

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

## March/Ride with Port Richmond & our KIA Veterans in the 104th Memorial Day Parade.

One of our borough's longest-running annual events will take place **Monday, May 29** along Forest Avenue, from Hart Boulevard to Decker Avenue, from noon to 3 p.m.



**Port Richmond North Shore Alliance is a Bronze Sponsor of the Parade**

## SPECIAL THANKS

### ***Veteran Banner Project Team***

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***And to all the families that shared their Veterans' stories...  
we are honored to celebrate them with you.***



# Port Richmond STATEN ISLAND

## HONORS OUR VETERANS

THIRD ANNUAL  
BANNER CELEBRATION



## 2023

## **PORT RICHMOND** *North Shore Alliance*

*Support our local business!*

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Brothers Pizzeria - Giove Family	750 PORT RICHMOND AVE.
Barber Cave	550 PORT RICHMOND AVE.
Brooke Tech Tree Service	23 PEARL ST.
Cafe Con Pan	137 PORT RICHMOND AVE.
Christian Construction	415 PORT RICHMOND AVE.
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La Bottiglia Italian Restaurant	293 PORT RICHMOND AVE.
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O'Neill's Pub and Restaurant	1614 FOREST AVE.
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Rocco's Landscaping	48 ORANGE AVE.
San Jeronimo Restaurant	461 PORT RICHMOND AVE.
Tri-Star Construction	1914 RICHMOND TER.
Venues on the Terrace	2032 RICHMOND TER.
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**In recognition of Staten Island's Veterans!**  
**Thank you for all you have done  
to ensure our safety and freedom!**

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# Port Richmond

STATEN ISLAND

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## HONORS OUR ★ VETERANS ★

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Opening Celebration  
Veterans Park  
May 20, 2023

*Presented By:*

**PORT RICHMOND**  
*North Shore Alliance*

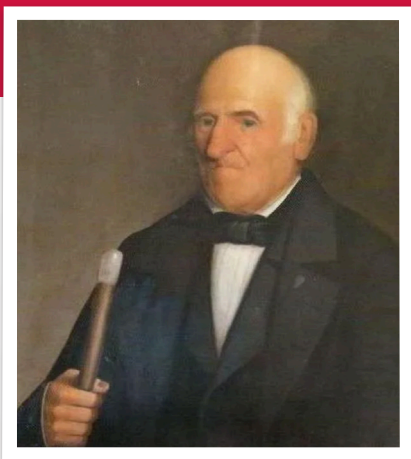
[PortRichmondStrong.com/Veterans](https://PortRichmondStrong.com/Veterans)

# Port Richmond has a unique military history.



The British map of the Battle of Long Island, August 27, 1776.

**MERSEREAU, OUR ORIGINAL MILITARY FAMILY**, was the five first generation sons of Joshua Sr., born in France. He lived to 99, passing in 1756, a generation before our new nation came to be. Nonetheless he had instilled in them such a love for their new home that they suspended their businesses and careers, gave their wealth to the Continental Army, pledged their loyalty to the new nation, and fled with a price on their heads. Two of his teenage grandsons stayed home on occupied Staten Island, but that was to spy.



Former teenage spy, Judge Joshua Daniel Mersereau IV, in his old age

Five Brothers plaque located on the right facade of the church on Port Richmond Ave. and Church St..

A **CHURCH** so seditious it appears on our nation's first Battle Map, August 27, 1776.



**LOCAL MEN** who risked it all to follow George Washington.



**WOMEN** who took over the farm or small business.



Our 1696 **Burial Place** hosts men who fought for and fashioned this nation.

The Burial Place is located at the Reformed Church on Staten Island at 54 Port Richmond Ave.

## United States War of Independence

**CORNELIUS MERSEREAU**, SOLDIER  
**COL. JACOB MERSEREAU**  
**CAPT. JOHN MERSEREAU**  
**PAUL MERSEREAU**, SAILOR  
**HARMANUS CROPSY** MOVED TO MORAVIAN

**ISAAC LEDYARD** MEDICAL PURVEYOR  
**JOHN TYSON** CAN NOT LOCATE  
**SIMON VAN NAME**  
**JOHN VAN PELT**  
**JOHN WENDELL** CAN NOT LOCATE

**MAJ. WILLIAM BERNARD GIFFORD**  
 3RD REG. OF NEW JERSEY AIDE DE CAMP TO GEN. GEORGE WASHINGTON  
 BURIED BENEATH THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF CHURCH

**JOSHUA MERSEREAU, SR. and MARY CORSON MERSEREAU**  
 PARENTS OF THE FIVE BROTHERS

## Merchant Seamen and Privateers

**CAPTAIN PETER VAN PELT**  
**CAPTAIN NICHOLAS LAWRENCE**  
**CAPTAIN JACOB CORSEN**  
**CAPTAIN JOHN DANIELS**  
**MATE EPHRAIM C. DANIELS**

**CAPTAIN ANTHONY HOUSMAN**  
**CAPTAIN ABRAHAM P. HOUSMAN**  
**CAPTAIN JOHN J. HOUSMAN**  
**CAPTAIN JOHN TYSEN**

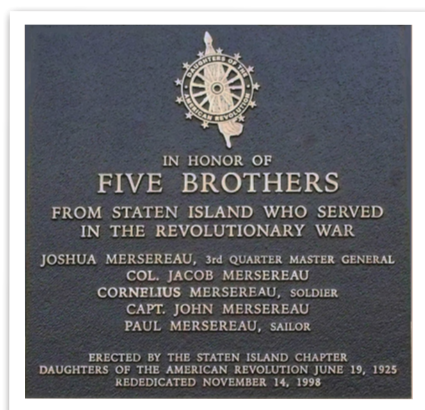
## The War of 1812

**JEREMIAH BAKER** LIVED TO 101  
**JAMES COZINE BARNES**  
**JOHN BODINE** SENATOR  
**JOHN BODINE** ESQ.  
**EDWARD BUSH**  
**MATTHEW CHRISTOPHER**  
**WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER**  
**ABRAHAM CROCHERON**  
**EDWARD DE HART**  
**HARMANUS GARRETSON**  
**JOHN C. GARRETSON**

**EGBERT HOUGHWOUT**  
**JOHN JONES**  
**DAVID LATOURETTE**  
**JOHN POST**  
**SIMON POST**  
**JACOB TYSON** US CONGRESS  
**JOHN TYSON**  
**SIMON VAN NAME**  
**JOSEPH WOOD**  
**JOHN ZELIFF**

## The Civil War

**WILLIAM HENRY HOUSMAN**      **WILLIAM EBBIT KOHLER**  
**VICTOR A. FAIDER**





# MILITARY FAMILIES...

## Continuing the Staten Island Tradition



Robert

### A FAMILY OF SERVICE - Meaders

by Lisa Wallace

My maternal grandparents--Louis Sr. and Inez--came to NYC from the South during the Great Migration. On arriving in 1923 they lived briefly in Harlem before Grandma told Grandpa that it was too crowded and she couldn't properly raise a family. So off they went to Staten Island!

Grandpa was a die maker at the old Gypsum factory in New Brighton. He registered for military service but wasn't able to serve for various reasons. It was his wish that all of his sons would serve to honor the family name. Each one served proudly. There were six Meaders' sons - Louis A. Jr., Solomon "Alex", Thomas, Joseph, Richard, and Robert.

They are all gone now - so I only have my memories of them, and what's been uncovered about them since I decided to make sure each one would have a veteran's banner here in our home borough of Staten Island.

**Robert B. - Air Force (1964-1968)** as the youngest of the six sons. He served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. Uncle Bobby was a mechanic during his service which sounds about right as all of my uncles were very handy and mechanically inclined. After his military service Robert joined the NYPD in 1969 following his 4 brothers before him. He worked out of the 5th Precinct in Manhattan. He retired in 1981, and died in 1997.

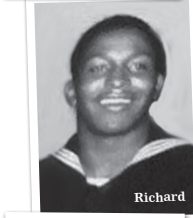
**Richard W. - Navy** following his two older brothers. This makes sense since my uncle loved the water. After his military service he joined NYPD - Housing in 1961.

**Joseph C. - USMC (1951-1953)** was the daredevil of the six sons. Uncle Joe moved to Brooklyn, but he came back to Staten Island to visit frequently. You could tell how handy he was as he was in the process of restoring a brownstone he purchased. After his military service in the Marines, he joined the NYPD in 1954. He was in the 63rd Precinct in Brooklyn and was killed in the line of duty in 1972.

**Thomas E. - US Army** he attended Howard University in 1946 for several years. After his military service in the US Army joined NYPD in 1953 and was one of the first black Sergeants on Staten Island in the 120 Precinct. He died in 1973.

**Solomon Alex - Navy (1943-1946)** he served in the US Navy during WW II. Uncle Alex was a SeaBee. He was extremely talented and could build and/or fix anything. He built his own house and helped his brothers with various projects on their homes. I remember him being in the hospital [ICU], and asking for his small tool kit to open up the back of one of the machines to tinker with it because it was too loud. After his military service, he was the first of his brothers to join the NYPD in 1952. He set the bar very high for his brothers. He retired from the 122 Precinct in 1983, and died in 2012.

