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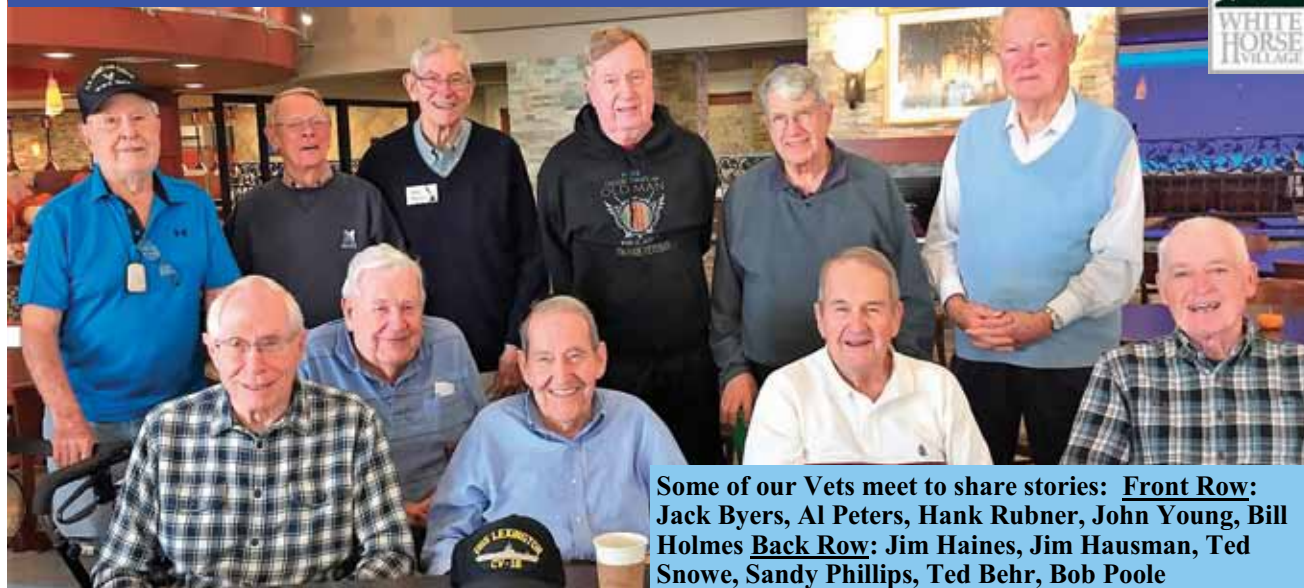
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2018 President's Award Honoree

Carolyn Hilton-Finney



The Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association is pleased to present Carolyn Hilton-Finney with the 2018 President's Award.

Hilton-Finney was born in Chester, Pa., to William and Edith Hilton. She is the youngest of seven children.

William Hilton, a 2015 Freedom Medal honoree, is a U.S. Army veteran. He joined the army at the age of 16 where he served in the I Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division, which was involved in the Battle of Heartbreak Ridge in Korea in September and October of 1951.

Hilton-Finney has become the adopted vocalist for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association. Her love for music began when she was a young child. Everyone in the Hilton family learned to sing, read music and play an instrument, and she was no exception. She credits the Chester Upland School District for her musical education, which included music theory, songwriting, singing and mastering various instruments (trumpet, trombone, cello and violin).

Hilton-Finney graduated from Chester High School in 1986 and went

one to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Widener University in 1990. Continuing her education, she received her MBA from Rosemont College in 2010,



and in 2017, she graduated from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., with a Master of Arts in worship studies.

Hilton-Finney is active in her church, serving as a worship leader and choir director in the music department. She also teaches, directs and sings at various churches throughout the Philadelphia area. She is the director of the family choir called Generations and is a member of the Notre Dame Players, the Philadelphia Fellowship choir, Toastmasters International, the International Institute of Business Analysis and the Urban League of Philadelphia.

Hilton-Finney has a love for patriotic music, which she learned to appreciate growing up. Her favorites are "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "God Bless America." Her love for patriotic music has afforded her the opportunity to sing several times at Delaware County's annual Law Day and events through-

out Delaware County, including at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. Singing patriotic selections is her way of honoring those who proudly served our country.

Hilton-Finney currently works at Independence Blue Cross as a senior analyst in the sales and marketing division. She is also the lead musical director/instructor of the Independence Blue Cross corporate choir, The Sounds of Independence.

Hilton-Finney and her husband, Brian, have been happily married for 21 years. They love to travel to interesting places throughout the United States and the world.

Hilton-Finney has devoted numerous hours in support of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial.



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2018 Freedom Medal Honoree

Marsha Four



The Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association is honored to present Marsha Four with the Freedom Medal for her lifetime of service to this country and its veterans.

Four was born in Toledo, Ohio. Due to her father's work with the railroad, the family moved often, and she attended several different schools.

Four continued her education at St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Indianapolis, where she graduated in 1968.

Four volunteered for the Army Nurse Corps during her senior year in training and was activated upon passing her state boards for nursing. During her first military assignment at Ft. Campbell in Kentucky, she received orders for Vietnam.

From 1969 to 1970, she served as an intensive care/recovery room nurse in Vietnam with the 18th Surgical Hospital, a MUST (Medical Unit Self-con-

tained Transportable) unit. The MUST unit was first located north of Phi Bai in I Corps at Camp Evans and then relocate to Quang Tri. Four was awarded the Bronze Star for her service and later discharged as a 1st lieutenant.

Upon returning home from Vietnam, she threw herself into a wide variety of experiences that included living in the desert and traveling the western U.S. in a VW van while living in a tent for four months, among other adventures.

