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HONORS OUR VETERANS

SECOND ANNUAL
BANNER CELEBRATION

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2022



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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.
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Matias Real Estate	418 PORT RICHMOND AVE.
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O'Neill's Pub and Restaurant	1614 FOREST AVE.
OneCare Health Urgent Care	97 PORT RICHMOND AVE.
Renato's Pastry Shoppe	1646 FOREST AVE.
Rocco's Landscaping	48 ORANGE AVE.
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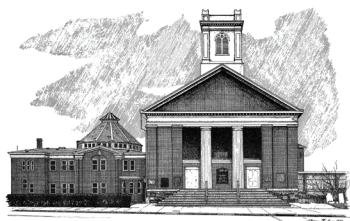
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Opening Celebration

May 21, 2022

Presented By:



Reformed Protestant Dutch Church

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Port Richmond loves making history...

In the 1600s, Dutch settlers established *The Burial Place*, a cemetery for residents of northern Staten Island.

In 1680, *The Reformed Protestant Dutch Church* began its ministry in Port Richmond.

Today, *The Burial Place* and Church site is a New York City Landmark. It memorializes 45 heroes of the War of Independence, the War of 1812 and the Civil War.



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).

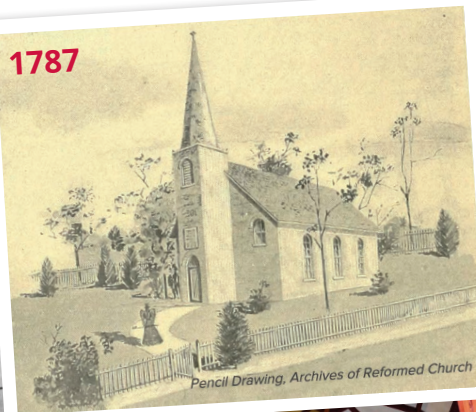
In 2019, *Port Richmond Strong* implemented ongoing clean up and free community events, preserving the Park's beauty and reestablishing its importance to the Community.



Port Richmond launched the first *Veteran's Banners Program* in NYC in May 2021--highlighting and documenting 28 veterans of past and present. Now, in its second year, the Port Richmond program is still the only one of its kind in NYC. It has almost doubled in size and continues to grow and connect further with our Veterans.



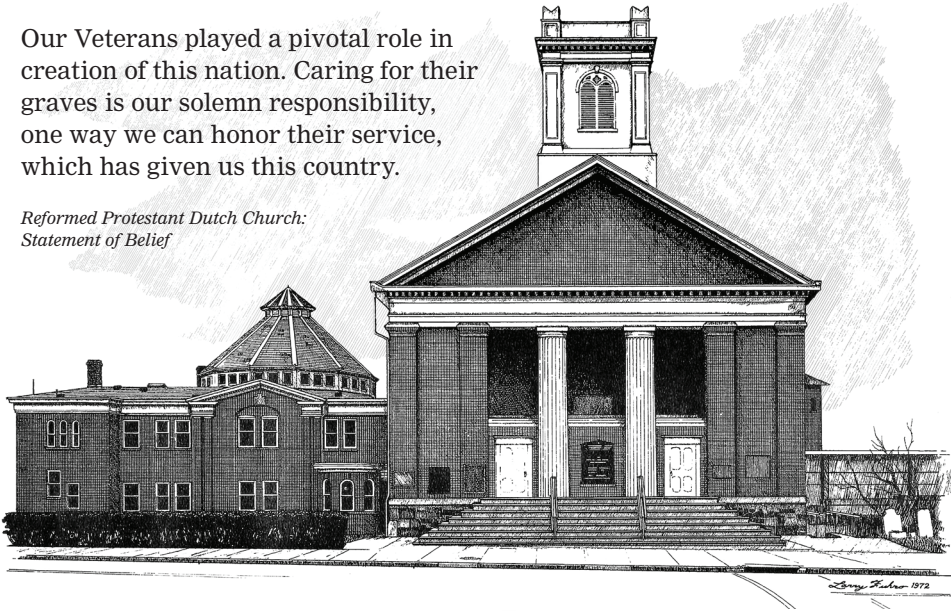
Join us in celebrating another historic moment for Port Richmond.



