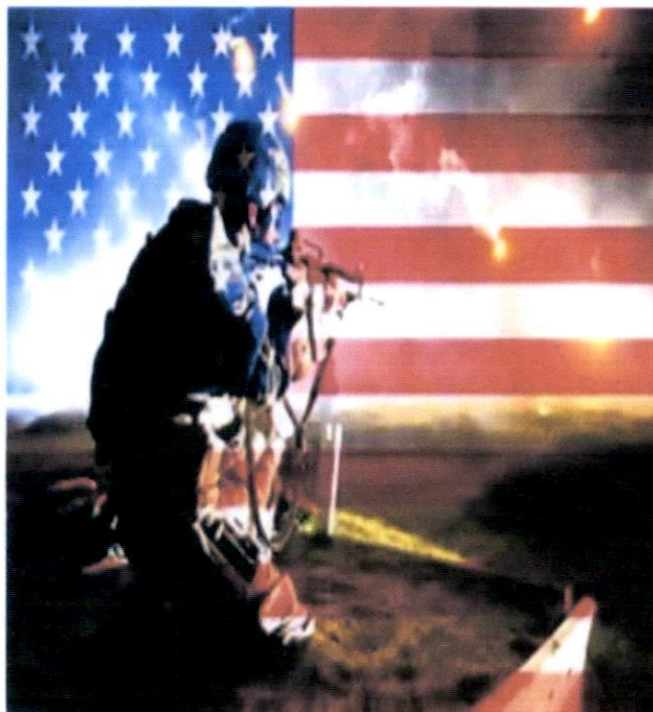




# Hometown Hero

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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.***



2016 marks the village's 4th year of honoring our service men and women. We hope we can continue this tradition of honoring our service men and women. That way they will know how much we appreciate what they sacrifice.

**With this said I give you the 2016 Honoree:  
Terry Allan Cordle**

**ReHonor of past Honorees:**

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Maxine M. Kirchgessner, Dillion Scott Rollins,  
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**Maxine M.  
Kirchgessner**

**U.S. Marine Corps**

**Enduring Freedom**

**Served 2012-Present**

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

**Enlisted**

**Corporal- Camp Lejeune**

**Medals- National Defense Service Medal**

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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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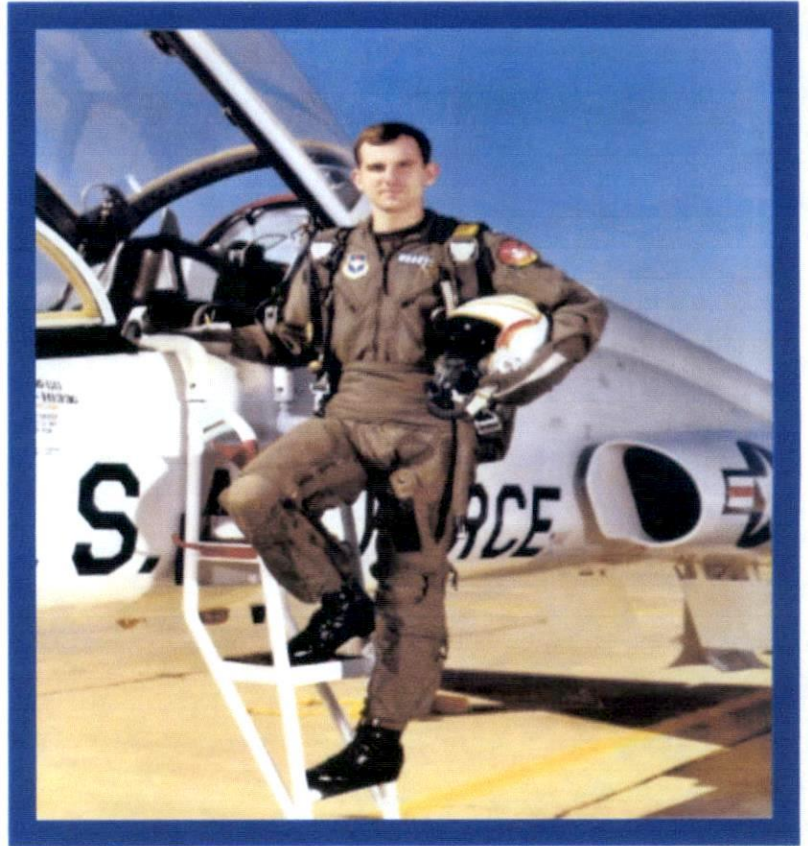
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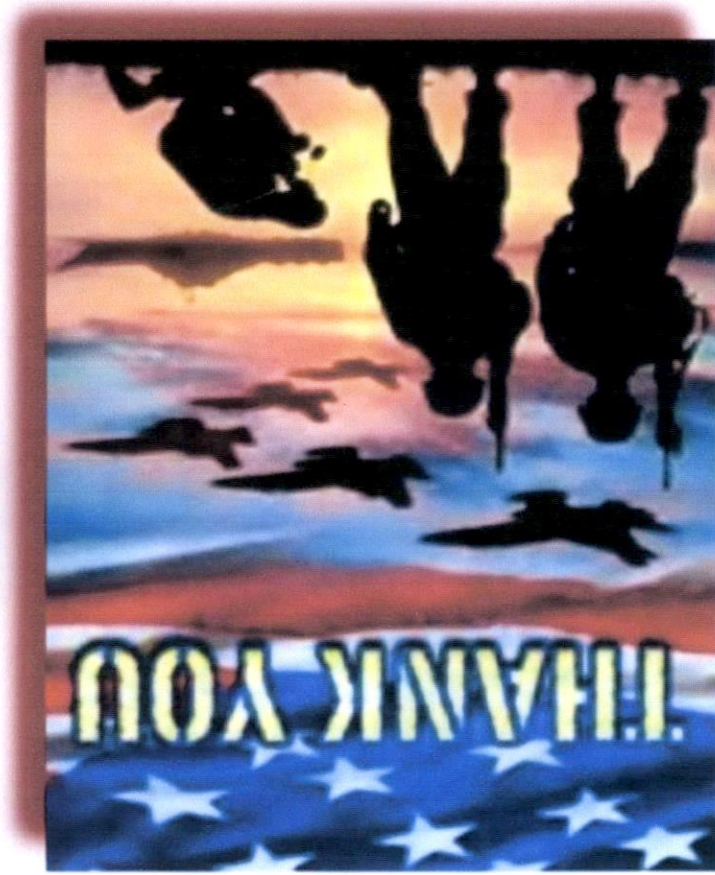
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As President Ronald Reagan once said, " Some people live a entire lifetime and wonder if they even made a difference in the world." We would like the honorees to know how much their sacrifice has made a difference. With the threats of violence that surrounds us these heroic men and women have taken their lives at risks to protect each and every one of us. Thank you for being our champion and protecting our freedoms.



