SPRINGDALE WAR RECORD

The Springdale Lutheran Congregation has been well represented in the various branches of services in all major wars in which our country has been engaged.

The men from Springdale who served in the War between the States include:

  Peter H. Brager
  John Lunde
  Iver Olson
  Hans O. Opsal
  Austin Shutvet

Due to the absence of a Springdale Honor Roll for the Civil War, this may not be a complete list.

The following names appear on the Honor Roll for the first World War:(1917-18)

  Oliver Lee
  Olai Thompson
  Hans Moen
  Charles Spaanem
  Almer Kobbervig
  Adolph Bangs
  Theodore Olson
  Melvin Colby
  Gerhard Gunderson
  Harvey Field
  Melvin Thompson
  Adolph Solve
  Jimmie Lunde
  Selmer Colby
  Albert Lee
  Oliver Olson
  Otto Brager
  Henry Kobbervig
  Paul Olson
  Irvin Erickson
The second World War (1941-45) also had its honor roll of young men and one young lady from Springdale. These names appear on that Roll:

Raymond C. Lunde
Lester A. Shutvet
Gordon A. Grimstad
Lyle R. Shutvet
Wesley E. Bakken
Arnold J. Bohle
Harold E. Marty
William J. Marty
Amos H. Thorson
Stanley L. Shutvet
Eugene R. Showers
Gerald W. Julson
Wesley E. Field
Phillip Lee
Ted O. Lingard
Melvin E. Lingard
LaVon Marty
Jerrold Moen
Dean Dodge
Glennis Haugland
Robert Marty
Donald Oimoen
Donald Julson

Of these, Gordon A. Grimstad was lost at sea under battle.

In addition to those whose names appear on the honor rolls, we have several members of Springdale who are veterans who have joined our congregation since their terms of service.

Rev. O. M. Skindrud, while serving as pastor of the Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church, enlisted in the U. S. Army Chaplaincy. He served as Chaplain on a troop transport ship from Sept. 25, 1943 to April 1946. He was commissioned a Major.
before he returned home to his pastorate near Clinton, Wisconsin.

Gordon A. Grimstad died on November 27, 1943 in the Mediterranean Sea, as a result of the sinking of a British transport by enemy action.

Chrystal Adeline Swiggum entered Naval Service March 25, 1944, served 27 months, was commissioned Lieutenant (J.G.). Later married Wesley Bakken, and is an active member of Springdale Congregation.

The following young men are in service at the time of this writing:
  Raymond C. Lunde
  Roger Field
  Charles Julson
  John Marty
  Robert Marty
  Glenn Thompson
  Lee Thompson
  Elmer Magnuson, Jr.

Each Memorial Day the graves of our departed veterans are decorated with flags and wreaths by the American Legion Post #113 of Mount Horeb. These men are so honored:
  Peter H. Brager
  Hans O. Opsal
  Austin Shutvet
  Iver Olson
  Albert Lee
  Gordon Grimstad, for whom a tree is planted on the cemetery
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