We believe our Historic Buildings and Graveyard are a gift from God.

Our Veterans played a pivotal role in creation of this nation. Caring for their graves is our solemn responsibility, one way we can honor their service, which has given us this country.

*Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:
Statement of Belief*



Because of our Congregation's zeal for the American cause, this Church is noted as a "seat of action" on this nation's first battle map, the Battle of Long Island, August 27, 1776.

Our Dutch Reformed Church was condemned as a "rebel church." Our pastor, Reverend William Jackson, exhorted our Congregation that resistance to British imperial policies was righteous and justified in the eyes of God. He was taken into custody by Lord Howe, reprimanded and released. He went right back to preaching sedition – in Dutch.



United States War of Independence

CORNELIUS MERSEREAU , SOLDIER	ISAAC LEDYARD MEDICAL PURVEYOR
COL. JACOB MERSEREAU	JOHN TYSON CAN NOT LOCATE
CAPT. JOHN MERSEREAU	SIMON VAN NAME
PAUL MERSEREAU , SAILOR	JOHN VAN PELT
HARMANUS CROPSY MOVED TO MORAVIAN	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. **MARY CORSON MERSEREAU**
PARENTS OF THE FIVE BROTHERS

Merchant Seamen and Privateers

CAPTAIN PETER VAN PELT	CAPTAIN ANTHONY HOUSMAN
CAPTAIN NICHOLAS LAWRENCE	CAPTAIN ABRAHAM P. HOUSMAN
CAPTAIN JACOB CORSEN	CAPTAIN JOHN J. HOUSMAN
CAPTAIN JOHN DANIELS	CAPTAIN JOHN TYSEN
MATE EPHRAIM C. DANIELS	

The War of 1812

JEREMIAH BAKER LIVED TO 101	EGBERT HOUGHWOUT
JAMES COZINE BARNES	JOHN JONES
JOHN BODINE SENATOR	DAVID LATOURETTE
JOHN BODINE ESQ.	JOHN POST
EDWARD BUSH	SIMON POST
MATTHEW CHRISTOPHER	JACOB TYSON US CONGRESS
WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER	JOHN TYSON
ABRAHAM CROCHERON	SIMON VAN NAME
EDWARD DE HART	JOSEPH WOOD
HARMANUS GARRETSON	JOHN ZELIFF
JOHN C. GARRETSON	

The Civil War

WILLIAM HENRY HOUSMAN	WILLIAM EBBIT KOHLER
VICTOR A. FAIDER	

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Hallowed Ground

by Dr. Warren Mac Kenzie, Pastor

The first European Settlers of Staten Island, the Waldenses, came here as refugees in 1655, from the Piedmont region of Italy having escaped one of the most ruthless massacres in history. It followed centuries of persecution of their tiny group by the Roman Catholic Church for their religious beliefs which extended back to Apostolic times.

Beliefs that Holy Scripture should be available to all in their own language, that the stronger look out for the weaker, that plenty is shared with want, that your industry and charity are more to be valued than your peerage and status. Ideals that are precursors of the Protestant Reformation -- and later the American Dream.

Having landed here with the ability to live out their beliefs freely, they would have remembered in Holy Scripture the story of the children of Israel, who having been saved from the Philistine Army, are instructed by Joshua to raise an Ebenezer, (literally translated: Stone of Hope) on hallowed ground "for thus far the Lord has helped us."



Massacre of the Waldensians of Mérindol in 1545
By Gustave Dore (1832-1886)

While time has erased that original Waldensian Stone of Hope, it is safe to assume when that group migrated to what we now call Port Richmond around 1680, they would have done the exact same thing. The place where we stand today is that hallowed ground.

