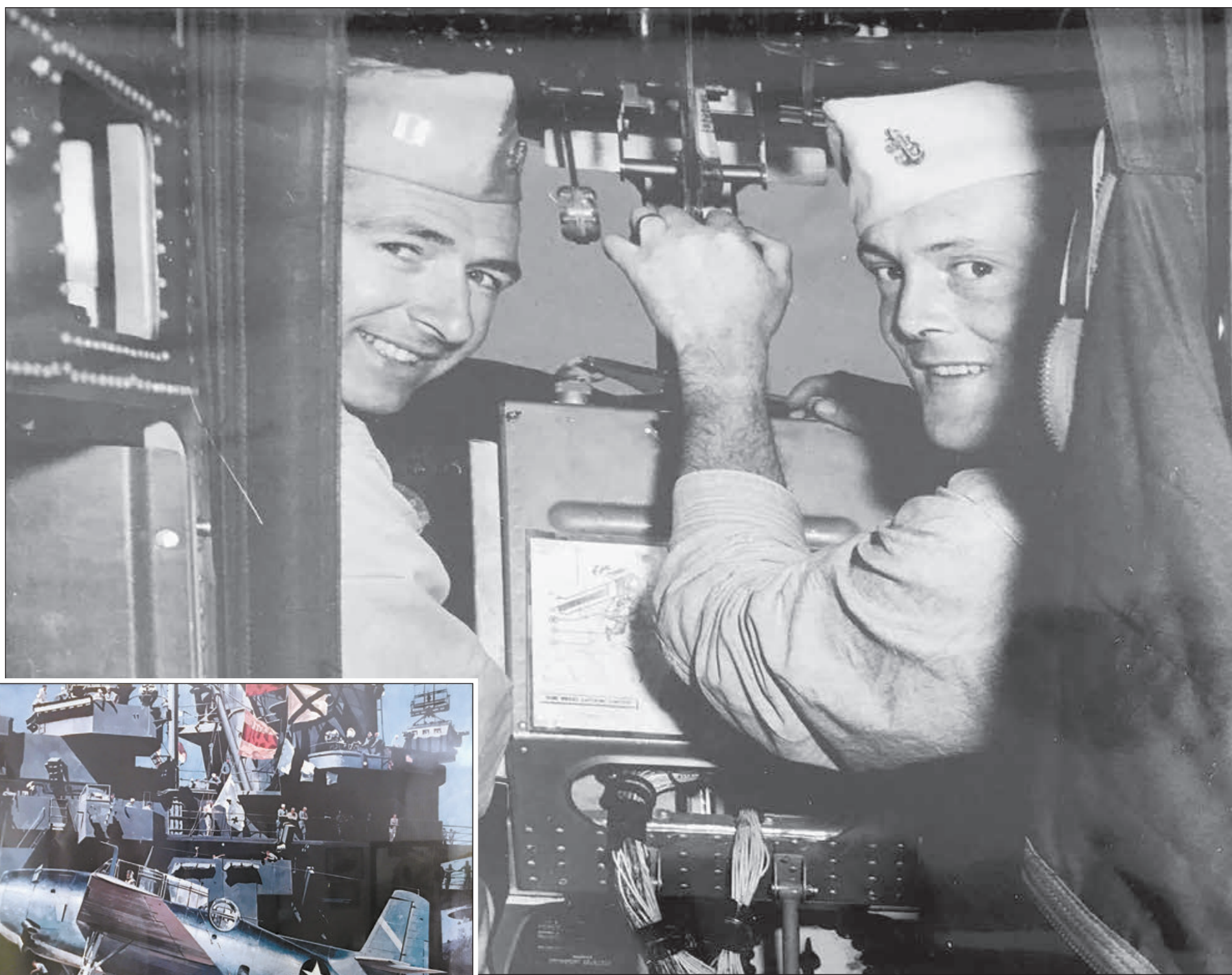


# MEMORIAL DAY 2018

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Above, John Geoghegan on right. At left, painting of one of his torpedo bombers.

After 93 years:

## World War II veteran has inspired a lifetime of service

by Susan Shultz  
Times Editor

Time spent flying is not deducted from one's lifespan. This saying, hanging on his wall, has been never more true than for Darien's John Geoghegan, 93, who is still going strong, and can still remember every detail of his service to his country despite it being seven decades ago.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., on Feb. 11, 1925, John Geoghegan, moved to Stratford with his sister and family in 1927. "The depression took the house, and sent us to Cos Cob," Geoghegan said. He attended Greenwich High School. "My favorite study was physics. We had a radio club and I soon learned how to make radios, and went on to RCA Institute for Electronics in New York City."

"When German U boats sank a destroyer or two in the Atlantic circa 1942, I wanted to join the navy and be a radioman. Being just 17 I

needed papers signed by my father to allow me to enlist, which I finally did on Feb. 3, 1943."

World War II took Geoghegan to aviation radio school in Jacksonville, Fla. Then "on to Gunnery school at a place called Yellow Water in Florida where I learned all about the machine gun and how to use it effectively," he said. "On to further training with a newly commissioned torpedo squadron and eventually was transferred to VT14 aboard the Essex class aircraft USS Wasp."

Geoghegan was shot in the leg serving as a radioman gunner on a Grumman TBF Avenger. He didn't even realize he had been shot until he saw the blood. He initially tried to use bandages as a tourniquet, but they broke.

In true radioman fashion, he used a microphone wire as a tourniquet.

Despite his serious leg

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John Geoghegan in his Darien home. Above, shrapnel from his gunshot wound in his leg.  
— Susan Shultz photos

## Senior veterans reflect on service and volunteering

By Kevin Webb  
Times Assistant Editor

Local veterans Albert Metayer and Rollie Hollub have plenty of stories from their time serving overseas, but not all of them are for sharing. They prefer to spend their time volunteering and helping others in the woodshop at the Darien Senior Center, where they continue contributing to the community as they have for decades.

While military talk is not a popular pastime for the pair, they are always appreciative when people thank them for their time in the

service, and they are glad to pay the complement forward to other veterans when they meet.

"No matter what our experiences were, whether it was hard and fast combat, or being in a war zone or being in the military period, I think it takes a certain character to be able to do it," Hollub told the Times in an interview.

Metayer is a veteran of the Korean War and was deployed to Germany after enlisting in the Army in 1950. He described the ability to travel and explore new destinations as one of the benefits of his service. While the country was still rebuild-

ing in the aftermath of World War II during his deployment, Metayer said returning to Germany 25 years later proved to be an enlightening experience. In places where people were once forced to use motorized carts and wheelbarrows, just years prior, a new generation was sporting BMW cars.

Hollub was deployed to Vietnam in 1967 with the U.S. Air Force after completing pilot's school. He worked as an advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force under the charge of South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu. He said that though he was quite proud to serve in Vietnam,

there is no denying the fear that comes with being involved with war.

"Good memories, bad memories ... those experiences have a place in your memory drum," Hollub said. "It's an entirely different world that you're leaving and you're really anxious, wanting to get back to your family."

"You can't talk to your grandson or your son about these experiences," Metayer added. "It doesn't mean the same to them. We went through it and they didn't."

"So you keep that in the back," Hollub said.

Hollub credited his uncle, a fellow veteran, for sharing the wisdom that returning servicemen are often more aware of what they have waiting for them at home. Upon returning to his family Hollub felt a strong desire to give back to his community. Hollub moved to Darien in 1977 and is a member of the town's Monuments and Ceremonies Commission, which is responsible for organizing the Memorial Day Parade and other town traditions.

"I was happy to do it then," Hollub said, looking back on his military service. "Just as happy as I am

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Robert S. Mitchell

## Robert S. Mitchell is grand marshal of Darien's Memorial Day Parade

Longtime Darien resident Robert S. Mitchell, a World War II veteran who served as an officer on the USS YMS-349 in the Atlantic theater and on another minesweeper, USS YMS-117, in the Pacific and eventually ended his naval career as executive officer on the USS YMS-117, will serve as grand marshal and lead Darien's 2018 Memorial Day Parade.

Lt. (j.g.) Mitchell was qualified as a navigator, gunnery, supply, commissary and communications officer. Born in Richmond Hill, N.Y., Mitchell graduated from the University of North Carolina with a bachelor's degree in economics and spent two years at the USNTS at Princeton, N.J., and attended the Naval

Reserve Midshipmen School at Fort Schuyler, N.Y., and the Naval Training Center in Miami, Fla. Mitchell was awarded the American Theater Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

He and his family have lived locally since 1970. He and his wife, Mary, have three sons and four daughters, three of whom live in Darien as do 11 of their 20 grandchildren. Mitchell was for many years a division manager for Union Carbide Corporation, after which he became an independent marketing consultant developing and producing various brands of antifreeze products. Mitchell has served as past president of the Darien Men's Association and is active as a Eucharistic

minister, lector and financial assistant at St. Thomas More Church. Mitchell also served two terms as a member of the Parish Council. He coached Girls Travel Soccer and was instrumental in making girls soccer a varsity sport at Darien High School.

This year's Memorial Day Parade will kick off at 10 a.m. from Goodwives Shopping Center, where participants are asked to assemble by 9:30. The parade continues from the shopping center down the Post Road to Spring Grove Veterans Cemetery, where a ceremony is conducted. Gold Star Mother Patricia Parry is the guest speaker at this year's ceremony.

## Post 53 to hold 30th annual Food Fair fund-raiser

Darien EMS-Post 53 will hold its 30th annual Memorial Day Food Fair at Tilley Pond Park on May 28, following the Memorial Day Parade. The money raised at the fair supports training, provides supplies for patient care, provides hands-only CPR and Stop the Bleed classes and maintains the ambulances. The fair, a 30-year Darien tradition, begins immediately after the parade and continues until 2 p.m., featuring fun for the entire community.

Admission tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the gate as well as outside select retail and non-retail locations around town prior to Memorial Day.

As always, the fair will include "a tasty and tempting food selection," organizers say. Post members will be hard at work grilling hamburgers and bratwurst, and serving pulled pork, seafood salad and wraps, desserts and more. Suppliers include Palmer's Market, Michael Joseph's, Fisherman's Net, The Goose, and Smokey Joe's. The Darien Community Band will play at noon.

The silent auction will feature an array of items including a parking spot near the Darien train station from June to December 2018, New York Yankees skybox tickets, a



Post 53's Food Fair will follow the Memorial Day Parade. Cassidy Duffy, left, with Shane Ford, Hayden Edwards, Ellie Nelson, Grace Silsby and Regan Keady.

20-pack of classes at Joyride, a Carnegie Pollak SAT/ACT course, Vineyard Vines apparel, restaurant gift certificates, a Lanphier Day Spa gift certificate, a child's BMW bicycle and other items.

Founded in 1970, Post 53 strives to provide emergency medical services to the Darien community at the highest level of excellence, using Darien High School students, adult volunteers and paramedics. The

members of Post 53 are committed to achieving and maintaining the highest level of training and skill in providing pre-hospital care and transport to the citizens of Darien. Post 53 is recognized locally and nationally as one of the finest emergency ambulance services in the United States, for its consistently high quality of pre-hospital emergency care.

## Darien Police issue advisory for Memorial Day Parade

The town of Darien Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 28. Traffic detours and restrictions will be in effect at some locations beginning at 8 a.m.

The Darien Police Department will be deploying additional assets to the parade. As a safety precaution, spectators are asked to avoid bringing backpacks or large bags to the event.

The parade will step off from Goodwives Shopping Center on Old Kings Highway North at 10 a.m., proceed up Brookside Road and turn left onto Post Road. The parade will proceed westbound on Post Road and end in the area of Spring Grove Cemetery. In order to provide a safe environment and to accommodate parade participants and spectators, Darien Police advise the following:

- There will be no on-street parking on Sedgwick Avenue, Mechanic Street or Old Kings Highway North near the entrance to Goodwives Shopping Center.
- The Brookside Road and Old Kings Highway North approaches to Goodwives Shopping Center will be closed to

all vehicular traffic at 8 a.m.