She returned to nursing and married her husband, Tony, whom she met and worked with in Vietnam at the Surg. After his discharge, Tony also worked for the railroad, and over time, they made numerous moves and finally made their home Springfield, Delaware County.

Four has been actively involved in veterans' issues on a local, regional and national level for nearly 30 years. She was the initiator and executive director of the Philadelphia Stand Down for Homeless Veterans from 1993 until 1999.

As a life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Four began sitting on national committees in the early 1990s and served on the VVA National Board of Directors from 1999 to 2013. In 2013, she was elected its national vice president and continues to serve in this position.

Four was appointed to the Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs Secretarial Advisory Committee on Women Veterans from 1992 to 1994 and again from 2001 to 2006. VA Secretary Anthony Principi appointed Four as chair of this committee for two terms from 2002 until August of 2006. While in this position, Four also served as a liaison/consultant to the VA Secretarial Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans.

Four left an active nursing career and began her employment with the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center in 1996 as its program director of homeless veteran services until she retired in 2013. She helped established three homeless veteran programs: a day service center and two transitional residency programs, LZ II for male veterans and the Mary E Walker House for homeless women veterans.

In 2012, Four began service as an honorary board member to the Special Forces Charitable Trust.

She received the Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains and the Cranaleith Catherine McAuley Award for living in its spirit and mission of seeking wholeness and transformation for those in great need.

Four was inducted into the Pennsylvania Veterans Hall of Fame in 2013. In that same year, she was honored as a White House Champion of Change for Women Veterans.

She returned from her fourth visit to Vietnam in the spring of 2017. She spent three weeks leading the Veterans Initiative team of Vietnam Veterans of America. Its work consists of assisting the U.S. government with access to information that will ultimately lead to the location of Americans missing in action.

Four currently lives in Springfield and is still married to Tony. They are blessed as the parents of three boys and six grandchildren.

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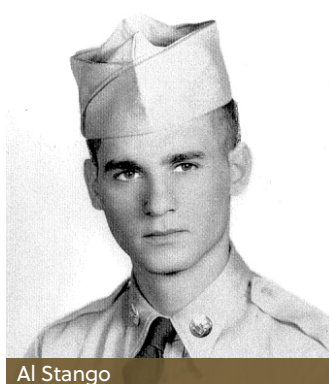
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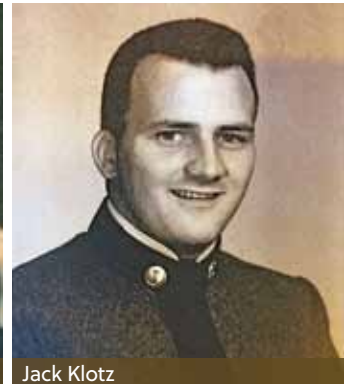
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John "Rudy" Schaffhauser



The Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association is proud to recognize United States Navy Seabee veteran John Schaffhauser with the Freedom Medal for his lifetime of patriotic service to this nation. His military service and his continued service to veterans and Delaware County speak volumes about his patriotism and love of country.

John "Rudy" Schaffhauser was born in Philadelphia and raised in Broomall, Pa. He graduated from Marple Newtown High School Class of 1960. After high school, Schaffhauser attended the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades where he graduated as a carpenter in 1963.

Not long after graduating, Schaffhauser joined the United States Navy Seabees. As war raged in Vietnam,



Schaffhauser began his training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Upon completion of basic training, Schaffhauser graduated as a Class A builder and received orders for Vietnam, serving two tours in Vietnam (1965 to 1967) and one tour in Thailand on a Seabee Team.

While on active duty, Schaffhauser was attached to MCB 8 (Mobile Construction Battalion 8).

Between deployments, Schaffhauser attended Navy 2nd Class Divers School in San Diego California, as well as serving as a military training instructor.

In February 1969, Schaffhauser received an honorable discharge. He joined the Seabee Reserves in 1974 and retired out of the Navy in 1994 with the rank of BUCS DV (BUCS – Senior Chief Builder; DV – Diver).

Outstanding performance of duty in the U.S. Navy was the norm for Schaffhauser as indicated by his five honorable discharges.

Today, Schaffhauser carries on the same tradition with his work with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7390 (VFW Post 7390) in Broomall, Pa. Schaffhauser maintains life membership in multiple veteran organizations. He belongs to the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 338 and the Marine Corps League Smedley Butler Detachment. He is also a member of the Seabee Veterans of America.

He works primarily with the VFW Post 7390 where he serves as service officer. Schaffhauser has also served the American Legion as an elected officer in the positions of senior vice commander and commander, as well as serving on and chairing numerous post committees.

Schaffhauser volunteers his time to mentor the newest generation of veterans in the processes and procedures required by the wartime organizations of which he is a life member. He has mentored countless veterans over the years while serving his local community and Delaware County. His assistance is invaluable as a wartime veteran when helping the current generation of combat veterans make the transition to community service.

Schaffhauser has also been an active volunteer with the Philadelphia Veterans Hospital for more than 10 years. He is currently volunteering with the hospice unit at the VA in Philadelphia.

Schaffhauser is an active member of the Pennsylvania Free Masons, as well as a member of the Sojourners.

Though he recently relocated his home, he continues to volunteer his service to veteran organizations throughout Delaware County.

He has two children, Jack and Diana, as well as two grandchildren, Ryan and Brooke.

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2018 Freedom Medal Honoree

Jeff White

The Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association is honored to recognize Jeffrey White for his continued contributions to our country, its veterans and our community.

White was born July 6, 1946, in York, Pa., to Robert and Gloria White. In 1948, at the age of 2, White and his family moved to Lewisburg, Pa., where his father worked as a professor at Bucknell University.