No longer persecuted, they would eventually blend into the burgeoning Dutch, French and English who settled in this area. The ground then remained hallowed by the lives of the people who continued to come here and lived lives worthy of those ancestors in faith. People whose service to their country and community are remembered for that sacrifice, down to this very day.

Families in 1746 were said to have left their child's human remains in "the loving care of their beloved congregation." That trust continues to this day among people who contributed to the common good of our society in ways of notoriety and, more importantly, in the legion of ways known only by God.



*The Light Shines
in the Darkness*

Three and a half centuries later, it is our task in this age, to hallow this sacred space still dedicated to its original purposes, inhabited by people who love God and one another.

Honoring its historic sense of place is the cornerstone of Historic Port Richmond, a community once described as a "model village." It ensures that these buildings and cemetery are preserved for coming generations.

We honor our veterans by marking their graves with the flag of the nation they defended "against all enemies foreign and domestic," with wreaths at Christmas and with the restoration of long deteriorated tombstones.

We honor others of our members by ensuring that this, and future generations, know their stories of faith and devotion.

We can only imagine the reverence and awe that those early settlers might feel knowing that their ideals led to a system of government that preserves the rights of the people to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The freedom of enterprise that they established would lead to economic advancements unparalleled in all of human history, and to a system of social safety mechanisms far reaching not only here, but abroad. It gave rise to a nation of people whose generosity is never more on display than during times of natural and man-made disaster. To this very day their biological descendants are still members of this Church.



COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: Members of Rolling Thunder setting replacement stone for a Veteran of the War of 1812. Wreath placed at The Burial Place during Christmas time. Memorial Day wreaths, available at last year's banner celebration and given to family and friends. One wreath placed at The Burial Place.

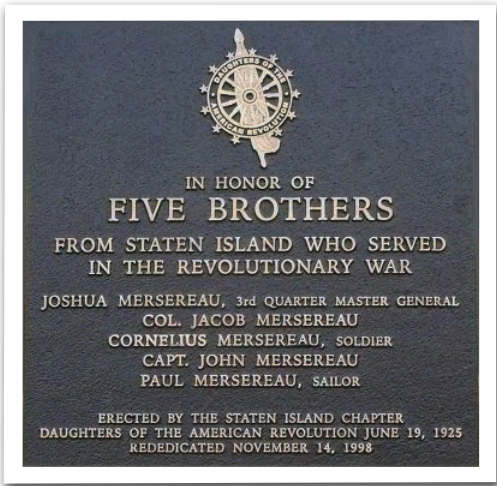


MILITARY FAMILIES...

THE MERSEREAUS, 1776 HEROES -- WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

One of Port Richmond's earliest military families included the five **Mersereau Brothers: Joshua, John, Jacob, Cornelius, and Paul.** Two of the brothers, Joshua, a lawyer, and John, a businessman, inflicted so much damage on the British they had a price on their heads.

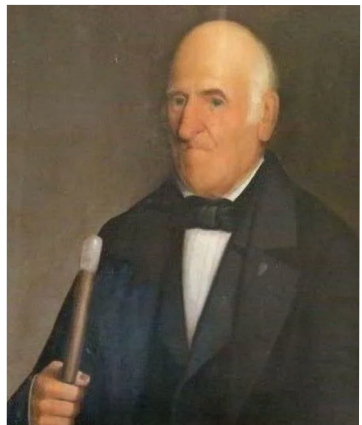
Joshua and John owned the Blazing Star tavern and operated the first stagecoach line between New York and Philadelphia, giving them covert means for transporting intelligence reports through their legitimate businesses. **George Washington** was a frequent customer. Joshua had to flee Staten Island; if captured he would have been hung. John had a 500-guinea price on his head (\$50,000). Yet they still supported the effort and gave their horses to the Continental Army.



