



Special
Veteran's Day
Edition!

November 11, 2015

Building Beat

DMS students pay tribute to their veteran family members

Davison Middle School students are learning real life lessons about sacrifice and commitment made by their own family members as they observe Veterans Day.

For the second year in a row, seventh and eighth graders were invited to make a tribute card to honor those special veterans in their lives. The cards are placed on a Wall of Honor outside the main entrance hallway. Parents are invited to stop and check out the display during Parent Teacher Conferences.

"It's important for three reasons," Principal **Shelly Fenner-Krasny** said about the project. "First, it's important for students to understand the sacrifices made by our Veterans and to honor them for their service. The 'wall' is visual and hard to miss so kids get a reminder about our Veterans each day they pass by the display in the hallway. They know that we, the adults, see the service of our Veterans as a big deal!"

Fenner-Krasny said the project has led to some great discussions in social studies and history classes.

"We also want students to talk with their families to find out about those who served and where and when. We want kids to take pride in their family based on the service of the Veterans in their respective families. Writing out and displaying a card for others to read allows kids to feel good about their family and to also get a little positive recognition for themselves."

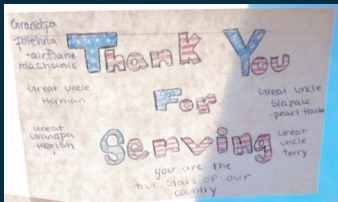
Last but not least, Fenner-Krasny said kids often learn more about history in terms of the major events by participating in such a project.

DHS students honor veterans with special address, Wall

Some interesting dinner conversations were prompted this week after Davison



Hundreds of tributes written by Davison Middle School students honoring special veterans in their lives adorn the walkway in front of the main office.



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A Davison High School student signs a message on the Veterans Wall of Tribute.

High School Teacher **Ms. Raina Palso** asked students in her Civil War class to learn and share about the veterans in their families.

What resulted is a list of Veterans Day Honorees, compiled by students and staff at the high school, and a Wall of Tribute.

"I had so much fun working with our kids on this, and what a great interest they had in learning about and talking about the military service within their own families," Palso said. "Some of our submissions date back to the Civil War, and there is even one from the American Revolu-

tion! How exciting is that?"

Palso's class displayed the names on a wall in the Social Studies hallway by branch of service. There is also a "DHS Remembers Our Veterans" banner where students can write messages/tributes to military servicemen and women.

Students also read about the history of Veterans Day and choir students **Kelsey Strader** and **Kylie Gidcumb** sang the national anthem during the morning public announcements. View the video by clicking here: <http://www.davisonschools.org/videos.cfm?vID=16937>.

DTV also produced a special Veterans Day segment, which includes a scroll of the list of Veterans Day Honorees, which can be viewed by clicking here: <http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/davison-high-school-davison-mi/36eb4980d5>



Students in Mr. Bart Blanchard's fourth grade classroom at Gates Elementary wrote essays letting soldiers know how grateful they are for them and decorated a Christmas card cover for the letters. There was also a class contest to see which team could wear the most red, white, and blue as a tribute to the Veterans to show appreciation for their efforts.



Saluting our Veterans



Thank you to our veterans who are serving or who have served our country. Read on to see those veterans who have connections to Davison Community Schools school staff.

