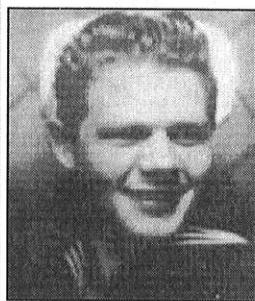


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Catawba County Young American Patriots

	<p>ECKARD, HUGH AUGUSTUS PhM 2/c, U. S. Navy. Born Oct. 5, 1924. Entered service Nov. 15, 1942, Bainbridge, Md.; Panama; Brazil; Argentina; Okinawa; Japan. Awarded Unit Cit., 3 BS. Attended St. Stephens H. S. Methodist. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Eckard, Hickory, N.C. Husband of Mrs. Kindola Spencer Eckard, RFD 2, Hickory, N.C.</p>	
	<p>GRAY, WILSON L. S I/c, U. S. Navy. Born Jan. 1, 1919. Entered service Apr. 17, 1944, Great Lakes, Ill.; Hawaii; Guam; Philippines; Okinawa; China; Awarded 5 BS. Sweetwater School. Baptist. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gray, Hickory, N. C. Husband of Mrs. Dorothy Mae Collins Gray, 580 Elliot St., Hickory.</p>	
	<p>HILDERBRAN, ROBERT V. Cpl., U. S. Army. Age 32. Entered service Mar. 17, 1945, Fts. Knox, Ky., Meade, Md., Ord, Calif.; Camp Anza, Calif.; Luzon, P. I. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Attended Bald Creek H. S. Methodist. Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hilderbran, Catawba, N. C. Husband of Mrs. Dolly Bowman Hilderbran, Rt. 1, Claremont, N. C.</p>	
	<p>HOLDER, ROBERT G. Pvt., U. S. Army. Born May 16, 1913. Entered service Dec. 22, 1942, Camp Bowie, Tex. Injured in line of duty at Camp Hood, Tex., May 8, 1943. Awarded Good Conduct Medal. Whitnel School. Baptist. Son of Mrs. Minnie Bumgarner and the late Mr. George Holder, Lenoir, N.C. Husband of Mrs. Virginia Benson Holder, Hickory, N. C.</p>	