- All vehicles participating in the parade shall enter Goodwives Shopping Center via Sedgwick Avenue or Mechanic Street.
- Persons dropping off parade participants shall use Sedgwick Avenue or Mechanic Street.
- No vehicles will be allowed to travel on the Post Road from Interstate-95 entrance 13 westbound to Old Kings Highway South during the parade.
- Old Kings Highway South from Goodwives River Road to Post Road will be posted a "no parking" area.
- Spectators are reminded to remain on sidewalks, curbsides, or as close as practical to the roadway edge throughout the duration of the parade. This is necessary to ensure the safety of viewers and marchers alike.
- Motorists are advised to avoid the downtown area during the parade. A large contingent of Darien police officers will be assigned to traffic posts before and during the parade.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Freedom is not Free

I watched the flag pass by one day.  
It fluttered in the breeze  
A young Marine saluted it, and then  
He stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform  
So young, so tall, so proud  
With hair cut square and eyes alert  
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought, how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years?  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mothers' tears?

How many Pilots' planes shot down?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No, Freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of taps one night,  
When everything was still.  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times  
That taps had meant "Amen"  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard  
at the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No, Freedom isn't free!

— Kelly Strong

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## Celebrating longtime town servant

## Phil Kraft Day declared in Darien in May

by Kevin Webb  
Times Assistant Editor

Phil Kraft, past commander of Darien's VFW Post #6933 and former chairman of Darien's Monuments & Ceremonies Commission, was honored at a party for him and his wife, Peach, at the VFW on Saturday, May 5, when Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson presented Phil with a proclamation declaring May 5 as Phil Kraft Day.

After years of local involvement the Krafts have decided to make a transition to Tempe, Arizona, near where Peach went to college. The town of Darien will need to make a transition of its own as it loses a familiar face, dedicated volunteer and caring neighbor.

Darien is home to valuable town traditions and Kraft has been at the center of them for more than two decades. Phil volunteered and served as a member of the Monuments & Ceremonies Commission for 22 years and as chairman for 12 years. He performed the duties as master of ceremonies for all of Darien's annual ceremonies including the Memorial Day Parade Ceremony, Flag Day, Veterans Day, and the 9/11 ceremony.

Kraft was instrumental in bring-

ing Wreaths Across America to Spring Grove Veterans Cemetery and was recently invited by U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy to serve as a founding member of the Veterans Advisory Council.

Speaking to the Darien Times, Kraft said he came to understand the different values reflected by each of the town's annual events and when speaking to local residents he tried to channel the spirit of the occasion. The somber procession of the Memorial Day parade was one of the most challenging ceremonies Kraft said, but also the most rewarding. In contrast, Kraft said the unique nature of the town's Push and Pull Parade during Fourth of July celebrations was one of the town's most fun events.

Darien maintains a traditional Memorial Day ceremony with a parade led by the Darien VFW Post and that tradition will continue under new leadership. Kraft said David and Karen Polett, the new chairman and secretary of the town's Monuments & Ceremonies Commission, are well-equipped and enthusiastic about the role.

"Tradition is huge, because there's so little of it left. We've maintained



Phil Kraft was honored with a Phil Kraft Day proclamation from Darien's First Selectman Jayme Stevenson Saturday.

the level of dignity with Memorial Day and Dave and Karen Pollet have taken over the lead on this," Kraft said.

He continued, "They made sure that we all maintained that level, it was the the three of us working together to ensure that the parade was, in spirit, a procession to the cemetery. That's what it started as, and that's what it is today. Other towns throw candy, we don't do

that."

Professionally, Kraft currently serves as executive director of the HonorBound Foundation, which has been based in Darien since 1989. A nonprofit organization, HonorBound offers veterans case-managed social services, emergency financial relief, advocacy, and help with services and equipment. The organization's stated goal is to restore the honor, dignity and self-respect of veterans in need, something Kraft, an army veteran himself, believes every service member deserves.

HonorBound will remain based in Darien and Kraft will stay on as Executive Director in the coming years. Having rebranded from the National Veterans Service Fund in 2017, the organization is still growing and helped more than 2,300 veterans last year. Kraft described the organization as being focused on sustainable outcomes; HonorBound works to make sure their contributions will have a permanent and lasting impact on the lives of veterans.

Kraft said HonorBound is willing to assist any veteran who can prove that they served honorably for at least one year. Some organizations

choose to focus on veterans from specific wars or those suffering from a certain level of disability. Kraft said HonorBound's willingness to help veterans before they reach a true point of crisis is a part of protecting their dignity.

"Our requirements are simple, we don't restrict to post 9/11, we don't restrict to combat wounded.... On a daily basis we help guys who just got out, we help guys from World War II." Kraft said.

The organization helped a New Haven veteran pay for repairs to his heating system, giving his home heat for the first time in six years after a concern neighbor reached out. HonorBound also intervened to help a 94-year-old veteran found a new home in Hartford after a relative reported that a landlord was trying to force the senior veteran out. Even after the man was relocated, HonorBound worked to ensure that the state would review the landlord's housing practices.

Though the Krafts in the process of planning their move to Arizona, Phil said he will still return to Darien on occasion for business with HonorBound. For more information on the HonorBound Foundation visit [www.honorboundfoundation.org](http://www.honorboundfoundation.org).

## VFW, Wood sponsoring flag retirement

State Rep. Terrie Wood and Darien's VFW Post #6933 are sponsoring a collection of worn American flags for proper retirement.

According to Scouting.org, under Title 4, Chapter 1, § 8, paragraph k of the U.S. Code (often referred to as the Flag Code) states: The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

The collection of worn flags runs from May 29 through Flag Day, June 14, and has three drop-off locations: Darien Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road; Darien Library, 1441 Post Road and VFW Post #6933, 205 Noroton Avenue.

## Patricia Davis Parry is Darien's Memorial Day speaker

The 2018 Memorial Day speaker in Darien is Patricia Parry, a Gold Star mother. Her son, Navy SEAL Chief Brian Robert Bill, was killed in action on Aug. 6, 2011, in Afghanistan where the helicopter, Call Sign Extortion 17, he was riding in was shot down.

Parry, a Stamford native, is the eldest of seven children of Betty Nagle and Tom Davis. She graduated from SCHS and St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in New York City.

Pat lived in Massachusetts and worked at Boston City Hospital before returning in 1976 to Connecticut where she continued her nursing career, working at St. Joseph Medical Center, then in private duty nursing, dialysis, and research.

Brian was the youngest of her three children from her marriage to Scott Bill. In 1988, Pat married Dr. Michael Parry, and two stepsisters rounded out the family to five children. Brian also had a plethora of uncles, aunts, and

cousins who all loved hearing his stories, the family said.

Currently, Parry is a member of the Health Commission and anti-blight committee in Stamford; a member of Veterans Park Partnership, Inc., working with the city of Stamford to renovate Veterans Park; a member LZ 4 Vets; and with her husband is working to raise funds for scholarships in Brian's name at Norwich University and Trinity Catholic High School.



Patricia Davis Parry

## Service

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wound, Geoghegan refused to be transferred to a hospital ship. Instead, he remained with his squadron and was reinstated to flight duty two months later.

Geoghegan said they hit many air strips, small coastal sampans, did ASW patrols, assaulted the Japanese fleet, "received a DFC for that flight, and went on to get a Purple Heart on July 4, 1944, over Iwo Jima."

He accumulated 204.9 flight hours, and 46 aircraft carrier arrested landings.

He transferred to a CASU at Ream Field in San Diego then to VB80. "The war

ended, and I was discharged in February 1946 as a first class PO. While there, I got my first flight instruction in a N2S by one of the squadron pilots! Stick and rudder, and away we go!"

He went back to RCA Institute for more electronics study. "In 1946-47 I was in Washington, D.C., where I rejoined the Navy as a station keeper at Anacostia NAS as a AT1c.

"I met a beautiful gal on a blind date, and about five months later we were married. Our No. 1 son, John, was born in Bethesda Naval Hospital. I took flying lessons at a small airport and got my CAA pilot certificate on Jan. 20, 1948.

"In 1950 we left Virginia for Connecticut and I left active duty but stayed in the

US Navy reserves as a week-end warrior. I felt a strong reserve would be a deterrent and would keep my children safe from military service."

The Geoghegans had two more sons, Bob and Ed. "I retired from the reserves in 1975 after years of weekends and cruises. My function was aircrew, and I accumulated about 10,000 hours of crew time, first in an ASW squadron as aircrew training chief and crewman. Then I moved on to a VR squadron as aircrew communicator in C118 transports."

Geoghegan said he and his family came to Connecticut where he joined his father to operate a retail appliance store where his electronic skills were put to work fixing radios and TVs. "As the discount stores sprouted, we

found it wise to close the store and pursue other interests," he said.

"I took my electronic skills to work in a development lab with Teleregister, renamed Bunker Ramo developing computers and displays to follow the stock markets. While doing that, I taught fundamentals of electricity in the evenings at the J.M. Wright Trade School after attaining certification to teach from New Brittan State Teachers College."

When Bunker Ramo relocated, Geoghegan went to work with a Swedish submersible pump U.S. facility. He started in engineering, working on the control panels for the pumping stations. This took him to its distributors to present seminars about the products throughout the

U.S. The traveling also took Geoghegan to Sweden, where his grandmother was born. "Two associates and I were selected to study the concept of establishing an assembly line and finding sources to supply component parts here in the U.S. After the study was submitted, Sweden decided to not proceed with the program.

"I relocated to Heim, a bearing manufacturer in Fairfield as purchasing manager. When business conditions reduced demand for the bearings, I moved on to Norden Systems Corporation located in Norwalk. The bomb sight maker of World War II fame was now into radar and cockpit display, etc. I was employed as a senior materials administrator. I retired from Norden April 1, 1988."

While working Geoghegan continued flying light aircraft. He got a commercial pilot's certificate for single and multi-engine instrument airplane, and also flight and ground instructor certificates accumulating about 8,000 hours "having a lot of fun in so doing."

Geoghegan's son, and his grandson are both in the service. When asked if he felt he was brave, Geoghegan seems unconvinced.

"I did what I had to do," he said. Asked to define bravery, Geoghegan became visibly emotional.

"The guys on the ground — with the bayonets. That's bravery," he said.

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Vincent Cardamone, PFC, 871st Field Artillery, 1944-46, on left, with brother Anthony Cardamone, staff sergeant, U.S. Army, 375th Ordnance Heavy Automotive Maintenance Co., 1942-46



Donald A. Scribner, Lt. Col., USMC Designated a naval aviator in 1991, then received CH-53E pilot training. Served in Operation Enduring Freedom at Camp Rhino in Afghanistan in 2001 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2005. Currently stationed at the naval base in Norfolk, Va.



Sgt. Bill Grega, 7th Air Force Guam. June 1955

**Two Darien men lost their lives in Pearl Harbor**

Two Darien men lost their lives in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. They were Ensign William T. O'Neill, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. O'Neill of Stanley Road, and Lt. Eric Allen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Allen of Noroton Avenue, Noroton Heights. They were the town's first losses in the second World War. Lt. Ernest F. Sexton, after whom the town's American Legion Post is named, was the first Darien youth to die in the first World War.



ERIC ALLEN JR.



WILLIAM O'NEILL

Sgt. Anthony J. Augustus  
Augustus  
The oldest of the four Augustus brothers who served in the Armed Forces. Inducted into the Army in 1943. Shipped overseas to Belgium via England and France and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. The unit won the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque with a citation for superior performance. Honorably discharged in 1945.



Joseph J. Augustus  
Joined U.S. Army in 1945 and served in Naples and Rome, Italy, with Headquarters and Service Company. Honorable discharge as corporal in 1947.



Nicholas P. Augustus Sr.  
Served in the U.S. Army after graduating from DHS in 1946. Shipped to Italy where he served as auto mechanic for the 339 Field Platoon. He received World War Occupation Medal.



John "Gus" Augustus  
Left DHS in 1944 to join the U.S. Army. Served in the European Theater with the 1st and 3rd Army in England and France. His unit was heavy artillery and protected the famous Remagen Bridge and the Ludendorf Bridge. Earned several medals.



Nicholas P. Augustus Jr.  
U.S. Army 1972-1974 Stationed in Korea in the 2nd Division. He was in the 1st Division at Fort Reilly, Kansas.



William A. Frate  
Entered OCS after college to active duty, Ft. Bliss, Texas. Returned to Army Reserve. Recalled to active duty during the Berlin Crisis. Retired as lieutenant colonel of Civil Affairs. 25 years Reserve.