-  **Thomas P. Tuttle**; Retired Davison High School Teacher/Auditorium Supervisor; United States Army Enlisted Reserve; 1969-1975; Spec 6 (E6)
-  **John Medbery** (husband of Gates Elementary Teacher Erica Thwing-Medbery); Navy; 1994-1998; Aviation Electrician, 2nd class Petty Officer (E-5); Gulf War.
-  **James Garland** (grandfather of Gates Elementary Teacher Erica Thwing-Medbery); Navy; World War II (on a destroyer).
-  **Ronald Thwing** (grandfather of Gates Elementary Teacher Erica Thwing-Medbery); Army; 1953; stationed in Germany; Cook.
-  **Kenneth L. Dunkel** (grandfather of Davison Middle School Counselor Jen Hall); U. S. Army, Air Corp, 88 missions flown over the Himalayas (Hump Pilot), Chinese Medal of Freedom, Distinguished Flying Cross; 1943-1946; Major.
-  **William J. Langdon** (grandfather of Davison Middle School Counselor Jen Hall); U.S. Army, Tank Destroyer Battalion WWII, POW, Three Purple Hearts, Three Bronze Stars, Omaha Beach, Normandy; 1943-1946; Sergeant.
-  **James Robert Palso** (father of Davison High School Teacher Raina Palso); Purple Heart Veteran of Vietnam War/Army; 1965-1966; SPEC-4, Door Gunner, Scout Private.
-  **Daniel LaLonde** (son of Hahn Intermediate Secretary Janice LaLonde); Army; Currently serving plus 14 years, Iraq & Afghanistan; Staff Sergeant (SSG).
-  **Jeremy LaLonde** (son of Hahn Intermediate Secretary Janice LaLonde); Army; Currently serving plus 9 years, Afghanistan; Sergeant (SGT).
-  **Krista (LaLonde) Fought** (daughter of Hahn Intermediate Secretary Janice LaLonde); Army; 4 years; Specialist (SPC).
-  **Richard LaLonde** (father-in-law of Hahn Intermediate Secretary Janice LaLonde); Army; 3 years; Private First Class (PFC).
-  **Joseph M. Ciosek** (grandfather of Gates Elementary Teacher Jaynie Shiflett); Navy; 1945-1952 WWII and Korean; E5.
-  **Scott M. Ciosek** (uncle of Gates Elementary Teacher Jaynie Shiflett; Navy); 1973-1979; E3.
-  **Ramon Gonzales** (father of Davison Middle School Secretary Patty Galea); Air Force; 1957-1962; Airman 1st Class
-  **Carmelo Galea** (father-in-law of Davison Middle School Secretary Patty Galea); Army; 1945-1953, Korean War Veteran; Sergeant First Class



- ★ **Emmanuel Galea** (uncle of Davison Middle School Secretary Patty Galea); Navy; 1938 - 1959, WWII and Korean War Veteran; Master Chief of Navigation.
- ★ **Michael Gonzales** (nephew of Davison Middle School Secretary Patty Galea); Navy; 2008-2013 - Operation Enduring Freedom: Afghanistan War Veteran; Petty Officer, 2nd Class.
- ★ **Dale Heusted** (grandfather of Thomson Elementary Teacher Julie VanEvery); Marines; 1951-1954, Korean War; Platoon 106, Fifth Battalion.
- ★ **Paul Robinson** (great uncle of Thomson Elementary Teacher Julie VanEvery); Army; 1968-1969; Vietnam War; 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, 25th Infantry Division.
- ★ **Nathan Bundy** ("favorite Marine" of Transportation Secretary/Hill Afterschool Club and Intersession Coordinator Tracy Bennett); Marines; 2005 Davison High School graduate; Served two tours in Iraq, Fallujah in 2007 and in 2008 -2009 he served in Iraq Operation Freedom.
- ★ **Edward Krygowski** (grandfather of Davison High School Teacher Kristin Slattery); Gunner in the 403rd Anti Aircraft Artillery, went to Africa after basic training, then to Italy during World War II.
- ★ **Larry Lieske** (father of Superintendent Eric Lieske); Army; 1955-58; Stationed in France non-war time; E-5.
- ★ **Larry Artz** (uncle and godfather of Central Elementary Teacher Patty Jozwiak); Army; Veteran of the Korean War.
- ★ **John Strader** (retired DCS Teacher and current Assistant Latchkey Director at Hahn Intermediate); Air Force; Served four years and nine months; E-4.
- ★ **Farice Tuttle** (father of retired DCS Teacher and current Auditorium Supervisor Tom Tuttle); Kentucky National Guard; United States Coast Guard; World War II Veteran.
- ★ **Dennis Tuttle** (brother of retired DCS Teacher and current Auditorium Supervisor Tom Tuttle); Army; Vietnam Veteran.
- ★ **Andrew Lent** (grandfather of retired DCS Teacher and current Auditorium Supervisor Tom Tuttle); Navy; World War I Veteran.
- ★ **Ted Kubit** (father-in-law of retired DCS Teacher and current Auditorium Supervisor Tom Tuttle); Army; World War II Veteran.
- ★ **Allen Hatch** (father of Thomson Elementary Principal Natalie Miller); Army; Vietnam; E5.
- ★ **John Miller** (father-in-law of Thomson Elementary Principal Natalie Miller); Army; Vietnam.
- ★ **Charles Hatch** (grandfather of Thomson Elementary Principal Natalie Miller); Army & National Guard; WWII.
- ★ **Bob Konzman** (Hahn Intermediate Teacher); US Army National Guard; 23 years; Captain.
- ★ **Alfred Konzman** (father of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Army; 26 years; Master Sergeant.
- ★ **Ed Konzman** (brother of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Army; 7 years; Staff Sergeant.
- ★ **Rick Konzman** (brother of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Army; 6 years; Sergeant.



