

HONORING FULTON WWII VETERANS



Pictured above are Fulton WWII Veterans who attended the Fulton Historical Society's Fourth Annual Memorial Tribute. L-R Front: Dwight Hoogheem, Clarence Workman, Marvin Hook, Clara Klavenga, and Warren Wiersema; Back: Mike Senneff (Program Speaker), Marv Kramer, and Jim Field.

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Listed on the Fulton Roll of Honor Board, built in 1942 on the northeast corner of 4th Street and 12th Avenue, were the names of 435 men and women who served during the Second World War. The names, lettered by Warren Wiersema who was a high school student, were placed on the board when they enlisted or were drafted. A photo of the public dedication is on display in the River Bend Senior Center.

At the Fourth Annual Memorial Tribute, sponsored by the Fulton Historical Society, on Saturday, May 25th, in the Fulton Museum, a special tribute to Lt. Allan Wiersema was presented by Mike Senneff, a WWII historian enthusiast (See Fulton Journal issue May May 22, 2013). Attending the tribute as special guests were three of Allan's classmates: Irene (Hoogheem) Kramer; Jacquie (Leslie) Pollard and Jim Field. Nine of the thirty-three members of the Class of 1939 are living (27%); most are 92 years of age. A meeting was held in December with classmates and Allan's cousins who shared their memories with Mike Senneff. Honored, along with Lieutenant Allan Wiersema, are seven WWII veterans, all of whom reside in Fulton and were in attendance for the tribute. Each spoke of their experiences in the war fought long ago and far away. Participating in the program were: Jim Field; Dwight Hoogheem; Marv Hook; Clara Klavenga; Marv Kramer; Warren Wiersema and Clarence Workman. Other living WWII veterans are: Jean Borgman; Marvin Decker; Robert J. Jones; Alfred Norman; Henry Rose; Bill Schaver; Art Weber and Art Vogel in Washington.

Seventy years later, the remembrances of 'Fulton's Fallen Heroes,' evoke strong emotions and deep gratitude for their supreme sacrifice. They are: Henry Dornbusch; James Hawk; Paul Heun; Henry Post; Bernard Snyder; Maurice Tegeler; Allan Wiersema and Stewart Wiersema.



Gold stars were placed by the names of soldiers who lost their lives in the War. The lot has remained vacant since a fire in 1937.

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