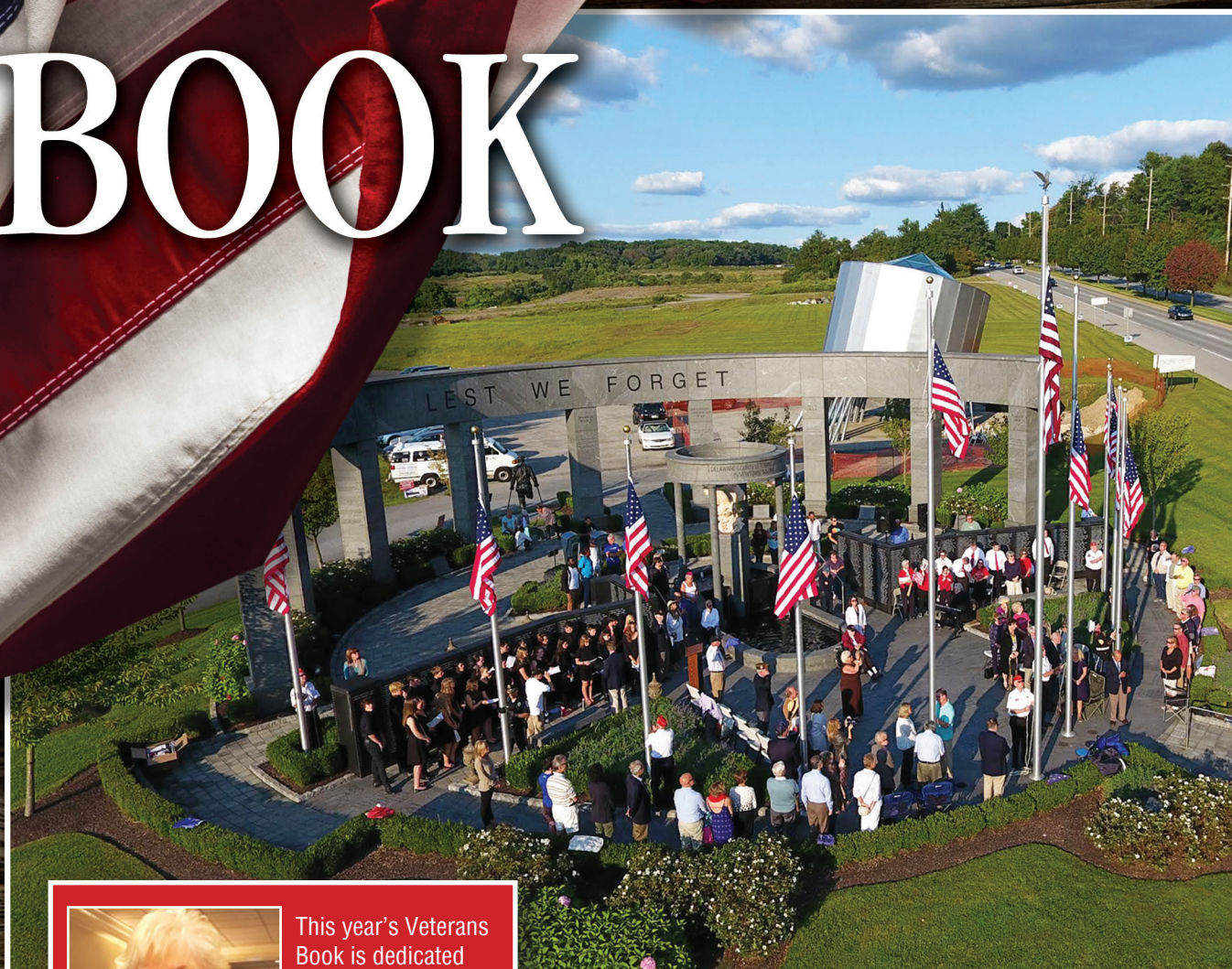


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Her contributions to her community were both immeasurable and far reaching. Hers is a legacy of profound generosity. Linda gave countless hours and used her many considerable talents for the benefit of others. Her dedication to our Veterans, to education and historic preservation, to the Memorial and to Delaware County was unending and truly inspirational.

Linda showed us love, joy, spirit, tenacity, honesty and good will. She impacted the lives of so many people and through her efforts many more people for years to come will benefit from her life's work. She lived a remarkable life and leaves us all better for having known her. She was taken from us far too soon and she will be missed beyond what words can express.

Sincerely,

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Honoring Veterans

Three from Delco talk about experience in Vietnam

Soldiers' Stories



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Ralph Galati and his fellow POWs rejoice on their flight home from Hanoi enroute to Clark Air Base in the Philippines on March 28, 1973.

By Susan Serbin

For Digital First Media

MEDIA >> When PBS prepared to air the Ken Burns and Lynn Novick 10-part documentary “Vietnam,” those in charge planned events to involve veterans in some of their larger markets, including Philadelphia’s WHYY. Not surprisingly, WHYY took advantage of having Media Mayor Bob McMahon as one of those veterans.

McMahon is a Vietnam combat veteran; organized one of the first “welcome home” events for Philadelphia in 1991 after Desert Storm; led planning for countless Veterans’ Day parades in the city and Media; and was instrumental in establishing the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum in the historic Media Armory.

Currently, McMahon is on the board as chairman of The Veteran’s National Education Program. He co-founded V-NEP in 2009 to teach our country’s history “through the eyes of those who serve.” The Veterans National Education Program has created a curriculum for students that includes hundreds of short clips on wars, conflicts and related events from World War II onwards.

Through his experiences, McMahon has met, interviewed,

and developed relationships with hundreds of individuals who have served in the armed forces at all levels.

“I called people I knew at WHYY and said I would be available if there was anything I could do with regard to the documentary. I didn’t expect to be as involved as I was,” said McMahon, who had opportunity to spend time with both Burns and Novick during their time in Philadelphia.

It is not without coincidence that McMahon and V-NEP are working on Vietnam, and have had input with such leaders as Gen. David Petraeus (Ret.) and Lt. Gen. H. R. McMaster, now National Security Adviser.

