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# Lindell Anton Smith Scholarship

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In May, 2003, Mr. B.J. Smith, Stillwater, OK, endowed the Lindell Anton Smith Scholarship in memory of his brother. The scholarship is for an OPSU music major with a 2.5 GPA and financial need is considered. The scholarship is for \$350.00 per year – paid \$175.00 per semester.

Lindell Anton Smith was born on October 22, 1922 in Union Mississippi. He moved to Follett, Texas in 1929, to Beaver, Oklahoma in 1931, and to Guymon, Oklahoma in 1936. He graduated from Guymon High School in 1941. Lindell attended Panhandle A & M College in Goodwell in 1941-1942 receiving a partial scholarship in Vocal Music.

He enlisted in the Army on November 17, 1942. After basic training at Fort Ord, California in the Coast Artillery, he was shipped overseas to New Calendonia in the South Pacific, 800 miles east of Australia. Serving as the Mail Orderly, his unit began training for a future invasion of the Phillipian Islands. In December, 1944, they were moved by convoy ships to New Guinea for the final preparation for the Luzon Invasion.

After the Luzon Invasion, he served with the Headquarters Battery 518<sup>th</sup> Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion at the capital city of Manila. Decorations and

Citations received include the World War II Victory Ribbon, Rifle Marksmanship, American Pacific Theater Ribbon and One Bronze Service Star, Liberation Ribbon and One Bronze Star.

He received an Honorable Discharge on January 19, 1946 with the rank of Technician Fifth Grade, service number 18-193-394.

He attended the New School of Interior Design in New York City on the GI Bill of Rights, and was employed by F. W. Schmacher as a Design Consultant until his retirement in 1977.

After retirement, he moved to Rocky Mount, North Carolina where he lived until his passing in June 2001.

Mr. B.J. Smith passed away in February 2012.