

McBride Looks To *The Past* For The Future

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Algy Strayer McBride is on his way to teach a class about the ancestry and descent of American presidents at the Worthington Senior Center.

En route, he picks up information for the Clintonville Historical Society and delivers some books about genealogy for elementary students, courtesy of the Franklin County Genealogical Society.

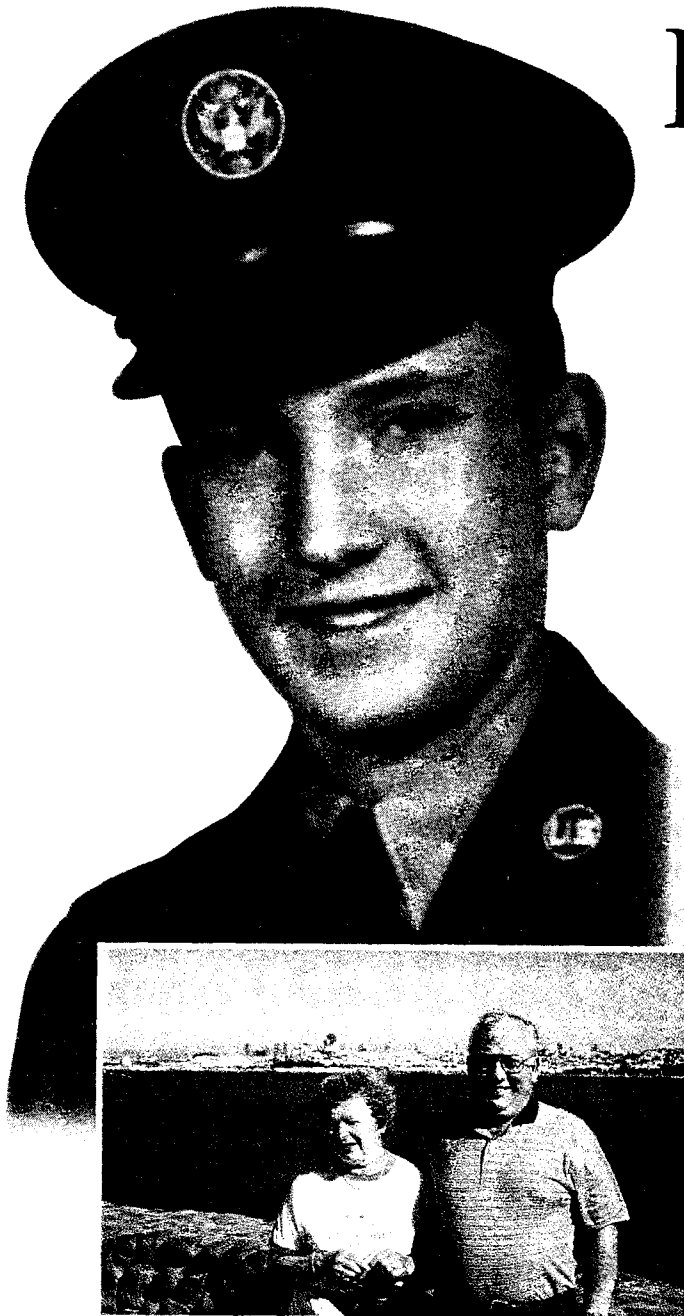
This is just a typical day for the 69-year-old McBride, who has been a Clintonville resident since 1979.

His turn to “give back something” officially began with his July 1, 1994 retirement from Equifax Corporation after 33 years of insurance claim investigation and supervisory, management and sales positions.

McBride gives back by bringing his passion alive for others as vice president and program chairman of the Clintonville Historical Society and as president of the Franklin County Genealogical Society. He also leads genealogy groups at the Barber Roselea Senior Center and the Worthington Senior Center and takes students on genealogy research trips. He has founded and works with genealogy programs at several other centers throughout Central Ohio as well.

“My grandfather sparked my interest in history,” explains McBride. “I used to sit with him after my paper route.”

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Algy and Annelies enjoy the San Francisco Bay view on one of their many trips to that city.