“We already have 775 videos on Vietnam to teach students about where we were and what we did,” McMahon said. “We previously did a film, ‘Humanitarian Effort’ which showed a different part of the war.

McMahon’s own service as part of the 1st Infantry Division was not what he expected, but developed into the “greatest experience in my life.” After other missions, he (as a 1st Lieutenant), two sergeants, a medic and an interpreter went into the villages. This “pacification” was part training of local forces, part exchanges of resources and much understanding each other. McMahon unreservedly said he “fell in

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Marsha Four during her tour of duty as a nurse in Vietnam.

love” with the local Vietnamese people he met.

McMahon was well suited for two tasks related to the documentary. He was given and watched the 18 hours (10 episodes) prior to airing, and provided a critique to the filmmakers. He began those six pages of analysis by saying, “I believe the documentary is excellent and covered so much ground that we never knew.”

The second was to organize a pre-event that took place at the Museum of the American Revolution and had an audience of about 300 veterans gathered by McMahon. Of the four panelists, two were Delaware County residents with diverse experiences in Vietnam.

Marsha Tansey Four was another.

In a 2012 interview, until the title of “Unsung Heroes – the story of America’s Female Patriots (produced as part of a U.S. Army Education Package), Tansey Four said, “Everybody’s experience was unto themselves.”

As a newly graduated nursing student in 1968, Four joined the U. S. Army Nurse Corps with the understanding she might well be sent to Vietnam.

“Those were dynamic times,” Four said of growing up in the Midwest.

Civil rights, women’s rights, the trauma of assassinations, and then the Vietnam War contributed to issues

“boiling up” in the nation. And yet her experience came as a surprise.

“We were so young,” she said of herself and nursing colleagues. “I didn’t know about politics. I’d been pretty sheltered in my upbringing. I’d never been west of the Mississippi. Then I went to the other side of the world, to a culture that was so totally foreign.”

The work, however, would prove to be far more of an adjustment.

“Nothing can prepare you for war. My training didn’t compare to emergency room work,” she said.

Four can talk about the year “in country,” but nearly a half-century later it is not without emotion. The hospital work itself, she said, “takes you down roads and decision-making you don’t know ... and there is such pain ... such pain.

“That is where I grew up and became who I am, how I look at the world, the relationships formed through stress and trauma, and never forgetting the sacrifice of humanity there.”

In the earlier interview she said, “I am of the belief that I don’t know of anybody who can go through extraordinary experiences without having some



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Ralph Galati is announced as a prisoner of war in Hanoi on Feb 20, 1972.

level of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). I always joked that I handled my PTSD by getting involved with vets all my life.”

A resident of Springfield for most of her adult life, Four established and served (until her recent retirement) as executive director of The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center, a non-profit agency providing free, comprehensive services to regional veterans. She took special notice of homeless veterans, both male and female. She served 14 consecutive years as a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) National Board of Directors, and was recently re-elected for the third term as VVA Vice President.

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Ralph Galati, right, shakes hands with Sen. John McCain during The World Affairs Conference in 2016. Both men were held as prisoners of war in Vietnam.

Four views the “Vietnam” documentary in the context of her extraordinary experience and credentials.

“I’d met Lynn Novick years ago; someone gave her my name,” Four said, modest to her accomplishments. “So I saw a preview earlier. I have quite a few segments yet to watch. I am really waiting to the end to make a determination about I feel. It’s a tremendous project. The editing is tremendous. I’m glad they started so far back in history to explain why we were there. I’m curious to see how women and the anti-war movement will be handled.”

Four believes there are some – veterans and non-veterans – who won’t watch the series. And she is certain there will be a variety of comments about how filmmakers handled the presentation. She is appreciative PBS has included showing resources for veterans who may have issues once watching the program. Despite her extensive involvement and background, Four had an interesting request of her three sons.

“I’ve asked my children to watch it, to see what we were part of,” Four said of herself and husband Tony, who she met while they were working in the same Vietnam hospital.

In the end, she said she hopes the fighting men will be recognized as brave and honorable, who did what their country asked them to do and made sacrifices up to giving their lives.

Ralph Galati served in the U. S. Air Force from 1970-78. For more than a year, he was a POW, held in North Vietnam. He was shot down flying an F4 Phantom. Galati relates his story in a way that is surprisingly positive.

“I’m blessed and one of the lucky ones. I have not been traumatized for the last 40 years. My own view is that this is something in your DNA, from good support, faith, training, and leadership you’ve had. But you can’t train for captivity,” said Galati who resides with his wife, Rosemary, in Nether Providence.

If anything, Galati said his experience was very developmental. He said his “roommates” in captivity were all senior military officers who, in essence, mentored him in a variety of ways that included, but went beyond, how to excel in the service. He called this a time of self-understanding.

“I had just turned 24. I was in captivity for 14 months – just enough to keep it interesting,” he said. The attitude tells the listener a lot. “If you let it get

to you it can be overwhelmingly serious and every day is a tough situation. But there was strength in numbers. It’s good to have perspective and not sweat the small stuff.”

The mindset for those months was clear to captives.

“Nobody prepares you for being a prisoner,” Galati said. “But every day we still had a job to do – follow the code of conduct with dignity and honor.”

Galati cites his Vietnam service as a microcosm of the war, referring to about 600 POWs of 2.7 million Americans. One of the last to be released in March 1973, Galati characterized his “homecoming” as welcoming and celebratory. This was in contrast to the number of other military personnel who returned to negative feelings and often outright hostility by the American public.

After remaining in the service for another five years, Galati moved from one big company to another, working for IBM, “trading one uniform for another.”

“I had a modest connection to veterans. I never talked about my background unless it was brought up. I would talk with veterans, but did not belong to any veterans groups, not seeing the connection I had.”

Life has been a combination of business and teaching. Galati is still at St. Joseph’s University, working with veterans. In an ironic turn, Galati approached the Delaware County Office of Veterans Affairs to volunteer in some capacity. Instead he was offered the job of director, which he held for two years. He found it very rewarding, but not compatible with other demands.

Galati approached the documentary with the whole of his experience.

