands a memorial to veterans— two stone walls with engrave names of servicemembers. MTSU also is a designated member of the Purple Hearts Trail— a system of connected roads and highways that serve to honor recipients of the Purple Heart Award.

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