

*2021/2022*

FORT LORAMIE SCHOOLS



WALL of HONOR



*Tenth Induction Ceremony*

Sunday, October 23, 2022

2:00 p.m.



# Fort Loramie Schools Wall of Honor

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The Fort Loramie Schools Wall of Honor was a concept discussed in the Fort Loramie community for many years and finally became a reality in 2009 through the efforts of the Fort Loramie Education Foundation. The idea was to publicly honor graduates, school staff and community members who have made a profound impact on, or have been a positive reflection of the Fort Loramie Schools since their founding in the mid-1800's.

With the support of the community and school board, the Fort Loramie Education Foundation approved a set of bylaws, established the Wall of Honor committee and initiated the nomination process, all within 2008. In July of 2009, the Wall of Honor committee had selected the first three inductees before planning the inaugural induction ceremony on Sunday, September 27, 2009. Since the 2009 ceremony, twenty-seven individuals have been added to the Wall of Honor.

The Fort Loramie Schools Wall of Honor is guided by a set of by-laws which will continue to evolve over time but always reflect on its fundamental mission statement:

*The purpose is to recognize and honor those persons living or deceased, who, through their performance, achievements and contributions, reflect credit on the Fort Loramie Local Schools so that present-day students may find identity with the past and establish goals for the future. The Wall of Honor will reinforce and enhance a positive image inside and outside of the Fort Loramie School District, as it also strives to foster an increased sense of pride among students, faculty, administration, alumni and residents.*



## **2021/2022 Wall of Honor Induction**

Welcome to the Fort Loramie School Wall of Honor induction ceremony. I would like to take a moment to thank all of the Wall of Honor committee members and the volunteers helping with today's induction ceremony. Without their support and initiative, this celebration would not be possible.

Today we will induct two new members onto our Wall of Honor. Congratulations to Mr. Donald F. Bensman and Mr. Gerald "Gary" Bensman as our newest members. Through their contributions, service to others, and positive support of our school and community, they have distinguished themselves as outstanding inductees.

Thank you for your attendance and support of the Fort Loramie Wall of Honor. On behalf of the Fort Loramie Board of Education, staff, students and the Wall of Honor committee, we want to congratulate the 2021/2022 Wall of Honor inductees, and their representatives.

In Education,

***Daniel B. Holland***

Superintendent

## **PROGRAM**

MUSICAL PRELUDE - HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
"ABOVE AND BEYOND"

NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS - BRAD TURNER  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES

SLIDE SHOW HONORING INDUCTEES

### **INDUCTION OF RECIPIENTS**

**2021 INDUCTEE:**

**DONALD F. BENSMAN**

INTRODUCTION BY: DAN BENSMAN, SON

ACCEPTED BY: EVELYN BENSMAN, WIFE

**2022 INDUCTEE:**

**GERALD "GARY" BENSMAN**

INTRODUCTION BY: PAM FREY, DAUGHTER

ACCEPTED BY: GERALD "GARY" BENSMAN

CLOSING COMMENTS - NEIL BORCHERS, F.L.E.F. PRESIDENT

**PUBLIC RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE FLHS CAFETERIA  
PLEASE JOIN US TO CONGRATULATE THE INDUCTEES**

## DONALD F. BENSMAN



Don Bensman was born to Leo and Norma Bensman and raised on a small farm outside of St. Patrick with his siblings Joan, Linda, Betty, and Mel. Growing up on the farm, Don learned the value of hard work and utilized this trait during his years in the Fort Loramie school system and throughout the remainder of his life.

After graduating from Fort Loramie High School in 1956, Don spent a few years working in the construction industry before beginning his career as a machinist with a fledgling company named Sidney Tool & Die, which was owned at the time by two brothers, Bob

Sargeant and John Sargeant. Through hard work and perseverance, Don quickly rose through the ranks within the company and soon became a co-owner of Sidney Tool & Die. Eventually, Don became President of the company and served in such capacity for many years until shortly before his death in 2000.