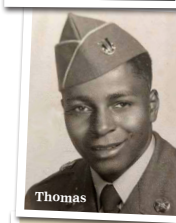
**Louis A. Jr. - Navy** was the oldest of the six Meaders sons. Uncle Louis joined the Navy in 1942, World War II. In 1943, he went overseas, to serve in the New Hebrides, the Solomon Islands, and Okinawa where he received his coxswain's (person that can steer the boat) rating. He served as a boatswain's mate, third class in the 12th Battalion - a Navy construction battalion (Seabee), in the Pacific. He was the only brother that was not a New York City police officer due to a clothing factory accident where he injured one of his hands and lost fingers. He worked as a psychiatric aide at the US Public Health Service Hospital later changed to Bayley Seton Hospital (1953 to 1987). In his retirement he bought an RV, and drove cross-country relocating to California. He died in 1993.



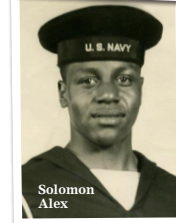
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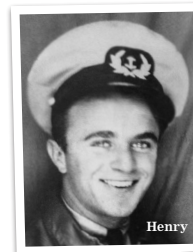
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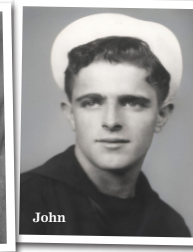
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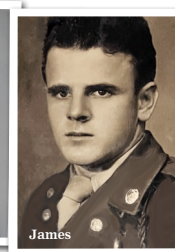
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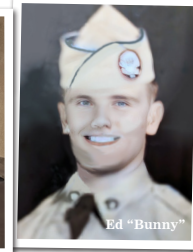
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John



James



Ed "Bunny"



Thomas

### LOYALTY, HARD WORK, PATRIOTISM AND A ZEST FOR LIFE

—THIS BEST DESCRIBES THE FAIRLIES who grew up on North Street. My father was one of 11: six boys -- Bob, Hank, Jack, Jim, Ed "Bunny" and Tommy - and five girls -- Lily, Peggy, Jeanette "Midgie", Marie "Sissy" and Betty. Their yard, steps away from the Kill Van Kull, was Fairlie Beach. They swam to Bayonne, or better yet, held onto to the back of a tug boat -- until they were spotted by a deckhand and shooed away - most times, half way across. They learned to swim at Faber Pool just around the corner. The small, wiry and strong boys were known for their high diving expertise -- and never turning down a dare. On hot summer nights, the Fairlies would climb out their second-floor windows, tie themselves to the sill, and sleep on the roof, leading to a life-long appreciation of starry nights.

The Great Depression affected everyone in Port Richmond and the Fairlies were no exception. As in most large families, it fell upon the older children to pitch in. If you were age ten, and up, you were shining shoes on the Avenue, soda jerking at Stechman's or, like my father Jack, setting pins at Maddelone's. My aunts, talented seamstresses, did piece work. In this boisterous household, there was always a contest -- who knew the latest dance, who could yodel the best, who had the best plan to sneak into the Ritz or Empire Theater. Each night there was a raucous race to the radio to choose a program. But outside the house no one bullied a Fairlie -- or they'd have ten people to answer to. Boy or girl, nothing was sweeter than victory in a fight defending a sibling.

**DURING WW II, THE FAIRLIES STEPPED UP.** Bob, the oldest boy, became a welder through the Civilian Conservation Corps. On December 7, 1941, he was working in the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor, but survived that terrible day. Jack, my father was too young to enlist so he became a merchant seaman, rank: Hot Shellman. At 18 he joined the Army. During WW II the Merchant Marine were the largest civilian navy in the world, bringing supplies, ammunition and personnel wherever needed...but you could not reveal your whereabouts to your family.

Henry "Hank" couldn't meet the Navy height restriction so he joined the Merchant Marine serving at Utah Beach. On a calm night after the Normandy invasion the waters were filled with ships. A Signalman aboard the Commodore asked "Is there anyone out there from Staten Island?" My father, who was aboard the George Gershwin, yelled up to his Signalman to signal that there was a John Fairlie from Staten Island aboard. The Commodore signaled back, "This is your brother Hank."

Jim, Edward and Tommy, too young for WW II, served later. Jimmy was an Army veteran, Ed "Bunny" was a parachutist, and Tommy was with the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War. The Fairlie girls did their part too. Jeannette, "Midgie" and Marie, "Sissy," worked at the Unexcelled Manufacturing Co. munitions factory. Midgie was there the day it blew up, and escaped to tell the tale. Lily, Peggy and Betty sold war bonds and rolled bandages.

**ALL THE FAIRLIES MARRIED AND RAISED FAMILIES ON STATEN ISLAND.** They worked in construction, at P&G, they owned delis and dress shops. Their children served the island as policeman, postal workers, bus drivers, nurses, teachers, UPS managers, sanitation workers, office managers, PhD college professors, actors, salespeople, dental hygienists, Con Ed workers and entrepreneurs. Family gatherings were favorites, whether in Lily's backyard on Hooker Place, or Midgie's swimming pool, or Sissy's yard for a barbecue. It was about being together, telling stories, and busting chops.

Of the eleven Fairlie children only my father, Jack, is alive. At 96, he walks every day and is sharp as a tack. In 2021 in the hospital with Covid, he told us, "I'll beat this. My lungs are strong from all those years of swimming at Faber Pool." Some Port Richmond experiences never leave you.

*My father was the main contributor to this story and we're all grateful that he's still around to share these great memories. —Maureen Fairlie, April 20, 2023*

# VETERANS PARK

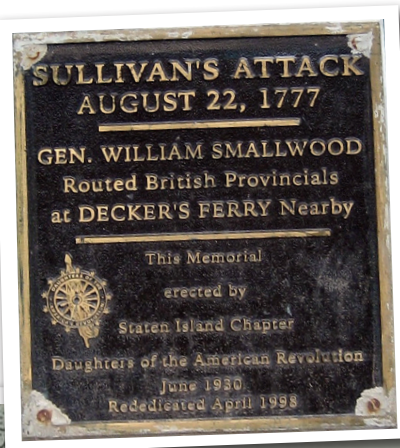
## Opening Ceremony 2023

*Veterans Park*, established in 1836 on Bennett Street and Park Avenue, is Staten Island's oldest park, and New York City's fifth oldest (the oldest four are in lower Manhattan).

It was laid out in 1836 when Port Richmond's village streets were mapped and was reported to be the village green or common. Thirty years later, the town was incorporated as Port Richmond, and in 1898, the year of City's consolidation, this park was named Port Richmond Park.

After World War II, community residents urged the renaming of the park as a tribute to local veterans. In 1949, it was renamed Veterans Park.

*On the Park Street side of Veterans Park, a stone monument with a plaque commemorates Sullivan's Attack of August 22, 1777, when American Revolutionary War officer and political leader, John Sullivan, led an unsuccessful night attack on Staten Island.*



"I saw this done in upstate New York and thought this was something special that we could be doing in Port Richmond, which is the home of Veterans Park and a community that has a deep connection to many veterans."

—Mario Buonviaggio,  
Port Richmond North Shore Alliance

**In our third year, the SI Veteran Banners Project is the first -- and still the only -- project of its kind anywhere in New York City.**

**With 80 Banners, we are engaging literally every useable pole along the entire length of Port Richmond Avenue!**

**NEW BANNERS**  
Class of 2023: 31  
**LEGACY BANNERS**  
Class of 2022: 30  
Class of 2021: 19

See the entire group of each Class on pages 42 to 47.



Legacy Banners from our 2021 & 2022 Classes of Veterans rehung along Port Richmond Ave. for 2023.

**But we are just getting started.**

We will be retiring the Legacy Banners from 2021 in May 2024, mostly due to condition. However, a Sponsor can have a new Banner created to honor their Veteran for three more years. Our Banners will fly along Forest Avenue, down Decker, on Heberton, and all the streets leading to Veterans Park - our town square/historic district with five New York City landmarks. Our website will feature all our Veteran stories into the foreseeable future, for all the world to enjoy. [Visit portrichmondstrong.com/veterans](http://portrichmondstrong.com/veterans)

★ **Announcing OPEN ENROLLMENT.** ★

You can complete your application at any time. We will have a cut-off for each Class. For example, once we have 30 more Veterans, we will close the Class of 2024 and open the Class of 2025.



## Daniel J. Burke, Jr.

★ U.S. NAVY ★

1952 - 1955  
Korean War

Daniel J. Burke Jr. was born in Port Jefferson, NY on July 24, 1934. The son of Daniel and Catherine Burke, Danny, along with his siblings John, Catherine, William, and David spent his childhood in Mariners Harbor before moving to Port Richmond.

Danny attended St. Mary of the Assumption School and McKee High School, competing in track and field, winning medals which he proudly displayed. One day during class, Danny was staring out the window into the harbor at a Navy ship when his teacher said, "Burke if you like looking at the ships, why don't you go join the Navy?" Danny stood up, walked out of the classroom, and enlisted that afternoon. After completing basic training in Bainbridge, MD, Danny was stationed in Key West, FL where he met the love of his life, Beverly Jo Bailey. He was sent to Charleston, SC, and he would hitchhike back and forth to visit his sweetheart. Eventually he ended up back in Key West and they married in 1954.

Danny became a third-class quartermaster, serving during the Korean War on the USS Bushnell, PC 1263, SS Batfish and APL 54. After receiving an honorable discharge in 1955, Danny moved back to Staten Island with his wife and baby girl, Catherine. They had three more children: Maureen, Daniel, and Kimberly. They purchased their home on Anderson Avenue in 1967 where Danny lived until he passed in 2016. The home still remains in the family today.