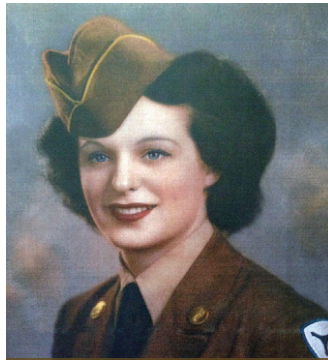
“First, when I saw it was Ken Burns I made the presumption it would be a high-quality project. I saw the overview and two or three hours so far. I feel it’s fairly apolitical and fairly well-balanced. For many people this will be the first insight in that era. It’s a good thing to have a cross-section of the coverage, and will fill in the gaps for many, including seeing if my recollections are true.”

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This nation will remain the land of the free
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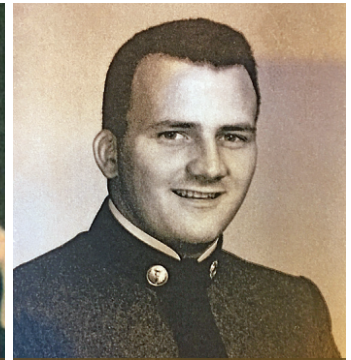
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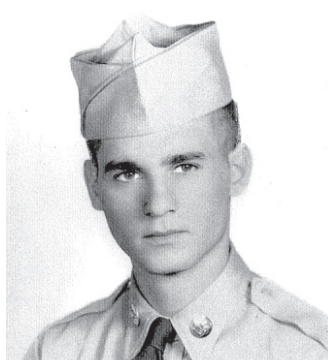
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Honoring Veterans

Lawyers honor the fallen with casket flag raising ceremony



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Family members look on as flags are folded for presentation.

By Barbara Ann Zippi

The Delaware County Veterans Memorial inaugural flying of 11 veteran casket flags with the Delaware County Bar Association included legendary names from the legal community who shaped Delaware County following their heroic efforts in their military service.

Being honored for service to country, family, culture and traditions, the crowd of family, friends and associates was welcomed by DCVMA President and U.S. Army veteran Guy Fizzano, with the ceremony lead by Vietnam army veteran and Silver Star recipient Dennis Murphy. The casket flag raising portion of the program was under the direction of Springfield police Chief Joe Daly.

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of DJ and sound engineer John "Hugo" Useller, the crowd from the legal com-

munity were serenaded by the Theresa Flanagan Murtagh, the Media Theatre State Street Miracles and the Silvertones of Strath Haven High School. The Media Theatre State Street Miracles is a performance troupe of 14 adults with intellectual disabilities and have a mission to spread the joy of music and dance while increasing awareness of the talents and abilities of people with disabilities. Strath Haven's the Silvertones is a select 37-voice a capella group of singers that has performed for the State and All-Eastern conferences and embarks on a performance tour of select cities in Italy every other year.

With an extensive military career activated for the global war on terrorism shortly after 9/11, the 10 legal community veteran flags were accepted by family members and associates of William C. Archbold Jr., U.S. Army, 1st Lt., Korea; former state

Sen. Clarence D. Bell, U.S. Army & Reserves, major general, World War II; Hon. Francis J. Catania, Esq, U.S. Air Force, China-Burma India Theatre; Hon. Joseph T. Doyle, U.S. Army, pvt. 1st class, Germany; O. Warren Higgins, US Army Air Corps, World War II; Edward Kassab, Merchant Marine & U.S. Army, Lt.; John J. Maffei, U.S. Navy, Norfolk, Va.; Charles R. Rankin, U.S. Army Air Corp, 2nd Lt., Great Britain; Hon. Matthew J. Ryan, U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Lt.; and Hon. Robert A. Wright Esq, U.S. Army, World War II. The 11th flag was dedicated to the fallen heroes of 9/11 and accepted by attorney Daniel C. VanWyk.

The crowd listened in earnest as the distinguished careers of those recognized was recounted by attorney Carmen Belefonte, an Army veteran representing the Delaware County Bar Association and a DCVMA Advisory

Board member. Many in Delaware County know of the career highlights of these individuals, but like other soldiers of their generation, they were quiet about their military service.

William Cornell Archbold, Jr. was a first lieutenant in the Army, serving 1951-52 in Korea as an assistant battalion surgeon and was decorated with the Combat Medic's Badge, Bronze Star, U.N. Medal, Korean Svc. 3 Battle Stars Medal and Am. Def. Medal. Archibold served at the Battles of Heartbreak Ridge, Old Baldy and Pork Chop Hill.

State Sen. Clarence D. Bell served in the Citizen's Military Training Corps in 1932 and the U.S. Army and Reserves from 1935 to 1940. During his military service, he spent 62 months in active duty as a major general in World War II. At his death in 2002, Bell was the longest-serving public official in Pennsylvania and remains the longest serving official in Pennsylvania history with a record 48 years in office.

The Honorable Francis J. Catania served in the military from 1941 to 1946 in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in the China-Burma-India Theatre. A veteran of "flying the hump," Catania spent 16 months in China as a statistical and personnel officer.

The Honorable Joseph T. Doyle served on active duty in the U.S. Army as pvt. 1st class and was honorably discharged in 1955 after a tour of duty in Germany.

O. Warren Higgins was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II in June 1942 as a result of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. Stateside, stationed in Bilozi Air Corps base, Miss., for basic training, he served as an instructor and special duty auditor before being transferred overseas to Manila, Philippines; in the islands of Okinawa he served as acting first sergeant of the Air Service Group Squadron. Upon surrender of the Japanese, Higgins squadron was sent to Japan as part of the occupation forces. His tour of service ended in early 1946 after surviving a typhoon while at sea on his way back to the states.

Edward Kassab served as a merchant marine and joined the Army enlistment program. Kassab was called to active service and sent to officer's candidate school where he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Army and served in the Philadelphia region.

John J. Maffei served in the U.S. Navy as an instructor at the Fleet Training Center in Norfolk, Va., from 1945 to 1948.

Charles Ewing Rankin, was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942 and sent to Camp Forrest, Tenn., for basic training and then entered the Army Air Corps as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Military Police and served in Great Britain. Rankin's duties included debriefing pilots after missions over Germany, serving as an attorney at courts-martial and, by the end of the war, as the head of a prisoner of war camp in Germany.