Don's relationship with the Sargeants spanned four decades and spawned the creation and growth of numerous other local businesses. Over the years, Don and the Sargeants provided financial assistance and management expertise to other entrepreneurs that lead to the creation of Sidco Industries, SMT Industries, Sidney Pattern Works, HB Products, and Tower Steel. In recognition of the good fortune that had been bestowed upon him as a business owner, Don always believed that he had an obligation to assist others who wanted to start their own business and make their mark in the community. Seeking yet another challenge later in their careers, Don and the Sargeants created Bensar Developments and Sidney Warehousing which became leaders in the industrial warehousing business in Shelby County, eventually managing and operating over 3,500,000 square feet of industrial and warehouse space.

In addition to his numerous business activities, Don was also a civic-minded person who was a community leader not only within the Anna community, but throughout Shelby County. Don's community activities were varied and included his involvement with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in McCartyville and its accompanying Knights of Columbus, his service on the Franklin Township Board of Zoning Appeals and Community Reinvestment

Board, his leadership on numerous fundraising and levy committees for the Anna Local Schools, his support of the Anna Branch of the Shelby County Libraries, and his long-term leadership on the boards for the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and the Community Foundation of Shelby County.

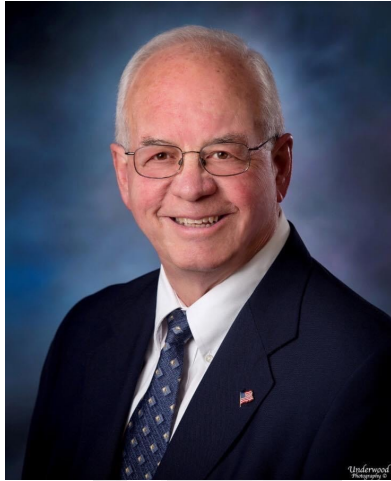
Don's most lasting effect on the Chamber of Commerce was his success in encouraging the expansion of membership to businesses located in communities outside the city of Sidney, which resulted in the membership of numerous successful businesses in communities like Fort Loramie, Russia, Anna, Botkins, and Jackson Center. Similarly, Don's focus on the Community Foundation was to increase the awareness of the Community Foundation and to increase the donor base within these same rural communities. Having been born and raised in Fort Loramie, Don realized the importance of these communities to the overall prosperity of Shelby County.

In his later years, Don increased his focus on philanthropic endeavors. Don always believed that it was his obligation to give back to the community that had provided him with such great opportunities in life. Due to his business success, Don was able to fund numerous charitable organizations and charitable projects throughout the Anna community, Shelby County and the surrounding areas. At the time of his death, Don was working to establish a family foundation that was affiliated with the Community Foundation. Through this foundation, Don's family has been able to continue his support of charitable causes throughout Shelby County and the surrounding areas for the two decades since his death and will continue to do so for generations to come.

In addition to the foregoing achievements, Don was most proud of his family – his wife of nearly forty years, Evelyn, who always supported Don in all that he did, and his children Nick, Dan, Dale, and Diane. Don set a great example for his children and still provides a guiding light to his children more than twenty years after his passing. In light of Don's lifetime spent promoting Shelby County, it is not surprising that all of Don's children have also chosen to live and raise their families in Shelby County.

Don would have been extremely proud to have been here today to personally accept this honor of becoming a member of the Fort Loramie Schools Wall of Honor. On Don's behalf, the Bensman family would like to thank the Fort Loramie Education Foundation Wall of Honor Committee for the recognition of his lifetime achievements.

## GERALD “GARY” BENSMAN



Gerald “Gary” Bensman is a life long resident of Fort Loramie and a 1963 graduate of Fort Loramie High School. He has spent his life working in careers and volunteering for the betterment of our community and school system.

Gary is the oldest of eight children of Werner and Euleta Bensman and grew up working on the family farm where the values of education, hard work, giving back to the community and our country, strong faith, and dedication were instilled. After high school graduation, Gary enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Army Reserves for 8 years. He continued to work on the family farm, sell Universal Guarantee Life Insurance, and worked at LeRoi Dresser for 4 years. He found his career home for 21 years at Midmark Corporation (formerly known as IE Industries) working his way up through the ranks to manager of IT, implementing a new information system for the company, and to internal manufacturing system consultant.