Danny worked for the City of New York, Office of the Comptroller, for 40 years. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and managed and coached several West Shore Little League teams. Danny was an avid Giants and Mets fan, but his number one priority was his wife, children, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

*Sponsored by Kimberly Burke Giordano*



## Edward P. Cappola

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1944 - 1946 | WW II  
European Theater

"There is no greater honor than to serve your country and your community." These were the words of our family patriot, Edward P. Cappola. He proudly served as a soldier in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946. His assignment as a gun crewman in the 30th Field Artillery Battalion during World War II included time in France, Belgium, and Germany. He described the war as "a sad time for all involved." Edward re-enlisted after the war and served an additional year at Fort Bragg, NC, with the 74th Field Artillery Battalion as a heavy machine gunner.

He moved from Dyker Heights to New Dorp in 1965. Proudly serving as a NYC Transit Police Officer for 19 years, he carried on his belief that service was a critical piece of his heart and soul.

Edward enjoyed traveling extensively with his beloved wife, Marie. They happily attended yearly veterans events at St. Adalbert School. He enjoyed a good slice of pizza with his children and grandchildren and was proud of his outstanding gardening skills.

His service in the military served as the springboard for Hometown Heroes, a living history project at St. Adalbert School. Edward was extremely proud that those who served our country were being recognized and their stories shared with a whole generation of young people. Edward passed away in August 2015 at the age of 89. We will never forget his service. God Bless America.

*Sponsored by Diane Hesterhagen*





# John M. Carroll

★ U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS ★

WW II  
KIA | 1943

Technical Sergeant Carroll entered the U.S. Army Air Corps from New York and served in the 329th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd Bombardment Group.

On August 1, 1943, Operation TIDAL WAVE, a bombing raid against the oil refineries around Ploieti, Romania, was launched. One hundred and seventy-seven B-24 Liberators took off from Benghazi, Libya for the raid. TSG Carroll was the radio operator on one Liberator (serial number 42-40999) that was one of fifty-one planes that failed to return.

Technical Operation TIDAL WAVE, while successfully damaging the Ploieti oil refineries, cost the lives of hundreds of USAAC airmen, many of whom were interred by Romanian citizens into the Bolovan Cemetery in Ploieti. During post war operations there, the American Graves Registration Command exhumed unknown remains that were eventually re-interred at Ardennes American Cemetery and Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery. Sergeant Carroll was memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at the Florence American Cemetery in Impruneta, Italy.

In 2017, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) began exhuming unknown remains for comparison with the unaccounted-for airmen lost during Operation TIDAL WAVE.

On August 23, 2022, the laboratory analysis and the totality of the circumstantial evidence available established an association between one set of these unknown remains and Technical Sergeant Carroll.

A stunning example of “no man left behind” after 79 years, this centuries-old idea exemplifies the respect that the American people and Military feel is due to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

*Sponsored by Mario Buonviaggio*



# Darrell B. Cress

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1979 - 2003  
Operations Desert Shield,  
Desert Storm & Just Cause

Master Sergeant Darrell Cress was a dedicated soldier. He loved his country and served for 24 years with great pride. The expanse of his military service covered several continents, including serving in several tours of duty. His

early years of service began at Fort Bragg, NC where for 13 years he served in 82nd Airborne Division and was a Jump Master Parachutist. He moved to Kitzingen, Germany for three years and then Heidelberg, Germany for four years.

After leaving Germany in 2000, Darrell relocated to Ft. Hood, Texas. He was assigned to the Cav as a 31U communication chief. Darrell retired in 2003 with full honors from the Army Communications Electronic Command (CECOM). He continued to work with CECOM after his retirement. While working at CECOM, he completed six-month deployments to the Middle East several times, and Germany/Poland, and change of duty station to Hawaii.

Darrell was passionate about his family and about basketball. He enjoyed spending time with his family and made sure his home was a haven of safety and love for his family and countless other children. His other passion was basketball. Darrell began playing basketball many years ago as a youth growing up in his hometown of Staten Island. He also enjoyed being a coach and mentor. Darrell was the point guard on the 1976-77 McKee High School varsity basketball team that won its first 23 games before losing a close one, in what is known today as the PSAL AA city championship game. The circle of young men and women whom he coached and counseled crosses many states in the US and even extends to other continents. He was in the Future Star basketball program before he left for the Army.

Darrell was born June 3, 1958, on Staten Island, NY and passed away December 31, 2021, in Killeen, TX at 63 years old.

*Sponsored by Carol Cress*

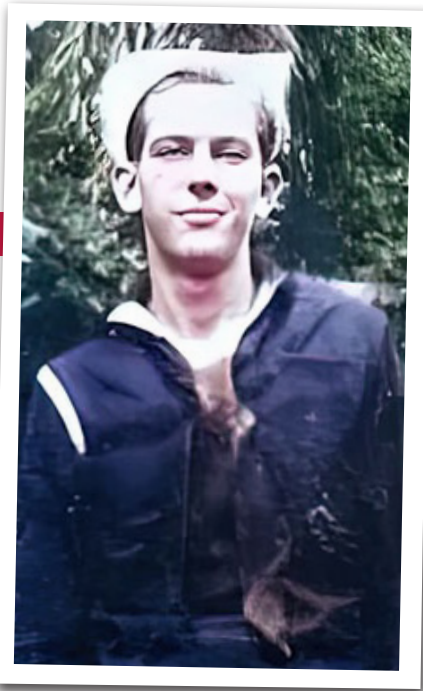




# Andrew J. Donnelly, Jr.

★ U.S. NAVY ★

1945 - 1947  
WW II



Andrew J. Donnelly Jr. was born on August 28, 1927, the only son of Andrew and Lucy Donnelly. Andrew and his four sisters were raised in West Brighton. He attended Blessed Sacrament School, PS 45 and Curtis High School. He enlisted in the Navy in 1945 completing his basic training in Newport, Rhode Island. He served during World War II ultimately on the aircraft carrier the USS Leyte.

Serving on the aircraft carrier forever changed his life, sparking his lifelong love of aviation. He was honorably discharged in 1947 and attended the Academy of Aeronautics. He worked for Pacific Airmotive and for Lockheed Martin as an aviation inspector and mechanic for many years. Upon completion of his college degree, he continued to share his knowledge and love of aviation with his students becoming a teacher at Aviation High School in Queens. He was the owner of Richmond Aircraft Service and Andy's Aircraft Service.

He met the love of his life, Madeline Fagan, when convinced by his childhood friend George, to go on a blind date with him and his date, Maureen, who brought along her best friend, Madeline. Andrew and Madeline married in 1953 and went on to share four children: Andrew, William, Catherine, and Eileen. They settled in Port Richmond on Decker Avenue as newlyweds and then on Hatfield Place as their family grew. They purchased their home on Anderson Ave in 1965 which remains in the family today. Andrew was a parishioner of St. Mary of the Assumption Church until the time of his death in April of 2011 at the age of 83.

Over the years, Dad continued to share his love of aviation with his family. We took cross-country road trips attending many airshows and visiting the Smithsonian Air and Space museums. We were truly blessed with wonderful parents who provided us with priceless memories.

*Sponsored by Catherine Donnelly Dembinski*



# Edward "Bunny" Fairlie

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1950 - 1953



Edward (Bunny) Fairlie was born in 1932 in Port Richmond on Staten island. One of 11 children, Bunny followed his older brothers into the Merchant Marine and then enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1950. Bunny trained as a parachutist and was a member of the distinguished 82nd Airborne Division, the U.S. Army's most strategically mobile division.

A real home town boy, Bunny met his future wife, the former Mary Lampkin of Elm Park, at Stechman's Ice Cream Parlor on the Avenue.

A talented craftsman, Bunny was a foreman in the construction industry.

Bunny was happiest when he was with his family. He would drive hours with his wife, Mary, and three kids just to check out a new breakfast spot. He was full of life, got along with people from all walks of life, and had a great sense of humor.

Bunny passed away in 2002 and is still missed by his loving children, Colleen Villari, Doreen Jobson, and Eddie Fairlie; and his grandchildren Desiree, Alyson, Kristen and Stephanie. His wife, Mary Lampkin Fairlie, passed away in 2020. Bunny was a blessing to his wife, his children, his grandchildren, his siblings and to his many nieces and nephews.

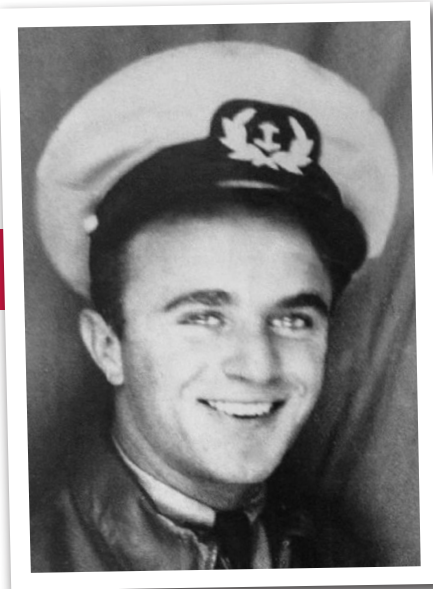
*Sponsored by Maureen Fairlie*



# Henry T. Fairlie

★ U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ★

1942 - 1946  
WW II



Henry T. (Hank) Fairlie was a life-long Staten Islander, decorated World War II veteran, and world traveler. He was a retired structural steel inspector who was known as “the spider” for confidently climbing the steel of the Twin Towers World Trade Center. He was a third-degree Mason (Tompkins Lodge) and a Shriner (Tall Cedars of Lebanon).

In his youth, he received several high diving medals from the Parks Department at Faber Pool, was a drummer in the PAL marching band, a fearless boxer, and an award winning swimmer for the Curtis High School swim team.

At the start of World War II, he attempted to enlist in the Navy but was rejected due to height restrictions. He then enlisted in the Merchant Marine.