The Daughters of the American Revolution honored the five Mersereau brothers: Joshua, John, Jacob, Cornelius and Paul with a plaque -- on your right as your face the church.

Joshua's teenage sons, John La Grange and Joshua, stayed. Using rafts and a skiff on the Kill van Kull, they picked up instructions and dropped off intelligence reports. **Paul** would leave information for pick up in the cellar of his house. **Jacob,** a lawyer, fled to New Jersey. Visiting his family on today's St. John Avenue, he was spotted. Fortunately the British dogs took off after a rabbit and he narrowly escaped. **Cornelius,** according to one witness, was removed from his property and "suffered everything but death."

All the Mersereaus survived and prospered in the new nation they helped create.



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

A Staten Island Tradition

Like the Mersereau family, many of our celebrated veterans have a family history in our military.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR 2022 VETERAN HONOREES:

FATHERS AND SONS

Robert E. Ollis Vietnam & **Michael H. Ollis (KIA)** Iraq/Afghanistan
Michael R. Petrizzo WW II & **Anthony M. Petrizzo** Vietnam

BROTHERS

Vincent J. (KIA) & **Edward Kechner** and two other brothers served in WW II.
Richard C. (KIA) & **Paul Perrigo** are brothers. **William Brown** is Paul's Brother-in-Law. All served in WW II.

HUSBAND AND WIFE

Yesenia Mata & **Cesar Vargas** are married and are currently serving in the National Guard.

OTHER FAMILY CONNECTIONS

James Buonincontri and his two brothers served the duration of WW II, 1941-1946.

Willie D. Pride, two sons became US Army; one attended West Point.

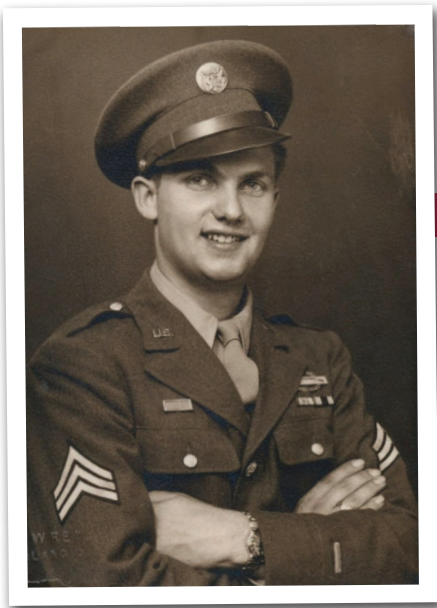
Robert B. Meaders served in Vietnam. His four older brothers also served in the military. All five brothers joined NYPD.

Joseph M. Skinner, Sr. and three older brothers all served 1967-69.

William Brown served during WW II as a U.S. Merchant Marine, one brother was in the U.S. Navy and another in the U.S. Army.

PARENTAL CONSENT

Donald J. Tierney, George W. Brown Jr and **Michael Walczynsyn Jr** all needed parental consent to join the U.S. military.



Roger E. Acker

★ U.S. ARMY ★

WW II Battle of the Bulge

Roger Acker enlisted in the U.S. Army on July 1, 1944 and was assigned to the 16th Infantry Regiment of the first Infantry division. His Infantry was known for being among the first outfits sent into battle.

The day after Christmas 1944, Acker became a replacement soldier on the front lines in the Battle of the Bulge. This was ten days before three German armies plunged into the semi-

mountainous Ardennes Forest on the Germany/Belgium border. Manning an automatic rifle and firing bazookas at enemy tanks, Acker remained in the battle even after taking shrapnel in one of his legs. He was promoted to sergeant squad leader and continued to lead his men through a succession of battles for control of various cities and towns. In March, he and his squad were captured by the Germans.

