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***Onion Creek Post 326-Donates \$200
Bedichek Middle School-Historical Restoration Project
(Original military document signed-President James Madison)***

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The American Legion, Onion Creek Post 326, made a \$200 donation in support of a project to restore and frame an original signed military document by President James Madison. The document was signed on July 8, 1812. The total projected cost of restoration and framing is approximately \$900.

The historical document was donated by Dan Johnson, a retired teacher at Bodice Middle School. Mr. Johnson began collecting various historical documents when he was 14 years old and continues to have several other original documents with signatures of other U.S. Presidents. Johnson said, "I sense a connection in touching this historical document." Johnson also said, "It's my hope in making this donation, the students of Bedichek will feel that same connection. In doing so, the item become a living documents for future generations to enjoy. "It gives me great pleasure to make this donation," Johnson said in an emotional closing to the ceremony.

Attending the donation ceremony were many Bedicek Middle School students, Ms. Mendez, 8th grade Social Studies teacher whose class is sponsoring the project, Dan Diehl, Principal, the Bedichek Junior Marine Program. Representing the American Legion, Onion Creek Post 326, Executive Committee members, included Tom Harder, Vice Commander, Rocky Eubank, Finance Officer, Clyde Walls, Member, Gerry Kern, Historian and Post Commander Ken Baucom

Anyone interested in making a tax deductible donation in support of this project should contact Ms. Martha Mendez, 8th Grade Social Studies, Bedichek Middle School, 512.841.4015