Henry earned several medals for his active service in World War II including during Operation ‘Overlord’, the Allied landing on the westernmost beach of Normandy, codenamed Utah Beach, and a critical, logistical role in the Battle of the Bulge. Merchant mariners were fully involved working with the Armed Guard gun crews, rescuing soldiers from fiery decks below, and often assisting Army doctors. He also saw duty in the South Pacific.

As a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast, in his senior years, Henry traveled solo on his BMW motorcycle and camped throughout the continental US, British Isles, Europe, the Balkans, and Northern Africa. A hard working family man, he was a dedicated husband to his wife, Frances, had great pride in his two daughters, Dawn and Karen, and was an inspiring father-in-law to his son-in-law Joe Locascio. He was the most comical and absolute best grandpa to his grandson Jordan. He is remembered as a multi-talented and daring adventurer who had a great passion for living, a positive outlook, a vivid sense of humor, and a deep belief in God.

When asked to summarize his life, he said, “Life was good, I thank God for all my blessings; my lovely daughters, the best wife a man could ever have, the greatest son-in-law, a wonderful grandson, and all of my brothers and sisters.”

His ashes continue to be spread around the world by his daughters in his loving memory.

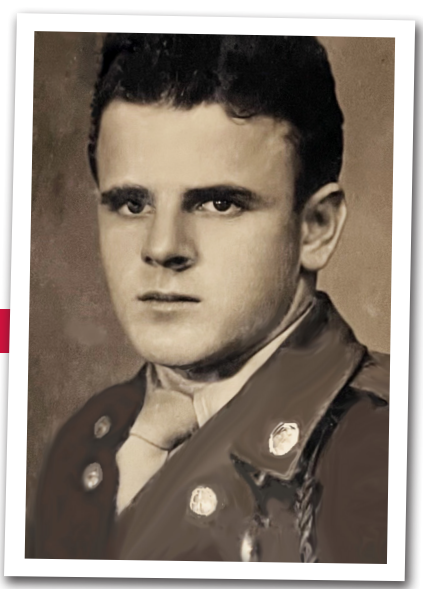
*Sponsored by Dawn Fairlie and Karen Fairlie*



# James F. Fairlie

★ U.S. ARMY ★

Korea



James Franklin Fairlie (Jimmy) was born August 8, 1930 on North Street in Port Richmond. Jim is one of 11 children of Robert and Isabelle (Butler) Fairlie. All the Fairlies were adept at swimming. Their house on North Street was steps away from the Kill Van Kull and around the corner from Faber Pool. Between swimming to Bayonne and high diving at Faber Pool, Jim and his siblings were well known for their athletic abilities.

Too young to serve in WW II, Jim followed his older brothers and served his country in Korea. After his tour of duty ended, Jim returned to the Island and married Lois Ekberg of Mariner’s Harbor. Lois’s family was part of the Swedish shipbuilding community who settled in the Harbor in the early 20th Century.

James worked in the construction industry. He was a member of Local 731, Building, Concrete, Excavating & Common Laborers Union, (LIUNA). Subsequently, he worked as a Deckhand on the Staten Island Ferry for 15 years.

Jimmy and Lois were a dashing couple. They were first on the dance floor at any event. A favorite uncle among his nieces and nephews, Jimmy was the go-to guy if you wanted to know the latest songs and dances.

During the 1970’s Jim took up roller skating. In his sleek Coca Cola pants, Jim became a well known figure at the Sunday afternoon roller skating dance parties held in Central Park. Jim was also an avid motorcyclist and enjoyed being on the open road, riding into his late 80’s.

Jim passed away September 23, 2021. He is survived by three sons, Keith, Jimmy and Mark Fairlie, 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

*Sponsored by Mark and James Fairlie*



# John Fairlie

★ U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ★

1943 - 1944 | WW II

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1944 - 1947 | WW II



Born Nov 26, 1926 on Staten Island, John Fairlie grew up on North Street in Port Richmond. He was one of 11 children, 6 boys and 5 girls. Swimming in the Kill Van Kull and at Faber Pool were two of his childhood pastimes. Like many boys of his time Jack worked many jobs to help his family during the depression from shining shoes on the Avenue to setting pins at Madalone's Bowling Center to working at Proctor & Gamble. This strong work ethic stayed with him his whole life.

John received his High School diploma from Curtis HS. At 16, he joined the Merchant Marine where he was a hot shell man. He served aboard the Liberty Ships, the Andrew Carnegie and the George Gershwin and this last ship brought much needed supplies to Normandy Beach in June 1944. At 18, John joined the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1947.

John has a great speaking and singing voice. After the Army he attended Radio Announcing School in Manhattan, voiced a few commercials and did a stint as an announcer at The Staten Island Drive-In. John became involved in local theater on Staten Island performing in both musicals and dramas. He produced and directed a movie in the late '60's that was filmed on Staten Island. He became director of the Blessed Sacrament Teen Players in the early '70's where he was also a lector at Sunday Mass. John performed at many cabaret venues in Manhattan and managed a troupe of entertainers who he booked at various clubs on Staten Island and Manhattan. All this while holding down two jobs and providing for his family. He was actively involved in the American Legion and is a past commander of the Walker Blaefield Yater Post.

John married in 1946 and has 5 children: Brian, Maureen, Bonnie, Kerry, and John Fairlie. His first wife, Mary Ward Fairlie, died in 1984. John is grandfather to Krisiti, Heather, Liam, Mary Kate and Maggie and the late Dr. Megan Fairlie. John also has 8 great-grandchildren.

John is a loving father, grandfather and uncle who remembers birthdays and holidays. John lives in Manhattan with his wife Monona Rossol and still sings in the choir at St. Anthony's Church.

*Sponsored by Maureen Fairlie*



# Thomas D. Fairlie

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1960 - 1967  
Korea

Thomas Davis Fairlie was born and raised in Port Richmond, Staten Island. Youngest child of 11, as a boy, Thomas liked to play and swim at Faber pool as well as in the river. He lost both his parents while he was young and was raised by his siblings.

He enlisted in the Army and served for 7 years in the 538th Engineer Battalion (Construction), with the rank of SP5 E5. While in Korea he met the woman who would become his wife and mother of their one child.

After his service to our country, he worked in security at Seaview Hospital. He moved his family to New Jersey, never too far from Staten Island. Thomas shared his hobby of selling at flea markets with his son, with items he found at yard sales, often he'd find something broken or missing parts and would restore it to working order then resell it.

Unfortunately, Thomas passed early at the age of fifty. Never to achieve his dream of retiring and buying a RV and travel around our country. Thomas will never be forgotten by his family nor will the many life lessons he passed on.

*Sponsored by David Fairlie*





# William Galvin

★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★

1967 - 1969  
Vietnam

William (Buddy) Galvin was born November 20, 1947 in Port Richmond. Growing up he loved sports, going to Faber Pool, fishing with his cousin, Brian Fairlie, and being with his family. He was especially close to his sister, Gail Galvin D'Arduini.

Buddy served in Vietnam from 1967-1969 and worked with Mobile Artillery Firearms. Buddy was a member of the Marine Corps League and the VFW on Staten Island. Bud retired from Con Edison after a successful career.

At the time of his death at the age of 69, Buddy was survived by his father, Bud Galvin, a WW II vet, his sister Gail, two brothers and two brothers and another sister, his wife Deborah and children: Megan, Bud, and Brian. All who had the honor of knowing him said he was the nicest guy you could ever meet.

*Sponsored by Gail D'Arduini and Maureen Fairlie*



# Vito Giobbie, Jr.

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1967 - 1969  
Vietnam

Vito Giobbie Jr. arrived in Vietnam in 1968 after completing his basic training at Fort Gordon in Georgia and his advanced infantry training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma.

In Vietnam, he was assigned to the "Big Red One" 1st Infantry Division, 6th/15th Artillery Unit Battery B. After suffering an injury, Vito was reassigned and served with the 8th Army 55th Aviation Unit in Korea before he was honorably discharged in 1969.

After his military service, Vito worked as a mechanic for the City Department of Sanitation. He retired in 2002 after 30 years on the job.

Vito never lost his ties to the military. He is involved in numerous veterans' organizations, often serving as an officer or as a member of the board. He has been the executive director of Staten Island Fleet Week activities for many years.

He was a member of the committee that erected the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Manor Road, which pays tribute to the 84 Staten Islanders who were killed during the Vietnam War. He was also instrumental in erecting the Purple Heart Memorial at Camp Pouch.

In the months after September 11, Vito operated the 9/11 Rescue Center, which was located at the former Stapleton Homeport.

Vito is a resident of Mariners Harbor and a graduate of Port Richmond High School. Vito and his wife, Lucy, have a son, Vito III, and a daughter, Jamie. They also have two granddaughters.

Specialist 4th Class Vito Giobbie Jr., we thank you for your service.

*Sponsored by Lucy Giobbie*





# Henry F. "Bud" Graebe

★ U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS ★

1940 - 1946  
WW II

World War II Veteran Henry F. "Bud" Graebe was born December 15, 1917

in Port Richmond, Staten Island, NY. He completed his Selective Service from 1939-1940 and was a trained pilot and navigator.

When WW II was declared, he reentered the Army Air Corps and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant. He served as a navigator from 1941 until 1946.