The Honorable Matthew J. Ryan was a first lieutenant with the U.S. Marine Corps. The former speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives had a career spanning 40 years in the Pennsylvania legislature, including more than 30 years in leadership positions.

The Honorable Robert A. Wright was a member of U.S. Army during World War II, serving from 1943 to 1946. Serving with the distinction of being the first African-Amer-

ican judge to sit on the bench in Delaware County, he was honored to be one of the only father-son teams serving on the bench at the same time.

There is nothing as thought-provoking than to watch the sun set as "Taps" plays & Old Glory is lowered for the evening.

In October 2016 the Fizzano family honored their veterans during Italian American month with a casket flag ceremony for Thomas W. Fizzano, U.S. Army Air Corps, World War II staff sergeant in the Pacific Theatre, New Guinea; John T Fizzano Sr., U.S. Army Air Corps, World War II staff sergeant, European Theatre; Nicky Fizzano, U.S. Army Air Corps, World War II pow sergeant, European Theatre; Rocky Fizzano, U.S. Army, World War II corporal, Pacific Theatre; Pete Fizzano, U.S. Army, corporal, Korean War-era, served in America; Joseph "Champ" Fizzano, U.S. Army, sergeant, Korean War-era, served in Germany; Tony Fizzano Jr., U.S. Army, Vietnam War first lieutenant, Vietnam; Pete Black, U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and Korean War, sergeant, married to a Fizzano; Jim Duffy, U.S. Army, Vietnam-era Spec 4, served in U.S, mother was a Fizzano; Jim Butler, U.S. Navy, Vietnam-era E4 petty officer, Southeast Pacific, mother-in-law was a Fizzano; and Mike Iannelli, U.S. Navy, Vietnam War, seaman, married to a Fizzano.

In April 2017, Irish American veterans associated with The Irish American Business Chamber Network, Ancient Order of Hibernians and area high schools including Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast and Cardinal O'Hara were honored with casket flags flying high for Joseph M. Kane, U.S. Army, staff sergeant, killed in action in Iraq; Charles F. McGrath, U.S. Marine, lance corporal, killed in action, Vietnam; John L. Dorsey, U.S. Navy, 1st class seaman, World War I; Robert J. Buchanan, U.S. Army, sergeant, World War II, European Theatre; Thomas M. Sherlock, U.S. Army Military Police, Korea/stateside; James J. McLaughlin, U.S. Air Force, captain, Vietnam-era; and Donald P. McCabe, U.S. Army, first lieutenant, who served stateside.

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Officers finish the fold for the official presentation back to the family.

VETERAN PROFILE

U.S. Navy Veteran and Four Aces frontman Al Alberts

Landmarks here and in Italy are part of my heritage, including those by my uncle Al Alberts, lead singer of The Four Aces, who recorded and earned a gold record for "Three Coins in a Fountain," a worldwide tradition for anyone visiting the Trevi Fountain in Rome.

Spanning many generations, some know Al Alberts from over 30 years hosting "Al Alberts' Showcase" on WPVI, performing at HersheyPark, Palumbo's and The Wildwoods, auditioning thousands of acts at J & A Caterers (now JNA Institute of Culinary Arts) and others hear his popular recording of "On the Way to Cape May."

What many don't know, however, is that Al Alberts (Albertini) was a radio-man aboard the Destroyer Charles F. Hughes and saw active combat duty in World War II.

During Alberts' military service, he was also a member of The Navy Dance Band Orchestra, and while on a layover in Newfoundland, Alberts met Dave Mahoney, another serviceman. Musicians at heart, the two promised to unite when back in the states. Mahoney offered his Chester friends Sod Vaccaro and Lou Silvestri to the lineup of musicians, and the rest is recorded history with five gold records that include "Tell Me Why," "It's No Sin," "Stranger in Paradise" and "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing."

Never leaving his love of military far behind, during Alberts' solo career, he headlined American Motors' "RambleRama Tour," an all-American Broadway show for American service personnel overseas, 59 performances in 60 days across countries of Europe and entertaining aboard the USS Independence for the air force in the Bay of Naples, Italy.



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BARBARA ANN ZIPPI

The Four Aces are memorialized at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial.

Being part of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial in Newtown Square since it was a dirt field to the regional monument it has become has opened my eyes to the men and women of the military. Thanks to men like Cape May County's Vietnam Army veteran Joe

Griffies, radio host of "Welcome Home Veterans" on WIBG 1020 AM and WIBG 101.3 FM Saturdays at 2 p.m., it's important to share these stories.

My uncle never shared anything about his military service until his autobiography, "Al's Song," was released.

VETERAN PROFILE

USMC Veteran Sean Sweeney

Sean Sweeney was in eighth grade when 9/11 happened, and it was on that day that he knew he wanted to do his part to serve his country.



He enlisted into the United States Marine Corps in 2006 while a senior in high school. He was assigned to the 1st recruit training battalion, Charlie company, platoon 1100. He graduated from recruit training as a private and received a meritorious promotion to private first class.

In 2008, Sweeney and his battalion were sent to Fallujah, Iraq, where he served as a turret gunner on nightly missions to conduct route clearance.

During this deployment, Sweeney's battalion lost six marines; however, his

platoon was lucky enough to bring everyone back home safely.

He was deployed to Afghanistan, named a squad leader and placed in charge of 14 marines.

In 2009, he was sent to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. His platoon was assigned to a mission in Nawzad, Afghanistan, to directly support the infantry and recon units that were operating out of that base. During his time in Nawzad, one of the fire teams from the recon platoon were unfortunately overrun by a battalion of insurgents and did not survive the fire fight.

After Nawzad, Sweeney was sent back to Camp Leatherneck to recoup and get ready for the next mission. At this point, they received word that they would be getting attached to 3rd Battalion 6th Marines to conduct an invasion into a southern city called Marjah.

He was honorably discharged in 2010.

VETERAN PROFILE

U.S. Navy veteran Martin Costello

Martin Costello enlisted in the United States Navy in December 1967, serving through December 1971. He served with Attack Squadron 82 as an aircraft mechanic AD2.

As a member of the American Legion, he helped to rebuild and rededicate the Radnor Township War Memorial from 2011 to 2012, also participating at the memorial's flag ceremonies.