Gary also was involved with his wife’s business, Emmy’s Bridal and Specialty Shop. They owned and operated the successful, local business for 20 years, selling it in 2000. As business owners in Fort Loramie, they were involved in creating the Chamber of Commerce and supported local and school activities and events.

Gary served the village of Fort Loramie as a councilman from 1981-1987 and as Mayor from 1987-1999. With the support of a community passed levy, and a progressive council and mayor, the beginning of the industrial park became a reality bringing business, jobs and revenue to the village and school. The Community Improvement Committee was created to bring new businesses and developments to Fort Loramie enhancing village growth, tax revenue, and benefits to the school and the community. As Mayor, by working together with the village council, Community Improvement Committee and the Planning Commission, and many community and school groups, Fort Loramie also saw the expansion and annexation of land for the Fort Loramie Youth Park, a new library with “Friends of the Library,” housing and commercial



developments, a new water tower and maintenance building in the industrial park, updated sewer systems, recycling program implemented, 911 emergency system implemented, new businesses and industrial park expansion.

The next stop in Gary's employment history was as the Shelby County Regional Planning Director from 1999-2011. This position really captured everything that he had learned and worked on in all other career experiences and was a perfect fit for him and for Shelby County. Gary worked with county commissioners and public entities to approve and implement the comprehensive plan for Shelby County including goals and objectives for improvements in zoning, sewage systems, thoroughfare issues, assisting townships, economic development, administering grants and growth in the county. He worked with and formed alliances with Dayton and Lima area Planning Directors to encourage new industrial growth in Shelby County. Gary worked on low-income housing projects in the county receiving CHIP grants and was involved with all of the Shelby County communities, schools and townships promoting industrial and housing growth, developing their own Community Improvement Committees, and working to make Shelby County a better place to live, work and raise families.

After retiring in 2011, he happened upon a new opportunity to be on the Board of Trustees for Edison State Community College, representing Shelby County from 2017-2021. During his tenure on the Board, the Edison State Community College saw much growth, new program implementation and new satellite campuses, as well as great utilization of the College Credit Plus benefitting many students in our area.

Gary was involved in some way with many of the community organizations of Fort Loramie, as an officer, or volunteer for the many events, or financially supporting the needs of those organizations for the betterment of the school and community. These include GYM Inc., youth sports, 4-H, encouraging school levies with phone campaigns, The Olde-Time 4th of July, where he helped with building the stands and cleaning up when it was over, Booster Club, Band Boosters and Lake Loramie Improvement Association. Gary has always been an avid supporter of the Fort Loramie Redskins going to all of his kids and grandkids games, concerts and activities.

He and Emily (Kunk) have been married for 56 years and they have two children, Pam (Ron Frey) and Frank (Jennifer Barhorst), eight grandchildren; Jon (Katie Hoehne), Devan (Megan Kaiser), Holly, Reyan, Carman and Marlan Frey and Allison (Mitch Boerger) and Natalie Bensman, as well as 7 great grandchildren.

## ***Previous Inductees***

**John “Bucky” Albers, 2011 Inductee**, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1956 and went on to attend the University of Dayton in the School of Journalism pursuing his dream to become a journalist. He spent most of 43 years with Dayton newspapers covering UD Flyers, Cleveland Browns, Cincinnati Bengals and other area football, basketball, baseball and golf events. Through the years Bucky covered the Cotton, Orange and many Super Bowls. He received numerous awards such as UD Alumni Achievement Department of Communications, Ohio Golf Hall of Fame, Dayton Hockey Hall of Fame, Dayton Speedway Hall of Fame and Southern Ohio PGA Lifetime Achievement Award. He and his wife, Judy, have two children.

**Paul “The Rock” Amann, 2010 Inductee**, was born in Dayton. After graduation he entered the army, was awarded the Purple Heart and other special medals. A graduate of the University of Dayton he came to Fort Loramie High School in 1953 to teach English courses for 24 years, direct high school plays and was a golf coach. Paul was Village Clerk, Councilman and active in organizations. He served St. Michael Catholic Church in many ways. His hobby was stamp collecting. In 1990 he was Grand Marshal of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Paul and his wife Ruth (Snyder) ran the Hodge Podge and together raised five children.