Linc Bell, left, U.S. Marines, World War I France and Leroy Bell of Port Chester, N.Y. World War I, France



Victor J. Dolcetti  
Corporal, 325th Tank Battalion Served in Korean War



Albert Dolcetti  
Served in the U.S. Army 1951-53 during the Korean War, stationed in Japan



1st Lt. Henry Sanders  
Served in Korea, 1953



1st Lt. W. Richard Fulljames U.S. Army Infantry. Enlisted 1943 basic training Mule Pack Artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla. Discharged 1946, Allied Command, Berlin



ANTHONY VITTI



JOSEPH VITTI



JAMES VITTI



MICHAEL VITTI

**Four Vitti brothers left, three came home**

Four brothers went into the service, three returned. Anthony "Tony" Vitti was killed in action on Feb. 28, 1945. His brothers, Joe, James and Mike, survived. Described by his brothers as easy going and very likable, Tony Vitti was working for the Conservation Corps in Oregon doing fire prevention work in the forests when

World War II broke out. He joined the Army and was shipped overseas with the 405th Infantry. After his death, Tony was buried in a cemetery at Morgraten Limburg, Holland, Plot 5, Row V, Grave 198, where his grave has been attended by one of many Dutch patriots, who told the Vitti family on March 21, 1946, of his intent to

care for the grave in appreciation of Anthony Vitti's contribution to Holland's "liberation." Brother Joe Vitti of Darien served in the U.S. Marine Corps and saw action in the Marshall Islands and Okinawa in the Pacific. Brother Mike was a medic and brother James was in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Franklin P. Bates  
U.S. Navy "Seabees," Cuba and North Africa, 1949-1953.



Myrtle Bates Williams  
Served in the Women's Army Corps at Wright Field, Ohio, 1944-45, and the U.S. Army of Occupation in Paris and Germany, 1945-46.



Lt. Christopher W. Pintauro, U.S. Navy Two tours in Baghdad: first flying off the USS Eisenhower as a Prowler naval officer and second as a naval special operations officer.



Sgt. Carlos Arias Ochoa, U.S. Army Kuwait, Iraq, 2003



H. David Sevigny  
U.S. Marine Corp. Lance Corporal 1965-1967



Adrian Magnuson Jr.  
USMC, Vietnam 3rd Marine Div. 1967-69



Corporal Kevin Gilronan  
U.S. Marines, 1981-84 in the Far East



Bob Marciano, U.S. Army 1952-54, Korean War



Private Jack Droney  
U.S. Army 508th Military police, Korean War 1950-52



Bill Shepard  
Lt. (jg) USNR 1968-71 Vietnam River boat service



Tom Bauder, July 1969  
Sgt. in Air Force, Vietnam. Served May 1969 to May '70



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Dick Woods  
Joined the U.S. Marine Corps as competitive shooter in 1956. Commissioned in 1959. Member All-Marine Rifle & Pistol team. Helped re-establish Scouts-Snipers. Seconded the 40 Commando, Royal Marines out of Malta for duties in North Africa. Later commanded Co. K., 3rd battalion, 2nd Marines.



First Lt. Clifford Tallman Jr.  
10th Special Forces Group  
Bad Tolz, Germany  
1966-69



Staff Sgt. Evans Kerrigan  
"E" Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Regiment,  
1st Marine Division, Korea 1951-1952,  
Three Purple Hearts



Preston W. McEwan  
1st Lt. U.S. Air Force  
Aircraft observer  
Intercept officer,  
instructor  
1954-59



John Visi, U.S. Navy, USS Boston, Vietnam 1967-68



Lt. Jg John R. Hinrichs  
U.S. Navy 1951-54  
Destroyer duty, USS Cushing (DD797);  
two Korean War combat tours; around the world deployment



PFC Jack Hanley  
U.S. Marines World War II 1941-45 3rd Amphibious Corp Quam - 1st Brigade. Second man to leave Darien for service.



Lt. Henry Strauss  
USNR  
North Atlantic Captain, Sub Chaser, Solomon Islands World War II 1941-45



Warren H. Slauson  
Joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from DHS in 1944 and served until 1959.



William Van Sciver  
1944  
U.S. Army Air Force  
Served in South Pacific



Arthur Van Sciver  
1954  
U.S. Air Force  
Served in Germany.



Herbert Van Sciver  
U.S. Army served in England, France, Belgium and Germany, 1944



William McIntire, center  
USNR, World War II, Vietnam



Lt. Col. Philip Kleinert  
Civil Air Patrol, 1942-55  
Awarded National Commander's Medal and Wartime Service Medal for "meritorious service and devotion to his wartime duties" by Brigadier Gen. Richard Anderson



Donald Forbes McGill, Full commander, U.S. Navy, Motor Torpedo Boats; PT Boats, South Pacific Theater, Squadrons 6, 8, 12, 4, 39; Active service 1942-45; Presidential Unit Citation from JFK



Jeffrey R. Frate, U.S. Army, 39th Combat Engineers, Specialist 4th class, served in the Vietnam War during 1966-1967



2nd Lt. Gladys Golden Costello  
U.S. Army Air Force Nurse Corps at the military hospital in Santa Ana, Calif. 1944-46



Daniel H. O'Brien  
USMC Corporal -  
1958-1961



Alice Westerberg  
England 1944



Cpl. Raymond D. Slavin  
545th Signal Co. Boblingen, Germany 1954



George W. Hill Sr.  
38th Infantry 2nd Division, World War II



Paul J. Pacifico  
Air Force,  
The Philippines



Marilyn M. Roper  
World War II  
US Marine Corps  
04/18/1945 -  
06/12/1946  
Corporal



Leslie H. Roper  
World War II  
US Navy  
11/01/1943 -  
05/13/1946  
Chief Ship Fitter (AA)



Romer J. Myers  
World War I  
US Army  
08/05/1917 -  
02/03/1919  
Wagoner, Battalion F,  
56th Artillery CAC

Don, Mary Jo, Kristen and Andrew Rossbach would like to honor all veterans for their service. They are very proud of their father/ father-in-law, grandfather, Lee Rossbach who was a Lieutenant, Junior Grade in the Navy and served on a destroyer in the Atlantic and Pacific during World War II. While he was navigating his ship, the USS Ericsson, it sunk a German U-boat near Point Judith, Rhode Island one day before Germany surrendered on May 6, 1945, V-E Day. He was also on the Ericsson as it patrolled Japanese waters. It was the first US naval vessel to arrive at Sasebo Bay Naval Base in Japan in 1945 immediately after Japan surrendered on Aug. 10, 1945.



The painting of the Erickson

Rossbach has the watercolor painting of the Ericsson at his home in New Jersey. He was home on leave in New York City in 1945 as he was waiting for the Ericsson to be re-fitted with more guns for the war in the Pacific. He and his parents lived on E. 88th Street. They went to dinner at the Stork Club. In the dining room, Rossbach spotted the watercolor painting of his own ship hanging on the wall. The owner, hearing that Rossbach was heading to that ship shortly, pulled it off the wall and handed it to him. Rossbach brought the painting to the ship and gave it to the captain, who had it mounted in his cabin. After the war wound down, the ship was due for repair and possible de-commissioning. The captain made sure the painting got back to Rossbach, who has had it hanging in his study all these years.



Alexander Garnett  
1st Lt. 1969-1971



Donald Cavett  
U.S. Navy  
1956-1962



Lt. (jg) John A. Van Loan  
USNR Pilot HA(L)-3  
Helicopter attack (light) Squadron 3  
Det. 8 Rach Gia, Mekong Delta  
South Vietnam 1970-1971



Theodore Frederick Shaker Sr.  
Captain, Marine Naval Air Corps. Military Service 1942 - 1945 Awarded 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses (including Gold Star)  
Piloted B-25 Aircrafts  
Marine Bombing Squadron 163 and Marine Aircraft Group 61 Completed 30+ missions in the Bismarck Archipelago December 1944 - June 1945

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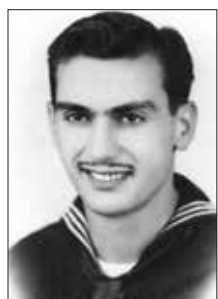
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Minot J. Savage

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Joseph Bonfiglio  
U.S. Navy, 1943-1945 Pharmacist's Mate, 2nd class Sr. Dental Corpsman USS Tidewater



James D. Parker, Sgt.  
U.S. Army 1943-1946  
47th Bomb Squadron, 41st bomb group



Staff Sergeant Robert Alexander  
U.S. Army  
World War II, The Philippines



Bob Joseph,  
U.S. Army  
868th Field Artillery  
Germany 1955



Lt. E.C. Prival, USNR  
1943-1946  
South Pacific



William H. Lange  
U.S. Navy  
Hellcats  
Shot down over Japan in Navy fighter plane



Private First Class Jeff Edelstein on patrol in Afghanistan with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.



Wilbur S. Duncan  
Master Sergeant, 69th Infantry Division, 1942  
The first to meet the Russians east of Leipzig, Germany, in WWII



John S. Durland Jr.  
1st Lt., Army Signal Corps. Served as radar officer in the South Pacific Oct. 1942-Dec. 1943



Captain Andrew Frame U.S. Army  
Served in Africa and Europe with the 192nd Field Artillery of the Connecticut National Guard during World War II.



Peter Wells  
Captain, USNR  
1960-1992  
When he retired after 32 years, Capt. Wells was the senior bomb disposal officer in the Navy



Sgt. Jeff Green, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)  
Special Operations Kabul, Afghanistan. Standing guard outside Afghanistan president's house.



Frank D. Rich Jr.  
1st Lt., US Marine Corps Served as a 1st Engineer in China during WWII and in the Shore Party Battalion from 1951-52



James Baker,  
Sonor Petty Officer 1st Class  
U.S. Navy, 1942-45  
Anti-submarine duty in Atlantic fleet



John A. Stuart  
Senior Master Sergeant, USAF (ret)  
1955-1989  
U.S. and worldwide



Wilfred T. Lowndes  
Mechanic US Army  
WWI



Jimmy Stolfi  
WWII Europe, Recon Co.  
4th Armored Division



Anthony Improta  
U.S. Marine Corps  
1943



Orlando Francesconi  
2nd Lt. U.S. Army  
1941-44



Sgt. Richard Constable  
Military Police Platoon  
70th Infantry Division  
France & Germany  
1944-46



Larry McClellan  
WWII, Europe, Co. C 171st Combat Engineer,  
2nd Armored Division, U.S. Army shown in Paris July 1945



Coxswain Kenneth S. Weeks U.S.N.R  
Salerno, Italy  
Served in the 4th Beach Battalion of Amphibious Forces, Mediterranean Theatre, World War II 1943-46



1st Lt. Raymond H. Gross  
WWII Europe  
Landed on Normandy beach two days after D-Day, joined 2nd Armored "Hell on Wheels" Division. Fought through France, Belgium, first American occupying forces in Berlin. Recalled to active duty as Captain in Korean War. Lt. Col. Third Infantry Div.



Corporal R.D. Brown  
U.S.M.C 1942-1946



Fred Millsbaugh Jr.  
Private, Germany  
1965



Ed Carabillo  
82nd Airborne Division



Larry Magnuson  
Sgt., Air Corps, 14th Air Force, China



Fred Poccia  
U.S Third Army,  
1943-1945



Jack Wood  
AMM 3/C blimps  
U.S. Navy 1942-44



Frank Olsson  
Tech Sgt., 20th Air Force, 509th Composite Group



Erik Valentzas, Lt. Col.,  
U.S. Army Special Forces  
1983 DHS graduate, West Point class of 1988. Has spent most of his career in South America and is now in Bogota, Colombia assigned as chief of Special Forces (PATT). He also served as a platoon leader with the 101st airborne division during the first Gulf War.



Sgt. John Barston  
U.S. Army Signal Corps, France/Germany, 1942-46



Ray Street  
Seaman 1st Class,  
U.S Navy, Pensacola, Fla., 1944-46.



Morris O'Brien  
U.S. Navy  
Pacific Theater,  
1943-1945



Lloyd Plehaty  
Lt. Commander  
U.S. Navy, Pacific



Capt. Edmond "Ted" Morse, USMC  
Iwo Jima Feb. 1945



Albert W. Hanson, Private First Class, U.S. Army; Served in Korea 1955-56; in charge of Officers Club in Signal Corps. Received Good Conduct Medal



Edmund Fountaine  
U.S. Army, Gunnery Instructor (stateside)



Louis D'Aquila, USN  
1942-47



Ken Lord U.S. Army  
Seoul, Korea 1946




Peter Ham  
U.S. Navy SFM 3,  
1963



Lt. (j.g.) Bill Donalds  
U.S. Navy, 1953-56





S/Sgt. Joseph A. Chase, U.S.A.A.F., 389th Bomb Squadron. 1918-1944



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Steadfast and faithful to his family, country, the Marines, fellow servicemen, God and his community—his contributions and sacrifices will never be forgotten.