Top: Algy Strayer McBride was a member of the United States Air Force. He served in Europe during the Korean War.

McBride's grandfather was bedridden due to heart problems. His grandson inherited that unfortunate trait, but remains active thanks to bypass surgery in 1989.

McBride "did lots of genealogy research" following two back surgeries and subsequent rehabilitation in 1994. This led to the formation of the genealogy outreach program at Barber Roselea in 1996. He was elected president of the Barber Roselea Senior Council in 1998.

"I like to start out at the top," he laughs.

Sandy Puet, Barber Roselea center director, believes "Algy McBride is a definite go-getter. He loves to share his

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knowledge with others."

McBride's first experience with knowledge began in first grade in the city of Bellefontaine.

"My teacher tried to tell me my name was Algy, but everyone called me 'Bub,'" he says. According to him, the teacher told him to think about his name and he decided to go by Jimmy. That's when

McBride was paddled.

Complications with his name continued into high school.

"The other students used to say, 'the fungus is among us' when I walked in the classroom," laughs McBride. One positive is sharing the name with his father and another relative. Cousin Algie McBride was a professional baseball player with Chicago in 1896 and Cincinnati from 1898 to 1901. His batting average, from a 403-game career, is .292.

McBride followed his early education with three years of electronics training with the Air Force in Europe during the Korean War.

"I'm one year short of my degree," he explains, "I didn't 'love' electronics."

Following his tour of duty and subsequent employment with Equifax, McBride married Annelies in 1967. One hobby they share is visiting their four children -- Lisa Anne in San Francisco, Heidi in Chicago, Patrick in Des Moines and Carol in Evansville, Indiana.

Between his travels, McBride coordinates World War II programs with the Genealogical Society, arranging speakers for speeches and the media, and taping the experiences of veterans at the Gillie Center on Morse Road.

Copies of the tapes are preserved by the Motts Military Museum in Groveport and by the Genealogical Society.

"We need to do this for future generations," says

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Algy, by the Korean War Monument in Washington, D.C., is currently recording experiences of many WWII veterans on videotape.

McBride. "These veterans are dying at a rate of thousands per day and we're losing this information."

Talking of these soldiers reminds McBride of the United States' fight against terrorism.

"Most of these veterans want us to take action. I wish I could go," he says.

McBride is also active in Civil War roundtables, the American Legion Post 82 in north Columbus, the Columbus Foundation's Clintonville Fund and as the senior representative for the Clintonville Chamber of Commerce.

"He believes in the Clintonville community and is dedicated to helping," says Puet. "He assists with the annual Fourth of July breakfast held at the Park of Roses. He arranges for the display of colors and performers."

McBride also tries to read and relax -- at 5 a.m. His collection of books became so

large -- 3,000 -- he donated 400 to the Barber Roselea library.

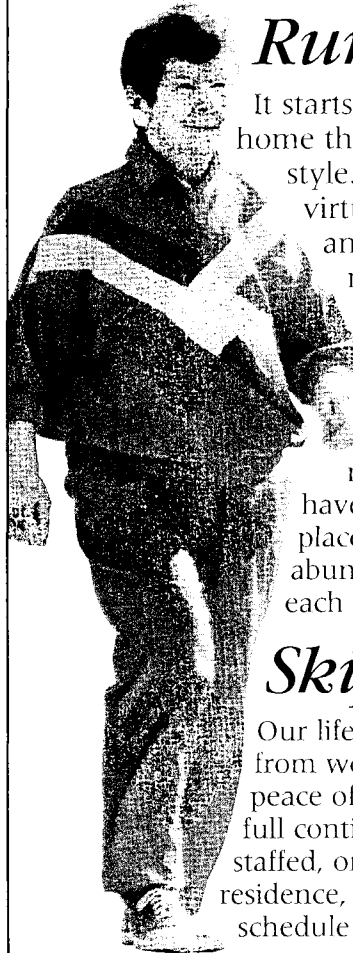
Even with all the activity, this past nominee for the Ohio Senior Hall of Fame can still plan for the future.

"In my next life I'm coming back as a history teacher," he laughs. ■

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