

Honoring the Veterans of the Town of Covert

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Purpose: To gather the names and biographical information on the Men and Women of the Town of Covert, Seneca County, New York, who served in the United States Military.

Timeframe: Revolutionary War through those currently in the service [1775 to 2022]

Parameter: Veterans who have a direct or close tie to the Village of Interlaken and/or Town of Covert. Those who lived in the area prior to their service, who moved here after their service or whose close family has been a part of the area.

The goal is to include people, not exclude them. Recognizing that if clarification is needed hopefully one or more of the following will be used as a guide. Burial in one of the Town of Covert cemeteries, included on the World War II honor roll or similar list for other times of service, graduated from Interlaken Central School, [or South Seneca after 1971] or belonged to one of the primary organizations within the community: Interlaken Post 462 of the American Legion or Interlaken Auxiliary; Interlaken Fire Department, Farmerville Lodge #183 (Masons) or Interlaken Grange.

At the current time a preliminary list is being compiled and we have over 700 names. The goal is to contact the veteran, or family/descendants or to have volunteer research on each person.

Suggested biographical information [biographies not to exceed 300 words, 250 if including a photograph]. Name, birth year/date and location; parent's names; enlisted date, branch of service and unit, area of service, commendations, etc; discharge date/rank. Married, occupation, community involvement including high school graduation especially Interlaken/South Seneca, family members. For deceased veterans: death date/year location, age, cemetery.

To be done: Get the word out so we can begin collecting additional names and their biographies.

Have an article ready for the January 2022 issue of the Interlaken Historical Society Newsletter inviting people to share their own information or that of a family member.

Consider re-printing the World War II Honor Roll on the front lawn of the Town Hall with a weather resistant material. The list to be in alphabetical order for ease of finding names.

Disclaimer: the committee reserves the right to edit biographies for length or clarity.

Administrative Committee: Diane Bassette Nelson, Martha Morrow, Nancy Staples. Others to be added.