*The Darien Times* wishes to honor the memory of Eugene F. Coyle, who helped make this special section what it has become.






**Parents of Rosey and Joe Costello**



Lt. Commander Thomas Costello  
U.S. Navy 1941 to 1945  
  
William Peters  
U.S.M.C.  
P.F.C, Purple Heart



John L. Molloy Sr.  
Lieutenant, US Navy WWII  
USS Woodford  
participant in the battle of Okinawa  
great grandfather to Caroline,  
Casey and Clare Molloy



PFC Sam R. Beaumont  
4th Squadron,  
4th U.S. Cavalry  
Regiment.  
Served in Armed  
Combat in  
Afghanistan, 2011.  
Received Purple  
Heart for wounds  
received in action.



Anthony Marciano, left. 192nd F.A. 43rd Div.  
Army of the Occupation Germany 1950-52



Bob Mitchell  
Lt. JG, U.S. Navy  
Pacific Fleet  
Minesweeper during  
WWII



John J. Tymon  
U.S. Army, WWII,  
1942-46, Staff Sgt.,  
Motor Pool, Seved  
with Patton  
Rhineland, Central  
Europe.  
Good Conduct  
Medal, Victory Medal



Richard Tymon  
U.S. Army, Vietnam,  
1968-69  
Helicopter mechanic,  
E-5



Pieter J. Hoets  
WWII Europe  
1940-45  
2nd Lt., Special  
Forces Royal  
Netherlands-Indies  
Army



Donald Bishop,  
Seaman 1st Class  
U.S. Navy 1944-46,  
Atlantic Theater



PFC Walter Bates,  
U.S. Army, coast  
artillery, 1942-45.



Sgt. Elwood Bates  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
1943-46, B29  
Scanner



Pete Kenyon  
USS Bausell (DD-  
845)  
Vietnam: 8/64 to  
2/65, 1/66 to 7/66  
Retired as  
Commander, USNR



Albert F. Lynch Jr.  
U.S. Military  
Academy  
1962 Vietnam,  
1965-1967  
bronze stars



Douglas G. Campbell  
U.S. Navy, Air  
Intelligence.  
1950-54



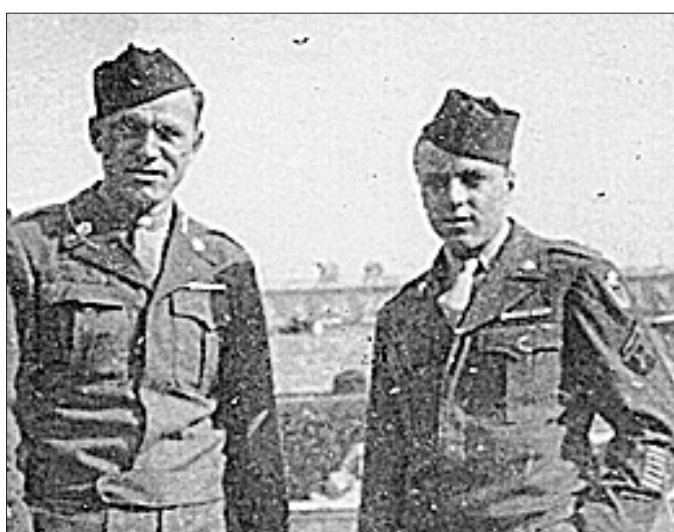
Captain Paul J. Gallo  
Awarded Army  
Commendation  
Medal for outstand-  
ing oral surgeon at  
Ft. Wolters  
Bach Army Hospital



Technician 5th Grade  
Charles A. Maher  
Jr U.S.Army ETO  
Fort Riley, Kansas  
WWII. Served in  
Headquarters  
Service Troop  
116th Cavalry  
Reconnaissance  
squadron



PFC Eugene G.  
Maher.  
Served in World War  
II at Clark Air Force  
Base and in Luzon,  
Philippines



John Roth  
U.S. Army, 622nd Ordnance Battalion  
WWII Europe



Dick Redican 2nd Lt. USMC 1st Marine division, Vietnam 1967-68



Jim Long of Darien, right, on board U.S.S. Meredith (DD-890) during a deployment to the Mediterranean in 1967. Stayed on board and was deployed to Vietnam in 1968/1969.



Connor Tracey  
Presently serving in  
U.S. Navy  
DHS Class of '04



Don Millsbaugh  
Airman 2nd Class,  
Texas 1966  
Gulf War and  
National Guard



Paul Hendrickson  
U.S. Navy, 1969-  
1978, U.S. Naval  
Reserve, 1978  
to the present.



Pieter Hoets served  
the Netherlands  
during World War II  
in the Intelligence  
Service of the Dutch  
Army.



Robert C. Owen, Korean War 1951, U.S. Army, Corporal



John Driscoll  
Vietnam, 1966  
and 1967.  
Truck driver in the 444th  
Co. 27th Transportation  
Bn. and the 523rd Co.  
54th Transportation Bn.  
1st Logistical Command  
Supported the 1st  
Calvary and 4th Infantry  
mostly operating along  
the mid-coast and the  
central highlands of  
Vietnam.



Roland Gallo  
Army PFC  
Korean War



Gunnar Edelstein  
manning an A-10  
Thunderbolt with  
the 131st Tactical  
Fighter Squadron  
during a NATO  
deployment to the  
Middle East.



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Clay Canning, USMA 2009  
3rd Battalion 21st Infantry  
Fort Wainright, Alaska



1st Lt. William L. Rogers  
WW II, Army Air Force Pilot B-17 Flying Fortress. Completed 36 bombing missions over Germany, re-upped w/ Fighting Scouts of the Eighth Air Force completing an unknown number of missions as P-51 pilot. Forced to bail-out over Berlin in April 1945. Captured and remained a POW until end of the war.



Sgt. David Rogers, USMC, with brother 1st Lt. Eric Rogers, USMC in An Nasiriyah, Iraq in 2003. Lt. Rogers is a 2003 Iraq veteran, currently piloting Huey helicopters and will deploy to the Middle East in September 2008. Sgt. Rogers completed service in 2007.



Sgt. Richard Cudney, Airman 1st Class  
K-2, Korea 1954, 310th Fighter Bomber Squadron (F86)



Wayne Karl, USN  
Served on the destroyer escort "USS Hilger" as a 1st class Gunners Mate, Quantanamo Bay, Cuba



William Plank  
E Co. 351st Infantry  
1946-47  
German Occupation



James Isselee  
U.S. Navy  
Aviation Radioman



James J. Lechak  
Seaman-1  
U.S. Coast Guard  
WWII



Daniel Poccia  
Served on U.S. Dewey in the U.S. Navy



Lawrence P. Story  
Lt. U.S. Navy,  
1959-1964 - Pacific



Oliver Summerton, left, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army Served in South Pacific and Europe  
Nelson Summerton, right, Master Sergeant, U.S. Army 200 Field Artillery Battalion



Capt. Vincent O'Toole, pilot, Army Air Corps  
World War II, Pacific, Berlin Air Lift, Korea



Warrant Officer Thomas O'Toole  
WW II, U.S. Army Field Artillery  
African-Italy Campaign



Lt. Frank O'Toole  
World War II  
U.S. Army 106th Field Artillery  
Killed in action Battle of the Bulge



S/Sgt. James O'Toole  
WW II, Army Air Corps  
Air Transport Command



Pfc Eileen Lindborg O'Toole  
WWII, U.S. Marine Corps



Fred Calve  
U.S. Army Engineers  
World War II  
Korean War



Martin Skala  
Basic training, Fort Dix, 1960  
N.Y.S. National Guard



Alonzo Maffucci, Staff Sgt. 47th HQ Company, 9th Infantry Div. WWII, Africa, Sicily, France, 6 battle stars



Harry Street Jr. Musician 2nd Class, U.S. Navy, Asiatic Pacific, Aircraft Carrier Lexington, 2 Battle Stars 1944-1946



Everett Gidley, a second lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Force 324th Fighter Group, was shot down in enemy territory in October 1944.



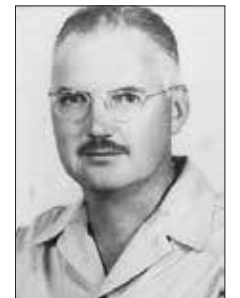
A. Vincent Falcioni Corporal, USMC 1942-45 In action Guam 1944, Okinawa 1945 22 months with 111 Marine Amphibious Corps



George W. Watson Lt., USNR. Served during WWII in a subchaser, as commanding officer on antisubmarine patrol craft, and in command of a mine sweeper.



YN1 Gerald J. Pacelli Jr. Served 21 years active duty and made deployments to the Mediterranean/ Adriatic seas and Arabian Gulf



Alexander Gifford 20th Bomb Sq. WWII U.S. Army Air Force 1943 Caribbean Sea American Theater



Louis M. Canto Jr. U. S. Army 3053 Ordnance Service Co. Occupation of Japan



PFC U.S. Army William F. Moore  
Served with the 63rd Tank Battalion Station in Frankfurt, Germany - 1954 - Feb. 1955



Lt. Charles Andrew USNR 1943



Mike Harding Vietnam USS Valley Forge



Rhoda Tirpack 4th Air Force Unit 499th 1944

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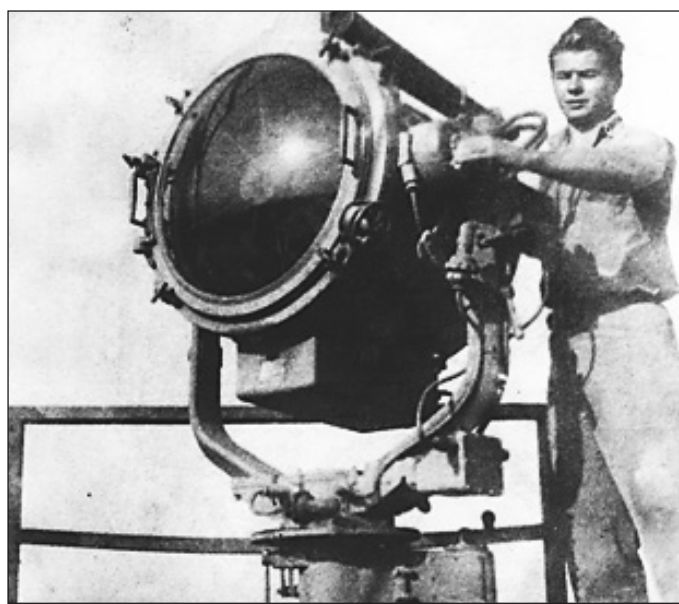
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**Robert Perske, RM3C**  
The Manila Port Direction Crew, 1945



**Sgt. Peter Zangrillo**  
USMC, WWII,  
4th Marine  
Raiders Division.  
Guadacanal,  
Bouganville, Guam,  
Okinawa



**Louis Venezia**  
WW II 1942-45  
Sq. B 4268th AFF  
11th Army Air Force  
Aleutian Islands



**Major Sarah M. Howell, MD**  
U.S. Army  
Chief of Dermatology  
Ireland Army Community Hospital  
Fort Knox, Ky.



**Gunnery Sgt. William Scott Taubl** with wife,  
Catherine, at USMC ball  
U.S. Marine Corps. 1984-2004  
Served with Valor Operation: Desert Shield/  
Desert Storm and in N.C., Cuba, California  
and S.C. VFW Post 6933 life-time member,  
son of Ruth Tait Taubl of Darien.



**ALAN MOREHOUSE**

In February 1942, Alan Randolph Morehouse, a lifelong resident and teacher in Darien, was called to active duty. He was wounded during fierce battles with the German Afrika Korps in Tunisia, served with the First Infantry Division in Sicily and, after promotion to captain, he was at the head of the First Infantry Division for the landing on "Omaha" Beach. He was among the first to fall under intense fire on the morning of D-Day, June 6, 1944.



**S 1/c George M. Mason**  
U.S. Naval Reserve.  
Entered Navy in  
August 1944 and  
was stationed in  
Hawaii.



**S/Sgt. Vincent W. Mason**  
Upper turret gunner  
on a B-24 Liberator  
Bomber, based in the  
Philippines. Asiatic  
Theatre ribbon, the  
Philippine campaign  
ribbon, Air Medal  
and good conduct  
ribbon. He completed  
34 missions after  
entering the Army Air  
Forces in September  
1942.



