VETERANS DAY

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By STEVE EISHINGER in Austin

For Army veteran John Beechler, a resident at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, was part of one of the war’s most famous battles — the fight for "Outpost Harry." He was seriously wounded in that encounter.

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Hammond, an Army corporal who would have been 82 this year, while serving as part of the 2nd Infantry Division in the Korean War, lost both legs in a battle with a Chinese sniper on Nov. 29, 1950. He was buried in a casket without a flag, according to the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

Among the scheduled events will be the placement of a wreath, a minute of silence, a rifle salute and the playing of taps. A special ceremony also is scheduled at Sunset Cemetery on the grounds of the Veterans Home that will acknowledge the late Lester Hammond, Jr., who served as the local chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association is named. Hammond is the local recipient of the Medal of Honor.

The day after the artillery on "Outpost Harry" had been silenced, Bentele said, "It was only a truce. . . ."

Debbie Niederhauser, regional superintendent of the Adams-Pike ROE, said she has no idea what will become of the proposal to merge the Adams-Pike ROE with the Jacksonville-based ROE, which encompasses Brown, Cass, Menard and Montgomery counties. He said she has been asked by the ISBE to look into the matter and make a recommendation. "That will be done some-time in the near future," she said. "I hope the ISBE will be able to come to a decision by the end of December, but I don’t have a set deadline."