Moving once again the next year, the White family put down roots in Haverstown, Pa., when his father became the chairman of the chemical engineering department at Villanova University.

White attended Haverford School District's Lynwood Elementary through sixth grade. In August 1958, the White family moved to their Bryn Mawr Avenue home designed and built by

White's father.

White attended Marple Newtown Junior High School, as well as Paxton Hollow Junior High. In 1964, he graduated from Marple Newtown High School. He continued his academic career at Villanova University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1968.

On Feb. 6, 1969, White joined the U.S. Army. He trained as a pioneer combat engineer at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. He served in Vietnam as a clerk/typist with the 20th Engineer Brigade from October 1969 to October 1970. After serving 11 months and three weeks in Vietnam, he was released from active duty on Oct. 20, 1970.

White received several military awards, including the National Defense

Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

White joined the Vietnam Veterans of America in 1982 and has served as director of Delaware County Chapter 67, as well as a delegate to the Pennsylvania State Council and the Vietnam Veterans of America National Conventions.

He became a delegate to the Pennsylvania State Council in 1986, where he served as vice president, executive vice president and president. He served in the role of president from 1993 to 1998 and again from 2000 to 2011.

White is in his 30th year as a volunteer at the Pennsylvania State Corrections Institute at Graterford, working with incarcerated veterans. He is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Veterans of Graterford Chapter 466 and serves as its outside liaison.

In November 1997, White was awarded the Chapel of Four Chaplains, Legion of Honor Award, nominated for his work with veterans at Graterford. The Legion of Honor Award is given to an individual who goes above and beyond his or her day-to-day paid jobs to give selfless service to the local community, at a state or regional level. White holds this as his most prized civilian award.

Additionally, he has served on the Delaware County Human Services Task Force, representing veterans and those with disabilities.



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2018 Freedom Medal for Dedication to Education Honoree Scenic Hills Elementary School



The Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association will present the Freedom Medal for Dedication to Education to Scenic Hill Elementary School for its outstanding dedication to education and veterans.

Accepting the medal will be Scenic Hills Principal Dr. Madeleine O'Dowd, whose own family has an extensive and proud history of serving the country in the different military branches.

Scenic Hills Elementary School, part of the Springfield School District, is an exceptional school with outstanding students, staff and families. Its philosophy is summed up in the school motto:

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For the past 16 years, Scenic Hills has held a Veterans Celebration breakfast in honor of both veterans and active duty military personnel who are friends and family of the Scenic community. Organized by Community Service Club director Pam Gurenlian and sponsored by the Scenic Hills Home and School Association, the day consists of breakfast with the veterans and their families followed by the singing of patriotic songs by the students in Scenic second-grade classes. Attendees are also welcomed to speak and educate the students about their experiences.

The breakfast comes to close with a thank you parade celebrating the service men and women in attendance. Students line the halls, and posters honoring the veterans decorate the walls.

In recent years, guest speakers have included Springfield police Chief Joseph Daly, as well as a representative from Honor Flight.

Last year's celebration saw more than 100 veterans in attendance.

Gurenlian organizes collections throughout the year for holiday treat boxes to be sent to soldiers around the world. Students and staff donate a variety of candy items, which are packaged in festive holiday boxes by the Community Service Club. This year, more than 500 spring bunny boxes were sent

to troops for the Easter holidays. The boxes are generously sent, at no cost, by the American Legion in Morton and the Marine Corp League in Aldan.

Gurenlian coordinates the Coupons for Troops program at Scenic, collecting manufacturer coupons for soldiers to use on base at the commissary.

Also, a collection of thank you cards from her students are sent with local veterans traveling to Washington, D.C., with Honor Flight.

Additionally, Scenic has an annual collection of personal care items for the Coatesville Veterans Hospital. For more than 20 years, school secretary Mary Jeffery, whose husband is a veteran, has organized this collection of personal care products for the PTSD ward at Coatesville Veterans Hospital. Students and their families can donate items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream and soap. The donated items are made into care packages and given to patients during the Coatesville Veterans Hospital holiday party. This year, students and their families donated more than 80 of each personal care item needed.

Scenic Hills also participates in the Cup of Joe for a Joe campaign, which provides freshly brewed coffee to soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines or Coast Guardsmen who are serving far from home. Twice a year, students and staff can donate their change to the program. Students can include a message of thanks to go along with each hot beverage, making it a great way for the young elementary school students to personally give back to soldiers serving all over the world.

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The American invasion, designated Operation Detachment, had the goal of capturing the entire island, including the three Japanese-controlled airfields. These airfields would later be used as emergency landing strips for U.S. Army Air Force B-29s.

The imagery of the Battle of Iwo Jima has become an iconic part of American history, most notably the raising of the flag on Mt. Suribachi, which is considered one of the most powerful images of war to date.

The casualties of Iwo Jima will never be forgotten, nor will the brave men who went on to tell their stories.

It is with great privilege the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association presents the Freedom Medal Award to United States Marine Corps veterans Lou Camilli, Joe Hinderhofer and Alan Macauley.





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Lou Camilli



Lou Camilli was born in South Philadelphia on Nov. 17, 1919. At 7 years old, his family moved to West Philadelphia.

Camilli attended Beeber Middle School and Overbrook High School. During the summers, he would work in a machine shop, doing maintenance on the equipment used to produce bomb

shells. After high school graduation in 1939, Camilli went to work full time in the machine shop. On Sept. 16, 1943, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Camilli's journey in the Marine Corps took him from Parris Island in South Carolina to Camp Pendleton in California. But on Sept. 10, 1944, the real journey began, sailing from San Diego to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and onwards to their final destination, Iwo Jima.