**George Tirpack**  
Naval Armed Guard  
1942



**George Mason**  
37th N.C.B.  
U.S. Navy Seabees,  
WWII, Pacific



**PFC Kevin Michael Taubl**, USMC July  
2008 to present  
Currently serving  
with 3rd Bn, 10th  
Marines, Camp  
Lejune, N.C., as a  
Howitzer crewman  
preparing for deployment  
to Afghanistan.  
Grandson of Ruth  
Tait Taubl of Darien.



**HT Tony Hill Taubl**,  
U.S. Navy  
Deployed to  
Mediterranean,  
Horn of Africa and  
Arabian Gulf Cruise  
in 2007. Aboard  
U.S.S. Bataan LHD  
5, Norfolk, Va. After  
Aviation Ordinance  
'A' School in  
Pensacola, Fla., will  
be at HM-14 (squadron)  
at Naval Station  
Norfolk. Grandson  
of Ruth Tait Taubl of  
Darien.

**Brothers in Service**

**CPL. RONALD PHIPPS**      **A2C. ROBERT PHIPPS**

After a tour of duty in Vietnam, Marine Cpl. Ronald Phipps met his brother, A 2C Robert Phipps at Clark Air Force Base, Philippine Islands, where the latter is stationed. Another brother, David, was recently promoted to corporal in Japan where he is stationed, with the U.S. Marine Corps. The three servicemen are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phipps of 15 Williams St., Shelton. Ronald and David are former Sentinel newsboys.

**CPL. DAVID PHIPPS**



**Joseph Grossman**  
Naval Reserve 1947-1951,  
U.S. Army occupation of Germany 1952-54



**1st Lt. Ralph "Pete" Sickles**  
1951-53, Japan,  
Korea



**Sgt. Bud Gerstenmaier**  
1942-45  
Army Air Corps  
China, Burma, India



**Charles and Harold Scribner**  
China-Burma-India, WW II



**Major Gerry Gilligan**  
U.S. Army  
Field Artillery,  
New Guinea,  
Philippines 1941-46



**Kent Haydock**  
USNR 1943-46 WWII  
Commissioned Naval  
Aviator



**2nd Lt. Edward Clarke**  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
1943-45



**Sanford Kaynor**  
U.S. Army 1945-46  
77th Infantry Div.,  
11th Airborne Div.  
paratrooper in  
Sendai, Japan



**Albert L. Scribner**,  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
S. Pacific, WWII



**Jay Wood**  
1st Lt., 1st battalion,  
81st armor,  
1st cavalry div.  
Ft. Hood, Texas  
1969-72.



**Robert Miller**  
U.S. Air Force,  
1950-54, Sergeant,  
three Stripes.



**Paul Miller**  
U.S. Army, 1954-57,  
Specialist 2nd Class.

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Capt. Cornelius Finnegan  
USMC, Al Anbar Province, Iraq, Operation  
Iraqi Freedom, February 2008



Gordon F. Satterley  
Radarman 3rd Class  
U.S. Navy U.S.S.  
Weiss APD 135  
World War II,  
1944-46



Lt. jg Sandy  
McDonald  
U.S. Navy Reserve,  
1952-56, U.S.S.  
Warrington DD843,  
1952-56



John J. Ryan  
Staff Sgt., US Army,  
WWII  
28th Infantry I09  
Field Artillery, Europe



Robert R. Lindsey,  
Captain, U.S. Army;  
Manila, Philippines;  
Served as staff  
officer after the  
Japanese surrender.



William Doughman  
World War II  
1944-45



Martin Flaherty, on right, 192nd Field  
Artillery, Memorial Day 1960, Stamford



Sgt. Rory Gutowski  
1st Battalion 8th Marines  
Three Mideast tours of duty, two in Iraq  
Currently stationed at Camp Lejeune



World War II veteran Robert Alden with  
grandson Theo, a student at Ox Ridge  
School.



Jimmy Sparrow  
1st Marine Provisional  
Rifle Co.  
Tam Ky, Vietnam  
1967



Harry Earle  
October, 1944,  
Foggia, Italy  
B-17 Bomber



John A. Maul,  
U.S. Navy,  
Served 1942-1945  
A machinist mate 1st  
Class on USS Satyr.



George Walsh, 1944, Lt. Commander USNR  
(Ret.) Aboard USS Ticonderoga in Pacific  
VB-80, a dive bombing squadron



1st Lt. Clay Canning is currently serving in  
Afghanistan with the C Co., 3rd Battalion,  
21st Infantry Regiment, 1/25th Stryker  
Brigade, of Ft. Wainwright, AK.



Richard S. Deverill  
U.S. Army, 1968-70  
Vietnam, 1968-69  
Field artillery



Pfc. Edwin A.  
Gittleman  
39th Signal Co., Div.  
1944-45  
Ardennes, Rhineland,  
Central Europe



David Brown  
U.S. Army  
European Theater  
1943-46



Capt. Richard Marvel Thomas,  
USCG as an ENS, Korean War Patrol,  
North Atlantic rescue at sea.



Doug Gerstenmaier  
U.S. Navy, WWII



Corporal Harry  
Musikas  
U.S. Army., 3rd  
Armored Cavalry  
Regiment, 1st  
Platoon, Company H,  
1953-1954



"Bucky" Wiltshire  
82nd Airborne Div.  
North of Fort Richardson, Alaska, 1961



Gunnar Schonning  
U.S. Navy during  
WWII and Korean  
War. Served as  
water tender second  
class in the engine  
room of the USS  
Halligan during the  
battle of Okinawa.  
The Halligan was  
sunk after striking  
an enemy mine on  
March 26, 1945.  
Wounded in action  
and received the  
Purple Heart.



John B. Rearden M.D.  
Commander USNR,  
M.C. (medical corps)  
1942-1946  
Pacific Theatre,  
combat zone  
1941-1945



Charlie Slade  
U.S. Navy  
World War II



Don Miller, 20  
Camp Gordon, Ga.  
U.S. Army, 1951-54  
Georgia and France.  
Dental X-ray techni-  
cian



Lt. Col. Bey Brown  
USAF 20th SOS  
Vietnam



William E. Harrington Jr. was an aviation  
cadet in the Army Air Corps from 1942-  
46. He was training to be a pilot when his  
plane crashed while on night maneuvers in  
Moultrie, Ga. He suffered near-fatal injuries  
and spent two years recovering at Finney  
General Hospital in Thomasville, Ga. He and  
his wife, Marge, moved to Darien in 1956,  
and raised their five children here. They are  
both still in Darien and he continues to have  
his real estate business in town, Harrington  
Real Estate.

Captain James L.  
Mazurek, Class of  
1998 U.S. Military  
Academy  
Served in Bosnia,  
Kuwait and Iraq.  
Crossed into Iraq at  
the start of the Iraqi  
war; was with the 3rd  
Infantry Division on  
the first incursion  
into Baghdad during  
its Thunder Run to  
the airport. He was  
the battalion mainte-  
nance officer for the  
second brigade and  
received a Bronze Star  
for his service in Iraq.



James H. Swiggart, LT USN, Naval Aviator.  
(1984-2015) USNA 2007.  
Deployed with VAW-117 "Wallbangers"  
aboard USS Nimitz (2013).  
Jet pilot instructor, VT-7 "Eagles"  
(2014-2015).



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2nd Lt. Sidney Falkenthal, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1943-46, trained as salvage diver, served in Italy. Pictured by Bay of Naples.



Ferd Trombini 1942-1946, 6th U.S. Army, New Guinea, Philippine Islands, Japanese occupation



Alan Kirk Gray Corporal USMC, FLSG-Alpha, Vietnam 1967-68



William Flanagan Jr. Seaman, 2nd Class Officer candidate, USN Construction (SeaBees) South Pacific 1944-46



Richard Parlette U.S. Marine Corps, Pacific Theater, 1945-1947



Oliver Parlette WWII Army Air Corps, European Theater, 52 missions 1944-1946



Patricia Parlette, U.S. Cadet nurse, 1944



Oliver Parlette WWI, 1917-18



Second Lieutenant Russell Stanley Vietnam 1966



Benjamin Bruno WWII, Europe 719 Bomb Squadron 449th Bomb Group 15th Army Air Force



Staff Sergeant John Beauchamp U.S. Army 4th Armored Division Germany World War II



Winifred Slauson Lab tech duties in Fitzsimmons Army Hospital 1951-54



Corporal Robert A. Martella Signal Corps., 5th Air Force, New Guinea, Philippines, Japan, 1943-1946



ROSARIO PALUMBERI



PATSY PALUMBERI

## Palumberi brothers were close

The saddest day of Patsy Palumberi's life was the day he learned of his brother Bobby's death.

Rosario (Bobby) Palumberi was a sergeant in the U.S. Army when he was killed in action on May 14, 1944.

Bobby was wounded in Africa and then again in Italy, where he died two days later.

Patsy was very close to Bobby. He graduated from Darien High School in 1942, entered the U.S. Army Air Corps (ordnance support for the bombers) in February 1943, and served in England, France, Belgium and Germany as a sergeant.

Patsy had been to many combat areas, but he always wanted to go to Italy, not because he was of Italian descent, but he hoped he would get to see Bobby, his older brother.

At a mail call on Mother's Day, Patsy was eagerly awaiting a letter from Bobby. When his name was called, Patsy rushed forward to get his letter. It was his last letter to Bobby, returned and marked "Deceased."



Frank Wilcox Medic, March Air Force Base, California Served 1954 to 1963



Gunnery Sgt. John Wilcox, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. 5th Fleet, Operation Enduring Freedom, 2001-02 Served 1984-2004



William E. Ruscoe Machinist Mate 2nd Class Service time, 1953-57 2 years on U.S.S. New Jersey BB 62



Sp. 4 Allan S. Bell U.S. Army 1967-69 24th Missile Detachment, Landsberg, Germany



Ores Mesedahl U.S. Army, infantry Europe and occupation of Japan, 1943-45



Lt. (j.g.) Warren Brown USNR Landing Craft Tank Captain. Made D-Day Landings on Omaha Beach, Easy Red Sector, Fifth Wave. LCT Flotilla Commander made first day landings in Japan



Loretta W. Fairbanks Captain Women's Army Air Corps World War II



Seaman 1st Class Mark Isselee, U.S. Navy, South Pacific, and PFC Karel Isselee, US Army



Crpl. William C. Bell, U.S. Army, World War II; Letterkenny Ordnance Depot Chambersburg, Pa.



Ralph Pleasic, 11th Coast Artillery 1941



Sgt. Gene Coyle U.S. Marine Corps WWII, Korean War Rifle Squad 22nd Marines Tank Commander, 8th Tank Battalion Judge Advocate, Marine Corps League



Donald MacDonald World War II Medic: 570th Ambulance Co. Served 1942-45 Battles: N. France, Rhineland Ardennes, Central Europe Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Campaign Ribbon Victory Medal



Richard Reid Cheswick Captain, U.S. Army Air Core, Lead Navigator England, World War II, July 19, 1924 to Jan. 2006. Completed 29 missions over Europe as navigator of a B-17 Flying Fortress. Guided up to 2,000 aircrafts on daylight strategic bombing missions targeting high-value industrial sites. Achieved the rank of captain and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Buried at Arlington Cemetery with full military honors.



William D. Peters Jr. Air Transport Command World War II, 1943-46



Raymond Ely Seaman 1st Class, USN Armed Guard, 1943-46, Served aboard tankers carrying oil from the Persian Gulf.



Pfc Ken Ely U.S. Combat Engineers 1943-46 Awarded Purple Heart for wounds received in Battle of the Bulge.



Bill Ely Air radioman 2nd Class U.S. Navy, 1942-45 Served in sub-hunting blimps



Corporal Robert Ely, U.S. Air Corps, Served in England and Belgium loading ordnance on fighters and bombers.



Sgt. Doug Ely, USMC, 1946-48, recalled during Korean War



James H. Rand IV U.S. Navy, active duty from 1966-69. Served as deck officer on board USS Chilton (APA-38), home port Norfolk, Va. Deployed twice with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. Retired from Naval Reserves in 1973 as a lieutenant.

*The Dolcetti family thanks all those who have served our country and remembers our family members*

**Albert and Victor Dolcetti, who served in the Korean War.**

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**Captain Raymond H. Noble** served four years with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a lead bombardier aboard a B-17 based in Rattlesden, England. He had a reputation for always getting his target.



