

## HELPING HOMETOWN HEROES

The students in the Challenge Program are excited to begin a fundraiser for **The Welcome Home Fund** of the Erie VA Medical Center. All of the money from our fundraiser will benefit local Veterans who have returned from active duty in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New Dawn. The Welcome Home Fund helps provide therapeutic support to individual Veterans and their families, educational opportunities, and valuable assistance with transitioning to civilian life.

As part of our fundraiser, we will be making a mural of the American flag using red, white, and blue stars that are available for you to purchase. Each star can be inscribed with a student's name, your family's name, or the name of an important Veteran in your life. The American flag mural will be on display at McKean Elementary and given to the Erie VA Medical Center along with our donation for the Welcome Home Fund.

To help support our local Veterans, please return the donation form below to the McKean Elementary Library. **Donations will be accepted through Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** so we can announce our school-wide contribution to the Welcome Home Fund in time for Veteran's Day.

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Please make checks payable to the **Erie VA Medical Center**.

White \$1.00	Red \$5.00	Blue \$10.00	Message on Star student, family, or Veteran name
x			<i>Jane Jones</i>
	x		<i>Tom Jones - US Army Veteran</i>
		x	<i>The Jones Family</i>

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Donation