

Gold Star Boys

I'm taking a little bit different approach this week. We need your help. In the Service Record Book produced by the Mount Horeb American Legion after WWII there is a list of 21 Gold Star Boys that are from this area that were killed during WWII. Each of those young men lost their lives so that we could enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today. We plan to write an article about each of these men with your help.

Here is the list of names from the Service Record: Edwin G. Gammeter, Gordon A. Grimstead, John R. Holum, Donald J. Jacobson, William E. Keithley, Marvin G. Komplin, Melvin Larson, Donald L. Lehr, Eugene W. Randall, Howard S. Schmid, William B. Squires, William A. Sylvester, Ernest S. Zurbreugg, Lloyd V. Frame, Allen Berge, Kenneth B. Skuldt, Henry N. Rue, Willard K. Jordee, Warner Samuel Leu, Amos Overland, and John R. Kellog. In the coming months and years we will do an article on each of these men. Kathy Hannah has done extensive research on each of these men but we believe many of you may have additional information about friends, relatives, classmates that should be included in their stories. If you know of others from our area that are not included in the list we would love to add them to the list of articles we need to write.

These men were from different backgrounds and were killed in different parts of the world. Some were farm boys from rural Mount Horeb and Blue Mounds, others were raised in Mount Horeb proper. Before they entered the service, some were quiet, shy young boys sharing the typical high school experiences with friends, some were outgoing and gregarious playing all sports, leading their classmates as class officers, etc...

These men were killed in places we read about in history books like Tarawa, Guam, Germany, France, etc... They deserve to be remembered. If you have information on any of these men please contact us at mhamlegionpost113@gmail.com or 437-0113.