Camilli and his fellow soldiers in the 5th Marine Division landed on Green

Beach on Feb. 22, 1945. Green Beach was at the base of Mt. Suribachi; at 553 feet high, it was the highest peak on Iwo Jima. The Japanese had the mountain very well covered. But on Feb. 23, the U.S. soldiers made it to the top of Mt. Suribachi and raised the flag in a moment captured for the world to see. It is considered one of the most powerful images of all time.

At this point, having planted a flag on the island's most strategic position, Camilli thought for sure he'd be leaving the sulfur, black sand island. But he was wrong. Remaining there for another whole month, they lost about 7,000 men. Camilli recalls saying to a friend on the island, "What do we need this stinkin' island for?"

It wasn't until he returned home that Camilli would truly understand how important his time on Iwo Jima proved to be. That month on the island was a pivotal, strategic moment in the war. The U.S. Air Force pilots didn't have enough fuel to fly back from Tokyo to the Marshall Islands (located in the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and the Philippines). Iwo Jima was an essential stop for these pilots, and by taking the island, they saved thousands of lives.

While he was lucky to come back home safe and sound, Camilli saw many horrors on Iwo he'd rather forget. But he will always remember his fallen brothers, whom he prays for every day. His service continued throughout Japan and the Pacific until he was honorably discharged on May 14, 1946.

He came home to the love of his life, Jean, and they were married on Sept. 21, 1946. They raised two children, who grew to have children of their own.

Camilli currently lives outside Philadelphia, where he is blessed to spend time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Joseph Hinderhofer

Joseph Hinderhofer was born and raised in Chester, Pa., on Dec. 27, 1920. He was the youngest of 11 children, with six sisters and four brothers.

Hinderhofer attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Grade School and Chester High School where he played baseball and basketball and was captain of the 1939 undefeated football team.

Upon graduating high school, Hinderhofer received an offer to attend the University of Delaware on a football scholarship but chose instead to become a machinist apprentice, an occupation that would yield immediate returns.

While working, he attempted to enlist in the Air Force but was denied due to poor vision. Hinderhofer completed his apprenticeship and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943. He was sent to Paris Island for boot camp, followed by Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton, where he studied weapon and invasion tactics. He was transferred to Maui in the Hawaiian Islands and joined the 4th Marine Division and 25th Weapons Regiment. On Dec. 26, 1944, Hinderhofer recalls boarding a ship to an unknown location to receive additional training in invasion maneuvers. In February 1945, Hinderhofer and his men would take part in the battle of Iwo Jima.

In 1945, the war ended, and Hinderhofer was eventually transferred to the Philadelphia Naval Base for military police duty. In June of 1946, Hinderhofer was discharged from the Marine Corps.

In 1947, Hinderhofer married Mary Jane Wright, of Eddystone. The happy pair lived in Chester until they purchased a home in Nether Providence Township. It was there they started their family, having one son and two daughters. They were married for 65 years.

Hinderhofer accepted employment with Belmont Iron Corp. while simulta-

neously being enrolled in the Penn State Extension program. After five years, he earned his degree in mechanical production and machine and tool design.

In 1954, Hinderhofer joined the Nether Providence Fire Department, where he later became president. He also served as a 5th ward committee member for many years with the Delaware County Republican party.

Upon leaving Belmont Iron, he accepted a new position with the U.S. government fabricating experimental



atomic-type weapons, eventually to be manufactured at the Aberdeen Proving Ground. His remaining employment was with Sinclair, followed by Atlantic and Sunoco refineries, ultimately retiring in 1984.

He currently resides in Wilmington, Del., and maintains his membership with the local Marine Corps League Detachment in Upland,

Pa. He enjoys bowling, gardening, going for walks, sudoku and cryptogram puzzle, and spending time with his family. He has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



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Alan Macauley



Alan Macauley was born on May 11, 1925. He was raised in Holmes, Delaware County, and attended Ridley High School.

At the tender age of 18, Macauley enlisted in the United States Marine

Corps. After a five-day train ride, he arrived in San Diego, Calif., for boot camp training. Before leaving home, Macauley's mother warned, "Whatever you do, don't join the paratroopers."

After basic training, Macauley volunteered to join a specialized combat unit known as the Paramarines, more commonly referred to as Marine Paratroopers. He recalls being asked if he could drink a pint of liquor, to which he responded, "No." This may have been his ticket to join the specialized division!

The planned jump was canceled at the last minute, and the program for paratroopers was abandoned; they were sent to Camp Pendleton and formed into the 5th Marine Division. There they trained for eight months before being sent overseas to Hawaii for

an additional eight months' training, eventually taking part in the invasion of Iwo Jima.

Macauley, with the 5th Marine Division, 26th Regiment, 7th Battalion, spent 19 days and nights on Iwo before being shot in the arm. Because of his injury, Macauley would spend the next 11½ months in three different naval hospitals recovering from his wounds. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with battle star, the American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Medal.

On Jan. 25, 1946, Macauley was discharged from the Marine Corps. He returned to Pennsylvania where he earned his bachelor's degree from St.

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Jim Gullborg

Delco resident served in U.S. Navy during WWII, serves community through leadership with Rotary



Jim Gullborg was born and raised in Renovo, Pa., the youngest of three children.

He enlisted in the United States Navy the day after his high school graduation in 1943 at the age of 17. He was one of eight crew members in Pittsburgh for the launching of USS LST-46 (Landing Ship-Tank) on Sept. 16, 1943. LST-46 sailed down to New Orleans where equipment was added before being assigned to the European theater where it participated in the Normandy invasion from June 6 to 25, 1944, and the invasion of southern France in August and September 1944. LST-46 was later transferred to the Asiatic-Pacific theater where she took part in the Okinawa assault in June 1945. Following the war, LST-46 performed occupation duty in the Far East and service in China until mid-May 1946.

