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## A new era begins

### A DEDICATION AND RIBBON-CUTTING

ceremony for our new Lynches River Electric Cooperative facility was held May 24. Close to 53 invited guests attended the event, including U.S. Congressman Mick Mulvaney, local dignitaries, our economic development partners, and current and former board members.



The ribbon cutting signals a new era for your cooperative. Many things have changed in the past 50 years, like how we communicate, read meters, manage customer accounts and track outages. Digital files have replaced hand-written documents and cell phones allow us to stay in touch by voice and email. All of this technology requires an office complex that's wired for the modern world.

As we celebrate our new facility, we are mindful, however, that genuine

**Lynches River Electric Cooperative leaders and invited guests celebrated the opening of their new headquarters with a building dedication and ribbon cutting.**

customer service doesn't necessarily require a new office building or a bigger warehouse. It requires a purposeful mindset and the dedication our employees continue to display regardless of where we conduct business.

What this new facility does provide is the ability to more efficiently conduct business now and into the future. As our Chairman of the Board Eric Horton pointed out in his speech at the ribbon cutting, "Having an up-to-date workplace is as important to production as having reliable vehicles to transport employees to calls. The new headquarters is a tool we use for our employees to work from. It's like the trucks, poles, lines, transformers and everything else."

I would like to add, as we plan for the future we will never lose sight of why we're here and that is to serve you, our members.

*David A. Altman*  
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## Honor Flight heroes

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APRIL 11, 2012 ★ HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH CAROLINA

AGE:  
88

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### Perry C. Oliver Serving aboard the USS *Cymophane*

Duty is what comes to mind when Perry Oliver reflects on his service in World War II.

Drafted into the U.S. Navy at the age of 19, Oliver was a farm kid who was no stranger to the rigors of hard work. He reported for duty ready to do whatever the Navy asked of him, whether it was scraping paint, cooking for a ship's crew or keeping his nose out of cutting-edge submarine detection technology.

"I was proud to get to do what I did—do what I had to," he says.

After basic training at Bainbridge, Md., Oliver was assigned to perform maintenance duties aboard the Norfolk, Va.-based repair ship USS *Alcor* (AD-34), which repaired and maintained other ships in the fleet. Of those days, Perry recalls doing a lot of painting and other deckhand chores.

"Paint one day, scrape it off the next," he says.

For his next assignment, Oliver was promoted to seaman second class, and made a cook on a much smaller vessel, USS *Cymophane* (PYC-26). The 161-foot yacht had been converted by the Navy to perform convoy escort and anti-submarine patrols along the U.S. East Coast, and she also served as a platform for research into new ways to detect the German U-boats that preyed on trans-Atlantic shipping convoys.

He spent his days aboard *Cymophane* in the galley, cooking for a crew of 65 sailors, scientists and civilian technicians—"I did my very best to satisfy the gang when I was cooking"—and didn't bother anyone about the ship's high-tech mission.

"I didn't know anything about the operation of it," he says. "I knew they were experimenting with sound and radar, but that's all I knew."

Discharged from the Navy in 1946, Oliver returned to South Carolina, married, raised his family and worked as a control room operator for DuPont's nylon plant in Camden.

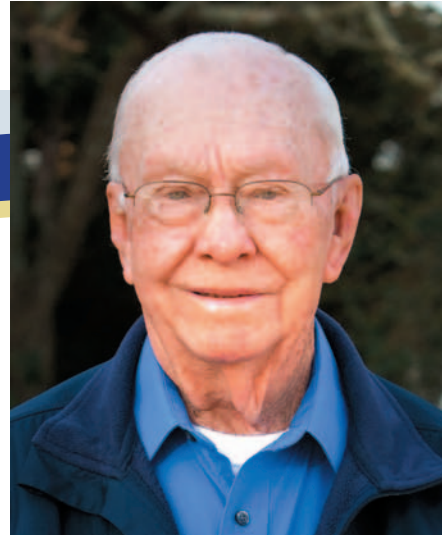
Even more than six decades later, Oliver is still tight-lipped about his service.

His daughter, Janice Watts, says her father never talked much about his time in the Navy, but every now and then they got glimpses of his life aboard the *Cymophane*.

"He would do some of the cooking at our home, and he'd say, 'Well, I used to cook this in the Navy,'" she says. "From the photos that I have seen of him, he was really honored and proud to be on that ship." —KATRINA GOGGINS



Perry Oliver occasionally employed the culinary skills he learned in the Navy in cooking for his family.



### How to buy the book

Electric cooperatives in South Carolina sponsored an Honor Flight of 100 World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., on April 11, 2012. Purchase the souvenir book of the trip containing a profile and portrait of each veteran by mailing a check made payable to "Electric Cooperatives of S.C."

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