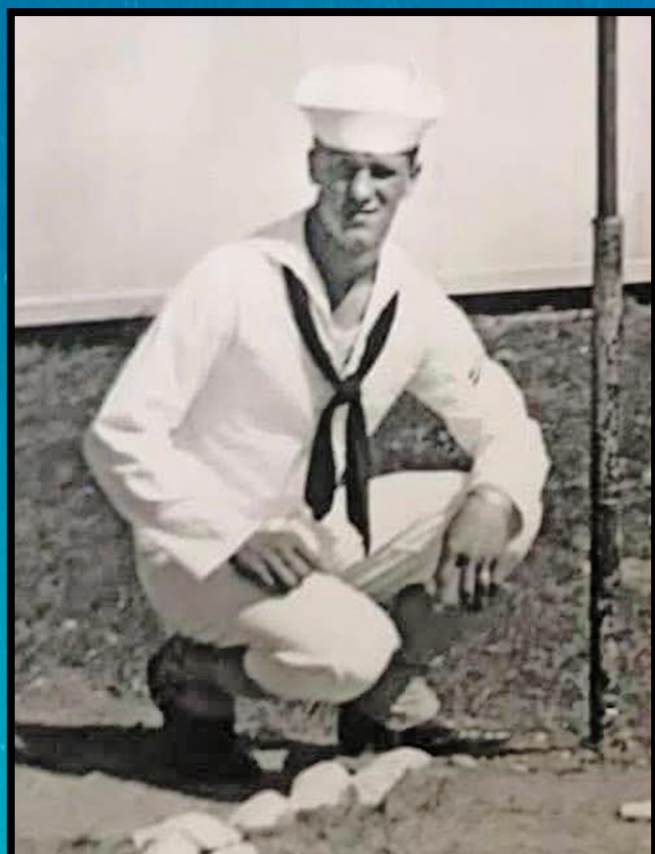




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Stratford Veterans Museum
VETERAN OF THE MONTH

JOHN LINDBERG



John was born in 1931. It was the year that the Empire State Building and the George Washington Bridge were completed. The world was in the Great Depression.

In Stratford, John grew up in a large family. He had 3 brothers (William, Roy and Charles) and two sisters (Irene and Alice). At Stratford High School, John excelled in athletics. He was a star in football, basketball, baseball and played varsity for all three. At SHS he helped lead the varsity baseball team to a state championship in 1950. At the time he played outfield. On top of that, he demonstrated exceptional swimming ability...his feats of daring and confidence included plunging off of the Devon Bridge into the Housatonic River.

Upon high school graduation in 1950, he enlisted in the USN. In this way, he followed in the footsteps of his three older brothers who served in the US Navy in WW2. He started out in Company 67 for Boot Camp in Bainbridge, MD.

In the Navy, John became a "frogman"... a member of the elite underwater demolition team and was also a quartermaster. During the Korean War on the USS Botetourt (APA 136), his team supported USMC combat operations in the Inchon area. While serving in the USN, he visited many countries including Turkey, Germany, Italy, France and Japan. After returning stateside, John pitched on the USN baseball team. In a game against the Army, he struck out a young Army player by the name of Willie Mays...THE Willie Mays, considered to be one of the all-time greats of baseball.

When John returned to civilian life, he started working in construction, including starting a company with a friend doing sheet rock and taping. John married the love of his life Dorothy, in 1959, and they had 6 children: John, Anne, Jane, Deborah, Thomas and Robert. At 94 years of age, John is a proud member and supporter of VFW Post 9460. His friendliness, smile, and easy-going manner is apparent to all.

John, the Stratford Veteran's Museum proudly salutes you!