

Criteria for Placing Names on the Memorial

- Honor Roll, Legion Post 249 membership, and veteran and/or family request.
- DD214 required from non-Legion members.
- If the family cannot locate the DD214 or other discharge papers, burial in a national or state veterans cemetery or proof of a VA gravestone will suffice as proof of honorable service.
- Ties to Spring Grove that can be verified including:
 - Lived in or near Spring Grove to include Blackhammer, western Wilmington (within 55974 zip code and/or Spring Grove School District) and Spring Grove Townships;
 - Or attended Spring Grove school system.
- Veterans who have moved away from Spring Grove or those who have moved to Spring Grove will be included upon their request.
- Living veteran's names will be included with their permission.
- Spring Grove Legion Post 249 members from northern lowa are eligible for inclusion.
- Veterans from Iowa who are not members of Spring Grove Legion Post 249 need to establish ties to Spring Grove to be eligible.

Military Histories of Listed Veterans

- The SGAVMG his begun a program to enable the public to view veterans' pictures, military history and biographies by using existing internet communications in the city park.
- How does this work?
 - The veteran must already have or be eligible to have his or her name on the memorial.
 - Log onto our website at https://www.springgroveveteransmemorial.org and navigate to the Veterans Biographies tab at the top of the page.
 - Download the Biographical Information form. Complete the form and return it per the instructions on the form.
 - The veteran or a family member provides needed information including name, photographs, service information, post service, etc.
- The veteran or his/her family must agree that any information submitted for inclusion will be placed in the public domain and displayed on our website.
- The SGAVMG will add the information to our PowerPoint and publish the information on our website www.springgroveveteransmemorial.org
- Visitors can log onto this website with cell or wifi, navigate to Veteran's Biographies, and click a link to open the document.

Share your military history with your family for generations to come.



Robert Karlsbroten

Staff Sergeant, E5, US Air Force Jan. 21, 1971 – Jan. 20, 1977

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
National Defense
Air Force Small Arms Expert

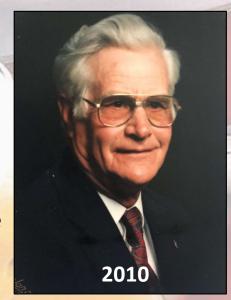


2022

- 1971
- Grew up on a farm south of Spring Grove before enlisting, lived in Spring Grove after discharge.
- Basic Training, 3709 Squadron, Flight 0106, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX, Jan Mar 1971.
- 3787 Technical Training Squadron, Air Training Command, Port Hueneme, CA, Mar May 1971.
- 321st Civil Engineering Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, Grand Forks, ND, Jun 1971 Jan 1975. Air Force Reserves, Jan 1975 – Jan 1977.
- Active member of American Legion Post 249, Spring Grove, MN since 1974.
- Schools attended: Bekken, Kjome, Highlandville and North Winneshiek.
- Drove truck for Caledonia Haulers and Lake Center Industries.
- Married Paula Price Nov 25, 2005. Step children Robert Kreier and Heather Kreier.
- Lives now in Valley High Golf, Houston, MN.



Morris Tweeten
Technician 5 Army
1944 – 1946 WWII
Infantry, B 99th Field Artillery Division
Military decorations: Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon
Bronze Battle Star; Philippine Liberation Ribbon Bronze
Battle Star; Victory Medal; Good Conduct Medal;
Army of Occupation Japan Medal



- Born in 1926 in North Dakota. Attended Arling & Darling Springs School, Bucyrus, ND.
- Moved to Spring Grove at the age of 15. Worked for Grant Ingvalson hauling cream & livestock.
- Drafted into the Army on Oct. 10, 1944. Served in Asiatic Pacific Theater on Luzon Island & Cabanatuan, Pl. Hauled supplies to liberated prisoners of war at Cabanatuan PoW Camp.
 One of the first to go ashore after the bombing of Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Detached Service of Military Government for General MacArthur's Headquarters. Jeep driver for HQ Officers.
- After service, returned to Spring Grove. Owner Tweeten Trucking. Hauled livestock throughout Midwest. Purchased a farm near SG and farmed throughout his life.
- Married Geneva Berquam on July 30, 1949. Five children: Marsha, Jennifer, Jaclyn, Michael
 & Taresa. Ten grandchildren.
- Died August 7, 2021. Buried Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, Spring Grove MN.



1995

Charles O. Sylling

Colonel, US Air Force 1971 – 1995

18 years & almost 3000 flight hours in F-4 and F-15 fighters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Combat Readiness Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal



2018

- Graduated from Spring Grove High School 1968. Graduated from USAF Academy, 1971.
- Top Graduate, Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, TX,1972. Awarded Commander's Trophy.
- Graduated F-4E Training, Homestead AFB, FL, 1973.
- F-4E Operations: Hahn, AB, GE; Osan AB, ROK; Fighter Weapons School; Nellis AFB, NV.
- Upgraded to F-15 Instructor, Mission Commander, Flight Examiner, 1979.
- Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, Wing Chief of Stan Eval, Nellis AFB, NV.
- HQ Tactical Air Command; Weapons and Tactics; Chief, William Tell, 1986 1988.
- Operations Officer, 44 TFS; Commander, 67 TFS, 1989 1991. Won Hughes Trophy, 1989.
- Top USAF Graduate, Naval War College, 1992; Joint Staff, J-7, 1992 1996.
- Retired from Joint Staff. Joined Science Applications and supported DoD organizations in Virginia and Colorado Springs, CO. Retired and moved to Camano Island, WA, 2010.
- Married Candyce Sylling, 1973. Married 50 years and counting.
- Two children, Emily and Andrew; three grandchildren, Sasha, Caroline and Samantha.