-  **Steve Konzman** (brother of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Army; 6 years; First Lieutenant.
-  **Pat Konzman** (brother of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Army; 4 years; Specialist.
-  **Emil Konzman** (uncle of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Army; 23 years; Sergeant First Class.
-  **Mike Konzman** (cousin of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Army; 30 years; Colonel.
-  **Luddy Konzman** (uncle of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Army; 35 years; Command Sergeant Major.
-  **Carl Konzman** (uncle of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Air Force; 20 years; Sergeant.
-  **Joe Logan** (brother-in-law of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Army; 21 years; Warrant Officer 3.
-  **Jerry Konzman** (cousin of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Bob Konzman); Army; 2 years; Private.
-  **Christopher Panter** (son of Gates Elementary Principal Theresa Wendt); Army; Presently at 12 years; Deployed to Iraq, Djibouti, Afghanistan; Staff Sergeant.
-  **Richard D. Horning** (husband of Retired Davison High School Career and EDP Implementator Judy Horning); Army September 1969 - September 1971, Vietnam War February, 1970 - January, 1971; Stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado January - September, 1971; Earned the rank of Sergeant E-5.
-  **Nicholas Adam Sprovtsoff**, (son of Retired Teacher Sandee Dutton); Davison High School Class of 2001; Marines; Enlisted in 2001 and killed in combat in Afghanistan Operation Enduring Freedom September 28, 2011; Bronze Star with combat V, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal with combat V, Army Achievement Medal, two combat action ribbons and three Good Conduct medals; Staff Sergeant.
-  **Howard Francis Erickson** (grandfather of Central and Thomson Elementary Teacher Wendy Hogg); Private First Class in the Army Medical Corps; WWII from 1942-1945.
-  **The Rev. Joe Cottam** (father of Davison Middle School and Davison Alternative Education Counselor Jen Thomas); Marines; 1964-68 Vietnam; Sergeant.
-  **Dan Lee Moore** (grandfather of Lindsey Tate), FC2 US Navy WWII.
-  **David Mager** (uncle of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Amy Jenkins' husband); Army National Guard/Marines; 16 years; Staff Sergeant.
-  **Kenneth H. Miller** (uncle of Davison High School Security Director Dale Miller); Coast Guard; Enlisted summer of 1942, died on duty October 1942, World War II.
-  **Angelia Saldena-Siple** (wife of Siple Elementary Teacher Ernie Siple); Army National Guard; Oman 2001, Iraq 2008; Master Sergeant.
-  **Orlin Bacheller** (father of Davison Alternative Education Secretary Terri Schall); Navy; four years. He served with ZP 1 Squadron or ZP 2 Squadron at Naval Air Station (NAS) Glynco located in Brunswick, GA; Petty Officer Third Class (PO3).
-  **Michael O'Neal** (son-in-law of Davison Alternative Education Secretary Terri Schall); Army; 26 years (and counting), Iraqi Freedom; O-5 or Lieutenant Colonel (LTC).



