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Featured above: Apprentice Line Technician Austin Barnes  
1 year of service

## Capital credit retirement

Nolin is pleased to be retiring \$4.7 million of previously allocated capital credits for the years 1992, 1993 and 2020. This means that anyone who was a member and received a capital credit allocation for any of those years can expect to receive a bill credit or a check in the mail sometime this month.

In general, the amount of the

capital credit retirement you receive is determined by the amount of your electric bills. This entitles you to your fair share of the margin distribution after expenses are paid. A discounted retirement of any accumulated capital credits is payable to the estate of deceased members. Application for a discounted retirement can be made by an authorized

representative of the estate. Call us for more information.

Unless you need to contact us about a deceased member's estate, you do not have to do anything to receive your allocation. If you have any questions about how capital credits work, call our office at (270) 765-6153 or go to [www.nolinrecc.com/capital-credits](http://www.nolinrecc.com/capital-credits).

## HOW DO CAPITAL CREDITS WORK?



Nolin RECC tracks how much electricity you use and pay for throughout the year.



At the end of the year, we assess our finances to see if there is excess revenue.



Nolin RECC allocates the excess revenues as **capital credits** to members, based on how much electricity you've used.



If financial conditions allow, the Board of Directors will pay out the **capital credits** in the form of a bill credit or check.

Because electric co-ops operate at cost, any excess revenues are returned to members in the form of capital credits.

# Honor Flight veteran: Mr. Fred Pike

In hopeful anticipation of 2021's Honor Flight Kentucky, Nolin joined other co-ops in Kentucky selecting two Honor Flight veterans to sponsor earlier this year. With the unexpected increase of COVID-19 cases due to the delta variant over the summer, the Honor Flight Kentucky board made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Touchstone Energy Honor Flight.

Nolin selected Hardin County residents and Vietnam veterans Gary Kohtala and Fred Pike to represent the co-op on the 2021 flight. While Kohtala has been moved to the manifest for the 2022 Touchstone Energy Honor Flight, Pike's health makes that flight unlikely.

2019 Honor Flight veteran Dan Thompson, also of Hardin County, approached Nolin with a way to honor Pike for his service since he would not be able to attend an Honor Flight. Thompson, a friend of Pike, paid a visit to Pike's home to share photos of the Honor Flight experience and later coordinated a gathering for Pike, his family and fellow Vietnam veterans at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in the Elizabethtown Nature Park.

Nolin was honored to be invited to be a part of this effort to honor Pike. We also want to share the story of Pike's selfless service to his country in his own words:



"I graduated from high school in 1965. I was certain I would be drafted. I knocked around for a while, couldn't find a job with a future, neither college nor marriage were an option, and Canada was too cold ... so I decided to join the Air Force in 1966. My dad had served in the Army during WWII, so I was content to take a similar path.

"I attended basic training in Amarillo, Texas, and then went to tech school to study aircraft maintenance. In 1968, I received orders for my first tour in Vietnam. I served six months as an advisor for helicopter repair and maintenance. After returning to the states, I was cross-trained as a helicopter door gunner and was ordered back to Vietnam in 1970.

"Things I remember most about Vietnam are the relentless heat and constant dampness. The smoke and noise and stench of war is something that stays with (me). Not knowing who your enemy was always kept you on guard. Those who you thought were friends during the day may hurt you at night. Most precious memories were the letters from home ...



Fred Pike, left, and Dan Thompson met with fellow Vietnam veterans and members of the Pike family in honor of Mr. Pike. The lunch in September took place at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in the Elizabethtown Nature Park. Photo: Sarah Fellows

Mail day was always the highlight of the week.

“Returning home was nothing like I expected. We were met by angry war protesters at the airport. To be so happy to be home and then to be spat on by total strangers is very difficult to understand. We were advised to change out of our uniforms before we deplaned. There was no returning “Welcome Home.” I was discharged in 1971 with the rank of sergeant.

“I made many lifelong friends (in the military) that I still talk



to today, and also many that have passed since, due to exposure to Agent Orange. I met the love of my life (wife, Carmel) in 1973, married 10 months later. I stepped up to be the dad to Chris, Todd and Gregory and we have a son, Jason. I retired from Arch Chemical in 2006 after 32 years. I have been blessed with a beautiful family and full life.

“Looking back, it was my honor to serve my country. Would I do it again? In a heartbeat.”

—Fred Pike

## Nolin RECC helps repair Hurricane Ida damage



Nolin Crew Leader Daniel Disselkamp begins repairs as the sun comes up over damage caused by Hurricane Ida. Nolin RECC and Wide Open Utility Service crews helped restore power for three weeks in September around Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Photo: Nolin Senior Line Technician Shaun Scherer

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# Operation Round-Up grant recipient spotlight

Helping Hand of Hope is a non-profit organization that serves residents of Hardin County by providing immediate assistance and appropriate referrals to meet basic human needs. Services provided by Helping Hand of Hope include assistance with rent, utilities, clothing and food, as well as job readiness and placement services and beds for children.

The funds that Helping Hand of Hope received from Operation Round-Up in 2021 have been put to work by purchasing an electric pallet jack, shelving and food storage containers and a desk. The electric pallet jack has allowed the organization to almost double the amount of food it is able to bring into the warehouse and distribute to those who need it most in Hardin County. Helping Hand of Hope also purchased additional

shelving and storage containers to house the donated canned food items that are stored in the food pantry.

Nolin RECC members' "small change" has made a big difference in the lives of their neighbors through organizations like Helping Hand of Hope.



## SIGN UP AND WIN!

Members who are signed up by November 30 to "round up" their bill to the nearest dollar each month (the average donation is \$0.50 per month) will be entered to win a cash prize of \$100, \$200 or \$300! New participants in Operation Round-Up will also get a special gift. Sign up for Operation Round-Up by calling our office at (270) 765-6153. Find details at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com).

Left: Kyle Douglas unwraps the new electric pallet jack purchased with Operation Round-Up grant funding to assist with food storage and distribution by Helping Hand of Hope. Photo: Kayla Parent



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