Costello has served as Bateman Gallagher American Legion Post 668 Wayne Post commander, the PA commander of the Delaware County American Legion committee, 8th District deputy commander of the American Legion of Pennsylvania, adjutant of Veterans of Foreign War Post 7390 Broomall and member of Radnor Township Memorial Day Parade committee and is a former member of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Educational Committee.

Costello also received the Radnor Township award of appreciation for honoring our veterans and keeping their memories alive on Dec. 19, 2016.





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'No one got shot that day in 1952'

Longtime Linwood resident Harry 'Jim' Price served as a mess cook from 1951-52, recalls Lipton soup saving lives

By Harry "Jim" Price

This was a day to remember. I was in the field kitchen setting up lunch for our outfit, Headquarters Battery 82nd AAA, when all of a sudden we noticed a Chinese patrol of six men coming down the hill. Of course everybody went on alert. The men in the patrol did the strangest thing at the bottom of the hill. They stopped, took off their ammo belts and laid them in a pile on the ground. Then they laid their weapons down over by a bush. Still about a football field away, patrol came down to where we were about to serve lunch.

As they came closer, we noticed one of the Chinese soldiers was waving a white piece of paper. It turned out he had a Safe Conduct Pass, which meant they could have safe passage. As they got closer, they each pulled out a small white and blue bowl from their jackets. They were hungry!

The discussion among our men was that they should shoot them as they were the enemy.

"Take them down by the creek and shoot them," I heard one of them say.

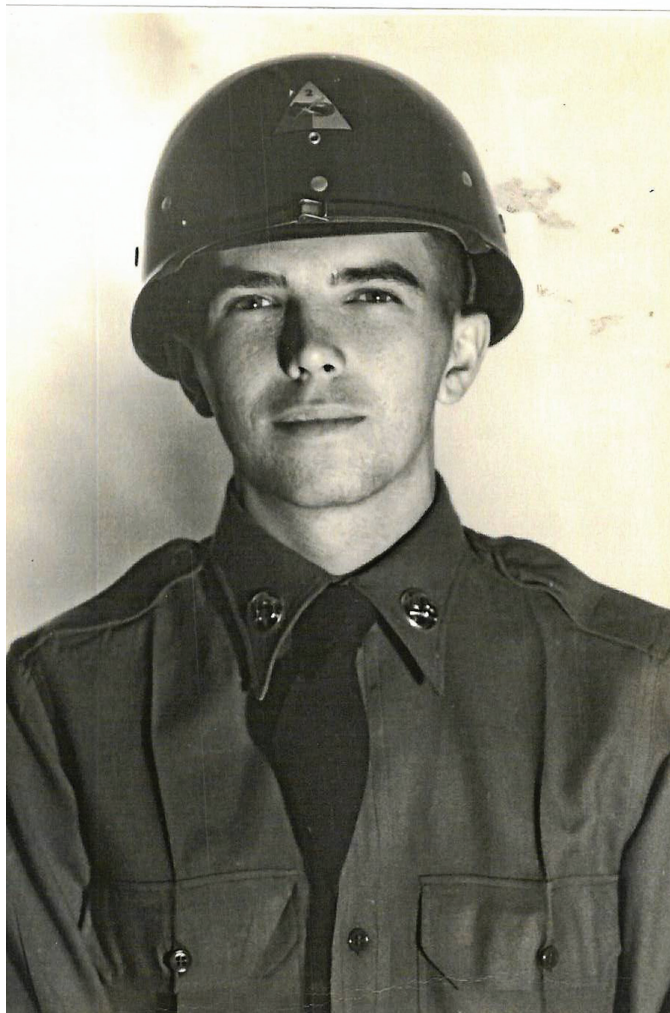
But I said, "If you do that, the food I prepared here will get cold. I say you eat first. Then you can discuss the action you want to take after. I also think you should never shoot a man because he's hungry."

One of the Chinese soldiers handed me the Safe Conduct Pass, which I took and put in my pocket. I knew the Asians loved noodles because the Korean Washy Boys and the KP kids always liked it.

So I gave them some Lipton Chicken Noodle Soup in their bowls. The Chinese had a nice lunch. The men who talked about shooting them ate their lunch and went on their way to do their jobs, and there was no further mention of shooting them.

After lunch, the Chinese sat down out in the grass and waited for dinner. This time, I put two of those No. 10 cans of Lipton Chicken Noodle Soup in the regular amount of water and made them a nice thick soup with lots of noodles. They really enjoyed that. They stayed for breakfast and lunch the next day, too. Then the captain saw them and asked what was going on. I told him what had happened, and he said, "Well, I think we have to call and get them picked up as POW", but you can feed them anyway."

They stayed for dinner that night. But then I think they got wind of what was happening as three of them left and walked back up toward the hill they came from. They surprisingly did not pick up their weapons or ammo but walked right



Korean War mess cook Harry "Jim" Price.

by them and on up to the top of the hill. When they got to the top, they turned and waved goodbye. The other three just waited as they knew they were going to be POWs and decided that was OK. They didn't want to fight anymore.

No one got shot that day thanks to a wise Army Cook who said, "You should never kill a man because he's hungry."

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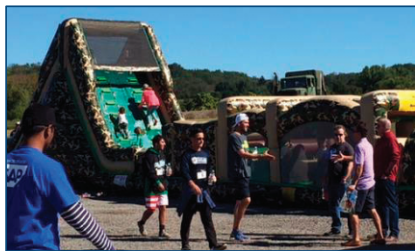
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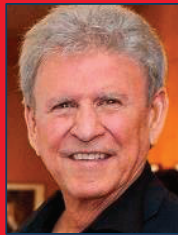
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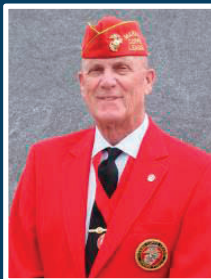
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SUPPORTING VETERANS

Shootout for Soldiers lacrosse event comes to Delco



By Barbara Ann Zippi

The Philadelphia region's first ever Shootout for Soldiers strikes more than \$66,000 for veteran charities, and the Delaware County Veterans Memorial is proud to be among them.

