

**Staunton Community Unit School District #6**  
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**Honoring Our Veterans**  
Project

February 14, 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

In the fall of 2009, fifth grade students embarked on a special project to collect information on veterans from family, friends, and members of our community. It grew into one of the best endeavors that students and teachers could have experienced.

Over the past several years, we've been approached by many citizens of our community to add their family member(s) to our wall. The fifth grade students and faculty have decided to expand the Wall and begin a community-wide drive to add names and faces of those who have served in times of war and peace.

Students will be gathering information over the next six weeks from parents, family members, and citizens from our community. **We need your help to make this project a success!**

If you know of someone who has served or is serving in the armed forces, please collect the information and forward it to one of our students, the elementary office, or email it to **tsmidy@stauntonschoools.org** We currently have over five hundred forms collected.

A list of the veterans we already have will be located near the elementary office and on our school webpage at **stauntonschoools.org**. When on the website, scroll down the page and look for the title Veterans' List (left side) and select it. If the veteran you wish to add to the Wall is already on the list, your submission is not required. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at the above address or call us at the elementary office (618) 635-3831.

Please complete the attached form and include the veteran's full name, rank, dates served, awards and medals, and a **brief** biography. A picture is not required, but it is **strongly encouraged**. Please send a copy of your picture so that we do not damage or lose the original. Other arrangements can be made if copying is not possible. When sending in your information, place everything in an envelope and put your name and phone number on the outside. Thank you for participating in our project and contributing to a fantastic learning experience for our students.

All information should be returned by March 30<sup>th</sup>. The Veterans' Wall will be displayed on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm in the Main Gym. We look forward to seeing you!

Fifth Grade Teachers,

*Mr. Smiddy*  
Mr. Smiddy

*Mrs. Best*  
Mrs. Best

*Mrs. Spickerman*  
Mrs. Spickerman

*Mr. Hirschl*  
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Name:

Branch of Service:

**Picture**

Date(s) Served:

**Do Not Attach**

Rank:

Awards & Medals:

Brief Biography:

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