On December 13, 1941 he married the love of his life, Dorothy Ann Sherwood. They had 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Henry was employed by the Firemen's Fund Insurance Company, Manhattan. He was founder and President of the Graebe Insurance Agency and a past president of the Richmond County Agents Association. Bud was a founding member of Hillside Swim Club. He served as a charter member and skipper of the Mariners Club of New Jersey. He is a past Grand Knight of the Assumption Council, Knights of Columbus, where he was a fourth degree Knight. An avid bowler and golfer, he played golf into his eighties. Mr. Graebe was a communicant of Saint Catherine's Church, Holmdel, NJ, where he served as a Eucharistic Minister.

Henry died October 28, 2014 at the age of 96. He is greatly missed but has left a legacy of life lessons and love for all of us to carry on his blessed memory.

*Sponsored by Nancy and Dr. Robert A. Graebe*



# Maurice "Cookie" Greco

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1952 - 1954  
Fontainebleau, France

Born in 1931 to Louis & Dea Greco, Maurice "Cookie" Greco was raised on Blackford Ave along with his brother Louis (Junie), and sister Carol. He was given the nickname

"Cookie" by his Godmother when he was 2 months old, and he was known as Cookie his entire life.

A lifelong Port Richmond resident, Cookie graduated from Port Richmond High School in 1949. He began working for A&P Supermarkets, and in 1952 he was drafted. He proudly served in the U. S. Army from 1952-1954, achieving the rank of corporal and serving as a Military Police Officer. Just prior to being discharged, he met Diane Dunn, whose family was also stationed on the base.

He returned to Port Richmond and his job at A&P Supermarkets, eventually working in all the Staten Island locations over 15 years. One day, Diane Dunn's mother ran into Cookie while food shopping, and the families became reacquainted. He married Diane Dunn in 1959, and Cookie always said, "it was meant to be". They eventually settled on Homestead Ave. with their two children, Lisa & Lori. He continued his life of service, becoming a NYC Fireman in 1966, retiring from Engine 282 in 1991.

On duty or not, he helped countless people over the years. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, he always had a smile on his face, and he was always kind. He remained close to his childhood friends over the years. He loved playing bocce behind Denino's, and playing pinochle with his friends. He played softball for the Firehouse team, pitching a shutout at 60 years of age. He took pride in decorating the house for every holiday, Christmas being his favorite. His greatest joy was his family, especially his grandchildren, as well as his sister Carol's grandchildren.

Cookie was a well-loved man, who was very proud of his Port Richmond roots. Sadly he passed in 2013, but he will never be forgotten.

*Sponsored by Lori Buono and Lisa Santarpia*





# Joseph Grzelak

★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★

1966 - 1970  
Vietnam

Joe was born on March 22, 1949. Son of Frank and Christine Grzelak. Brother of Christine Galard. Husband to Joanne and father to Kristie Perrotta and Debra Lauro.

Joe grew up on Faber St. and Post Ave in Port Richmond. He graduated from P.S. 20 and Brooklyn Technical High School. Upon graduation he enlisted in the Marine Corps, having to get his parent's consent because he was underage. Joe served as a Sergeant in the Marines from 1966-1970. A Vietnam Veteran serving from 1968-1969.

After his discharge Joe worked at Western Electric until 1973 when he became a NYC firefighter. He married his wife Joanne on March 9, 1974, had his 1st child in 1976 and in 1977 bought a house on Beekman St. and in 1978 his second child was born.

As a young boy he played baseball at West Shore Little League, where he is a part of a memorial dedicated to past players who were killed on 9/11. Joe continued playing softball for Forest Gardens at the Goodhue field for many years and coached his daughter's team at St. Roch's school from 1986-1992. He also enjoyed bowling and an annual Bowlathon was held (until the Covid Pandemic) in his memory to raise money for scholarships for students in need. Joe enjoyed hunting and had just taken up golf.

Joe was fascinated with trivia, especially historical facts earning a nickname of "Joe Knows" from his fellow firefighters.

Joe worked his way up the ranks of the FDNY: promoted to a Lieutenant in 1983; a Captain in 1987; a Battalion Chief in 1998. He received 2 citations for rescues he made off duty. Joe's career was cut short when he was killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. His nephews have since followed in his footsteps by becoming firefighters.

Joe loved his family, his friends, being a firefighter, the Marines and his country! He was truly a hero in every sense of the word!

*Sponsored by Joanne Grzelak*



# Joseph W. Hartung, Sr.

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1943 - 1945  
WW II | Philippines

My dad, Joseph W. Hartung Sr., was born on July 13, 1923, to George and Margret Hartung, native Staten Islanders in the Westerleigh area and grew up on the family farm on Watchogue Road. He attended P. S. 30 and McKee High School.

My dad met my mom, Anne, in 1942 at a skating rink in Jersey City, New Jersey. He married my mom, on February 13, 1943 and enlisted into the army two weeks later.

My dad served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1945, as a private during WW II in the Philippines and was wounded, receiving the Purple Heart.

After serving, he and my mom settled in Bulls Head and had three children: Carolynn, Peggy, and Joey. My dad worked for over 40 years at the American Cyanamid company in Linden NJ. He also loved being an auto mechanic. They relocated in 1960 in Port Richmond (La Forge Ave) to raise their children.

My dad had a nickname "Charlie;" because he could never remember everyone's names, so he called everybody Charlie. He enjoyed gardening (especially tomatoes), fishing, and football (Giants fan). My dad had 6 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

My dad was a member of the Assumption Council of the Knights of Columbus, the Alhambra's, the brother group to the Sultans. He was also a member of the Staten Island Disabled American Veterans, Elm Park.

My dad passed on May 30, 1999 at age 75.

*Sponsored by Joseph Hartung, Jr.*

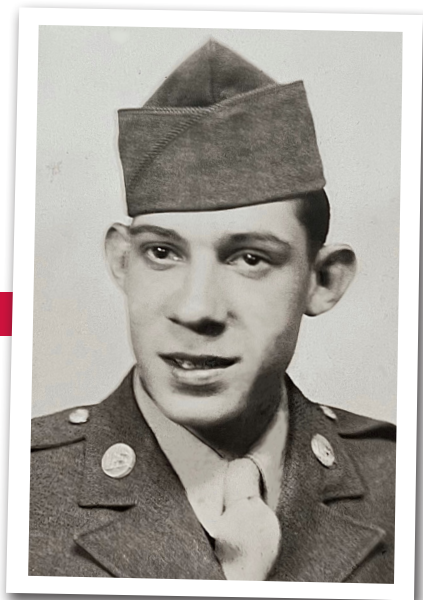


# James B. Hightower, Sr.

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1943 - 1946

WW II



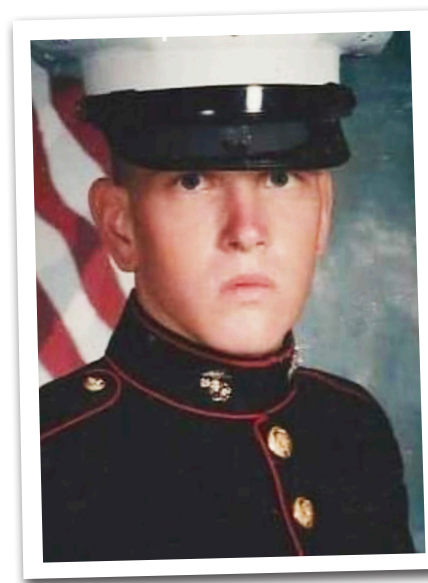
James was living in Atlanta, GA when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in November of 1943. He was 18 years old. His first assignment was in Niagara Falls, NY. He was then transferred to Bridge Plaza, which was located on Innis Street in Staten Island.

While he was patrolling Port Richmond Ave, he met his wife-to-be, Johanna Reich, on Memorial Day Weekend in 1944. They were married on October 7, 1944, at St John's Lutheran Church. While on Staten Island, James was also stationed at Miller Field, where he serviced airplanes. He was then transferred to Fort IndianTown Gap in Pennsylvania and eventually to the Galápagos Islands in the South Pacific.

When he was discharged in 1946, he and Johanna resided at her childhood home on Harrison Ave. They had six children: James B. Hightower Jr, Carol Otten, Carl Hightower, Joanne Moccia, William Hightower, and Joseph Hightower. The family today consists of 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. In honor of his name, there are now 5 generations of James B. Hightowers. And, James' great-grandson, Scott Hightower, a North Carolina Army National Guardsman, has followed in his great-grandfather's footsteps. All because of a chance meeting on Port Richmond Ave!

After the war, he worked at many factories on the Island. He enjoyed horseback riding, was a lifeguard at one time and enjoyed swimming. He was good with his hands and could fix anything. He passed away on January 24, 1975, at the age of 49.

*Sponsored by Joanne Moccia & Carol Otten (Hightower)*



# William H. Irvine, III

★ U.S. MARINE ★  
CORPS

1988 - 1993

William Howard Irvine III, a Staten Island native, was born on November 30, 1970 and raised in Port Richmond. He attended Blessed Sacrament School and later went on to graduate from Moore Catholic

High School. After graduation, Billy served his country for five years as a U.S. Marine where he was a mechanic working on ejector seats of jets.

He started his career in the FDNY on February 4, 2001, as a squad leader in the Fire Academy, assigned to Engine 283 in Brownsville. He worked the aftermath of 9/11. He spent countless days on the pile looking for survivors. Billy was promoted to Lieutenant in 2010 and continued to serve his community at Engine 156 in West Brighton on Staten Island.

In his spare time, Billy enjoyed cooking and a good meal with friends and family. He loved history, especially American history and politics. Billy loved to read and especially enjoyed books by authors Stephen King, Robert Heinlein, J.R.R. Tolkien and Steven Ambrose. Music was an important part of his life. He believed songs were the mile markers in life. He loved to cook both at the Firehouse and at home. He loved holidays and enjoyed Thanksgiving with family around the table, and listening to stories about relatives and loved ones. Billy was a genuine guy with an honest heart who got along with everybody. He always had a smile on his face and a great laugh. He was fiercely loyal to the people he was close with.

