



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.

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,

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**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**

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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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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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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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**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

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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

Enlisted

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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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**

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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**

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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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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

