



HONORING OUR LOCAL HEROES

We are seeking local heroes. The Goshen Main Street Committee is sponsoring a Veterans Banner Project. This national program was created as a living tribute for communities to recognize and honor residents who are currently serving or who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Each banner will be proudly hung on street lamps in the municipality where the veteran or family lives. The banners will be hung during the month of October/November 2021 and 2022.

The submission deadline is September 20th.

Banners honoring your chosen hero can be purchased for \$140.00, including a "Behind the Banners" publication telling the story of our local heroes as a memorable keepsake.

For more information, please get in touch with the Goshen Chamber of Commerce at 307-532-3879x1 or email sandy@goshenwyo.com

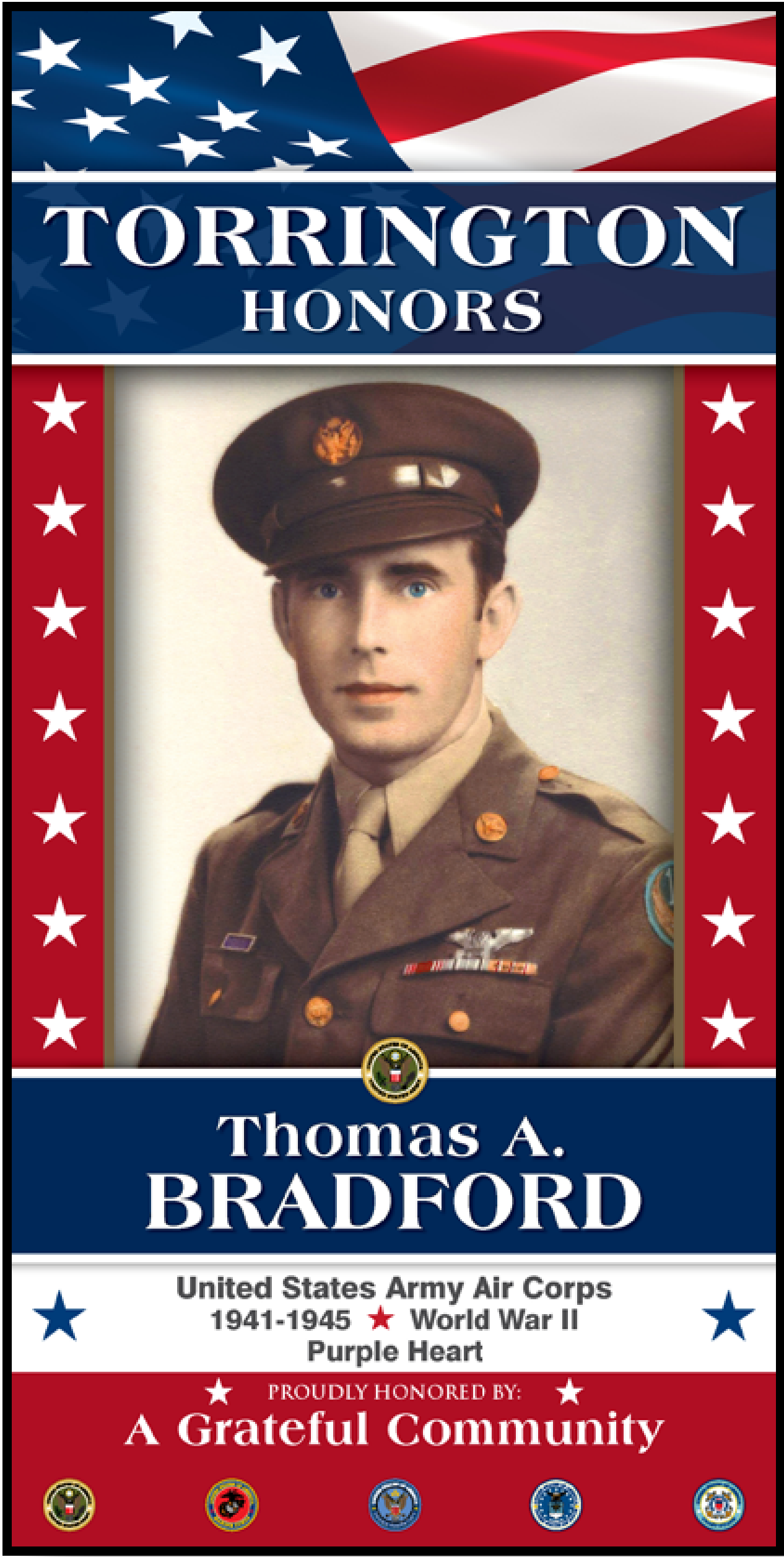
Project Example



Thomas A. Bradford was born on April 23, 1920 in Rhome, North Dakota and graduated from cross state Linton Union High School in 1939. As a young man, Thomas was a lifeguard and golden glove boxer, and had the rare honor of having his championship bout refereed by Jack Dempsey-the Heavy-weight Champion of the World In 1938. He attended Valley City State Teachers College before Joining the Army Air Corps in 1941. One of the greatest things about Thomas was his sense of humor. Try turning out some other way when you're one of 15 siblings growing up in the-middle-of-nowhere and when you celebrate your coming-of-age, not with a leisurely party at home in comfort and prosperity, but by reporting for Army Air Corps duty in one of the most treacherous battle zones of WWII - the South Pacific. He was assigned duty on three air crafts that later went down with all hands. Only by some very particular circumstances that he had no control of did he happen not to be on them. Despite many anxious moments and a few close calls waiting for enemy depth charges to explode, he survived.

After the war he moved with his family from North Dakota to Goshen County. He always found work quickly, but his bookkeeping job at the bank was not his cup of tea. Yet, he worked for First Bank in Torrington long enough to spot a pretty fellow bookkeeper named Loretta. He was slow on the books and she was quick. They hit on an arrangement - she would finish his books and he would give her a ride home in his coupe with the rumble seat. The leather jacket, the cocky smile, and the curly black hair didn't hurt either. Thomas often said that if he had been discharged from the Army Air Corps just a few months earlier, "Frank Sinatra would have never been as popular."

Thomas's story was submitted by wife Loretta, daughter Adele and son-in-law Pat Haley.



Hero Name _____

Branch of Service _____

Rank _____ Date of Service _____

Location _____

Honors _____

Portrait pictures in uniforms are required. Highest quality digital form you have. If you do not have a digital copy a printed copy can be used.

Applicant Name _____

Applicant Address _____

Applicant City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Applicant Phone # _____ Email _____

In addition, please include information about your hero, which will be used to compile a “Behind the Banners” publication telling the story of our heroes as a memorable keepsake.

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Please return typed application BEFORE August 31st to the Chamber of Commerce located at 2042 Main Street. Checks or cash is acceptable for payment.

This is a first come first serve opportunity.

Office Use Only:
Entry#: _____ **Date:** _____ **Initials** _____ **Municipality** _____