

Giving back to our community

The Thanksgiving holiday is a time to be thankful and to express gratitude. One of the best ways to express gratitude is by giving back to the communities where we live and serve.

Over the past year, C & L Electric Cooperative has given back to our community in a variety of ways to improve quality of life for members, neighbors and local businesses.

Like so many of you, we've risen to meet new challenges and strengthen the safety net for our community, particularly for those who are most vulnerable. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've made numerous adjustments to programs and operations to maintain business continuity while staying focused on the bigger mission of helping our members during this turbulent time.

Now, with the holidays fast approaching, these recent events make us pause and think about the role we play in our community. While our purpose is to provide safe and reliable energy to you, the members we serve, we have a greater mission — to be a catalyst for good.

We're proud to support our community through sponsorships of local events, sports teams and charities.

We also sponsor students in the Youth Tour program, where our community's brightest young people get an educational opportunity to experience democracy in action.

We also have a strong commitment to safety — not just for our employees, but for our community as well. We visit

schools to teach children of all ages how to stay safe around electricity. We also hold safety demonstrations at community meetings and other gatherings.

Helping our members save energy so electric bills are lower and returning capital credits to our members are other ways we like to give back.

C & L Electric invests in the economic development of the community through an active role in our local chamber of commerce and participation in local community events.

You'll also see our employees serving on local boards, coaching youth sports, volunteering at charitable events and engaging in other worthwhile causes. Because when you work at a co-op, you understand how important a strong community is — after all, without you, the co-op wouldn't exist.

We know that our core job is to keep the lights on, but our passion is our community. Because we live and work here too, and we want to make it a better place for all.

If there's anything we can do to help you — whether providing energy-saving advice to help lower your monthly bill or discussing payment plan options during these difficult times — please reach out to us.

Concern for community is one of our cooperative principles and the heart and soul of who we are. And no matter what the future brings, you can count on C & L Electric to care about you.

Holiday Closing

C & L is thankful to be able to serve you and your family. We will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with our families.

Our business office will reopen on Monday, Nov. 29 at 8 a.m.

In case of an outage, please call us at 1-855-881-8093.





C & L Electric thanks our employees for their service to our country this Veterans Day



David McCoy joined the Army in 1979 and finished his stint in 1987 as Staff Sergeant. He enlisted during his senior year of high school. When asked why he joined the military, he stated, "It was a family tradition." His dad and uncle were both in the Army, another uncle served as Captain in the U. S. Navy, and he currently has a younger brother serving as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. David served during the Cold War and The Lebanon/Grenada era. He attended basic training at Ft.

Jackson, South Carolina. His Advanced Individual Training was at Ft. Benjamin in Harrison, Indiana, as a finance specialist and Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, as a Generator Mechanic. McCoy served two tours in Germany. The first was in the 3rd Infantry Division in Wurzburg, Germany, and the second was with the 8th Infantry Division in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. In the United States, he was stationed at Ft. Lewis in Washington, Ft. Benning in Georgia and Ft. Stewart also in Georgia. Although David did not see combat, his most memorable times were the Iran hostage crisis and the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. He also enjoyed seeing numerous countries in Europe and going to Alaska for leadership training. David is the warehouse/purchasing manager for C & L and has been employed by the co-op since 2009.



Scott McGee was a member of the Army National Guard from 1989 until 1995. Scott enlisted just after graduating high school and chose the Army National Guard because it was local. He trained in Honduras as part of the infantry division. Scott did not serve in any wars or see combat during his service. While in the Army National Guard, Scott enjoyed the

different places he traveled and the training he received. Scott is a service lineman for C & L and has been employed since 2001.



Donny Shepherd served in the Army National Guard from 1981 until 2006. When asked why he enlisted, Shepherd stated, "To serve the country," and he chose the Army because his grandfather and uncle both served in the Army. Donny served in Operation Iraqi Freedom as the supply accounting NCO and was stationed in Taji, Iraq. Donny

did experience combat while in service, and on April 24, 2004, his unit lost four men to a mortar attack. His most memorable experience was that attack and the many soldiers he trained and served with through his years of service. Donny is a service lineman for C & L and has been employed since 1999.



Scott Webster served in the Air Force from 1994 until 1999. When asked why he joined the military, Scott indicated that he wanted to "do something more meaningful than working in a factory making wood turnings." Scott joined the Air Force because it was the branch that showed the most interest in

him when he was in high school. Scott was stationed at McGuire AFB in New Jersey and Kadena Air Force Base in Japan. While in the Air Force, Scott was an aerospace ground equipment mechanic. His most memorable experience was while stationed at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, where he was able to visit the many historical WWII sites. The most intriguing was visiting old Japanese aircraft bunkers located on the base. The bunkers had been discovered sometime after the war had ended, and U.S. forces placed a historical marker there. Scott is the GIS coordinator for the co-op and has been employed since 2018.

Your electric cooperative pays property taxes too!

Just as everyone who owns property pays property taxes in the month of October, C & L Electric is no exception. The Cooperative pays taxes on its various properties, such as office buildings, overhead power lines and substations.

These tax payments are used to support such things as schools, roads, law enforcement and local governments. This year C & L paid a total of \$990,496.62 to the nine Arkansas counties in which we have members. Here's what your cooperative paid to each county:

Arkansas	\$ 1,433.19
Bradley	\$ 126,376.69
Cleveland	\$ 124,565.38
Dallas	\$ 3,981.40
Desha	\$ 137,074.14
Drew	\$ 170,367.84
Grant	\$ 74,071.57
Jefferson	\$ 55,018.90
Lincoln	\$ 297,607.51

**C & L PAID
MORE THAN
\$900,000
IN PROPERTY TAXES
IN 2021.**



VETERANS DAY

Honoring all who served

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