

## My Favorite Veteran

Hi, my name is Summer Haldeman and my favorite veteran is my grandfather, Pappy Haldeman.

First, I never met him but I have heard alot about him. I think my Pappy was very brave, willing, and creative. Why I think he was brave and willing was because he fought in Europe during World War II in a tank destroyer unit and he went behind enemy lines to get information for his unit. He received a Bronze Star for his actions. He was creative because he made a knife with things he found in the war. We have the knife and proudly display it. Every day we lose someone from the war and we never want to forget the sacrifices they made.

After the war he worked as a carpenter and built the house we live in. He had two sons, my daddy and my uncle Kevin. My daddy and my Pappy have the same name, Robert. He is important to me because he was in my family.

I really wish I could have met him. He seems like he was really nice. That is why my Pappy is my favorite veteran.

Summer Joy Haldeman (Age 9)

# HONOR A HERO ON VETERANS DAY

Each year Newspaper In Education, a division of Lancaster Newspapers, Inc., sponsors a Veterans Day program to honor the men and women who have served in the armed forces.

This year the winners of our writing contest "Honor A Hero on Veterans Day" represent four school districts whose young writers nominated their favorite veterans.



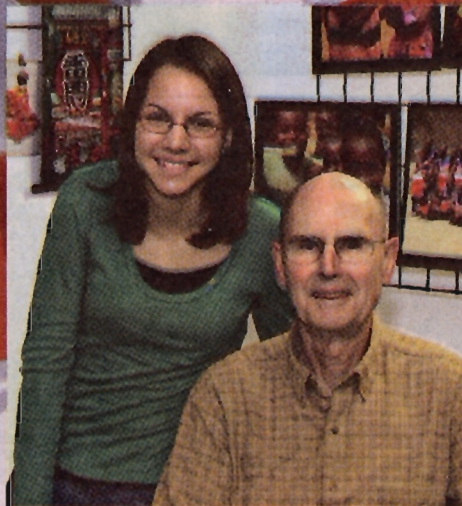
Theresa Velez proudly remembers the day her father, Ferdinand Velez, returned from his tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

~ Resurrection Catholic School



Summer Joy Haldeman holds a picture of her nominee, Robert "Pappy" Haldeman, a deceased veteran of World War II.

~ Reamstown Elementary School



Alissa Winters recognizes her grandpa, Mark Winters, a veteran of the Korean War as her favorite veteran.

~ Lititz Christian School



Lindsey Zulkosky salutes Mark Klunk, a graduate of West Point Academy and deceased veteran of World War II.

~ Landisville Middle School