- ★ **Linda O'Neal** (daughter of Davison Alternative Education Secretary Terri Schall); Army; 8 years, Iraqi Freedom; E5 (P) or Sergeant Promotable (SGT).
- ★ **Robert B. Francis** (father of Hill Elementary Head Custodian Joe Francis); Marines; 1942-1946 (WWII); PFC.
- ★ **John W. Francis** (brother of Hill Elementary Head Custodian Joe Francis); Navy; 1976-2004; Master Chief Petty Officer.
- ★ **Paul B. Francis** (brother of Hill Elementary Head Custodian Joe Francis); Marines; 1975-1980; PFC.
- ★ **Edward J. Francis** (brother of Hill Elementary Head Custodian Joe Francis); Navy; 1979-1983; Seaman.
- ★ **Michael C. Cook** (son of Hill Elementary Head Custodian Joe Francis); Navy; 2007-2008; Seaman.
- ★ **Brandon W. Cook** (son of Hill Elementary Head Custodian Joe Francis); Air Force; 2012- Present; Senior Airman.
- ★ **Kimberly Francis** (cousin of Hill Elementary Head Custodian Joe Francis); Navy; 2013-Present; Seaman.
- ★ **James Ignatowski** (father of Davison High School Teacher Mary Ignatowski); Marines; Korea; Corporal.
- ★ **Mark Norman McKinnon** (husband of Davison Middle School Teacher Michelle McKinnon); Navy; 8 years of service; E-6 was rank, ET Petty Officer 1st class.
- ★ **Oscar "Butch" Robinson** (father of Davison High School Athletic Secretary Karie Bruce); Marines; Tour of duty in reconnaissance in Vietnam; Sergeant E-5.
- ★ **Robert William Downey, Jr.** (father-in-law of English LA and Social Studies Coordinator Dena Downey); Navy; Vietnam War.
- ★ **Terry Wagner** (family friend of English LA and Social Studies Coordinator Dena Downey); Army; Vietnam War.
- ★ **Lisa Downey** (sister-in-law of English LA and Social Studies Coordinator Dena Downey); Army; Desert Storm.
- ★ **Major General Cecil J. Kennedy** (grandfather of Central Elementary Teacher Mike Kennedy); Army/Michigan National Guard; 1917-1969, Enlisted in WWI and remained in the Army until retiring from the guard in 1969; Major General.
- ★ **John B. Kennedy** (father of Central Elementary Teacher Mike Kennedy); Navy.
- ★ **David T. Kennedy** (son of Central Elementary Teacher Mike Kennedy); Army / Michigan National Guard; Currently enlisted; 2nd Lt.
- ★ **Gregory Wieczorek** (father of Davison Middle School Teacher Andrew Wieczorek); Army; 1980-2003 (23 years of service); Lieutenant Colonel.
- ★ **Dale A Green** (Board of Education Vice President); Army; West Point Military Academy (71-75) Field Artillery - Fort Benning, GA (75-80); Captain.
- ★ **Richard Hoyt Pearson** (father of Hill Elementary Secretary Ranee Ratliff); Navy; Korea, 4 years
- ★ **Louis Harrison** (father of Director of Public Information Michelle Edwards); Marines/Navy; 1944; 1946-47, Guam; Pvt in Marines, S1 in Navy.



- ★ **Billy J. Edwards** (father-in-law of Director of Public Information Michelle Edwards); Army; 1967-69, stationed in Germany, worked on missiles; SP4.
- ★ **Paul Lyden** (of Transportation Dispatcher Kim Dortman); Davison High School Class of 2014; Marines; 1.5 years.
- ★ **Daniel L. Ballinger** (father of Transportation Dispatcher Kim Dortman); Army; 2 years; Radio ops; Vietnam War, stationed in Germany.
- ★ **Leroy (Bud) Bender** (grandfather of Transportation Dispatcher Kim Dortman); Army; 2 years; WWII
- ★ **Leroy Ballinger** (grandfather of Transportation Dispatcher Kim Dortman); Army; 3 years; WWII.
- ★ **Maynard Joeger** (of Transportation Dispatcher Kim Dortman); Army; 20 years.
- ★ **James Timmerman** (father of Davison Middle School Teacher Ray Timmerman); Army; WWII in the Pacific Theatre.
- ★ **Leon B. Warner Jr.** (grandfather of Davison High School Teacher Jennifer Warner-Leja); Army; September 18, 1942 – April 13, 1946, World War II – Central Europe; Corporal.
- ★ **Alan Van Bronkhorst** (grandfather of Davison High School Teacher Jennifer Warner-Leja); Navy; World War II.
- ★ **Clancy Hopper** (son of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Tiffany Hopper); Navy; Currently serving; RPSN (E3).
- ★ **Raymond James Breidenstein** (grandfather of Hahn Intermediate Teacher Tiffany Hopper); Army; 1942-1945; WWII; Sergeant; Military Police.
- ★ **Leah Reese** (cousin of Transportation Dispatcher Kim Dortman); Navy; 2 years and presently.