Billy passed away unexpectedly at the age of 51 on July 25, 2022. Billy is survived by his four children - two sets of twins whom he loved dearly.

On October 12, 2022, Billy was Honored at the 115th Annual FDNY Memorial Day Service with 17 other FDNY members who passed away in 2022.

*Sponsored by his Aunt Trudy and his cousins Kelly and Trudy Dixon*



# Port Richmond

STATEN ISLAND

## VETERANS BANNER MAP



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\* These banners were sponsored for another year.





# Joseph N. LaPointe

★ U.S. NAVY ★

1945 - 1958

WW II | Korean War

Joseph was born April 27, 1928, in Hell's Kitchen, Manhattan, the oldest of seven. He was raised at St. John's Residence for Boys in Rockaway.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1945 at the age of 17. He was assigned to the USS New Jersey, Iowa-Class Battleship. He completed two tours of duty seeing combat in both WW II and the Korean War. He traveled around the world, and always enjoyed relating stories from his time in the Navy, 1945-1958. While contemplating a third tour, Joseph met the love of his life, Teresa Murphy. They married in 1959, moved to Staten Island, and had seven children - six sons; Joseph, Stephen, John, Richard, Andrew and Michael, and a daughter, Michele.

Joseph joined the FDNY in 1960. He retired in 1989 after 29 years of service to the citizens of New York City. Joseph loved being a firefighter and always had stories to tell. Before his retirement, he was awarded the "Golden Spoon," for always stirring the pot. After retiring, he kept in close touch with his firefighter brothers.

He was a sexton at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Eltingville, and worked for the Radar Painting Company in the Bronx painting houses part-time into his 70s. Joseph was an active parishioner of Holy Child R.C. Church, Eltingville, where he served as a eucharistic minister and played volleyball for many years.

Nicknamed "Bert" by his children, Joseph was deeply involved with his family. He umpired Little League games, and enjoyed swimming and playing pool volleyball with his children, dancing with his wife and playing with his 23 grandchildren, whom he adored. He passed away in June 2009 at age 81.

*Sponsored by Joseph LaPointe*



# Donald J. McCarthy

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1954 - 1964

Born on Staten Island in 1932 to Fred and Mary McCarthy of New Brighton, Don graduated from St. Peter's Boys H.S. class of 1950. He enrolled in St Peter's College in Jersey City, where he was in the U.S. Army R.O.T.C. and upon graduating, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in 1954. He served in the U.S.

Army from 1954-1964 on Active Duty and Reserves, stationed primarily in Georgia and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant.

Upon returning home from his time in the service, he became a NYC History Teacher in many schools in Brooklyn and Staten Island, including Port Richmond High School. After a 30 year career, he retired in 1991.

Don married his wife, Marguerite, in 1971 and had 5 boys, 3 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. Don was very active in the Staten Island community with many organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America (Troop 37's Scout Master), a member of the Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 3, American Legion Cespino-Russo Post No. 1544, Disabled Veterans of America, a St. Vincent's Hospital volunteer, and an active member of CYO Senior Center, Port Richmond.

Don was a proud Port Richmond resident for over 25 years, always having his American and Irish flags flying each day outside his home on Castleton Ave. His tradition of service continued with some of his children and grandchildren serving in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Don passed away in 2005 and is buried along with his wife at St. Peter's Cemetery.

*Sponsored by Thomas McCarthy*



# Joseph C. Meaders

★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★

1951 - 1953



Joseph Charles Meaders was born in 1931 in New Brighton, Staten Island. He was raised in Mariners Harbor, with five brothers and five sisters on a dead end street. He played baseball and rode his bike with his friends. He and all of his brothers were creative and loved building and fixing things. All of the siblings enjoyed going to Cromwell Center and Goodhue. They also enjoyed bowling and shopping on Port Richmond Avenue. Joseph attended and graduated from PS 44, and Ralph R. McKee Career and Technical Education High School.

He followed the family military tradition like his five other brothers. [Louis Jr. - Navy, Alex - Navy, Thomas - Army, Richard - Navy, and Robert - Air Force]. He joined the Marine Corps in 1951, stationed at Air Station Cherry Point. The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing there operates aircraft in support of worldwide personnel transport for the Department of Defense. In 1954 after his service in the Marine Corps, he followed four of his brothers and joined the NYPD. He was assigned to the 63rd Precinct in Brooklyn.

In 1956, he married Muriel. They met at a hospital where she worked in Brooklyn near his precinct. They had one daughter, Kim. He now also has a granddaughter and a grandson. He liked woodworking and ceramics. He made a chest of drawers for his sister Shirley, and for his sister Dorothy a set of four plates, cups and saucers as well as a sled with reindeer.

Joseph also loved riding motorcycles; he had a Honda. He inspired two of his younger brothers to also become motorcycle enthusiasts and to purchase Hondas. He frequently returned to S.I. to visit family, friends, and to check on his mother. He is fondly remembered for being a good cop, and for his warmth, and love for his family.

NYPD P.O. Joseph C. Meaders was killed in the line of duty on October 22, 1972. In October 2022, the 50th anniversary of his sacrifice was celebrated when the intersection of Brooklyn Avenue and Avenue J, steps from the 63rd precinct, was dedicated as "Officer Joseph C. Meaders Avenue."

*Submitted by Dorothy Meaders-Moody & Sponsored by Lisa Wallace*



# Louis A. Meaders

★ U.S. AIR FORCE ★

1965 - 1968  
Vietnam

Louis Albert Meaders was born in 1947 and educated in the public schools of Staten Island, NY. He was also a graduate of Port Richmond High School. He furthered his education at John Jay Community College, earning a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force and, upon his honorable discharge; he followed in the footsteps of his five uncles (Alex, Thomas, Joseph, Richard and Robert) by pursuing a career in law enforcement and attending the NY Police Academy.

Respect for the law, ensuring the sustainability of neighborhoods and safeguarding the public were what drew him to law enforcement and throughout his career, he never wavered from those endeavors. He served in the NYC Housing Authority Police Department from 1970 to 1991. After retiring, he continued his dedication to protect and serve the community with his employment with the Hillsborough County Sheriff Office for 14 years. He died in February 2018.

Outside of his career, Mr. Meaders had three children that he poured his love and aspirations into. With his guidance, his daughters, Yvette and Latifa, also pursued a life of service in the government and educational sectors. His son, Schamarr, continued the family tradition, becoming 3rd generation military by joining the Marines. Schamarr retired after 20 years of service. The family military legacy continues with his grandsons, Schamarr Jr. and Brazil, who also followed in the Meaders family footsteps by joining the military. While they did not pursue a career in the military, his granddaughter, Keira, contributes to the family's mission of service and is accomplished in her field as a Mobile Crisis Therapist. Granddaughter, Nia, is furthering her education at Stony Brook University. His remaining grandchildren, Isoken and Osagie, are flourishing in their young lives.

He followed the military tradition; his father Louis Jr, was a Navy veteran. He is also the nephew of 2022 banner recipient Robert B. Meaders, and this year's banner recipient, Joseph C. Meaders.

Traveling and photography were among his favorite pastimes. Mr. Meaders' life mission was centered on service, advocacy, order, and the belief that all communities deserve to live a life free of crime and injustice. He is remembered for his valor, career achievements, warmth, and love for his family, and as the consummate protector.

*Sponsored by Yvette Meaders-Cress*





# Louis J. Montanti

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1966 - 1968  
Vietnam

Louis J. Montanti was born on December 18, 1946 on Richmond Street, now a non-existent street torn down for the West Brighton Projects. His family then relocated to another part of West Brighton. He attended Sacred Heart School and McKee High School

where he learned plumbing. After graduation in 1964, he enrolled in the Plumbers Apprentice Program, but in 1966 before completion, he received his draft notice. Instead of a deferment, he answered the call for service.

Sent to Vietnam in March 1967, he was assigned to Company B 426 Signal Battalion in Ben Hoa. A few months later, he was bitten by a rabid monkey, a “gift” given to his tent mate from a villager. A month was spent in the General Dispensary for a series of daily rabies shots, barely tolerated. During the Tet Offensive in January 1968, his company was sent to Saigon to get damaged communications back up and running for which they were awarded a Presidential Citation. During his service, he was awarded Sharpshooter and Vietnam Combat medals.

After discharge, he completed his Plumbers Apprenticeship. Louis worked for private contractors until 1972. He then worked for NYC DEP Dept. of Water Resources as a Pipe Caulker, a title officially retired when he did so in 2000.

Married in 1972 to Sheila Sienicki, he bought and restored a ‘handyman’s special’ in Port Richmond where they raised their two sons, Luis and Gabriel. Fifty years later, they choose to remain in their original home in their first, beloved neighborhood. They dote on four grandchildren who get treated to special breakfasts by Papa Lou after sleepovers.

Louis’ hobbies include maintaining his 1938 Dodge which he restored, fixing any mechanical or wooden object that needs mending, bottling tomatoes, and cooking wonderful meals. As snowbirds, Lou and Sheila have a lakefront cottage in Lake Wales, Florida. Louis is currently an active member of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 421.

*Sponsored by The Montanti Family*



# Edward J. Simas

★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★

1951 - 1953  
Korean War

Edward J. Simas, a Brooklyn native, was a United States Marine Corps corporal, serving stateside during the Korean War.

