

## East Rochester Area Military Veterans

The East Rochester Alumni Foundation added a Veteran's Page to its website ([erschools.org/alumni.cfm](http://erschools.org/alumni.cfm)) on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2017. The purpose of this page is to honor and thank current and former area residents who chose to serve and protect our country as members of one of our country's Armed Services. This page will become a permanent part of our website.

To add someone (yourself, a family member or friend) **please e-mail as much of the following information as you have available** to Ms. Kimberly Romach at [Kimberly.Romach@gmail.com](mailto:Kimberly.Romach@gmail.com).

Mr. /Ms. Last Name, First Name

Branch of Service, Years Served (ex. 1963-1967)

Theater(s) of Operations (ex. WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Okinawa, Desert Storm, Ft. Sill, Andrews AFB, Continental U.S.)

High School Attended

Other (ex. B-17 Navigator, USS America CV-66, 1st Marine Regiment, 82nd Airborne, 1st Infantry, USNA)

## A Birthday With Honor



As noted in past district newsletters our Alumni Foundation has begun a veterans' page for our website. This site serves to "honor current and former area residents who have chosen to serve and protect their country as members of America's armed forces." While there are many veterans in the area, this story is about one special veteran.

This November Wilbur H. Cooper of the ER Class of 1935 will celebrate his 100th birthday. After graduating from East Rochester Bill attended Hobart College, and soon after graduation was drafted into the army. Beginning in 1941, his 94th Infantry Division participated in maneuvers in the Tennessee woods where strategies and tactics were developed that were eventually used by General Eisenhower, who credited the Division with a major part of his victory. Bill received an honorary Masters of Military Science Degree from Cumberland University for his work. In Europe Bill and the 94th Division joined Patton's Third Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Bill still lives in the area and enjoys spending time with his family. He and his wife have been married for 71 years. Bill is a lifelong fan of big band music, and as his son says, a devoted supporter of the Buffalo Bills and the Sabres – and is praying for championships for both in his lifetime.

A few years ago, Bill delivered a copy of his book From V-Mail to Email to our East Rochester Department of Local History. The book chronicles his life from childhood through World War II to work and family, and ends with his 90th birthday in 2007. Bill shares memories of a life well-lived. The History Department appreciates his gift as well as his life's reflections.

The Alumni Foundation congratulates Bill on his 100th Birthday, and we pay tribute to him for his time served in World War II.

*Submitted by Anita M. Mance*

## 2017 Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic

*"A great time was had by all"*

This year's tournament was held at Lima Country Club on Friday, August 4. A near-record 206 players enjoyed a beautiful day on the course, with a total of 250 players and guests on hand for the post-tournament awards luncheon and presentation of this year's Distinguished Alumni Award. Proceeds from this event will, as always, be used by the Foundation to fund education oriented grants for the benefit of East Rochester students across all grade levels. In addition to the very generous support of more than 150 individuals and businesses that donated cash, gifts and prizes valued at over \$16,000, the Foundation raised over \$3,000 by raffling off four Cleveland Browns vs. New York Jets "Club Tickets" which were donated by ERHS Class of 1991 graduate and Brown's Comptroller David Jenkins. The Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic (the "SUAC") has been the Foundation's primary fundraiser since the SUAC was first held in 2007 and has raised more than \$140,000.

Because of the large numbers of players, the tournament is played on both of Lima's 18 hole courses. This year's winning foursome on Charleston Pines was captained by Joe Bock. His teammate was Bob Clow. First place finishers on Island Oaks were Trevor Clancy, Jared Zito, Evan Zito and Pat Zito

"Proficiency Awards" (i.e. Closest to the Pin, Most Accurate Drive, etc.) went to Ed Waud, Andy Seidel, Joe Ricotta, Evan Zito, Lori Arnold, Gordy Lamb, Bill Keller, Annie Pauly, Tom Connors, Sr. and

Ursula Arnold. Collecting \$100 each for being closest to the pin on our two "Mulligan" holes were Al Krokenberger and Annie Pauli. Richard Pugliese won the Putting Contest and received the \$100 cash prize.

During the Awards Luncheon, the Foundation's 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Tony Cilento ('57). His award plaque read "From humble beginnings, and overcoming a number of personal obstacles, Tony become a world class photographer, a major influence in the photographic industry and a champion of numerous national and international charitable initiatives."

Mark your calendars now for the 2018 Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic which is set for Friday, August 3 at Lima C.C. If you are planning a class reunion for 2018, please consider holding it the weekend of August 3rd through the 5th so you can include the eleventh Annual SUAC on your schedule of reunion events.

Finally, thanks to all players, sponsors, guests, volunteers and Golf Committee members. We could not have pulled off this wonderful event without your help and encouragement. We and the students of East Rochester thank you with all our hearts!

*Carl Tobin*