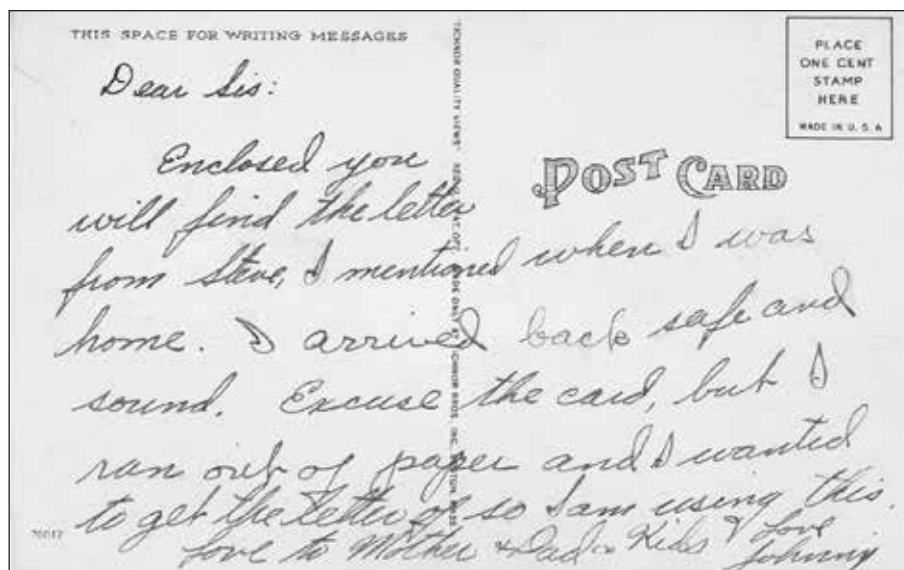
**Ronald Heinbaugh**  
Staff Sgt. U.S. Army  
13th Engineer  
Combat Bn.  
7th Infantry Division  
Korea, Pusan/Chun  
Chow  
1950 Bronze Star



**1st Lt. Quintin Ford** U.S. Army  
Counter Intelligence  
Corps, World War II  
1941-45; Served in  
Tunisia, Sicily, Anzio,  
Southern France,  
Rhineland



**David E. Hughes**  
U.S. Navy 1966-70  
Electricians Mate  
2nd Class  
Served on the USS  
Intrepid, two cruises  
to the Tonkin Gulf,  
Vietnam



**Philip T. Hesli, Jr.**  
1st lieutenant in the  
US Army, Infantry  
branch  
Served in Vietnam  
with the 5th Division,  
Mechanized, 61st  
Infantry Battalion  
Awarded two Purple  
Hearts and two Silver  
Stars Grandfather of  
Flip, Jay and Annie  
Franzese



**William Andrew Thomas III** U.S. Army Pilot, American Expeditionary Force,  
France in World War I. Grandfather of Heather Thomas and great grandfather of Connor,  
Hayden and Blair Nackley



**John W. Lasko**  
Frigate USS Gulfport  
South Pacific



**Estelle Taylor Watson**  
Communications officer, U.S. Naval Reserve,  
WW II Served in Washington, D.C.,  
and San Francisco



**Lt. Raymond B. Ryan**, U.S. Army, First of the  
Fifth Infantry, Mechanized I Corps, Adjacent  
to DMZ and near city of Quang Tri, Vietnam  
Platoon leader for 43rd Infantry Scout Dog  
Platoon. Unit consisted of more than 25 men,  
50 war dogs. Dog handler and scout dog  
made up one team. Teams were detached to  
infantry units to walk point and provide silent  
early warning of enemy personnel and booby  
traps. Due to effectiveness, U.S. infantry  
units were able to avoid enemy ambushes  
and injury for anti-personnel devices. Of the  
10,000 war dogs deployed to Vietnam, only  
204 made it back to the U.S.



**S/Sgt. Fred L. Voelker**  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
Enlisted right after  
attack on Pearl  
Harbor in December  
1941. Served in  
Panama with the  
Ordnance Division.



**1st Lt. Bill Balentine**  
WWII Europe  
1942-46  
Awarded Bronze Star  
and Purple Heart,  
3rd Battalion  
Communication  
Officer, 273rd  
Regiment, 69  
Division, 1st Army.



**1st Lt. Basil Andriuk**,  
Ft. Meade, Md.,  
1962  
Rank: Lt. Col.  
(Intelligence)  
Ret. '78  
U.S. Army Reserves



**Lt. Col. Philip  
Morehouse**  
First Infantry Division  
World War II  
Tunisia, Sicily,  
Normandy, Northern  
France, Belgium,  
Battle of the Bulge,  
Rhineland



**Herb Vernal**  
U.S. Navy  
Entered Navy 1944.  
Was in the Armed  
Guard on merchant  
ships in the North  
Atlantic as a gunner.



Washburn, MD, father of Joan Washburn Coyle of Darien, is greeted by King George V. The Harvard Medical School graduate was a U.S. Army Reserves Medical Corps officer interning at Edenborough City Hospital 1918 when World War I began. As the first American to arrive in theater, he was officially greeted by the Britain's king.



**Lt. Denis Campbell**  
US Army  
Afghanistan



**Lyle Grant**  
Construction Driver  
2nd Class  
U.S. Navy, 1951-55  
As a Seabee built a  
parking apron on  
airport runway in  
Argentina, New  
Foundland. In  
Naples, Italy, was  
personal driver for  
Brig. Gen. Earle  
Wheeler



**Fred "Bud" and Elizabeth "Betty" Nelson**  
on their wedding day, May 25, 1945. Bud  
in U.S. Marine Corps, serving in American  
Samoa, Guadalcanal, Guam and Iwo Jima  
from 1942-1945, then called back for Korea,  
1950-1952. Betty in U.S. Navy WAVES,  
1944-45 at Naval Air Station in Maine.



**Richard Leinert**  
Army Air Force  
1944 Paris



**Corporal Joseph  
DeCarlo**  
U.S. Army World  
War II  
66th infantry  
division, 1943-44



**Phil Kraft**  
U.S. Army Special  
Services  
Long Binh, 1970



**Larry Maul**  
486th AAA,  
3rd Armored Div.  
WWII Europe,  
1944-45



**William "Buster"  
Hughes**  
Aviation Machinists  
Mate Enlisted in U.S.  
Navy 1943



**Richard Sanford**,  
AX3, US Navy,  
Vietnam, Air Crew,  
1967



**Elwin E. Smith**  
World War II  
511th Parachute  
Infantry, 11th  
Airborne Division.  
Served in Pacific  
Theater

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF MY RELATIVES THAT SERVED IN WWII**

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**Elwyn Chesley**  
Firing range, Cape Cod, 1943.  
572nd Antiaircraft Artillery. Unit shot down 63 German aircraft in combat in France and Austria



**1st Lt. John Murdock**  
401st FA Group,  
Headquarters  
Battery, Luxembourg  
1945  
1944-1946



**Harry Graham**  
U.S. Third Army,  
Patton's, 14th  
Armored Division,  
19th Armored  
Infantry Battalion.  
Served 1942-48



**Maj. Christopher Collins**  
Top Gun F-18  
fighter pilot in the  
U.S. Marine Corps.  
Currently serving as  
the No. 3 Left Wing  
pilot for the Navy-  
Marine Blue Angels  
Flying Demonstration  
Team



**Lt. Col. Thomas J. Donalds**  
On active duty with  
U.S. Air Force for  
16 years. Flew 28  
bombing missions  
over Iraq and Kuwait  
during Gulf War.  
Flew missions during  
Balkans conflict.



**Rick Gutowski, 12th Finance**  
Fort Knox, Kentucky,  
Served 1969-71



**Cpl. Robert P. Price**  
Tank Corps., Army  
1943-45



**Edward G. Lawrence**  
Medical Technician  
U.S. Army 1943-  
1946



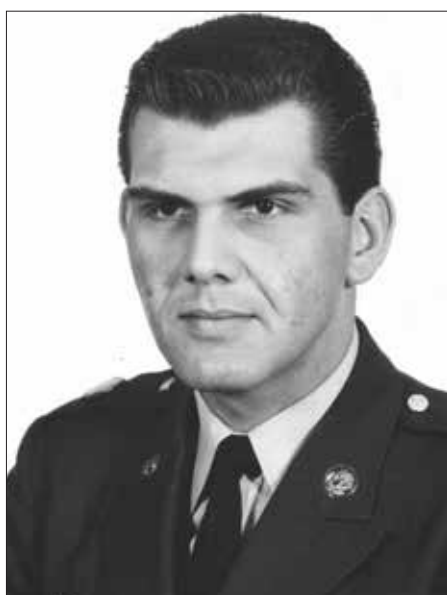
**Adrian Magnuson**  
LST 397  
South Pacific  
WWII



**Lt. James L. Tyson**  
U.S. Navy, Office of  
Strategic Services in  
London, Italy  
1943-1945



**Joseph H. Cullinan**  
Served in Germany  
with 40th Antiaircraft  
Artillery, Gun  
Battalion 1952,  
Weisbaden, Germany



**Vincent Rajczewski**  
Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army  
1964-67 Military Journalist

Joseph J. Warren, Jr. Graduated from Kings Point and went into the Merchant Marines and was at sea when the U.S. entered World War II. He was immediately assigned to the USNR where he served until the end of the war. During the war served as Third Officer on an export line merchant ship delivering military equipment to both North Africa and Murmansk.



**Cpl. William Van Loan**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Rifleman in South  
Vietnam in 1967  
with Mike Company  
& Lima Company,  
3rd Battalion, 26th  
Marines



**Samuel A. Schreiner Jr., 1st Lt. US Army;**  
Enlisted in 1943 in  
India as a private  
and rose to a field  
commission in OSS  
Detachment 101;  
Awarded the Bronze  
Star for action  
behind enemy lines  
in Burma



**Donald L. Coates**  
Army Sergeant,  
Battery C, 607th  
Field Artillery  
Battalion, 1942  
WWII Rhineland/  
Central Europe  
Campaign



**Sgt. Joseph Delle Fontane**  
Served in Italy  
with 88th Infantry  
Division.  
Awarded Bronze Star,  
Purple Heart, Infantry  
Pin with three battle  
stars, Presidential  
Unit Citation.



**Lewis N. Bly**  
Served with the 3rd  
Army commanded  
by Gen. George  
Patton. Fought in the  
Battle of the Bulge,  
then across Europe  
and into Pilsen,  
Czechoslovakia.,  
Stationed at  
Nuremberg during  
the trials.



**Capt. Joseph D'Arrigo**  
World War II,  
Germany; Korea,  
1950. Lookout at  
38th parallel. First  
American to see  
invasion by North  
Koreans. Honored  
in Washington, D.C.,  
during 50th anniversary  
of Korean War



**Alfred J. Andreoli**  
Pvt. U.S. Army  
Served as a demolition  
specialist for three  
years, eight months  
during WWII in  
Europe and North  
Africa.



**1st Lt. Thomas L. Dunn**  
First Infantry Division  
Germany, 1954-57



**Earle Greenwood**  
Ensign, U.S. Navy  
Pearl Harbor 1945  
Mine sweeping,  
China



**Lt. Philip King Meyer,**  
U.S. Navy, USS  
Camp, 1962-65



**Rick Poccia**  
West Point  
Class of 1973



**Sam Testa**  
Corp. Tech, 5th  
grade  
US Army  
3133rd Signal Corp.  
European Theater  
Trained at Pine  
Camp, Watertown,  
N.Y.



**Frank Kofalk**  
Third Class, U.S.  
Seabees, 1953 to  
1957 Served on  
Kwajalein, Guam, the  
Philippines



**Allen R. Coutermash, Staff Sgt.,**  
U.S. Air Force 1950-54  
97th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Korean  
service Medal, U.N. Service Medal, National  
Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, SO 5,  
Par 4 Picture taken in Guam.



**Lt. Michael Grogan**  
USNR Saigon 1965



**Henry G. Millet**  
Lieutenant JG,  
LST 295  
U.S. Navy



**Captain Charles Forman**  
U.S. Air  
Force 1954-56



**Eric Falkenthal, Naval Reserve**  
1969-1971, USS Courtney,  
went to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba,  
as data processing technician  
in 1970.



