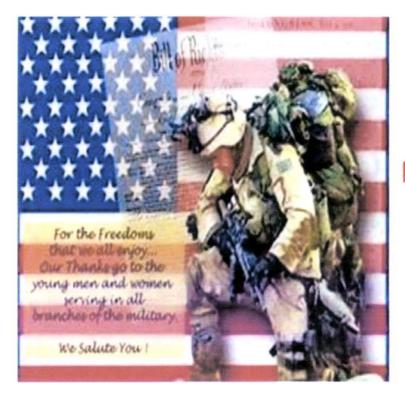


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Amanda, Ohio



Throughout the generations brave men and women from our community have courageously fought for our country on many fronts. They have taken time out of their lives to safeguard our basic rights. As a village it is our duty to recognize them for their dedicated service to our community and country.

As each year passes more and more of our heritage becomes lost. The Village of Amanda has made it a goal to preserve some of that heritage. By colleting photos, memorabilia, and gathering information on service men and women to compile them into a book for future generation.

2014 marks the villages 2nd year of honoring our service men and women. Please make it a way of life in our community, for they need to know how much we appreciate what they do and have done

With this said I give you the 2014 Honorees: Maxine M. Kirchgessner, Randy C. Riffle, Dick Wharton, Scott Wharton, William Kyle Carver

ReHonor of past Honorees: Kurtis M. Baier, Steven Curtis Brumfield, Carl Bussert, Conn Mathew Collison Don E. Collison, John L. Collison,



William Kyle Carver

U.S. Navy

Served 2010 - Present

Male-Born in Elizabeth City, NC 4-6-1991

Enlisted

Petty Officer Hospital Corpsman in Combat Assault Company, 3D Marine Division



Scott Wharton

U.S. Air Force

Desert Storm

Served 1980-2002

Male- Born FT. Derons, Shirley Mass 08-14-1958

Commissioned
A Major, Unit 438 MAW, 6th MAS
He was a 2014 U.S. Congressional
Candidate.

Medals- Defense Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal



Dick Wharton

U.S. Air Force
Korean & Vietnam
Served 1952-1973

Male- Born Rockbridge, Ohio 3-3-1933
Enlisted and then was Commissioned
Lieutenant Colonel, Unit 509th FIS
Medals Bronze Star, Air Medals



Randy Clinton Riffle

U.S. Army
Desert Storm

Served 1989-1991

Male-Born Circleville, Ohio 5-13-1971

Enlisted
Rank-PFC, Unit 3rd Brigade of 24th ID

Medals- Liberation Medal, National Defense Medal



Maxine M. Kirchgessner

U.S. Marine Corps

Enduring Freedom

Served 2012-Present

Female- Born in Lancaster, Ohio 10-19-1992

Enlisted

Lance Corporal

Medals- National Defense Service Medal



Kurtis M. Baier

US Navy

Operation Freedom

Served Feb 2012-Active

Male- Born in Columbus, Ohio September 16, 1993

Enlisted

OS2
Operations Specialist on the USS Comstock



Steven Curtis Brumfield

US Navy

Served Feb 2013-Present

Male-Born in Ohio 2-8-1993

Enlisted

Son of Roger and Susan Brumfield



Carl R. Bussert

US Army

WWII

Served 2/7/42-9/29/45

Male - Born Amanda, Ohio 11-4-19
Drafted
FF Class Rifle Marksman
4 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Ribbon,
Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine
Liberation Ribbon

Wife to Dortha, father to Connie, Judy, Jim and Patty



Conn Mathew Collison

US Army

Vietnam

Served 1969-1971

Male- Born in Columbus, Ohio 1-15-1951
Special 4 Class
Charlie Company 802 Engineer
Battalion Camp Humphreys
South Korea

Wife Pam Patterson Collison, Kids Trina, Kim, Don, VJ, Connie, John, Traci, Denise, Scott, Karen, and Kyle



Donald Collison

US Navy

WWII

Served 1944-1947

Male- Born on Lutz St. in Amanda, Ohio on 7-19-1926

Enlisted
Unit - US Submarine Base Navy 926
Stationed in South Pacific

Wife Hazel Osie Weaver Collison, father of Mark, John, Conn, and Luke



John L. Collison

U.S. Army

Vietnam

Served 1969-1975

Male- Born at home in Fairfield County 9-15-1949 SGT E-5

Unit- 199 Infantry Long Ben Vietnam (North Vietnam and Cambodian Mountain Range)
and then 196 Americal Division Chu Lai Vietnam
(Louse Mountain Range)
Injury: Developed affects of Asian Orange

Wife Barb Lutz Collison, Children Tania, Autumn, Kendra

A Note of Thanks

At this time I would like to thank all the sponsors, companies and people involved that helped make 2014 Hometown Hero Banner Program such a success.

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Last but not least Mark A. Moore and Council for continuing this tradition to honor our service men and women.

I really enjoyed working on this project again and I hope this becomes a way of life in the village.

Thanks again Carrie Ayers Fiscal Officer