Corporal Simas was stationed at Camp Lejeune, in Jacksonville, North Carolina, where he was in charge of disbursing money that was assigned to the base for equipment.

Ten months into being a Marine, they were looking for a Corporal to go off to Korea. However, someone with more experience and years was sent instead.

Corporal Simas was originally supposed to be discharged in December of 1952; however, the Marines had other plans. He was supposed to be sent to Korea to relieve the corporal that was already there. Before this transition happened, the war came to an end in July 1953. He was prepared to go, and always said, “As a Marine, you can’t say no, you just go”.

Upon returning to Brooklyn in October 1953, Corporal Simas began working at Ingersoll Rand as a purchasing officer, where he met his wife, Maureen Ellis. The two wed in 1957 and moved to Staten Island in 1964 after the construction of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge. Together, the two raised six children in Eltingville.

Aside from his job at Ingersoll Rand, Corporal Simas also worked as a floor manager at Macy’s department store. He later obtained his Bachelor’s degree from Pace University in Business Management.

Corporal Simas lived a very modest life. He enjoyed reading mystery novels in his leisure time, and doing word puzzles, and prided himself on the fact that he excelled in completing the crossword puzzle in the New York Times. He enjoyed watching sports but was most partial to the Chicago Bears and his beloved New York Yankees.

Corporal Simas passed away on Veterans’ Day 2021, at the age of 91.

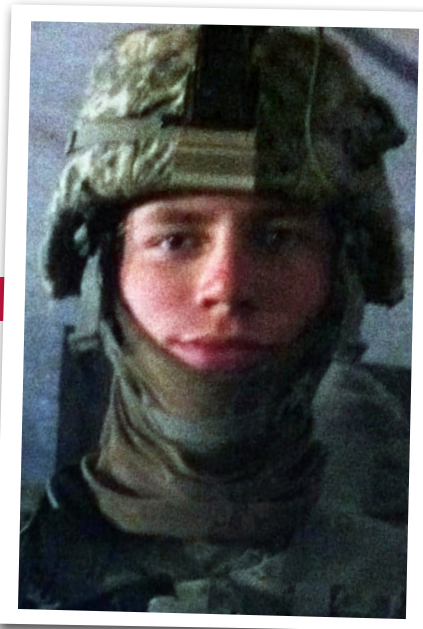
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# Joshua Spanton

★ U.S. ARMY ★

2010 - 2015  
Afghanistan



Joshua Spanton moved to Staten Island after he completed his military service with his wife, Jessica, who is a lifelong resident. They currently reside in West Brighton.

Joshua was born and raised in New Jersey. He joined the military in 2010, serving with 4th Infantry Division, 4th Combat Brigade, Chosen Company 2-12 out of Fort Carson, Colorado. He completed two deployments to Afghanistan under “Operation Enduring Freedom” in 2012 and 2014 as a machine-gunner and Infantryman.

Joshua received awards as follows: Combat Infantry Badge, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (3), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, and Overseas Service Ribbon.

Joshua graduated Summa Cum Laude from Brooklyn College with a Bachelor’s Degree in History and Education in 2019. He and his wife reside in West Brighton, where they are raising their two children, Emily and Jack.

*Sponsored by Jessica Scarcella-Spanton*



# Salvatore T. Tirone, Sr.

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1943 - 1946  
WW II



Salvatore T. Tirone Sr. was born in Port Richmond on January 24, 1921 to Carmelo and Mary Tirone. He was the oldest of 5 siblings, Joseph, Concetta, Carmela and Louis. His father, Carmelo Tirone’s shoe repair business was one of the founding stores on Port Richmond Ave. The corner of New Street and Port Richmond Ave is dedicated in Carmelo Tirone’s honor.

A graduate of Ralph R. McKee High School, Sal Tirone worked at the Bethlehem Steel Shipyard before serving in World War II, from 1943-1946 as a technical sergeant in the 7th Army, 253rd Combat Engineers. He served a year and a half in France and Germany. After returning from the service Sal and his brothers, Joseph and Louis, opened Tirone’s Shoe Store in Port Richmond which remained in business for 62 years. He was also co-owner, with his brothers, of Babgold Shoe Corp. and Stillers in N.J.

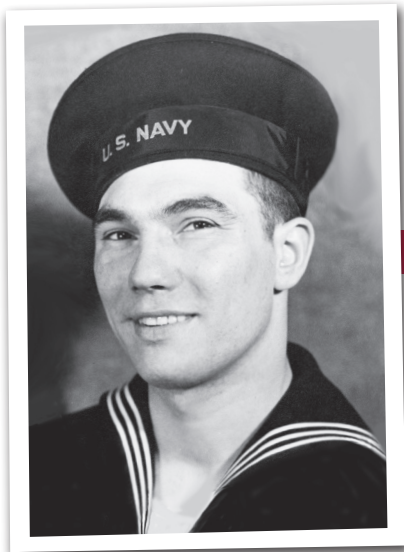
He was a member of the Mariners Harbor Post VFW where he served as Commander. He belonged to the LaGuardia Lodge of Masons and was also a past president of the LaGuardia Square Club. He headed the administration of Christ United Methodist Church and was on the church’s finance committee and board of trustees.

He enjoyed bowling and softball. Some of his fondest times were when he was out on the dance floor. Mr. Tirone was happiest when spending time in the company of his family during the holidays and at backyard barbecues. Those who knew Sal looked forward to celebrating at his milestone birthday parties, which always culminated in marching with the American flag to the fight songs of the armed forces.

Salvatore was married to the former Rose LaFata for 60 years and settled in Westerleigh to raise their four children, Marie (Kenneth Wedel Sr.), Salvatore Jr. (Cyndye), Carol (Phillip Murray) and Linda (Charles Sorrentino). His legacy lives on in his seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Salvatore passed away on November 10, 2020, 2 months shy of his 100th birthday.

*Sponsored by The Tirone Family*





# Joseph G. Tortora

★ U.S. NAVY ★

1943 - 1945  
WW II

My father, Joseph “Joe” Tortora, was one of nine siblings born to Joseph and Anna Tortora of Villa Avenue, Graniteville. He settled in Port Richmond some years later. A veteran of WW II, he served as a shipfitter in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to

1945 in the South Pacific stationed aboard the U.S.S. Simpson. Two of his four brothers, Anthony and Carmine, also served their country during this time.

In 1933, Joseph organized a football team among his P.S. 22 schoolmates and persuaded a popular islander, Richard O’Conner, to coach them. So began the Granite Athletic Club located on Port Richmond Avenue, which to this day supports young Island athletes. Valedictorian of McKee High School’s Class of 1938, he formed the school’s very first student government, of which he was President.

In October of 1941, he married the love of his life, the former Vivian “Viv” Gesner of Mariners Harbor. Loving parents to their daughters: Jeanne, Joyce and JoAnn, they spent their life together in their home on Rainbow Avenue, and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary there.

Prior to the war, and for a time after, Joseph worked for the former Bethlehem Steel Shipyard in Mariners Harbor, and went on to work for 33 years with the New York City Transit Authority. He retired as a power cable foreman in 1982.

Following this, Joe customized a van and he and Viv visited almost every state in the Union! A proud American and loyal Staten Islander, he possessed an incredible appreciation of life. Although suffering from the debilitating effects of Alzheimer’s Disease toward the end of his life, his passion for life, his kindness, and his community pride prevailed.

Purchasing Joe and Viv’s beloved Rainbow Avenue home sometime after their passing, his grandson, Kevin, proudly resides there today.



*Sponsored by his only surviving daughter, JoAnn, her husband Kevin Codd, and their children, Maura, Kevin and Joseph*



# Nicholas M. Troianiello

★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★

1944 - 1946  
WW II | Iwo Jima

Nicholas M. Troianiello was born on Staten Island, one of six children of Vincent and Angelina Troianiello, on April 4, 1926. Graduating from Port Richmond High School in 1944, he was a member of the New York State Guard prior to enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. One of the 30,000 Marines to

land on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945, he was awarded the Purple Heart for his meritorious service.

Upon the completion of his military service, he returned to his hometown and became a member of the NYC Fire Department, retiring after 40 years with the esteemed title of Lieutenant.

Nicholas married Mary A. Cuddihy and together they raised seven children, they also had the blessing of six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A lifelong parishioner of St. Michael’s Church, he loved spending time with his family and friends at the Jersey Shore, Atlantic City, and family gatherings.

Nicholas was devoted to the U.S. Marines and his community. He was an active member of the USMC League, 3rd Marine Division Association, the Retired Firefighters Association, and the Devil Dogs. In addition to his military accolades, Nick was named both Fireman of the Year and Marine of the Year. He also received a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service with the Devil Dogs.

In 2020, he was honored as the last surviving member of the Marine Corps League Sergeant Angel Mendez Detachment 246 for his brave and noble service to his country by the 24th Senate District.

Nicholas passed at the age of 94 in 2021; he was laid to rest along with his wife, Mary, at Arlington National Cemetery. On April 22, 2022 a street named “Nicholas Troianiello Way” honored him as a man who served his country and community. Anyone who knew Nick could always count on him, he was loyal, considerate, and personable. He always took time to listen to your story or tell a story, a joke or sing a song. For anyone who did not know him personally you may remember him after his retirement from the FDNY as the man who would daily walk 5 miles along South Avenue well up until his late 80’s. During his routine he may have given a quick wave if you honked your horn or called out to him as he remained steadfast, looking straight ahead completing his daily regimen.

Nicholas will always be remembered for his loyalty and devotion to his family, friends, community and country.