Gullborg remembers one instance when LST-46, which normally held 250 to 300 crew and troops, transported 1,200 Chinese men, women and children who had been imprisoned by the Japanese from Indochina back to their homes in Tsingtao, North China. Upon her return to the United States, LST-46 was decommissioned on June 6, 1946. Gullborg was discharged in 1946.

After the war, Gullborg attended

the Penn State School of Forestry, graduating in 1950. He worked for several years for Lewis Tree Surgeons in Media, attaining the designation of a certified arborist. In 1960, he started his own company, Arbor Tree Service, which is now being run by his son, Glen.

One of Gullborg's proudest accomplishments was being chosen by Henry F. DuPont to care for the plants and trees on his Winterthur estate in Delaware. In 2015, Jim was the lone certified arborist on the Marple Tree Commission, providing advice to the township on hazardous and diseased trees.

While at Penn State, Gullborg met his future wife, Janie, whom he mar-

ried 17 days after graduation. They were married for 48 years before Janie passed away in 1998, had two children and were the eighth family to move into Lawrence Park in 1955.

Gullborg joined the Media Rotary Club in 1952 and served as the club president for the 1959-60 Rotary year. He was one of the original members of the Broomall Rotary Club when it was chartered on March 21, 1961, serving as the club's president for the 1962-63 Rotary year. Gullborg continues to participate in all of the Broomall Rotary Club's various community service activities and currently has 66 years of perfect attendance at weekly Rotary

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Civil Air Patrol cadets latest partner in DCVMA's mission



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Members of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association and Civil Air Patrol Squadron 1007 are pictured at the memorial.

The Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association announces it now has the support of cadets from the Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) Delaware County Composite Squadron 1007.

CAP cadets will assist DCVMA during flag ceremonies, represent the memorial in parades and have a presence at special events such as the Give Blood Sweat Cheer Festival and the Freedom Medal Honor Dinner.

The cadets will learn to assist veterans and DCVMA board members with folding casket flags and honoring the veteran families during their loved one's ceremony.

Families of veterans can register to fly their loved one's casket flag at the memorial during the solemn flag raising service. Each family will participate hands-on with the raising and lowering of the flag and address the crowd about their loved one. Their flag is then ceremoniously folded and presented back to the family members.

As a Total Force partner and Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, Civil Air Patrol performs search and rescue, disaster relief and supports homeland security. Its 56,000 members devote their time, energy and expertise toward the well-being of their communities while promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace/STEM education and helping shape future leaders through CAP's cadet program.

Delaware County Composite Squadron 1007 is headquartered at the Delaware County

Emergency Services Training Center in Sharon Hill. Visitors are welcome to their weekly meetings, held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Building 1, Lower Level. Children 12 and up and adults of all ages are welcomed, especially those interested in aviation, wilderness training, emergency management, STEM or community service are encouraged to attend.

For information, visit www.squadron1007.org

For information on events at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial or how to participate in a veterans casket flag raising service, contact DCVMA at info@delcoveteransmemorial.com or 610-400-8722.

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Joseph's University. Macauley went on to become a court reporter, spending most of his career working at the Defense Department in JAG at the Philadelphia Naval Yard, retiring from the U.S. government.

Macauley married his wife, Marion, in Scranton, Pa., in June of 1953. Together, they had two children, their daughter, Robin, and son, Alan. After 56 years of marriage, Marion passed away. Macauley enjoys spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gullborg

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Club meetings.

In 2015, the Broomall Club honored Gullborg by planting a tree in Veterans Memorial Park in conjunction with his 90th birthday.

At the dedication, club President Mike Sinapi remarked, "A tree is the mark of a leader – someone who inspires, motivates and encourages others. The board was unanimous in its decision to recognize you and the influence you have had."

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Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association expands education outreach



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Pictured at Radnor 21 Studio are, from left, TV talk show host John Ricciuti; Barbara Ann Zippi, public relations for Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association; Dennis Murphy, DCVMA co-vice president and chairman of the DCVMA Education Committee; Ralph Galati, DCVMA board member and DCVMA Education Committee member; Karyn Confer, education program director at the Delaware County Historical Society's Joint Venture with DCVMA; and Kathy Breslin, member of the DCVMA Education Committee.

By Peg DeGrassa
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Local students of all ages have a unique opportunity to participate in a free comprehensive education program that offers knowledge about United States military history, as well as encourages, inspires and motivates participants by offering the skills and the foundation to respect and protect this

country's history, liberty and freedoms.

The Education Program of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association (DCVMA) was founded to bring the history of the United States to life. Open to all students in grades K-12, the program incorporates the core requirements of both civics and history as set forth by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Started by the late Linda Houldin, the DCVMA edu-

cation program has a goal to educate all generations of students to understand how the United States of America became who she is from the symbols, beliefs, actions, innovations and inventions of those in previous generations.

In loving memory of Houldin, the DCVMA has established the Linda M. Houldin Education Fund. Donors can easily access the endowment fund online at DelcoVeteransMemorial.org to make donations and ensure that children will learn about U.S. veterans, military history, government and the nation's founding.

The Delaware County Veterans Memorial is celebrating its fifth year, having brought its education program to over 5,000 students. Teachers, students, families and individuals have participated, coming from public, private, parochial, charter and cyber schools, as well as area colleges and universities. The DCVMA Education Committee not only supplies the materials and knowledgeable staff for the program in

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the classroom but also offers complimentary bus transportation to the memorial for a hands-on field trip at the culmination of the program. The purpose of the educational program is to give meaning and understanding to the sentiment of the entire memorial, "Lest We Forget."

