

# Thanks from all of us to all military

It's sad that it takes a war for us to remember to say thank you to all the men and women who serve in our armed forces.

This section is a big thank you to those who are serving from this area. We want to tell you that we appreciate your efforts on our behalf and pray that you return to us safely at the end of your tour of duty.

The staff of *The Oberlin Herald* has tried to get information on as many as possible of those serving our country from this area. We have included some who, while not from Decatur County, have relatives who live here or near here.

You'll find them in more or less alphabetical order but there are a few at the end, whose information came after we had started putting things together.

We haven't been able to get everyone. We still have names on our list that we could not contact but we have tried and we've found an amazing number serving their country, whose roots are right here in Decatur County.

For those we've missed, we will be glad to put your information in the regular paper if someone will just give it to us.

A big thank you from Evan Barnum, Mary Lou Olson, Karla Jones, Kimberly Brandt, Cynthia Haynes, and Sherry and Dave Bergling at *The Herald* to everyone who furnished information to make this section as complete as we could.



**IT'S NOT EVERY GIRL** who looks good in fatigues and has her own jet like Valerie Perrin. The 1997 graduate of

Decatur Community High is in the U.S. Air Force. Her story is on Page 8T of this section.



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