**Irene E. Boerger, 2014 Inductee**, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1945 and from Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, in 1948 as a registered nurse. She spent 38 years as the Shelby County coordinator for the Community Blood Center, until her retirement in 2008. She propelled Shelby County as the leader of all 88 Ohio counties in percentage of blood donations per capita and in 1995 was recognized by the Ohio House of Representatives for her exemplary service to the Shelby County Blood Bank. She served as a volunteer for Compassionate Care, Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, and St. Michael's St. Vincent de Paul Society, Worship Commission and Pastoral Council. Irene and her husband, Frank, were the parents of five children.

## ***Previous Inductees***

**Paul A. Bollheimer, 2013 Inductee**, a Fort Loramie native, graduated in 1937 from Fort Loramie High School. He served in the US Marine Corps for six years during World War II. While enlisted, he scored first overall on the mechanical aptitude test and achieved the rank of warrant officer. After the war, Paul attended Long Beach City College and Colorado Schools of Mines, earning a degree in geophysical engineering. He spent 40 years in the oil industry, playing a major role in the discovery of three super giant oil fields in Tripoli, Libya, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska and Venezuela. Paul was married to his wife Jane for 52 years. He had one son and two step-children.

**James J. Bornhorst, 2015 Inductee**, was born and raised on a farm west of Fort Loramie. After the passing of his father in 1951, Jim became the third generation owner of that family farm. In 1950, while still in high school, Jim started the Fort Loramie Livestock 4-H Club, which is still in existence today. Jim served two years in the U.S. Army and while still farming, worked at Minster Machine for eight years. He served two terms on the Fort Loramie School Board from 1976-1983, serving as president of the board in 1979 and in 1982. Jim served as a member of the Shelby County Fair Board, the advisory board of Wapakoneta Production Credit Association, St. Michael Catholic Church's Parish Council, and as clerk for McLean Township. Jim was married to Carol (Buehler) and they had six children.

**James L. Dillehay, 2013 Inductee**, was an educator and administrator at Fort Loramie from 1929-1954. He attended high school in Crooksville, Ohio and received a college degree from Ohio University. He taught social sciences and industrial arts, coached track and baseball and was Fort Loramie's first basketball coach. He served as principal and was named superintendent in 1936. He served in that capacity until his death in 1954. Mr. Dillehay was a strong supporter of interscholastic and intermural sports and created the "Interclass Tournament." In 1942, he participated in the National Defense Program, and in 1947, he was given the Award of Merit from the American National Red Cross. James and his wife, Mildred, were the parents of four children.

## ***Previous Inductees***

**Sr. Marge Eilerman, OSF, 2013 Inductee**, a 1954 graduate of Fort Loramie High School, has been a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio, since 1957. She received college degrees from Mary Manse College in Toledo. From 1960-1968, she taught at several Ohio schools and was a principal from 1968-1971. She served as a missionary in Mexico and Kentucky and was imprisoned for a year for participating in an act of civil disobedience intended to draw attention to atrocities inflicted upon poor people. After her release from prison, she continued her missionary work. She received numerous awards for her contributions. She considers one of her greatest accomplishments the formation of a Catholic Faith Community in the poorest county in the United States.

**Ferd Fleckenstein, 2012 Inductee**, was valedictorian of the first graduating class from Fort Loramie High School in 1932. He was a lifetime farmer, held a strong interest in sharing local history and served the community and surrounding area in leadership positions. He was a charter member of both the Shelby County Board of Education and Kiwanis Club. Ferd was Fort Loramie School Board Treasurer for fourteen years. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and was active in parish committees. Ferd was married to Marie (Kuether) and they had eight children.

**James M. Hoehne, 2019 Inductee**, a graduate of Russia High School and served in the Air Force Reserves. Jim was a charter member and past Treasurer of the GYM Committee, and a member of the Fort Loramie Booster Club. Jim was a Fort Loramie Football Field Crew volunteer. He was a charter member of the Fort Loramie Community Improvement Corporation where he was instrumental in the creation and growth of the industrial park. He was also a volunteer for St. Michael Church serving as Past President on the Education and Finance Commissions. Jim is an avid blood donor and actively involved with the Community Service Club holding charter member status as well as with the Fort Loramie American Legion Post 355. Jim retired from the banking industry after 41 years. Jim and his wife, Mary, have three daughters.