The curriculum-based lessons include the history and the founding of the United States, the meaning and history of memorials, the importance of symbolism and one-on-one interaction with veterans, historians, civic leaders, elected officials, business leaders and military families. When the program is completed, students will usually leave the memorial with a greater understanding of the foundations of their country, the role of its military, the stories of those who personally participated in conflicts and a greater appreciation of the sacrifices of those who served.

Students, when they visit the memorial in Newtown Square for the first time, are led on a grade-appropriate walking tour to gain an understanding and knowledge about its structure. Veterans, educators and civic leaders on site engage in one-on-one conversations to enable students to gain a clear understanding of patriotism, as well as the lessons they've learned in the classrooms.

Following the tour and conversations, students get to "adopt" a soldier, making a rubbing of a name that they choose from the wall of prayers that lists veterans from Delaware County who made the ultimate sacrifice. They take that rubbing with them so that they may research the soldier and interview their family members if available. All research conducted on these soldiers is kept on file in the memorial's electronic archives for one year so that visitors can access and read the information.

While at the memorial, students in lower elementary grades sing patriotic songs, while students in the upper grades learn more about United States conflicts through the nine pillars of the memorial. All students, of every age, leave the memorial site with an American flag and a print copy of the Constitution handed to them by either a veteran or an active duty serviceperson.

The DCVMA Education Program



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Dennis Murphy, right, Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association vice president, is interviewed by TV talk show host John Ricciuti at Radnor Studio 21.

is created, operated and updated by a committee consisting of three different veterans organizations, educators, historians, business men and women and management professionals. Since the subjects of American history and civics are ever-changing, the curriculum and program at the memorial has to also evolve and go through fine tuning on an ongoing basis. The program is designed based on facts and not opinions.

"Linda's top two passions were veterans and education," said her longtime colleague and DCVMA Education Committee member Karyn Confer. "Her vision of the memorial's education component was to get younger generations involved and out to not only see the memorial but know what it stands for and represents. She worked hard to make the memorial a part of curriculum-based education for all students. Making the program, and even the bus, free of charge enables equal access to all students and schools."

Confer said Houldin started every

education component at the memorial by asking the students, "Did you ever have a dream?" She then told them how the dream to memorialize local soldiers came to fruition in the building of the memorial.

Confer commented that the program is growing in leaps and bounds. The first year, about 50 homeschooled students came to the memorial to participate in the program. Celebrating its fifth year, the Memorial has now had at least 5,000 students who participated in the program. She said that fourth-grade teachers at Aston Elementary School said that their visit to the memorial was the most educational field trip that they had ever taken and that it was an amazing experience for the students. One 11th-grade student from Ridley Township was so inspired by the program and her experience at the

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Media Theatre Veterans Alliance honors WWII vet Walter Kolimaga



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Pictured on stage at the Media Theatre are, from left, veterans Ed Buffman Sr., Walter Kolimaga, Arthur Burn and Bob McMahon.

By Peg DeGrassa

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For 18 years, the Media Theatre Veterans Alliance, a partnership of the Media Theatre and the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum, has held Veterans Night at the Media Theatre, an evening to honor veterans and get them together to share a meal and see a show.

This spring's event brought out dozens of veterans to the theater, along

with their families and friends. They enjoyed a light dinner upstairs at a private reception in the Crystal Room and then settled into their seats for a tribute ceremony honoring local World War II veteran Walter Kolimaga before the curtain rose for "Always ... Patsy Cline."

Kolimaga, a resident of Middletown Township, had tears in his eyes as fellow veterans Ed Buffman Sr., Arthur Burn and Bob McMahon stood on stage

(below) Color guard members Sal DeViato, Mike Fleming, Rich Micolucci and Tom Anderlonis stand on stage while Mae Weaver sings the national anthem.

beside him and told those gathered about the honoree's courageous and outstanding service as a U.S. Army combat soldier.

Kolimaga grew up in West Conshohocken and enlisted in the Army on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1943, at the age of 18. He attended basic training at Camp Croft in South Carolina and then sailed to England on July 1, 1944, with 5,000 other GIs, heading to the European Theater. Their ship was a converted Italian cruise liner. Kolimaga had been trained as a rifleman and assigned to the 9th Division, 60th Regiment, 3rd Battalion.

After arriving, Kolimaga's 60th Regiment joined the Normandy Beach invasion. They arrived in assault boats under cover of darkness, with German artillery firing all around them. They waded ashore, saddled with 90-pound backpacks. After several days of heavy fighting, the soldiers further advanced into France.

As the 60th Regiment advanced into



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World War II veteran Walter Kolimago stands with his wife, Lois.

Hedgerow Country, the soldiers dug their foxholes behind huge bushes. The men were extremely weary by then. One night, the Germans infiltrated their camp, and Kolimago awoke to find a young German soldier standing before him. The soldier hit Kolimago on the head and then slit his throat under his chin. The German left Kolimago alive, and he was able to stop his own bleeding with medicated powder from his pouch. Frightened to leave his fox hole, he waited until the morning light and then learned that many soldiers had died in their fox holes. In that one night, the soldiers lost almost all of the company.

During the rest of that summer of 1944, the 60th Regiment continued its march into Germany, facing heavy fire. Kolimago was again wounded, this time by shrapnel, but continued going despite his pain. The 60th Regiment continued their campaign to Germany throughout the fall and winter of 1944, encountering brutal warfare. Losses were high.