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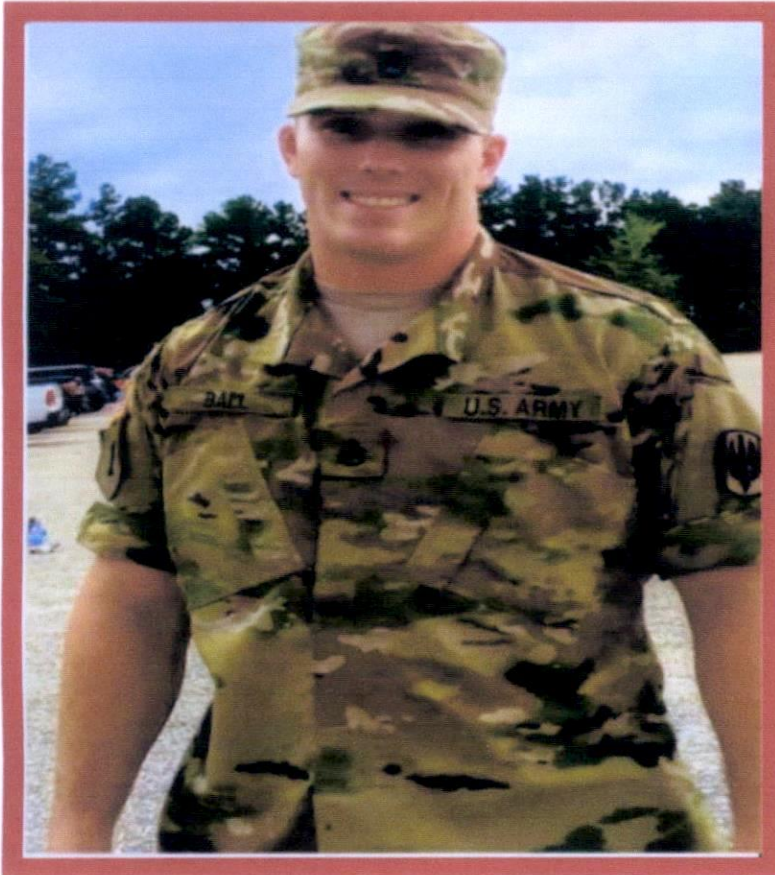
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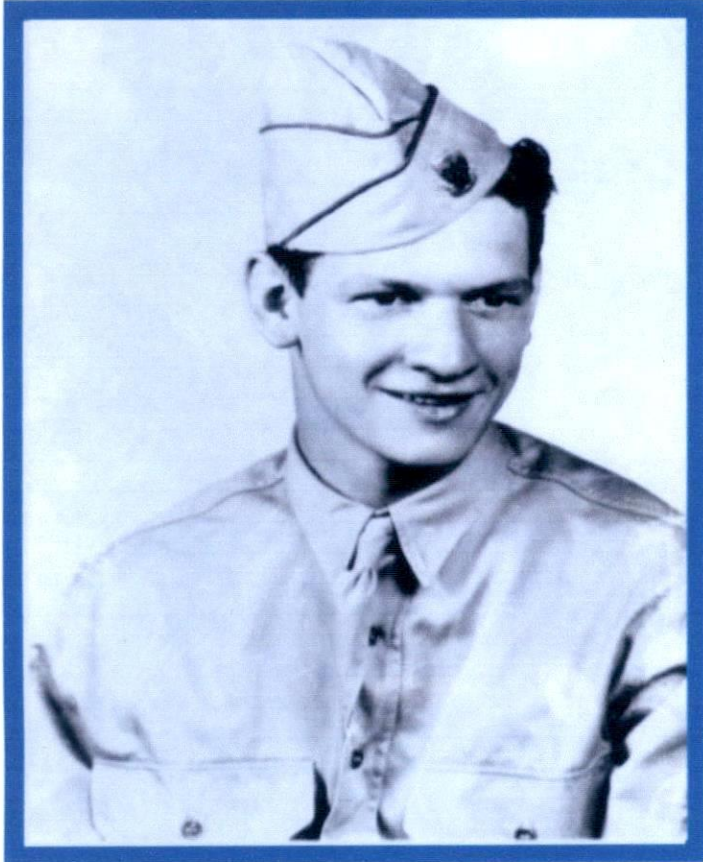
**3rd Battalion 321st Field Artillery Brigade**