## ***Previous Inductees***

**Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Patrick Hoying, 2014 Inductee**, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1978 and from The Ohio State University in 1982. He joined the United States Air Force in 1983, and graduated from Embry Riddle University in 1989 with a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Science. While serving in the Air Force, Jeff served in several officer positions and received a number of awards. He flew thirty-two missions over Iraq in Operation Southern Watch and trained many pilots who flew missions in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm. For ten years he flew as a pilot for American Airlines. Jeff passed away at the age of 39, leaving behind his wife, Pam, and twin daughters. He is interred at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

**John “Coach” Kremer, 2009 Inductee**, grew up in Dayton, Ohio. During WWII he was a T-4 sergeant in the Pacific Theater. After graduation from the University of Dayton with a BS degree, John came to Fort Loramie High School. Coach taught nearly all subjects during his 31 year teaching career, but was best known as the varsity basketball coach, baseball coach and athletic director. He served on St. Michael Church parish council, was a lifetime member of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association and Shelby County Retired Teachers Association. John married Marcella (Coffits) and had three sons.

## ***Previous Inductees***

**Shirley A. Larger, 2014 Inductee**, was born and raised in Coldwater, Ohio. She holds an Associate's Degree in radiology and has worked at area hospitals. She served on the Fort Loramie Board of Education, the Shelby County Board of Health, the Fort Loramie Library Board and the St. Ann's Sodality. She has volunteered at local soup kitchens, nursing homes and blood drives, has provided residents transportation to doctor appointments, and served as a crossing guard for Fort Loramie Elementary School. She has been on several mission trips and has been very active in her church. She regularly attends school sporting events, concerts, plays, science fairs, etc. Shirley and her late husband, Jim, are the parents of eight children.

**Madeline (Albers) Maurer, 2009 Inductee**, was valedictorian of her class at Fort Loramie High School in 1958. She originally was in the Cadet Teaching Program and went on to earn a BS and MS Degree in Education from the University of Dayton. Madeline taught in Fort Loramie, touching the lives of thousands of young people as an elementary teacher, elementary principal and director of religious education. She was named 1979-80 Fort Loramie Teacher of the Year. Madeline served on numerous community and county service clubs. She and her husband, Jim, raised six children.

## ***Previous Inductees***

**Diane R. Meyer, 2019 Inductee**, graduated from Ft. Loramie High School in 1969. She went on to The Ohio State University where she achieved a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1973. In 1977 she earned a Masters Degree from Wright State University in Curriculum and Supervision. Diane taught at both Botkins and Fort Loramie High School. After leaving education, Diane worked at Medical Home Care (now known as Apria) the company she and her husband, Tom, started. After selling the business, Diane pursued a career as a Motivational Speaker for businesses, schools and various groups. Throughout her life, Diane has been very involved in community activities serving on many boards, foundations and committees. Diane served on the school board from 1982-1995 and created the Ft. Loramie Athletic/Academic Wall of Honor. Diane and her husband, Tom, are parents of three children.

**Jane E. Poeppelman, 2016 Inductee**, was a 1967 graduate of Fort Loramie High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Masters degree in Education from Bowling Green State University before returning home to begin her 35 year teaching career in Physical Education and Health. Jane worked hard to reach her goal of making Fort Loramie an outstanding place for education and sports. Jane made a significant impact in her 22 year tenure as the Lady Redskin basketball coach. Her teams earned a 74.7% win percentage and garnered seven district championships, two regional championships, and two appearances at state. Jane's success was recognized in 1988 when she was the first woman inducted into the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Jane was a member of numerous sports and education associations, and successfully coached golf, volleyball and track at Fort Loramie. Jane resides in Fort Loramie and has remained active in both community and church activities after her retirement.

## ***Previous Inductees***

**Marie Quinlin, 2010 Inductee**, a native of Fort Loramie, taught school for 62 years. Many of those years she taught grades one and two along with music. Former students remember the band she had of sticks, triangles and tambourines. In order to teach following graduation, she took the Boxwell test, but Marie continued her education for many summers. At St. Michael Catholic Church, she directed the choir for 20 years. The National Honor Society was named in her honor and a scholarship is given in her name by the Fort Loramie Education Association. Marie was involved in local and educational organizations.