On March 7, 1945, the Ludendorff Bridge at the town of Remagen was captured. The 60th Regiment began crossing the bridge under heavy machine gun and artillery fire. At that time, Kolimago was engaged in battle in a small town nearby but was able to cross the Rhine River with eight of his fellow soldiers by using a small row-

boat that they found. He was overjoyed to reach the other side of the river and join the other American soldiers. The following week, on March 15, Kolimago was shot by a sniper in a church chapel, taking the hit in his left arm. He had to be operated on immediately and endured the surgery on the front line. The arm injury site became infected because a piece of his field jacket was left inside of the wound. Kolimago was evacuated to the 40th U.S. General Hospital in Paris for another surgery. He stayed in the hospital there for four months.

The war in Europe ended on May 8, 1945. Kolimago was still hospitalized. On Dec. 3, Kolimago finally left France on a Liberty Ship and returned to Boston. On Dec. 16, 1945, Kolimago was discharged from the Army in Indiantown Gap, Pa. He had participated in five major battles and campaigns — Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. He had been wounded three times.

Kolimago's mother had been told her son was killed. The Army sent his

dog tags to her. They also sent her a \$10,000 life insurance check, which she never cashed because she had the gut feeling that her son was still alive. Her intuitive hunch proved to be correct when Kolimago walked in the door one day and gave his mom a big hug and kiss.

As a member of the World War II Greatest Generation, the highly esteemed Kolimago received the Purple Heart Medal three times, the Combat Infantry Badge, the European African Campaign Medal with five Bronze Battle Stars, the American Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the World War II Ruptured Duck Honorable Discharge Pin and the French Jubilee of Liberty Medal.

After he came home, Kolimago married his wife, Lois, and raised a family of six. His wife was by his side at Media Theatre when he received the prestigious honor.

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Vietnam vet Dave Tatum honored at Media Theatre's Veterans Night



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Vietnam War veteran Dave Tatum, far right, is honored at the Media Theatre.

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Former Delaware County resident Dave Tatum was the Veterans Night honoree this summer when the Media Theatre Veterans Alliance, a partnership of the Media Theatre and the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum, awarded the Vietnam veteran a special certificate thanking him for his years of heroic military and community service.

Tatum's wife of 42 years, Mary Ann, was at his side, as he accepted the award, saying in a voice laced with emotion, "This is a night that I will always, always remember."

Tatum, the 73rd veteran to receive an Alliance commendation in the past 18 years, was presented the award by veteran Ed Buffman, a co-founder of the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum, on the stage of the theater. Before the presentation, Tatum and his family and friends, as well as fellow veterans, were treated to a reception in the theater's upstairs Crystal Room.

The Vietnam vet, a resident of Malvern, grew up in Darby and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps when he was 17. His

parents had to sign the papers for him to join. In 1965, Tatum headed to basic training at Parris Island, followed by more training at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and then Radio School in San Diego for a year, where he became a highly trained radio operator in Morse code.

Tatum, attached to the 1st Battalion 9th Marines, was then sent to Okinawa. Due to its high casualty rate, the battalion was nicknamed "The Walking Dead."

In 1967, the troop was helicoptered into the Mekong Delta in Vietnam where, unfortunately, the Viet Cong were expecting them. Eight Marines in Tatum's troop were killed in the first day there. Tatum was a part of an operation called "Deckhouse Five," a U.S. Marine and Vietnam Marine operation that took place in the Mekong Delta. The combined seaborne and heliborne force assaulted a Viet Cong area on the coast between CoChien and Ham Luong Beach.

From there, Tatum was sent for jungle training in the Philippines before boarding a ship in the South China Sea, headed to Da Nang, Vietnam, where he would become part of the 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Shore Party Battalion. Operating out of the Dong Ha Combat Base, Tatum became part of a

helicopter support team, which would choose landing spots for helicopters to land to pick up the dead and wounded.

Tatum's 3rd Marine Division was sent to Con Thien, a Marine base only three miles from North Vietnam where fighting was heavy, to prevent the North Vietnamese from crossing into South Vietnam. During one of the battles, Tatum was photographed, and his photo appeared in Life Magazine. From there, Tatum engaged for almost two months in The Battle of Hill 861, the first battle of Khe Sanh, where the Marines suffered heavy losses.

In November 1968, Tatum contracted Malaria and was hospitalized for a month. In December, he was wounded in the leg by shrapnel. Tatum extended his tour of duty for another six months, serving with the same troop and continuing in the field with helicopter support groups.

Tatum finally left Vietnam after 18 months there, getting honorably discharged. Through his years of service, he had received the Purple Heart Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal with One Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star, the Presidential Unit Commendation and the Good Conduct Medal.

After returning to civilian life, Tatum attended West Chester University, where he met his wife and earned his teaching degree. The Tatums now have three children and seven grandchildren.

Tatum taught social studies and language arts at Upper



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Navy veteran Ed Buffman, left, presents an award to Vietnam War veteran Dave Tatum, second from left. Also on stage for the presentation are Army veteran Bill Lovejoy, second from right, and Media Mayor and veteran Bob McMahon, right.

Darby High School for 34 years. After he retired, Tatum taught 12 more years at Torah Academy in Wynnewood before retiring, once more, last year.

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ning research project for students. They wrote biographies about the 185 men from Delaware County who were killed in Vietnam.

Tatum is currently a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 68 in Delaware County.

As he stood on stage with his fellow veterans, Media Mayor and Vietnam veteran Bob McMahon, WWII U.S. Navy Combat Veteran Ed Buffman and U.S. Army Veteran Bill Lovejoy, who was the director of Veterans Affairs in the County for 55 years, Tatum commented, "This is such an incredible honor. I don't know if the word 'wonderful' has ever been said in the same sentence as 'Vietnam,' but tonight I'm making the exception. I can't thank everyone enough for this wonderful night."

