

A new flag pole and flag now decorates the cemetery in Otisco. Bill Christopher was responding to a citizen's concerns over a ripped flag in the cemetery in Otisco. Christopher drove to The Otisco Cemetery to find that the cemetery did not even have a flag. The concerns were regarding the flag at Grace Cemetery. After discovering the Otisco Cemetery need a flag and flag pole, Christopher set a plan to make this a reality.

"I put out donation jars at the Store in Otisco, the American Legion and Copper Kettle," Christopher stated.

The donation jars filled quickly and with a donation from a gentleman, Christopher was able to raise the money for the flag and flag pole within a month.

"There were a lot of people contributing. It didn't take too long at all," Christopher added.

Christopher, a member of the American Legion Color Guard, and Board Member at the American Legion Post #335 and VFW Post #1427, along with fellow Color Guard member Paul Comb, set the flag pole, with the help of some others.

The flag raising ceremony was held on Saturday, June 14 at the Otisco Cemetery.

Those helping with the ceremony were: Bill Christopher, David Hammer, Paul Combs, David Abbott and Danny Farnsley.

Farnsley, 4 years old, wants to join the military when he gets old enough.

Also helping with the project were Eric Baird and Delmus Hunt.

David Abbott, Son of the American Legion Post 335 stated, "I was pleased to be a part of the flag raising ceremony today. It was an honor. Being a Son of the Legion I am always thankful to be a small part of these kind of ceremonies."

"I know Bill (Christopher) worked hard to make this happen here today. I want to thank him and all the guys who have worked to make this happen. The flag is now flying proudly over the cemetery in Otisco," Abbott added.