**HONORING OUR VETERANS:** President Tim asked our veterans present to stand and identify their military service. Roger Edge, Tom Corbett, Ed Carpenter, David Erwin, Wade Coorts, Walter Ryle and Larry Whitney were recognized. Thank You for Your Service!

**MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITION - WWII VETERANS**

**HARVEY YOUNG AND BILL MINOR**

Harriet Beard and Larry Whitney shared the introduction of these two special veterans who spoke about their experiences in World War II and beyond. Harvey, age 96, was trained at the Army Air Force Base in Douglas, Arizona before shipping out to Guadalcanal, flying C-37s (old DC-3 conversions) with 3,000 combat hours there and in New Guinea, the Philippines and Okinawa. Bill, age 95, trained on B-51s in the Army Air Force, piloted a plane under German fighter attack. The engines fell off and he was saved from machine gun fire by a metal plate behind him. His plane was on fire and he jumped through it to the bomb bay doors and parachuted to the ground. Bill was captured and became a POW. He spoke about actor Jimmy Stewart being his commanding officer right after training. Bill contracted encephalitis from a mosquito bite while in Africa and its effects are still with him today. Harvey said they were practicing for the invasion of Japan and he was so thankful for President Harry Truman for the atom bomb which likely saved a million lives on both sides. He was able to thank him in person in Kansas City after the war. Both Bill and Harvey shared many interesting stories. After the war, Bill had a teaching career at the local college. Harvey was a banker who even helped some of our members (Ron Gaber thanked Harvey for his $1,000 loan!). When he returned from the war, he could see Kirksville needed help. As late as 1950 the city was getting its water from the Chariton River and he worked toward getting the lake established. The City also needed a good sewage system and better highways. He was active in bringing six factories with 2,000 new jobs to Kirksville. The businesses were Berstead, Donaldson, Hollister, Burroughs and Century Step. Pictured from left are Rotarian Larry Whitney, Bill Minor, Rotarian Harriet Beard, Harvey Young and President Tim Peters.

**50-50 Drawing:** David Nichols did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $684.

**Upcoming Programs:**

- **June 8:** Rotary Park/Bridge Dedication
- **June 11:** Rotary Park Cleanup, 9 a.m.-noon
- **June 15:** S. Fleak, R. Gaber/100th Anniversary Prep.
- **June 21:** Installation of 2016/17 Officers & Board/KCC
- **June 22:** Ruth Bowers, et al/Recognition Day
- **June 29:** Debi Boughton/Red, White & Blue Activities
- **July 6:** Mark Hanley/Declaration of Independence

**Make Up Meetings** at 1000 Hills club - NE Regional Medical Center cafe (Thursdays at 7 a.m.) or North Star club - Wooden Nickel (Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.)