



# Hometown Hero

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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 collecting photos, memorabilia, and gathering information on service men and women to compile them into a book for future generation.

2015 marks the villages 3rd 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 2015 Honorees:  
Larry Ray Bussert, Walter Junior Huffer, Phillip Jay Sandy,  
Dillion Scott Rollins

ReHonor of past Honorees: Kurtis M. Baier, Carl Bussert,  
Steven Curtis Brumfield, Randy Clinton Riffle, Scott Wharton,  
Dick Wharton, Ned Young

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**Larry Ray  
Bussert**

**U.S. Army  
Vietnam**

**1968-1969**

**Male- born 10-25-1946 in Fairfield County  
Drafted  
E4- UN6720**

**Bronze Star Army Accommodation**

**Suffers from effects of Agent Orange**

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**Walter Junior  
Huffer**

**U.S. Army  
Korean War**

**1955-1957**

**Male - Born 1-7-1937 in Columbus, Ohio**

**Enlisted  
PFC - 24th Infantry  
Demilitarized Zone 38th Parallel**

**Medically discharged due to injuries  
resulting in a tank explosion**

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**Dillion Scott  
Rollins**

**U.S. Marine Corps.**

**Afghanistan, Yemen,  
Pakistan, intervention  
ISIL**

**2013-Current**

**Male- born 2-1-1989 West Hills, California  
Enlisted**

**E3 Lance Corporal**

**3D LAR Charlie Company Weapons Platoon  
Tow Gunner**

**He lived in Amanda most of his life, graduated form FCA.  
Mother Pam Cole, Aunt Barb Gobel**

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Phillip Jay Sandy

U. S. Navy

Iraq

1982-2012

Male - Born 4-3-1963 Roanoke Rapids, NC  
Command Master Chief (CMDPCM)

Submarine Squadron 19

Service Medals: 2 Meritorious Service, Navy Commendation, 7-  
Navy Achievement, Navy Unit Commendation, 4- Meritorious Unit  
Commendation, Navy Battle 'E' Ribbon with wreath, 7-Good  
Conduct, Navy Expeditionary. 2- National Defense Service, Global  
War on Terrorism Service, Military Outstanding Volunteer, 3- Sea  
Service Deployment Ribbons, Rifle Sharpshooter Ribbon, Expert  
Pistol Marksmanship

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**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**

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**Steven Curtis  
Brumfield**

**US Navy**

**Served Feb 2013-  
Present**

**Male- Born in Ohio 2-8-1993**

**Petty Officer 3rd Class**

**Stationed in Coronado, California**

**Son of Roger and Susan Brumfield**



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**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**

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**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**

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**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**

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## 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**

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## Ned Richard Young

US Navy  
World War II

5-20-43 to 11-21-45

Male- Born in Amanda, Ohio 12-31-1919

Enlisted  
Electricians 1st Class

Was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame 11-10-11

Was Mayor of Amanda in 1947-1948

Past president of the Amanda-Clearcreek Alumni Association

Past president of Pickaway Co Shrine Club

# A Note of Thanks

At this time I would like to thank all the sponsors, companies and people involved that helped make 2015 Hometown Hero Banner Program such a success.

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I am blessed to learn about each and every one of our heroes and hope to continue this tradition.

Thanks again Carrie Ayers Fiscal Officer