**1st Lt. Francis Nelson**  
Pilot, U.S. Army Air Corps  
Alaska Division Air Transport  
Command



**Lt. (j.g.) Irmgard LaForge**  
Port Director New York  
3rd Naval District  
Cryptography, 1943-44



**Sal Mazzeo, USMC corporal/**  
sgt. of Ceremonial Guard. White  
House, Camp David, Silent Drill  
Team 1958-60



**Norman Guimond in 1969**  
after his return from Vietnam.  
Lieutenant in the Navy and a  
naval aviator. He flew 70  
combat missions in the A6 Intruder  
from the aircraft carrier USS  
KittyHawk. 1965-1971



**George Swisshelm at Fort**  
Bliss, Pfc, 597th AntiAircraft  
Battalion, later attached to 9th  
Army for Rhineland and Central  
European campaigns.

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Lt. Peter Hovell  
USMC 1958, 1st  
Marine Div., 2nd  
Battalion, 11th  
Regiment  
Camp Pendleton,  
Calif. 1958



1st Lt. F.J. Draper  
USMC 1951  
Camp Mathews,  
Calif.



Sgt. Matt Marzano  
15th Marine  
Expedition Unit,  
Kuwait 2000



Phillips "Flip"  
Terhune  
First Guider Missile  
Brigade, Fort Bliss  
1958



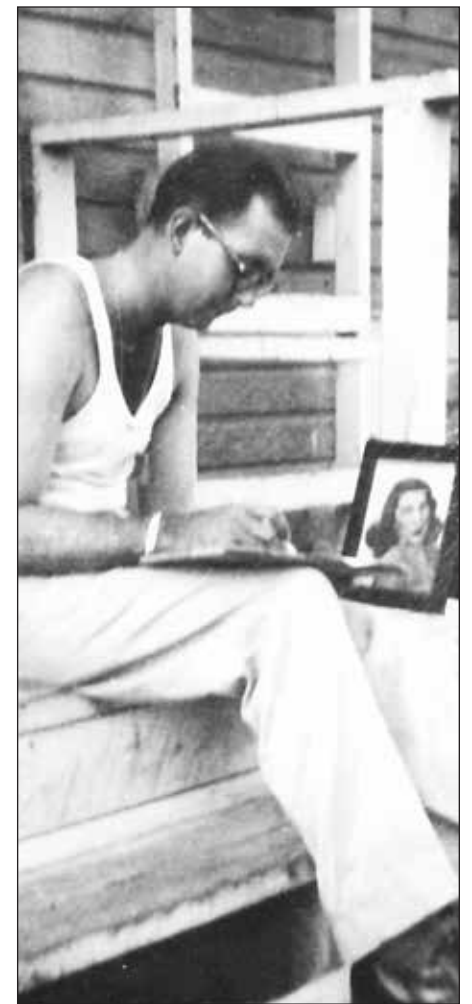
Manny "Doc" Gomes,  
South China Sea,  
Vietnam 1967  
USS Firm-MS0444



Donald L. Kiggins  
2nd Lt., USAAF  
P-51 Mustang  
Fighter Pilot, Iwo  
Jima - 1943-45



Rocco A. Evola  
Staff Sgt.  
U.S. Army Signal  
Corps 803rd  
Battalion Co. C



Louis F. Jefferson  
Before leaving Germany, c.1950  
U.S. Army, Camp Pickett, Va., 192 Field  
Artillery



Allan Mitchell, 7th Div. 17th Inf. Regt., Korea, 1951



1st Lt. R.C. Wharton  
Battalion  
Embarkation Officer,  
Okinawa 1963-64;  
served 1961-1984;  
Retired 1984 as  
major



Arthur F. Broadhurst  
Tech. 5, U.S. Army  
Served during WW  
II in the European/  
African Middle  
Eastern Theatre



Robert Zoubek  
U.S. Army, HQ  
Co. 273 Infantry  
Regiment, 69th  
Division, Fort Dix  
1954



Lt. Sidney E.  
Henderson  
U.S. Navy 1943-  
46 Retired after  
serving aboard the  
U.S. Cobia a subma-  
rine in the Pacific.



Salvatore Mazzeo Sr. Battery A 57th Artillery, St. Mihiel-Argonne  
Meuse, driver for General Pershing WWI 1918



George Brooks  
U.S. Army  
Basic Training,  
Fort Knox, 1960



Allan Bixler  
Army, 1966-1969,  
Vietnam, 1967-  
1968,  
362 Signal Corps,  
Rank of SP-5



Capt. Josephine  
Velazquez  
U.S. Air Force.  
Served for eight  
years as podiatrist at  
Andrews  
Air Force Base.



Walter Ericsson  
Staff Sgt. WWII Chi-  
na, Burma, India,  
USAF 4th Combat  
Cargo Group



Joseph Tarnowsky  
Tech. 5th grade, U.S.  
Army, Company 1,  
359th Infantry, WWII



Lt. Jg Cotton Rawls  
Jr., supply officer,  
U.S. Navy. Stationed  
at Newport, R.I.,  
Da Nang, Vietnam,  
Nantucket Island,  
Mass., 1964-68



Roland Ursone  
U.S. Navy WWII  
On aircraft carrier in  
New Caledonia in  
South Pacific



Dan Wood  
On aircraft carrier, CV9 Squadron VC61, Korea, 1951-1952



Lt. Rob Cassidy  
Graduated from the  
U.S. Naval Academy  
in 1989 and served  
as a Surface Warfare  
Officer on a frigate,  
USS Knox, and a  
destroyer, USS Harry  
W. Hill. Served two  
years at the Naval  
Academy, teaching  
navigation and naval  
science to the mid-  
shipmen.



PASQUALE IMPROTA  
Lt. Pasquale "Patsy" Improta U.S. Army Air  
Force, 63rd Air Force Reconnaissance. Killed  
in a plane crash on May 31, 1943, returning  
from a mission in North Africa. He graduated  
from the University of New Hampshire in  
June 1942, ROTC.



R. Edward Heinbaugh, U.S. Army  
843rd Signal Battalion, 1942  
Served on the Alaskan Highway maintaining  
telephone and weather service communi-  
cations between U.S. and Russia for aircraft  
flights under Lend Lease via the northern  
route. Discharged January 1946  
as a technical sergeant.



Cpl. Frank G. Mason  
Served with the  
Aviation Engineers  
in Italy. Took part  
in the invasions of  
North Africa, Sicily  
and Italy and won  
three bronze cam-  
paign stars. Entered  
service in September  
1941.



John Geoghegan,  
USN 1943-75  
Pacific "Iwo Jima  
was my downfall. Got  
shot in the leg" July  
4, 1944  
Aviation radioman



Ray H. Bartlett Jr.  
USNR. Served in  
WWII with CASU 23  
as a safety officer  
and was later in  
charge of radiation  
safety for the atomic  
bomb tests in the  
Mariana Islands



Capt. Charles  
Penrose Jr.  
Adjutant 58th  
Fighter Group, Army  
Air Corps., WWII, S.  
Pacific, 1940-46,  
Captain, 108th Field  
Artillery, Korean  
Conflict 1950-52



Henry Barzetti  
U.S. Army Air Force  
20th Bomber  
Command 55th  
Weather Recon  
Squadron 1943-46,  
21 missions, South  
Pacific



Robert T. Belden  
Private First Class,  
served as rifleman in  
occupied Germany from  
May 1945 to  
March 1947 with  
the 16th Infantry  
Division.



First Lt. D. Blair  
Noland  
Pilot, Army Air  
Corps., WWII, 57th  
Squadron, 357th  
Group, Air Transport  
Command, 5th Air  
Force, South Pacific,  
1941-45

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U.S. Air Force, 1951-54  
Russian linguist in air intel-  
ligence unit – 12th Radio  
Squadron Mobile



Gary Falkenthal  
Naval Reserve 1961-1966,  
Two years in Greece,  
one year on USS Coates.



DeWitt Peterkin Jr.  
Cmdr., USNR WWII  
Was the first American Naval  
officer sent to Pearl Harbor to  
report to Adm. Towers Nimitz.  
Won 12 Battle Stars.



PFC John Brunelle, 333rd  
Infantry regiment, 84th Division,  
Germany, 1945



Sgt. Frederick P. Howe,  
U.S. Army, 1942-45, served with  
the 11th Airborne Division in the  
Asiatic/Pacific Theater in New  
Guinea, Luzon, Philippines and  
was among the first  
occupational forces to land in  
Japan a few days before the  
Japanese surrender.



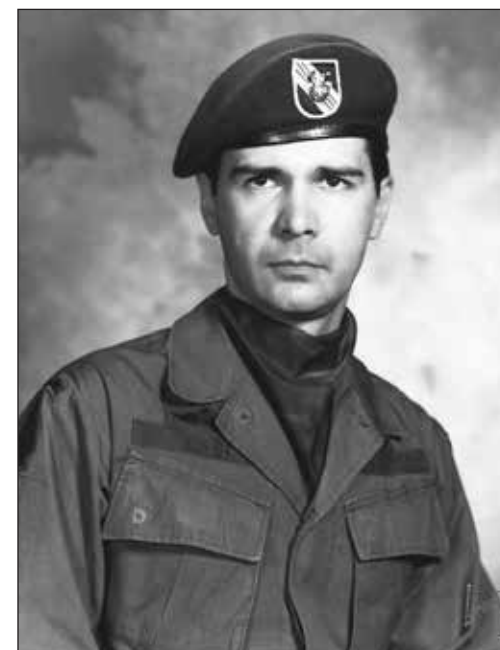
Walter K. Skerrett  
1st Lt., US Army Artillery Surface  
to Air Guided Missiles, 1957-  
1961, 1st Operational NATO  
Air Defense Unit in 7th Army in  
Germany. 3rd Missile Battalion  
71st Artillery. Awarded Army  
Commendation Medal for devel-  
oping operating procedures  
used throughout the Army Air  
Defense Command.



The Four Rogers Brothers: Joe, left, Jimmy, Lou and Pat all served aboard The USS Juneau during World War II. Joe and Jimmy were transferred to the USS Antares two weeks before the Juneau was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Lou and Pat Rogers, along with the Five Sullivan Brothers and almost the entire crew of over 700, perished when the Juneau sank in the battle of Guadalcanal.



Christian T. Holdt Sr.  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
Carrier Group 60 of the 12th Air Force.  
Flew 75 combat missions in World War II  
in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Greece,  
southern and northern France.  
Air Medal with Five Oak Leaf Clusters, European  
Theater Ribbon with seven Battle stars, two  
bronze stars, a silver star, presidential Unit  
Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation and the  
Distinguished Service Cross



Chris Holdt  
U.S. Army  
Active and reserve duty, 1966-82  
Combat Engineer Battalion, taught float bridge  
construction. Volunteers for U.S. Army's 5th  
Special Forces Group Airborne, specializing in  
demolition/engineering and as a light weapons  
expert on an operational A Detachment.  
Completed military assignments in Army's CID and  
with Battalion S3 as a command sergeant major  
at JFK Special Warfare Center, Ft. Bragg, N.C.



Captain Gilbert O. Backman,  
U.S. Army  
Enlisted in 102nd infantry in  
1940. Served in South Pacific,  
European Theatre of Operation  
and China, Burma, India. A  
member of the reserves until  
1963, retiring as a Major



Joseph W. Whitney  
U.S. Air Force  
Officers Candidates School  
1953



Edward "Ted" Hughes Jr., U.S.  
Navy 1943-46  
Electricians Mate 3rd class



Capt. James Garvin  
and Lt. Betsy Garvin  
Capt. Garvin is an air liai-  
son officer in the U.S. Air  
Force, 712th Air Support,  
Operations Squadron at Ford  
Hood, Texas. He graduated  
from Darien High School in  
1999. Lt. Garvin of the U.S.  
Navy Reserve is a graduate  
of the U.S. Naval Academy  
Class of 2001, and Darien  
High School Class of 1996.



Anthony T. Impronta, U.S. Marines, left, Stephen Zangrillo, U.S. Army, Ralph Lionetti,  
U.S. Navy in the fall of 1944



Corporal Agnes Frame Womens'  
Army Corp Control tower  
operator, Randolph Field  
and Burtonwood Air Base,  
England with Signal Corp of the  
8th Air Force



Staff Sergeant and Medic  
Robert Kroll World War II with  
293rd combat engineer bat-  
talion of 3rd Army under Gen.  
George Patton



Commander R.E. (Pete) Kenyon  
USNR (Retired)  
Active duty service on the  
USS Bausell from 1963-66 in  
Formosa patrol and Vietnam.  
Reserve duty service  
from 1966-86



Maj. Karol Anthony Bauer  
Graduated West Point in 1936.  
Stationed in Plattsburg, N.Y.,  
Camp Perry, Ohio and Fort Ord,  
Calif. Served with the Army 45th  
Infantry, Philippine Scouts in  
1939. Captured and survived the  
Bataan Death March. While  
a prisoner on Oryoku Maru, he  
was killed by U.S. Navy dive  
bomber attack Dec. 14, 1944,  
Subic Bay.