Before being drowned out by a thunderous applause for Tatum by the audience, Buffman responded simply, "You rightly deserve it. You are a true American hero."



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Russell “Rusty” L. Carter



Russel “Rusty” Carter is a lifetime resident of Delaware County who attended Penncrest High School for two years and spent the last two years at Springfield High School from his home on Orchard Road.

Prior to his enlistment in the Armed Forces, Carter worked at the Rocky Run YMCA. He coached and mentored children and became deeply involved in the Teenage Leaders program. As a result of this experience, it was his dream to pursue a career working with children.

Before fulfilling his dream, Carter felt a strong desire to serve his country and in April of 2009, he enlisted in the Army. Upon completing his basic training in July of 2009, Carter volunteered to become a paratrooper with a goal of becoming a member of the elite 101st Airborne Division.

On May 12, 2010, Carter was deployed to Afghanistan. In July 2010 while on a combat mission, his unit came under heavy enemy fire, and he was wounded. Fortunately, his body armor protected him from serious bodily harm. As the battle waged on, he received a severe concussion from incoming artillery fire. Carter was the recipient of the Purple Heart for the wounds he suffered. Upon recovery a month later, he rejoined his unit.

On Jan. 2, 2001, as his unit was returning to base from a night combat mission, Carter was manning the ma-

chine gun in the turret of the Humvee when the vehicle experience a sudden mechanical failure, which caused the vehicle to careen out of control and plunge over the side of an unprotected bridge. The vehicle plunged 50 feet into a ravine before final impact with the

river bed.

The five other soldiers in the vehicle sustained recoverable injuries. Carter, who was exposed it the gun turret, was not so fortunate. As a result of the impact, Carter suffered several broken bones, serious lacerations to his face and skull and a devastateng complete C4 spinal separation.

Carter was medi-vacted to Germany where he underwent emergency spinal and neck operations. As a result of these extensive injuries, Carter is now paralyzed from the chest down, has no feelings from the elbow down and suffers from the after effects of his traumatic brain injury.

Despite these horrific life-altering injuries, Carter’s courageous and indomitable spirit is inspirational to all and encapsulates the strength and endurance of America.



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During World War II, Freddy (left) and three of his brothers proudly served our nation in various branches of the armed services.



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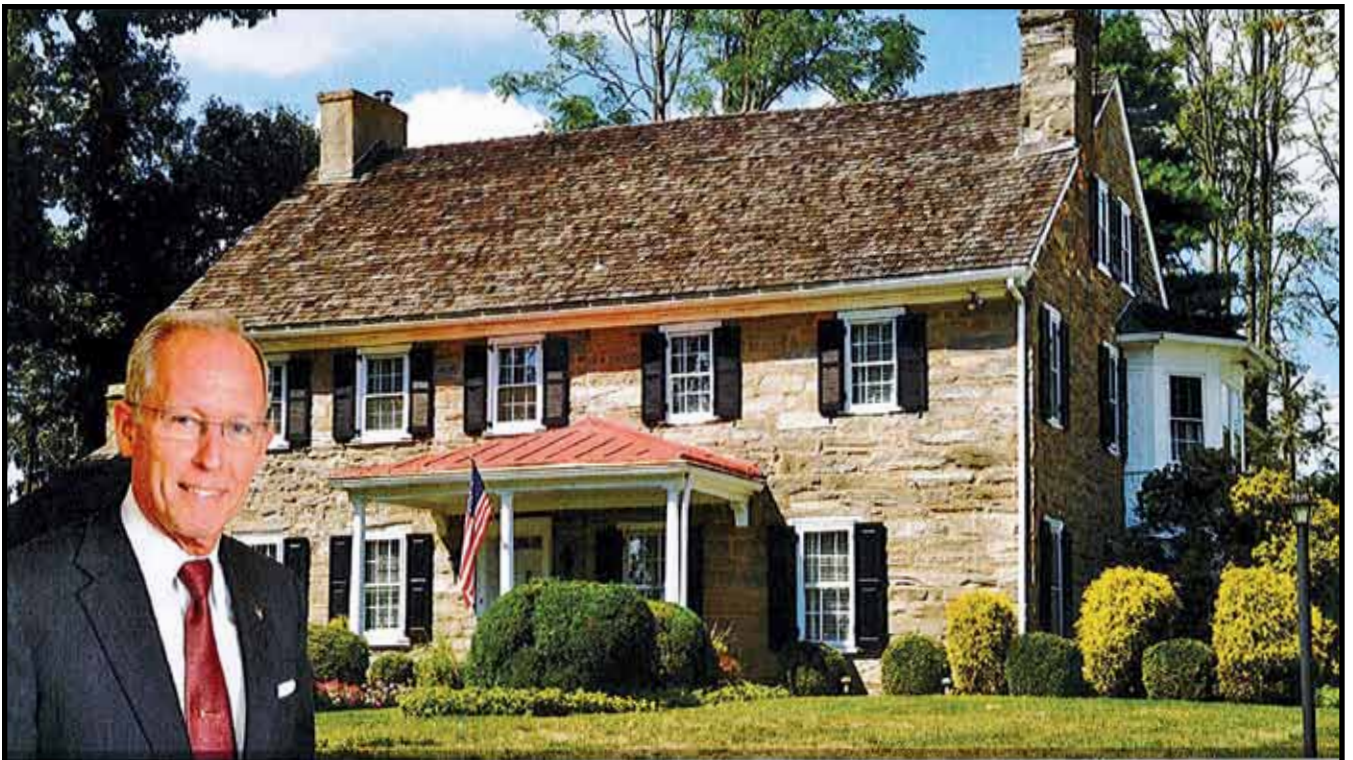
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