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COLLEGE TO DEDICATE THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Patriots Park is home to several memorials that highlight the valor of our country's brave service men and women.

On April 18, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., the college will dedicate the newest addition to Patriots Park, The Korean War Memorial. The park is located at the entrance of the college campus, 1 Opportunity Avenue in Point Lookout.

"The Korean War was a crucial time in our military history, and our servicemen and women deserve to be honored," said C of O President Jerry Davis.

The newest memorial will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices all Korean War veterans made to serve their country, including the 36,574 Americans who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

"It's important that we never forget what these men and women sacrificed for our freedom," Davis said.

The dedication of the memori-

al also reflects the patriotic goal of the college: To encourage an understanding of American heritage, civic responsibilities, love of country, and willingness to defend it. However, for one C of O freshman criminal justice major, True Kinser, this memorial hits close to home.

Kinser's great-great-uncle, Sgt. Norman Earl Painter, officer of the 17th Infantry Regiment of November 1950, lost his life during the Korean War.

The following Q & A is the legacy of Sgt. Painter, as told by his nephew. The interview explains how C of O's newest memorial will honor the life he lived and the death he and 36,574 Americans endured for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Q. How did your family member's involvement in the Korean War affect you personally, or how has his story shaped your knowledge of the Korean War?



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Sgt. Norman Earl Painter was an officer in the 17th Infantry Regiment.

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