*Sponsored by Cathleen Troianiello*





# George J. Vavas

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1941 - 1945

Europe & North Africa

George was born in Nashua, New Hampshire on June 16, 1917 to a large Greek family. He along with his 3 sisters: Dorothy, Jean, and Tulah, and 2 brothers: James and Tony, and their parents moved to Bulls Head, Staten Island. The house was on Richmond Avenue and was demolished to make way for the

Staten Island Expressway. As the eldest son, he left high school to help support his large family.

He was among the first group drafted to serve in WW II in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and did not return until the end of the war. I was told many stories of my father's experiences such as when he and a buddy got on the Queen Mary by mistake, the invasion of Normandy, rescuing his buddy E. who was injured, from a building in Paris only seconds before it was bombed, and his time in Sicily, Corsica, and Tunisia and in North Africa. He told us about cutting down the enemy's lines. They would cut ours and he would have to fix them.

My father kept in touch with a number of his Army buddies. They would stand in a circle swapping stories at our family BBQs. My mother, Helen, and E.'s wife were friends for life also. George worked as a deliverer for a beer and soda distributor on Manor Road after the war.

In 1959, our family moved to Florida and George was diagnosed a couple of years later with Multiple Sclerosis. I remember the trips to the V.A. hospital in Coral Gables to visit him. In 1964, we moved back to Staten Island on Lake Ave, and he spent a short period in the V.A. Hospital in Brooklyn. He was admitted to a Nursing Home a year or so later.

My father loved music and would often play records on Sunday afternoons and dance around the living room in Florida before he got really sick. He was also an excellent carpenter. I always admired the patience and diligence he had while working on a project and his quiet wisdom. He was a good man and served his country well. R.I.P and God Bless! George Vavas passed away on June 14, 1971. His siblings are all gone except for his sister, Dorothy.

*Sponsored by Karen Webb*



# David W. Wallace

★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★

1964 - 1975

Vietnam

Staff Sergeant David William Wallace, a Staten Island native, joined the U.S. Marine Corps at the ripe age of 18. He served his country proudly and completed 2 tours in the Vietnam war. A military heavy equipment operator who was also a sharp shooter, he received the following commendations: Purple Heart, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA, and Camp LeJune, NC. David was an honorable man. He married his childhood sweetheart Adrienne; they had three daughters, Shenequa, Tina, and Christaylia.

After returning from the Vietnam War David, his wife and their children, moved back to NY. They briefly returned to SI, before finally settling in Jamaica Queens. He worked as a pressman for many years. As a pressman he was also a union representative and shop steward. He retired in 2006. David and his wife relocated to North Carolina and bought a home. He became ill shortly after retiring and succumbed to his illness in 2007.

He is survived by his wife Adrienne, 3 daughters, 12 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

He followed the military tradition; his father, Fairfield, was a WW I Army veteran. His grandson, Sherard Edwards, continues the family military legacy. He is also the younger brother of 2022 banner recipient, Leon J. Wallace.

*Submitted by Christaylia Wallace-Dutailly & Sponsored by Lisa Wallace*



# Edward J. Webb

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1967 - 1969



Edward Joseph Webb, born 1947 to Irish American parents, spent his summers at the family bungalow in Ocean Breeze, fishing, crabbing and swimming on the local beaches. He had two brothers, Jimmy and Frankie.

Eddie grew up in Bay Ridge Brooklyn, where he attended St. Patrick's School and later graduated from St. Francis Preparatory High School.

Eddie was drafted into the Army in 1967, served in Korea in the Military Police, often facing dangerous circumstances, and was Honorably Discharged in 1969.

Eddie worked as a Supreme Court Officer, and later as a Supreme Court Clerk in Brooklyn Supreme Court. He married his wife, Linda, in 1980, bought a home on Staten Island where he raised two sons, Jesse and Ryan, and later had three grandsons: Nolan, Logan and Harrison.

Eddie loved working on his lawns and gardens, enjoyed golf, running and visiting with his grandsons. He enjoyed raking leaves, shoveling snow and chatting with neighbors, lending a helping hand when needed.

He stood 6'4", had blue eyes and a full head of 'silver' hair.

Eddie is our hero and is deeply missed. He passed away on October 3, 2016. He is survived by his wife, 2 sons, 3 grandsons and his younger brother. He had many friends.

*Sponsored by Linda Webb*



## ★ GET TO KNOW YOUR FAVORITE VETERAN ★

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**We hope this project inspires even more connections with our Veterans.**



### *Conversation Starters*

- ★ *Where did you grow up, go to school, and do before you joined the military?*
- ★ *Were you drafted or did you enlist? How long did you serve?*
- ★ *What did you do (in the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, Guard, or Reserves)? Why did you choose that branch?*
- ★ *Do you come from a military family?*
- ★ *What was basic training like?*
- ★ *Where did you serve? Did you visit any other countries?*
- ★ *What did you do after you served? (work, activities, volunteering, and family)?*

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★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1967 - 1969

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**George W. Brown, Jr.**  
★ U.S. NAVY ★  
WWII  
Korean War

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**John T. Brown**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1968  
KIA Vietnam

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**Mary LaManna McLoone**  
★ U.S. ARMY NURSE CORPS ★  
1968 - 1970 | Vietnam

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**Joseph F. Milazzo**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1961 - 1963  
Berlin Crisis

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**William A. Morris, Jr.**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1939 - 1945  
WWII

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**Dominick Mossa**  
★ U.S. NAVY ★  
1973 - 1977

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**James L. Mulligan**  
★ U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS ★  
1942 - 1946 | WWII

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**Father Vincent R. Capodanno**  
★ U.S. NAVY CHAPLAIN CORPS ★  
1966 - 1967 | KIA Vietnam

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**Richard R. Carreras**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1983 - 2006  
Operation Iraqi Freedom

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**Christy J. Cugini**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1950 - 1952  
Korean War

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**Frank D'Agostino**  
★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★  
1941 - 1945  
Iwo Jima and other Battles of the Pacific

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**Anthony J. Galano Sr.**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1949 - 1952  
Korean War

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**Charles Navarino**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1951 - 1953  
Korean War

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★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★  
1968 - 1973 | Vietnam

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**Joseph J. Parise**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1943 - 1945  
WWII

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**Michael R. Petrizzo**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1943 - 1945  
D-Day | WWII

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**Francis W. Quin**  
★ U.S. NAVY ★  
1943 - 1945  
WWII

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**George Kokell**  
★ U.S. AIR FORCE ★  
1962 - 1966 | Vietnam  
*Reformed Protestant Dutch Church  
Congregational Family Since 1663*

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**Anthony J. Lepardo**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1955 - 1958

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**Joseph A. Librizzi**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1966 - 1969  
Vietnam

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**Frank J. Mango**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1940 - 1943  
WWII

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**Yesenia Mata**  
★ U.S. ARMY RESERVE ★  
Active Service

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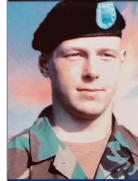
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**Diana Ramos**  
★ U.S. ARMY RESERVE ★  
1981 - 1993

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**Nils George Thompson**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
2004 - 2005  
KIA Iraq

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**John V. Tighe**  
★ U.S. ARMY ★  
1943 - 1945 | WWII  
Battles of the Pacific

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**Anthony M. Tuff**  
★ U.S. NAVY ★  
2000 - 2015  
Operation Iraqi Freedom

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**Cesar Vargas**  
★ U.S. ARMY RESERVE ★  
Active Service

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# AMERICAN LEGION POST REVIVED

## will be a 'Community Based' building for all



Thanks to Banners, Port Richmond veterans and community members came together to begin the long, slow process of reopening the long shuttered **H & S Cichon Post 1578 American Legion, at 100 Innis Street**, and to expand its use into a "Community Based" building for all enjoy.

*H & S Cichon Post 1578 American Legion, 100 Innis Street.*



Built in 1912, the Elm Theatre, as announced on the building's façade, originally showed movies. Circa 1940 the property was broken up into a few retail stores, eventually becoming the American Legion Post.

In 2012, the southwest corner of Innis and John Streets was co-named as **Staff Sgt. Henry Cichon and Cpl. Stanley Cichon Way**. Stanley Cichon, 24, a Marine who fought at Guadalcanal and Tarawa, died on Iwo Jima on Feb. 24, 1945, hit by a mortar shell. His brother, Henry, 20, an aerial gunner on a B-24 bomber, was killed in the Dutch East Indies on Jan. 14, 1945, when his plane exploded upon takeoff.

*In constant contact with City Agencies and the Commander of the American Legion, in late April we began cleaning the building and lot; we cut the overgrown trees, and removed debris and garbage.*

**We thank the following or assisting and partnering with us.**

- Ms. Lynda Thomson - FDNY
- Richard Carerras - American Legion Commander  
*(Banner Veteran Class of 2021)*
- Students of Port Richmond High School
- Brook Tech Tree Service
- Christian Construction
- FDNY Rescue 5 (Off-Duty Personnel)
- DSNY Chief Michael Perrotta and Joseph Albanese and Dept. of Sanitation SI-1 (Garage)
- NYPD 121 pct. Det. Babiak and P.O. Mondello.

## Congratulations Port Richmond/North Shore Alliance for hosting your third annual veterans banner event.

These banners are a small token of appreciation to recognize them. Thanks to all the enormous efforts and innumerable sacrifices made by our veterans. Saluting you all today and every day. With gratitude and appreciation, thank you all for your service.



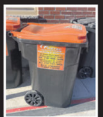
*Sincerely,*  
**Michael Tannousis**  
*Member of Assembly,*  
*64th Assembly District*



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