

# **Veterans Day Wall of Honor**

In recognition of Veterans Day, Butler will be creating a "Wall of Honor" to recognize the family members of Butler students and staff who served in the military. We will be collecting pictures of veterans that we will hang around our building.

## **How does it work?**

You will be sent a template from which to add your photograph and information. You will scan a picture of your veteran and then email the finished product to your child's classroom teacher.

**Please do not bring in any pictures to be scanned at school.** We do not want any pictures getting lost or damaged.

The picture needs to be elementary school-appropriate and of the individual in uniform, if able.

## **Information needed on the template:**

- Person's name \_\_\_\_\_
- Branch of the military \_\_\_\_\_
- Years of service \_\_\_\_\_
- Their relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_



A template is included in the email. Please use this template by using/ inserting your own picture(s) and information about your veteran. Please feel free to honor as many individuals as you would like!

**DEADLINE FOR TURNING IN PICTURES AND MEMORABILIA IS NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>!**

**PLEASE SEE THE EXAMPLES BELOW**



**Captain John Smith, Jr.**  
**US Army-Air Corps**

Years of service: 1938-1944

Captain Smith is the great-grandfather of XXXXXX, a Butler 5th grade student/teacher/etc. They served during World War II (or conflict/peaceful times). Captain Smith was the squadron leader, and flew a "Gooney Bird" cargo aircraft that towed the infamous flying coffin gliders with a crew of 6 men and a two wheeled howitzer.





Christmas Day, 1943 – West Seneca, New York (outside Buffalo, NY) –  
The day after this photograph, both of **Mr. Funseth's uncles** were deployed for the next three years (serving during WWII) until their honorable discharges in 1946.



**Dr. Robert Funseth (1925-2015)**

**Age 18 – Navy – Photo Taken - 12/25/1943**

Robert was stationed with an Officer Training program. He was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy and served aboard a troop ship transporting soldiers and arms to the Pacific Theater. He was discharged in June of 1946 as a Lt. JG Commissioned Officer.

He later went on to serve as Vice Counsel in Tabriz, Iran and Beirut, Lebanon. He was assigned to the United States Consulate in Bordeaux, France and appointed as Deputy Ambassador of the United States in Ottawa, Canada. He finished his career as the State Department Spokesman to Henry Kissinger, and served as Under Secretary of State for refugee placement following the Vietnam War.

He passed away Sept. 25, 2015 and was buried with Military Honors in Arlington, VA.

**Mr. Edward Funseth (1922-2006)**

**Age 21 – Coast Guard – 12/25/1943**

Uncle Ed was home after serving on a patrol boat escorting a convoy from Newfoundland to Murmansk, Russia. His ship helped capture a German Submarine during one patrol in the North Atlantic. After the victory in Europe, he was stationed on Okinawa in preparation for the invasion of Japan (which never took place due to the dropping of the Atomic Bombs) until the end of World War II. He was discharged as a 1st Class Petty Officer in May of 1946.

He then worked in construction helping complete the World Trade Center in NYC. He retired as an Instrumentation Engineer at a leading Buffalo Cancer/Research Hospital.

He passed away May 27, 2006 and was buried with Military Honors in West Seneca, NY.