Davison High School Class of 2014 graduates:

- ★ • **Ellis Smith**, US Navy
- ★ • **Jestin Tighe**, US Marine Reserves
- ★ • **Austin Zudel**, US Air Force

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**Patty Galea's father,
Ramon Gonzalez.**



**Joe Francis' father,
Robert B. Francis.**



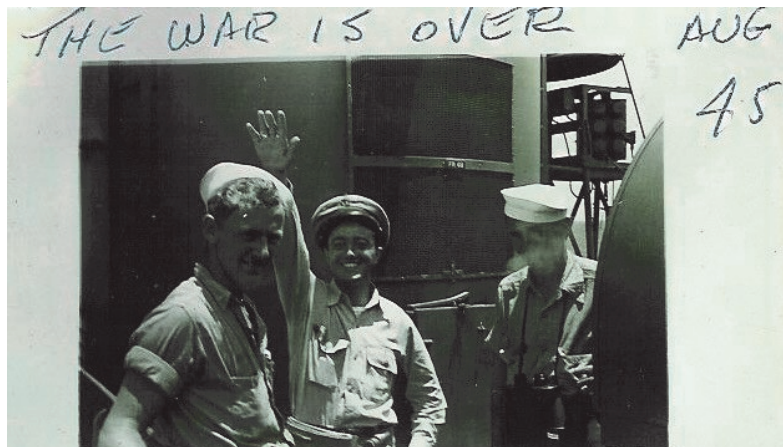
**Karie Bruce's father,
Oscar "Butch" Rob-
inson.**



**Michelle Edwards' father,
Louis Harrison.**



**Karen Conover pictured with her
parents Floyd and Marian Figg in
1944. Karen's father is getting
ready to ship out to the Pacific for
the last battles of WWII.**



**Above, Patty
Galea's father-
in-law, Car-
melo Galea. Left, Patty's
Galea uncle,
Emmanuel
Galea. Bottom
left, Ray
Timmerman's
father, James
Timmerman.**



**Thomson Elementary Teacher Laura
Johnson's mother, Susan Foresi,
served in the Air Force.**



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Jaynie Shiflett's grandfather, Joseph Ciosek.



Jaynie Shiflett's uncle, Scott Ciosek.



Wendy Hogg's grandfather, Howard Francis Erickson.



Nicholas Sprovtsoff, son of Sandee Dutton, and 2001 DHS graduate.



Jen Thomas's father, the Rev. Joe Cottam.



Theresa Wendt's son, Christopher Panter.



Lindsey Tate's son salutes their favorite soldier, Lindsey's grandfather Dan Moore.



Patty Jozwiak's uncle and godfather, Larry Artz. This picture was taken during the Flight of Honor that he participated in this summer.

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Clancy Hopper and his mom, Tiffany, at his US Navy graduation. While in A School, Clancy was designated as the only Honor Graduate of his class due to his excellent academic achievement and dedication to the US Navy. He is currently finishing his C School in North Carolina where he also has the highest GPA in his class! He will be stationed at 29 Palms in California beginning in December



Above, Patty Galea's nephew, Michael Gonzalez, served in Operation Enduring Freedom and is an Afghanistan War Veteran. Below, Eric Lieske's dad, Larry Lieske, served in the Army from 1955 to 1958.