Shootout for Soldiers is a 24-hour lacrosse event composed of 24, one-hour games in a row. It's not a tournament, but a charity event with a running score between "Stars" and "Stripes" with the ultimate goal of not scoring the most goals, but bringing the community together around a common cause and fundraising to support our nation's bravest.

The 24 hours in Newtown Square consisted of teams of all ages, from current Episcopal Academy students and alumni as well as travel and summer league teams. More than 4,250 attendees and 850 participants filtered through to take in the action and event atmosphere.

This annual cross country lacrosse event, started in 2012, has raised over \$1.5 million for our nation's heroes with current participating cities including Houston, Hudson Valley, Baltimore, Boston, Ohio, Long Island, Canandaigua, Colorado, Utah, California and, now, Philadelphia at Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square.

"I was blown away that a first-year team at a new event was able to crush our fundraising records," Steinhardt said.

"I think these kids really understood the purpose of the event. It really was inspiring to see their energy and passion."

The crowd was cheered on by a rousing edition of the national anthem both days, one lead by Carolyn Finney. Also attending the ceremony on behalf of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association were the Vietnam Veterans of America Rifle Squad and The Smedley D. Butler Marine Detachment with ceremonies attended by DCVMA President Guy Fizzano and founding member Linda Houldin.

"The variety of lacrosse games (high level club, youth, alum, father/son, faculty/kid) set the right tone and was perfect for an event like this," said local organizer Chris Bates.

"For a first time out of the gates event, Shootout for Soldiers Philly hit it out of the park," Bates continued. "A lot of folks contributed to make the 24 hours of lacrosse at Episcopal a memorable experience to support a really wonderful cause."

Bates spoke about some of the event elements that really made Shootout for Soldiers Philadelphia's first year one to remember. The Shootout for Soldiers team is incredibly thankful that Episcopal Academy allowed the first SFS Philadelphia to take place on their campus along with the incredible help of their staff. The help of local volunteers, bands and performers all equally contributed to the unforgettable

atmosphere of the 24 hours, making Philly's inclusion in next year's summer tour a no brainer.

Bates continued, "My organizing team can't wait to get back to work for the 2nd Shootout for Soldiers Philadelphia in 2018!"

More than 30 thank-yous, one after the other, could be heard at midfield of Episcopal Academy's lacrosse field. Each young player on the Olde English lacrosse program received a 2017 Shootout for Soldiers challenge coin in exchange for their tireless and incredible fundraising efforts.

SFS Executive Director and founder Tyler Steinhardt as well as local SFS Philadelphia chair Chris Bates distributed the challenge coins to the boys. The Olde English lacrosse program collectively raised an unbelievable \$13,090 for SFS's Veteran charity beneficiaries.

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Delaware County Veterans Memorial honors our country's heroes



The Steve Neri Volunteer Award recipients are presented at Remembering D-Day. Pictured are: Back Row: Jerry Sweeley, Jim Himes, Joe Coniglia and Dan Fitzpatrick, front row: Dennis Murphy, Joe Pellegrino, Linda Houldin, Guy Fizzano, Debi Rafferty, Gene Guarneri, Patty Steiger and Steve Snyder.

By Barbara Ann Zippi

As one of the region's newest monuments to honor the military service of men and women, The Delaware County Veterans Memorial in Newtown Square has developed traditions, programs and activities throughout the year.

The Freedom Medal Gala, partnered with Delaware County Council, now in its fourth year, has honored almost 40 of the area's finest who dedicate themselves to honoring our freedoms.

Joining the national program honoring veterans, Wreaths Across America, the Memorial teams up with the Business and Professional Women's Network of Delaware County in providing wreaths and a ceremony to honor women veterans and their sacrifices to military and family.

The Casket Flag Raising Ceremonies have also become a prominent experience for the veteran's family and include the services of the Delaware County Veterans Alliance to perform the ceremonial flag duties.

The Alliance is comprised of volunteers from Smedley

Butler Marine Detachment, The VFW and American Legion.

The Student Education Program for grades K - 12 plus colleges and universities, partnered with the Delaware County Historical Society, is on-going with both in-class preparation and field trips to the Memorial. The program, free to all schools - private, public, charter, cyber and more - has welcomed over 4,000 children on-site to experience history and hear from local veterans.

Adding to new traditions is family fun fitness event, "Blood, Sweat and Cheers," which includes giving blood through the American Red Cross, popular run and fitness challenges, special sports personalities and a gigantic kids zone.

The Historical Car Club of PA participates at the Memorial with its annual Thanksgiving Morning Frost Bite Run, where they lay a wreath at the Memorial.

They have expanded to include establishing the first car show, a new addition to Remembering D Day activities during Historic Newtown Square Day, which includes Founding Member Steve Neri Volunteer Awards and presentations from

Quilts of Valor.

In recognition of 9/11, dedicated volunteer and bugler Marty Holahan plays taps at the Memorial timed to the three flight attacks, and Flag Day ceremonies include a tribute to Old Glory, presentation of retired flags and announcing the newest Freedom Medal honorees.

Off site, the Memorial participates in displays at Springfield Community Days and Fox TV 29's Salute to the Troops on Market Street in Philadelphia.

Episcopal Academy's Shoot-Out for Soldiers Fundraiser has been added to the lineup, and opening ceremonies include a rifle salute with the Vietnam Veterans of America and colors posted by Smedley Butler Marine Detachment. And parade participation in Newtown Square, Philadelphia, Springfield and Media is made possible by Fizzano Brothers, whose truck, all polished and decorated, is driven by Steve Snyder, loaded with veterans and their families.

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VETERAN PROFILE***U.S. Army veteran Jerry Sweeley***

In 1965, fresh out of high school, Jerry Sweeley joined the United States Army Security Agency (ASA), a special operations intelligence unit. A minor at the time, his mother understood the circumstances and reluctantly signed his enlistment papers.

After months of advanced individual training, he graduated as a communications security specialist with a top-secret security clearance and was sent to Vietnam.

Sweeley completed his tour of duty in 1967 with an honorable discharge and returned home to his family, forever scarred from the experience.

