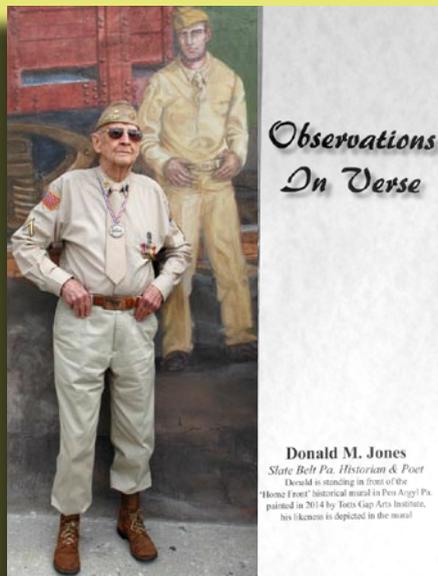


# Donald Jones Honored



Donald M. Jones  
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet  
Donald is standing in front of the  
"Home Front" historical mural in Pen Argyl Pa.  
painted in 2014 by Steve Kay. Steve has  
his likeness depicted in the mural.

At the Dyle E. Bray Post 739 meeting on Feb. 17, Post member and past Commander Donald M. Jones was recognized for a record setting 74 years as a post member.

At 97 years old he is also the oldest living member of the post. He joined the VFW on February 4, 1946 two weeks after receiving his honorable Discharge for serving over three years in the United States Army.

After 20 years as MC of the Memorial Day program at St. John's Cemetery and the Veteran's day Program at Veteran's park, he stepped down due to Health problems. When asked, Donald said "I wish I were still able to continue, loyalty and history are in my blood."

## Deadline Nears for 2020 PA House Scholarship Applications

By Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - High school seniors interested in receiving financial assistance to help pay for college have until Sunday, March 1, to apply for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives' Scholarship.

Each year the program awards a four-year scholarship to two students preparing for post-secondary education. It is open to graduating high school seniors who are Pennsylvania residents with plans to attend a Pennsylvania college, university or career school as a full-time student.

To qualify, students must have attained a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in high school. Other factors taken into consideration for the awards are a student's commitment to community, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities and financial need.

The scholarship program is administered through the Foundation for Enhancing Communities. The application is available through the foundation's web site here.

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## Steffani Smith District 10 Jazz Band Student

By Mary Lou Cole

BANGOR - Steffani Smith, a senior trumpet player in the Bangor High School Band, qualified for the District 10 Jazz Band. Students were judged on an audio submitted in January. She was one of 22 students selected from the counties of Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, and Schuylkill.

The students will be traveling to Moravian College March 6-7 to rehearse and perform under the direction of Dr. David Demsey. Dr. Demsey is Professor of Music and Coordinator of Jazz Studies at William Paterson University.



## Bangor Area School District

*Slater Standout of the Month Award*



Mrs. Toni Bush



Mrs. Kathy Krauss

**Mrs. Toni Bush** has taught in the district for 20 years teaching middle school Social Studies. She celebrates the cultures of the world repeatedly through celebrations and food festivals in her classroom. Students participate in on-going world research to enhance their understanding of the world they live in. She is an integral part of a successful team at the middle school. Her love of Social Studies extends beyond the classroom to the Student Government Association. Toni leads students in an understanding of how our government works and assists them with a school-wide election of officers. Students learn leadership through their experiences in the Student Government Association. Outside of school, Mrs. Bush coaches lacrosse at Pleasant Valley High School. Mrs. Bush is an excellent example of a teacher that goes above and beyond.

**Mrs. Kathy Krauss** has worked in the district for 23 years. She is always very willing to help, remains loyal to the district and community, and is always positive in her interactions with students and staff. In her work with students, she is eager to help them succeed. Because of this, students love her. In fact, Mrs. Krauss has built such a positive rapport with students over the years that she keeps in touch with many of them and is able to update staff on how well they are doing years after they have graduated from Bangor Area High School.

Throughout her many years at Bangor, Mrs. Krauss has shown a certain level of unmatched kindness that deserves recognition. She has worked with many different students over the years with varying degrees of needs, consistently finding ways to connect with them and help them achieve their full potential. Mrs. Krauss's colleagues feel that she absolutely deserves the recognition of "Slater Standout of the Month" and remain grateful for everything she has done and continues to do for the Bangor students, staff, and community.

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