**Urban “Turp” Ratermann, 2009 Inductee**, was a graduate of Fort Loramie High School in 1943. He served as a US Army Air Force Staff Sergeant in WWII. After college at the University of Dayton and Ohio Northern University, he became owner of Ratermann Insurance Agency. Turp was mayor of Fort Loramie, served on the St. Michael Church parish council, finance committee, was a mass server, charter member of Kiwanis Club, active participant in other service clubs and was a member and president of Fort Loramie Board of Education. He married Pauline (Cole) and they raised eight children.



## ***Previous Inductees***

**James F. Schulze, 2018 Inductee**, was born and raised in Ft. Loramie. After High School, Jim attended Sinclair Community College and completed an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1959. He began his working career with Rockwell International in Bellefontaine before moving on to Minster Machine. Jim's civic duty began as the Village Clerk. He also held positions of councilman and eventually became Council President. Jim was involved in the formation of the Community Improvement Corporation, which encouraged industry development in the village. Jim was a charter member of the GYM committee, which led to the building of the high school gymnasium. Jim was very involved in community and church projects. Jim and his wife, Marcia, raised seven children.

**Kenneth R. Sowards, 2015 Inductee**, was raised in Middletown, Ohio. He attended Middletown High School and graduated from Miami University in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history and from the University of Dayton in 1990 with a Master's Degree in Secondary Education. He began his teaching career at Fort Loramie School in 1975, where he taught history, economics, and government, and also coached cross country from 1975-1980. He retired in 2005, after 30 years of service with Fort Loramie Schools. His involvement with several projects throughout the area has benefited other Ohio historians and community residents with a better understanding of our past. Ken has garnered a number of awards, including the Sidney/Shelby County "Exemplary Teacher" award, "Who's Who Among American Teachers," the Shelby County Educational Service Center's "Outstanding Teacher with Winning Students" award, the Piqua chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution's "Outstanding Teacher of American History in Miami and Shelby Counties" award, and the Jennings Scholar award. He and his wife, Monica, reside in Fort Loramie.

## ***Previous Inductees***

**Frank Turner, 2010 Inductee**, a Fort Loramie native, graduated in 1960. After graduating from Bowling Green State University, he returned to Fort Loramie High School as a teacher of English, instrumental and vocal music. Frank started the Pop Concert and his marching band was very successful. After retirement, he became the Director of Secondary Religious Education at St. Michael Catholic Church and is a choir director. He is involved in local and educational organizations and is a blood donor. In 2009, Frank and wife, Bonnie, were Grand Marshals for the Liberty Days Parade. They are the parents of five children.

**Donald Wehrman, 2012 Inductee**, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1945. He served the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a Master Sergeant. Don earned many military honors, including the Silver Star and Purple Heart. After the war, he became the owner of Regal Trophy and Awards. Don remained active in the community, Fort Loramie Schools, and with his membership of St. Michael Catholic Church. In May, 2010, he was posthumously inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame. Don was married to Betty, and they had four children.

## ***Previous Inductees***

**James Wehrman, 2013 Inductee**, was the salutatorian of his 1969 Fort Loramie High School class. He went to The Ohio State University and graduated cum laude in 1973 with a degree in education. After teaching for one year, he entered the business world, and rose to the position of Senior Vice-President of Honda of America Manufacturing, where he had responsibility for all three auto and engine plants in Ohio. He served on the Honda of America Board of Directors, the Urbana Rotary Club, the Urbana University Board of Trustees and the Champaign County Schools Foundation. He has also been active in church activities. Jim and his wife, Sandy, are the parents of three daughters.

**John Westerheide, 2011 Inductee**, a graduate of Fort Loramie High School in 1940, was awarded an academic scholarship at the University of Dayton in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for General Electric, but was recruited as one of five people for full time research at UD for Wright Patterson and was selected to head the project Delta. In 1956, he was appointed Director of the UD Research Center. John's presentations and published articles helped to make UD known throughout the world. He was an active member of St. Charles Parish in Dayton while also supporting St. Leonard Franciscan Seminary, Athenaeum of Ohio and Maranist Community. John and his wife, Gertrude, had two children.