Some of his military awards include medals for good conduct, national defense, Vietnam Service with three bronze battle stars, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Vietnam Campaign. He re-



ceived the Meritorious Unit Commendation with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Certificate of Merit from the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division for Outstanding Performance of Duty.

Sweeley maintains life membership in multiple veterans organizations. He belongs to the Veterans of Foreign War, Veterans of America, the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion. He served The American Legion as post service officer, post commander and district commander of the 8th District, Eastern Section, Department of PA, representing 39 American Legion posts.

He now works primarily with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7390, where he serves as post senior vice commander and chairman of the Americanism committee.

In addition to his official duties with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sweeley serves as vice chairman of the Delaware County Historical Society (DCHS) Veterans Education Committee. He actively volunteers at the Philadelphia VET Center. As a combat veteran experienced with PTSD, he helps veterans with readjustment issues.

VETERAN PROFILE***USMC veteran Bill Kinney***

Bill Kinney enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1965, served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967 and was released from active duty at the end of January 1968.

He joined the VFW just after his return from Vietnam. Kinney is a member of the American



Legion and the Disabled American Veterans and has served as director of the Marine Corps League for six years. He is active in many areas of the detachment and has performed more than 1,000 military funeral honors and assists in many areas such as the Adopt a Highway program, the Toys for Tots campaign, fundraising for the detachment and the Color Guard and Honor Guard.

In 2011, Kinney was awarded the Marine of the Year for his detachment, and in 2016, he was inducted into the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor, whose membership is awarded based on documented acts of selfless service. He has received numerous certificates of appreciation, meritorious commendations, dedication to service awards, distinguished service awards and medals from his years in the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League.

Honoring Veterans**World War II veterans honored for D-Day**

*By Anne Neborak
Digital First Media*

NEWTOWN >> On June 6, 1944, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline, to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day's end, the Allies gained a foothold in continental Europe. The cost in lives on D-Day was high. More than 9,000 Allied soldiers were killed or wounded.

Harry Harootunian of Bryn Mawr remembers D-Day well. He was at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial

on June 3 to honor his brother, John Bogosian who served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Harootunian served too. He joined the Navy when he was 17 years old. He was on two destroyers: the Alexander A. J. Luke DE 577 and the USS Endicott DD 495.

"No one ever writes about how many drowned because they couldn't swim or the heavy equipment they had to carry," said Harootunian.

Harootunian felt it was a nice tribute to everyone and his brother John, who he feels so deserved to be recognized. Bogosian served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War as an aviation photographer. When he came

home, he opened the Camera Shop, Inc.

His daughters, Karen and Joanne and son Paul along with his wife Marjorie were there for the event.

"It was beautiful; Barbara Zippi and Guy Fizzano do a phenomenal job for the veterans keeping their memories alive," said Karen Bogosian.

At the flag ceremony, four World War II veterans were honored: one an NFL player for the New York Giants, Emlen Tunnell of Radnor; Joseph E. Shanahan of Norwood; Howard Watson Sr. of Wallingford; and John S. Bogosian of Broomall.

Howard Watson Sr. served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Tunnell was the first African-Amer-

ican to play for the New York Giants and he was the first to be inducted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 1967.

He suffered a neck injury that was so severe the Army and Navy both rejected his attempts to enlist during World War II. He was eventually accepted by the Coast Guard, and spent two years in service there before returning to play football at college.

Radnor Commissioner Philip M. Ahr talked about his life, and even though they never met, Tunnell was from the same section of Radnor. He read passages from a book written by Tunnell and William Gleason called "Footsteps of a Giant."

Joseph Shanahan talked about his father and the long history of service his family has from World War I thorough Desert Storm. His father served in the Navy and was killed in action during World War II. His name is inscribed on the Delaware County Memorial Wall.

"It's just wonderful today, to keep his memory alive. We never expected all this," said his sister Dorothy Bierman.



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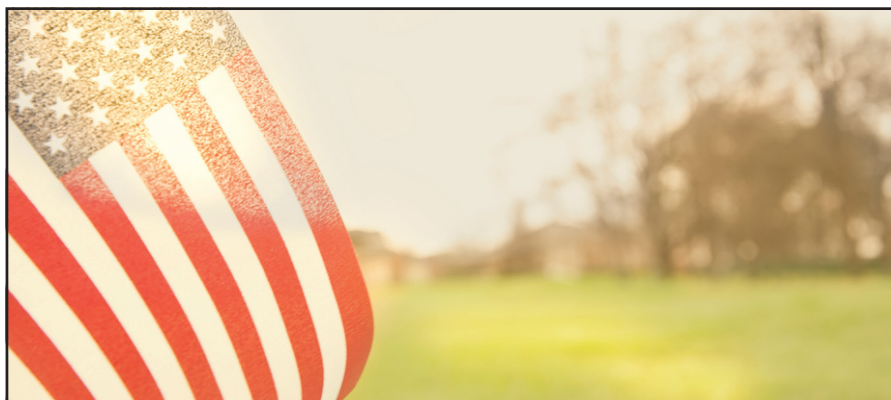
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The 2017 honorees of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association in Newtown Square honor five new members on Flag Day. From left: Sean Sweeney, Chester Police Officer Jennifer Jones, Martin Costello, Jerry Sweeley and Bill Kinney.

By Rick Kauffman

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NEWTOWN >> On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress called for an official United States flag.

Thirteen stripes with alternate red and white, with the union represented in thirteen stars arranged in a circle to create a new constellation, Flag Day was first observed by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson in 1917.

One hundred years later, the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association held an event at the Veterans Memorial Park in Newtown Square to remember those who have paid the ultimate price for their county, and to honor those who served and returned home.

"To the children, 'Lest We Forget' means we need to remember all the people who gave their lives for their county," said Linda Houldin, founding member of the memorial education program, with those words spread across the memorial behind her. "These are the names of the people who served Delaware County."

Nearly 100 fourth graders from Cooperstown Elementary School in Haverford came to witness the names of Delaware County veterans of the armed forces who died in foreign wars.

"Every single night we want you to thank a veteran, we want you to say 'Thank you for giving us what we have today,'" Houldin said.

