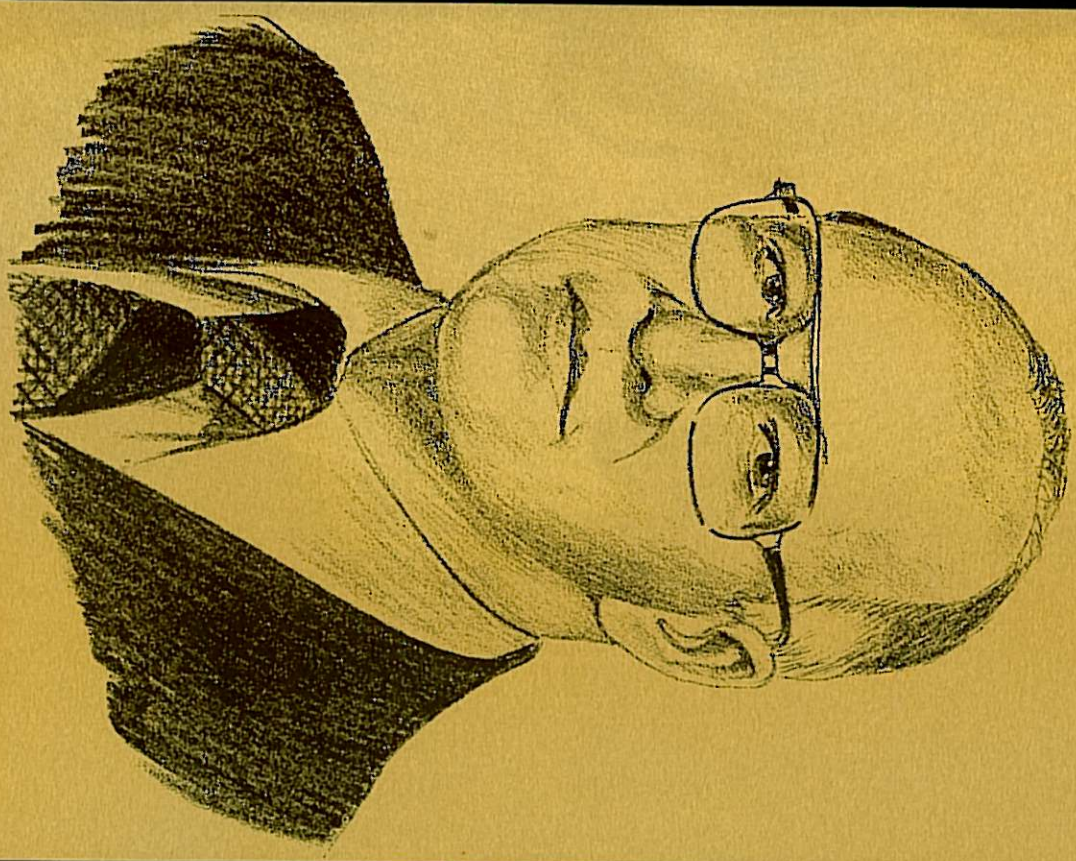


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WALL OF FAME

Inducted November 1998



VICTOR "VIC" BAST

Victor "Vic" Bast was born September 17, 1922, on a farm in Underhill. He attended primary at Gillett. His family moved to Meadowbrook Cheese Factory and he attended the Meadowbrook School. He entered OFHS in 1934 graduating from OFHS in 1938 at fifteen. Following graduation, Vic went on to attend college at Marinette Normal, completing the two year program there. He began his teaching career as a rural teacher at the tender age of 17, and a rural principal at 20. Vic also attended Oshkosh and U.W. Madison, earning his master's at the latter. After World War II, Vic returned to Oconto Falls in 1946 to teach at his alma mater. Mr. Bast retired from teaching in the Oconto Falls School District in January of 1983. He was principal at Washington Junior High School at the time of his retirement.

Mr. Bast served his country during World War II in the European Theatre of Operations as a combat pilot flying over 60 missions. During his tour of duty, Vic flew P47 Mustangs with the famed 56th Fighter Group, was recognized as an ace shooting down five German planes and he served as a wing man for some of the most celebrated pilots of World War II. He became a captain after only three weeks as a first lieutenant. He received seven air medals including the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery in action. He served in the National Guard and Air Reserve after active duty, retiring from the Air Force as Lt. Colonel. Mr. Bast continues to remain active with veteran's issues and the American Legion having served as local and county Legion commander. Mr. Bast becomes the eighth member of the OFHS Wall of Fame.