## ***Previous Inductees***

**Sister Constance Zimmerman, MD, 2010 Inductee**, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1948 as the valedictorian and then joined the Medical Mission Sisters. She earned her medical degree from Georgetown University. After her residency, at City Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, she left for Patna, India, as a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. Being highly specialized in surgery, Sister was elected Medical Staff Coordinator for all the Medical Mission Sisters Hospitals in India. She died at the age of 38 of a rare paralyzing disease.

### In Loving Memory of Our War Dead **2012 Inductees**

**Grover Cleveland Cox**

World War I—U.S. Army

**Staff Sergeant Edward John Gaier**

W.W. II—U.S. Army

**Corporal Herbert J. Aselage**

W.W. II—U.S. Army

**Ensign Harry F. Raterman**

W.W. II—Air Corps of U.S. Navy

**Louis Henry Daniel**

World War I—U.S. Navy

**Private Ralph J. Rieger**

W.W. II—U.S. Army

**Private Linus Francis Broering**

W.W. II—Air Corps of U.S. Army

**Private Jerome Raymond Frilling**

Vietnam—U.S. Army



On behalf of the Wall of Honor Committee and the Fort Loramie Education Foundation, we wish to welcome you and thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the Wall of Honor inductees. My fellow committee members include Melissa Bertke, Vicki Fullenkamp, Jack Hoying, Nancy Luebke, Jill Poeppelman, Matt Ratermann, Fort Loramie School Board member, Brad Rethman, and Scott Rodeheffer, Principal of Fort Loramie Elementary School. I wish to thank this highly professional group for their commitment to make this event as special as possible.

We also wish to thank the Fort Loramie Education Foundation Board of Directors for their support, along with Vivid Manufacturing, the Sidney Daily News and The Community Post for their contributions to this event. Special recognition and thanks must also be extended to the Fort Loramie School employees and students for their assistance with today's ceremony.

Each ceremony has left a positive impact on those in attendance. Each inductee demonstrates or has demonstrated his or her own characteristics of leadership, courage, perseverance, and commitment to helping others. As an alumnus of Fort Loramie Local Schools, I feel great pride in all of our inductees, current and past, for their achievements.

Sincerely,

*Phil Seger*

Phil Seger

## ***The Fort Loramie Education Foundation***

The Fort Loramie Education Foundation (FLEF) is a non-profit organization established in 2002 to solicit and receive charitable contributions, and, in return, apply those contributions back to the community in the form of scholarships and educational programs.

### **Ways To Contribute:**

Cash: Gifts of cash or checks are welcome at any time and may be made payable to the Ft. Loramie Education Foundation.

Appreciated Stock or Real Estate: Contributing stock or real estate enables you to maximize a charitable donation and lessen your tax burden.

Will or Trust: Make a charitable gift part of your will or estate plan. Your attorney can add a line to your will to make a gift after your expenses and distributions to loved ones are settled.

Life Insurance: An easy way to give is to designate the FLEF as a primary or contingent beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

### **Benefits:**

Tax Exempt – 501(C)(3) – All contributions are tax deductible to the highest amounts allowed by law.

Your gift will help students for years to come and may create a legacy for your family's name.

Our Funds are professionally managed, enabling your gift to grow (if that is your intent) and do more.

**Fort Loramie Education Foundation Members:**

Neil Borchers	President	Melissa Bertke	Director
Ty Salisbury	Vice-President	Nichole Bertke	Director
Jamie Borchers	Secretary	Lynn DeLoye	BOE Rep.
Julia Moore	Treasurer	Lisa Ruhenkamp	BOE Rep.
Jenni Wilt	Director	Dan Holland	Superintendent

**Wall of Honor Nomination Forms:** (due 6/1 for consideration that year)

- 1) FLEF website: [www.loramie.k12.oh.us](http://www.loramie.k12.oh.us) (Community Support Groups)
- 2) FLEF e-mail request: [flef@loramie.k12.oh.us](mailto:flef@loramie.k12.oh.us)
- 3) Hardcopies available at the school's central office
- 4) Contact any FLEF member to request a Wall of Honor nomination form

## ***Fort Loramie***

*A great place to learn ~ A great place to live*