Five new members were distinguished with the Freedom Medal, which has honored 29 veterans since 2014. This year, Sean Sweeney, Chester Police Officer Jennifer Jones, Martin Costello, Jerry Sweeley and Bill Kinney, were memorialized for their service.

In respect to the hundreds of names etched in granite, Costello said it was equally important to remember those who returned home.

"We have to remember those who did come back, they helped build our communities," said Costello, a U.S. Navy Veteran who served in Vietnam. "We paid a lot of time honoring those who died, but for those who came back, we have to pay attention to what they did."

Costello said he was fortunate to have grown up with a World War II vet as a father.

"Everything I do is in memory of him," Costello said. "I honor his friends and my friends ... It was great having a World War II vet as a dad, it put everything in perspective."

For the 10- and 11-year-olds in attendance, the idea of risking one's life for their county may be a concept too great to grasp, which U.S. Army veteran Rusty Carter had hoped to put into perspective.

"When I was younger, I didn't know what the flag meant, we did the pledge of allegiance and I was always looking around and not paying attention, but after 9/11 all of that changed," Carter said. "It's about the sacrifice that I know



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Carter, who served in the 101st Air Assault Infantry, was gravely injured in 2012 when his MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle rolled down a 50-foot embankment, breaking his neck and back.

Confined to a wheelchair, Carter’s lively and contagiously funny spirit was a joy to those listening to his words, as he has been unfazed by his injuries. Sharing the podium with Springfield Police Chief Joe Daly, himself a Marine veteran from the Vietnam War, jeered him saying, “The United States Army is the best branch.”

Daly, not to be outdone, stepped back to the podium to say, “Can I get an ‘ooh rah’ for the Marine Corps?” to which the children responded in unison.

To those who returned from foreign wars injured in combat, Carter offered some advice.

“Stay strong, think about the guys who didn’t come home,” he said. “Live your life for them.”



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VETERAN PROFILE

U.S. Army veteran Jennifer Jones



After graduating from high school, Jones attended Cheyney University for one year then enlisted in the United States Army in 1986 and received an honorable discharge in 1993.

Her tours consisted of Honduras, Germany, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. She is a Desert Shield/Desert Storm veteran and was an airborne soldier. The latter inspired her son, Sgt. Abdullah Rafiq (currently serving), and her nephew, Sgt. Hiram Whatley Jr. (veteran), to become airborne soldiers.

Jones enlisted in the Army several months after her older brother, Reginald. Major Reginald R.C. Jones is currently serving in the Delaware Army National Guard. Her youngest brother, Christopher, also enlisted in the Army.

She left the military in 1993, receiving numerous awards: Army Service Ribbon, Army Lapel Button, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star-3, M/16 Expert Badge, Parachute Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal Saudi Arabia and Overseas Service Ribbon. This is an accomplishment very few female soldiers achieved during the 1980s.

In 1999, Jones graduated from the Delaware County Police Academy and was hired by the Chester Police Department. In 2004, she resigned from the Chester Police Department and was hired at Cheyney University Police

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Department where she became the first female supervisor of their patrol division. In this capacity, Jones organized safety strategies and providing security for the U.S. Secret Service for President Bill Clinton, Maya Angelou, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Spike Lee and many more during her tenure at Cheyney. In 2014, she returned to the City of Chester to complete her passion in which she initially began as a community police officer. She currently works in the juvenile division as an investigator and recently received a special recognition award for going over and beyond her duties.

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Women highlighted at May's services included Broomall resident Elizabeth McGrath, U.S. Navy radioman from 1943 to 1946, and Springfield's Margaret Jane Lozinak Lawrence, U.S. Army Nurse Corps in the Korean War who worked at The Press Newspapers for years and was a 2015 Freedom Medal Honoree of Delco Veterans Memorial. Quoted on the Korean War column, there she writes home from the war: "Everyone worked feverishly to save lives. I learned to administer anesthesia, assisted in back surgery, anything necessary. No one complained. There was not time to feel tired, to even know your feet were hurting. When a lull came, while we waited for the next wave that we knew was inevitable, we would grab a couple of minutes of sleep."

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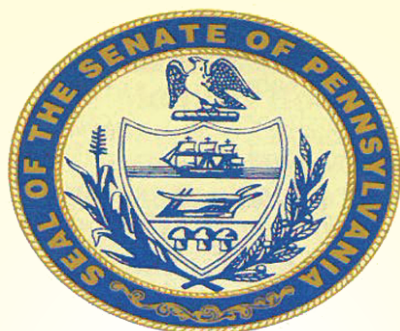
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Soldier's Stories

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With regard to a concern by many, including filmmakers and producers, that images and stories will have strong reactions, Galati said he believes there are some veterans who are "still carrying around a lot of baggage. There are segments not for the weak of heart, some gruesome that are not done for sensationalism."

Like Four and Bob McMahon), Galati has adult children. His son and daughter have heard him speak, but may well have new insights on seeing the Vietnam War in a larger scope. For all, "Vietnam" may be an education. The short and long-term effects of the program are yet to be seen. These individuals are only three of the thousands from Delaware County and across America who went to war in Southeast Asia, mostly just out of their teens. Regardless of the diversity of experience, they agree it was time to explore what was a painful and divisive part of our history that is both past and present.

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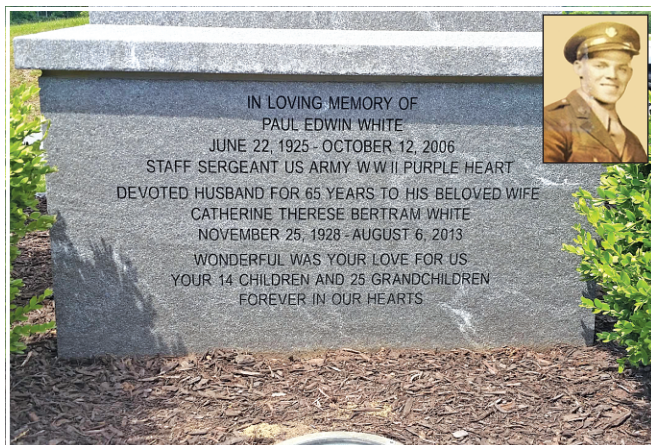
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