**Battery Display Operator/Fire Direction Chief 13P30**

**Medals- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal,  
Afghanistan Company Medal, Army Service Ribbon, 3  
Army Commendation Medal, 2 Army Achievement, Army  
Good Conduct, National defense Service Ribbon**

**Graduated from Amanda, went to Findlay on Football  
Scholarship and finished his bachelor degree in the army**

# Hometown Hero



**Roger S. Smith**

**U.S. Army**

**WWII**

**1941-1945**

**Born 12-14-1919 in Amanda Township**

**Sergeant -Drafted**

**285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion**

**Radio Operator - Sicily, Naples, Foggia, Rome, Arno, Southern  
France, Rhineland, Central Europe**

**Medals- Good Conduct, American Defense Service Medal,  
American Theater Service Medal, European African Middle  
Eastern Service Medal with 6 Bronze Stars**



# Hometown Hero



**Steven Curtis  
Brumfield**

**US Navy**

**Served Feb 2013-  
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**Male- Born in Ohio 2-8-1993**

**Petty Officer 3rd Class**

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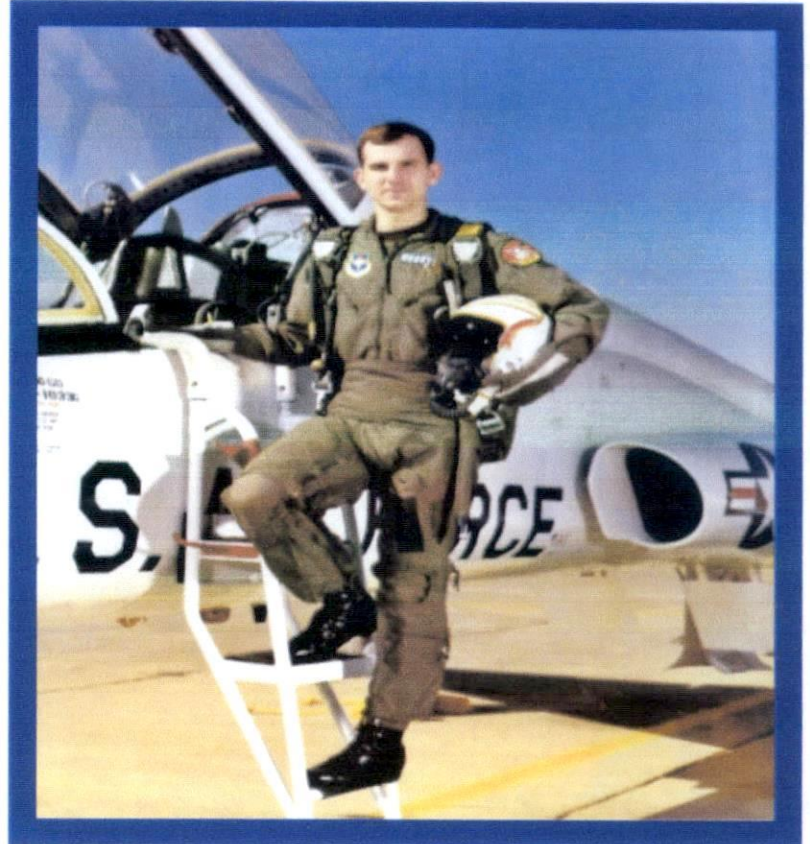
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