

## Leon's Patriot Tree



The Patriot Tree is named Leon's Patriot Tree to honor a local fallen Marine hero, Leon Deraps. Blair Oaks is called upon to honor our veterans by donating items (see suggested items below) to the Blue Armory and/or making monetary donations (make the **check** payable to: Leon's Patriot Tree) starting on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

These donations will be placed under a patriotically decorated Christmas tree (The Patriot Tree) during Operation Bugle Boys Veterans Appreciation Night event held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall. The donations are going to be given to Mid-MO Family PX food pantry (located at Blue Armory), a volunteer organization available to serve all branches of military families in the Jefferson City area. This year donations will be to support local military families who need help by donating items from the suggested list below and/or making a monetary donation.

Please plan to make a monetary donation to support our troops and brighten their holiday season while they protect and defend us. This is the Blair Oaks' Community's opportunity to show our appreciation for their sacrifice and duty to our nation.

Put CASH in the Money Jar located by the Patriot Tree!!

- Diapers
- Personal Hygiene Items
  - Toothbrushes and toothpaste
  - Deodorant
- Socks
- Children School Supplies
- Baby Wipes
- Non-Perishable Foods
  - Soups
  - Macaroni and Cheese
  - Canned Food
- Christmas Toys
- Batteries



Please bring any donations to Blair Oaks School District and there will be a box at the Middle and High School  
**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