Master Sgt. Philip "Randy"  
Kleinert, U.S. Air Force  
1968 to 1972, stationed Clark  
Air Force Base, Philippines,  
Minot North Dakota Air Force  
Base



Master Sgt. William "Dean"  
Kleinert  
Stationed in Saigon, Vietnam  
for two tours 1969 to 1973,  
Edwards Air Force Base,  
California

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**Edward (Ted) Lawrence WWI US NAVY**  
**Edward G. (Ed) Lawrence WWII US ARMY**



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Flora Lee  
Army Nurse Corps  
World War II



Fred Conze  
U.S. Navy,  
Vietnam, Lt. J.G.,  
1966-69  
Assault Craft  
Division. Navy  
Commendation  
Medal with  
a Combat V.  
(Valor). Two tours  
of Vietnam. '68  
Tet Offensive.



James B. Nickel First Lieutenant,  
U.S. Marine Corps, 1952-54  
Served as a senior air controller with  
the First Marine Air Wing, K-3, Korea.  
Responsible for air defense and air sea  
rescue for the southern half of South Korea.  
Was privileged to work with several  
captains who had flown  
for the Marines in World War II.



William P. Keane  
Seaman 1st Class,  
U.S. Navy, WWII, USS  
Guadalcanal  
American Theater  
and Victory medals



John Keane  
WWII Europe,  
1944-45  
9th U.S. Army  
Air Force



Richard Keane  
WWII, New Guinea-  
Philippines  
292nd Ordnance  
1942-46



Louis Russo  
Corporal, heavy  
weapons, ordnance,  
8th Army, 1952-54



Elvin B. Howe  
U.S. Army,  
1948-1951,  
43rd Infantry  
Division, Germany  
occupation forces



Charles G. Adcock (right), USN Machinist's Mate, 1st Class and Percy Oldrin (left), U.S. Navy sailor home on leave on Locust Hill Road during WWI



David Holmes  
Battery A 209th  
AAA Bn.  
Army of Occupation  
Japan 1945-46



Joseph Bruno USN  
American Theater  
ribbon, Asiatic  
Pacific Ribbon,  
Victory Ribbon



Charlie Adcock SM3  
USS Brooklyn  
Palermo, Italy 1944



1st Lt Peter Siciliano receiving Army  
Commendation Medal  
US Army 1970-1972  
Project MASSTER  
West Ft. Hood, Texas



Dominick V. Sestito  
U.S. Army, European  
Theater  
World War II



1st Lt. Robert Harrel  
2nd Armored Division  
Company  
Commander  
Fort Hood, Texas



Ens. Michael  
Cunningham  
U.S. Navy Navigator,  
U.S.S. Aludra AF-55,  
7th Fleet, 1960



Louis Canto, U.S. Navy, World War I



John K. Davidson  
First Lt., company  
commander, US Army  
artillery, 1966-69  
Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort  
Dix, N.J.



Capt. John F. Welsh,  
U.S. Army, WWII,  
five Battle Stars in  
European Theater,  
Bronze Star, Legion  
of Merit, Croix de  
Guerre



Private Charles A. Maher Sr. Connecticut National  
Guard and corporal of the New York National  
Guard. 1899-1910



William F.  
Keeshan Jr.  
First Lieutenant,  
U.S. Army Signal  
Corps, 972nd Signal  
Battalion, systems  
engineering officer.  
Active duty, June  
1958 to June 1960.



Sgt. David M.  
Sinclair  
U.S. Marine Corps  
1951-53  
Sea School and 6th  
Fleet, Norfolk, Va.,  
3rd Marine Division,  
Camp Pendleton,  
Calif.



Corporal Joseph  
Gallucci  
U.S. Army Air Force  
Served in U.K.  
motor pool  
USAAF 8th AF Bomb  
Group B17 during  
World War II. Home  
of Memphis Belle.  
Completed 25  
missions over ETO



Richard J. Dawson  
Reservist, 1964-70  
Activated, 1968-69, Vietnam  
E5- Sergeant

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**E.T. GEARY**  
CAPTAIN USMC  
GUADALCANAL, OKINAWA, KOREA  
**ALPHONSUS J. DONAHUE**  
CAPTAIN US AIR FORCE  
B-17 PILOT/INSTRUCTOR  
**ALPHONSUS J. DONAHUE III**  
CAPTAIN USMC  
HELICOPTER PILOT, VIET NAM  
GEARY GALLERY 203-655-6633





**Major James H. Cloud (Ret.)**  
670th Field Artillery Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve. Served in Korea on active duty 1953-54 in 5th Ordnance Direct Support Company.



**Frank Valente**  
U.S. Army Company A  
175 Infantry,  
29th Div.  
D-Day (D-1) Omaha Beach, Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster, 1943-45



**Stuart Duffield**  
Aviation Radioman  
VJ Day 1945  
Naval Air Transport Service, squadron VR-11 Honolulu, Hawaii Asiatic-Pacific Theatre



**Cmdr. Select Deborah Loomis,**  
JAGC, USN  
Deputy, Fleet Environmental Counsel  
U.S. Fleet Forces Command  
Norfolk, Va.



**Jim Benham**  
Ensign, U.S. Navy, was communications officer on destroyer USS Farragut and was present at Pearl Harbor bombing on Dec. 7, 1941. Farragut crew also saw action on Wake Island, the Marshall Islands and Coral Sea, a turning point in sea war with Japan.

**2018 Memorial Day Parade Participant List**

Name/Organization	Order
<b>*Division 1:</b>	
Darien Police Department & Color Guard	First
Grand Marshal	First
Speaker	First
Town & State Officials	First
Darien High School Band	First
VFW Post 6933 Color Guard	First
VFW Post 6933 + Veterans	First
American Legion Post 3	First
HonorBound Foundation	First
CT Patriot Guard	First
Connecticut National Guard	First
<b>*Division 2:</b>	
Darien EMS-Post 53	Second
*Darien Post 53 (vehicles)	Second
Darien Historical Society	Second
Masonic Lodge, Darien-Ivanhoe #107	Second
Darien Chamber of Commerce	Second
Community Fund of Darien	Second
Darien Foundation for Tech & Community	Second
Darien Men's Association	Second
PIVOT	Second
Darien Sail & Power Squadron	Second
Darien YMCA Gymnastics Team	Second
Noroton Fire Dept.	Second
*Noroton Fire Dept. Apparatus	Second
<b>*Division 3:</b>	
Girl Scouts of America	Third
Cub Scouts	Third
Boy Scouts of America	Third
Darien School of Dance (YWD)	Third
Darien Senior Activities Ctr.	Third
Atria	Third
Maplewood Sr Living	Third
At Home in Darien	Third
D.A.R. Good Wife's River Chapter	Third
Darien Library	Third
Darien Fire Dept.	Third
*Darien Fire Dept. Apparatus	Third
<b>*Division 4:</b>	
Antique Vehicle (Williams)	Second
39 Jag (Lefferts)	Second
The Green Team	Fourth
Pender-Keady Irish Arts Fndtn	Fourth
Darien YMCA Guides/Princesses	Fourth
Darien Nature Center	Fourth
Noroton Heights Fire Dept.	Fourth
*Noroton Heights Fire Dept. Apparatus	Fourth

**Monument of the Month:**

**Gettysburg Address monument**

By Karen K. Polett

The bronze Gettysburg Address plaque, dedicated on July 1, 2012, honors the 150th anniversary in 2013 of that famous speech delivered at the dedication of Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pa., on Nov. 19, 1863, by President Lincoln. The Gettysburg Address Monument is located to the right of the Karl Lang Statue in Darien's Spring Grove Veterans Cemetery.

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Lincoln refers to the Declaration of Independence signed 87 years earlier and reminds listeners of the danger to those ideals posed by the Civil War. Lincoln urges "that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Then Department of Veter-

ans Affairs Commissioner Linda Schwartz secured the plaque for Darien explaining that the cemetery has great historical significance for both the veterans and the town, which housed the first home in the nation for veterans. Schwartz explained that she is a fan of Lincoln and she was pleased when the opportunity came up to order the plaque and get it installed. Darien's Fitch Home for Civil War veterans and later their orphans was built by philanthropist Benjamin Fitch in 1864, and eventually relocated to Rocky Hill, Conn., in 1940.

The present Darien Post #6933 VFW building, which was moved across the street, is the original chapel from the Fitch Home. It is the only remaining building from the Fitch Home which in 1910 housed 500 resident veterans and covered over 12 acres on Noroton Avenue and an additional two acres at Spring Grove Cemetery. The Fitch Home was located where the Darien Housing Authority has built The Heights At Darien on the former site of the Allen O'Neill Homes.

**Fire departments to gather on Memorial Day**

The Darien Fire Department, Noroton Heights Fire Department and Noroton Fire Departments will gather at approximately 9 a.m. on Monday,

May 28, at the firefighters monument on the Post Road. The departments do this annually for their annual Memorial Day prayer and remembrance.

**Reflect**

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to help people in this place who are older or maybe don't have enough money to do things."

In addition to their duties at the senior center, both Hollub and Metayer have also volunteered with the Darien Men's Association and Hollub is also a member of the organization's Senior Songsters.

Metayer has been a Darien resident for more than half a century, having

arrived with his family in 1960. For more than 20 years he served as a volunteer at the Kiwanis Club, working to raise scholarship funds for Darien students. He continues to fly his flag at home each day, and watches the town's Memorial Day parade every year with his family.

"It's been a tradition, ever since I've been in Darien," Metayer said. "I've been at the same spot to see the parade with my children and I still do that, wouldn't miss it for the world."

From dedicated service to humble volunteering, Darien appears to be lucky to be home to such proud spirits.

**Monuments & Ceremonies announces winner of student writing contest**

The town of Darien's Monuments and Ceremonies Commission has chosen the poem written by Middlesex Middle School student Patrick Finnegan as the top entry in this year's Memorial Day Poem and Essay Contest.

The commissioners extend their congratulations to Patrick and their thanks to all the students who submitted so many fine pieces.

The commission acknowledges all the efforts made by Lucy Sandor, Kathryn Lindquist, and the many fine teachers at Middlesex Middle School that helped make this possible.

Patrick will be invite to read his poem aloud at the Dedication Ceremony at Spring Grove Veterans Cemetery immediately following the Memorial Day Parade on Monday.

**Memorial Day**

Patrick Finnegan

Sacrifice  
They gave up everything  
gave their lives  
to protect Freedom  
To uphold the Constitution  
Of the United States of America  
People forget  
What it means  
To be American  
They didn't  
What if they gave up  
Like many people do today  
What would have happened to America  
To the world  
But they didn't forget  
People take the freedom  
in America  
For granted  
They forget  
Tens of Thousands of men and women  
Gave their lives  
To uphold this freedom  
Memorial Day is about remembering  
Remembering the men and women  
Who gave the ultimate sacrifice  
To protect the world from tyranny  
I remember  
Do you?

**DAF Media to live stream Memorial Day Parade**

DAF Media will live stream this year's Darien Memorial Day Parade. This will be the first time the parade has been broadcast live in its entirety.

DAF Media will station three cameras near the end of the parade route between Nielsen's Florist and

the Darien Library, close to the official viewing stand. First Selectman Jayme Stevenson will be among the guests interviewed. Four Darien high school students will operate the cutting-edge cameras and computer technology, overseen by DAF Media director of video production, Dami-

an Andrew.

Like all DAF Media broadcasts, the parade will be free to view live or on demand via its YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/xJBbWglqOx4>

With Andrew at the helm, DAF Media is comprised of a volunteer team of approximately 30

local youths who rotate weekly to produce live stream events. The students learn to use broadcast cameras, computers, software, microphones, mixers and lights, in addition to gaining valuable teamwork and logistical skills required to produce a high-quality live stream.

Community members 15 and older who are interested in volunteering for the production team should email [damiandrew@darienaf.com](mailto:damiandrew@darienaf.com).

DAF Media is a joint venture between the Darien Athletic Foundation and the Darien Foundation.

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St. John Parish of Darien  
prayerfully remembers  
all those valiant men  
and women who gave  
their lives to defend our  
freedom and the security  
of the United States.

We also salute all veterans  
and those who are still  
serving.



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