Acker was one of 14 POWs (prisoners of war) on a forced march from Remagen to a concentration camp in Kassel, a distance of about 300 miles. After about two weeks on the march, he said, the group, including a German column with horse-drawn ammunition carts, was strafed by American planes. Everybody was forced to run for cover. What better time, Acker figured, to attempt an escape? For the next several days, he traveled through the woods by night and slept during the day. He made his way to the town of Jesberg, which had been captured by U.S. forces shortly before his arrival. When the mayor, who was a woman, offered the ravenously hungry soldier food, he was suspicious but took her up on the offer.

The Ohio native met his future wife Frances Marie Sciacca at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island while awaiting his discharge from the army. Frances was the manager at the post exchange. In 1947 they married – two years after his escape.

Acker was a recipient of The Bronze Star, two Battle Stars for the Battle of the Bulge, Purple Heart for honorable service and a Distinguished Unit Citation and Good Conduct Medal. He also received a medal from the French Republic.

After returning home Roger became division manager of customer and commercial services for Con Edison, West Brighton, for 40 years, retiring in 1986. He was an active community leader. He and his wife served on many boards. He was highly regarded for his work fundraising and as a trustee and member of the board for Richmond Memorial Hospital.

Roger has two daughters, Sherri Corona and Linda Thoresen, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and enjoys playing golf both here and in Florida.

Sponsored by William Abell



Richard G. Blomquist

★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★

2008 - 2019 Afghanistan War

Richard was born September 3, 1989 on Staten Island, New York. He attended PS 19, IS 27 and Curtis High School. While in high school, Richard was part of the ROTC, on the track team and worked as a lifeguard for the YMCA.

He always dreamed of being in the military and making a difference. Upon graduating Curtis High School he immediately enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and trained at Base Camp Lejeune. During his eleven-year career in the Marines, Richard served in the Artillery Unit and the Mortars Unit. He answered the call of duty on five deployments which are: Haiti Earthquake Relief 2010, Okinawa 2011, Afghanistan War 2013, and two Black Sea Rotations in 2015 and 2017.

He married Leighann Roldan from his hometown of Staten Island in 2016. After Richard left the Marines he and Leighann relocated, eventually settling in New Orleans. His first job there was for the Department of Corrections, Juvenile Detention. He continues his life of service today as a New Orleans, Louisiana Firefighter.

They have two children, Jackson and Sofia. He enjoys time with his wife and children, riding motorcycles, shooting at the range, and connecting with his Marine Corps buddies. Richard is a member of the Wounded Warrior Project.

Sponsored by Elizabeth & Arturo Roldan Jr.



George W. Brown Jr.

★ U.S. NAVY ★

WW II
Korean War

George W. Brown Jr. was born December 11, 1926, the only child of George Sr. and Anna Brown. He attended public school in Huguenot and Tottenville High School. He was involved in assorted sports while in school and in the service.

As a young man he had a paper route but he also would hunt and fish with his father to help make ends meet. George built wood models from the age of six from kits, or any scraps of wood he could find. He always had an attraction to aviation. He grew up in a time of innovation in aviation!

At 17, George left high school early and had his father sign him into the service in the Navy. He served in WWII as a tail gunner aboard Navy PBM amphibious aircraft search and rescue. He was called back into the Navy for the Korean War where he served as an ammunition personnel.

He met my Mother on Kingdom Ave on Staten Island. It was love at first sight! They eloped to Elkton, Maryland. They moved to Port Richmond when their family was expanding and they needed a larger home for their future six children. Before Mary Louise's passing they were together for 67 years!

George lived and worked in Port Richmond for his entire adult life. He worked various jobs until landing at Procter & Gamble. He was a tool and die machinist for them until retiring. He is the founder of the local business Brownie's Pro & Sport Hobbies. He always worked at the shop after coming home from his day job. Mom would run the store during the day. Most family vacations were based around going to some competition, either airplane or car meets. First, in 1971, the shop was at 122 Bennett Street. After a decade or so, the shop outgrew this location and we made the big move to 124 Bennett Street. The shop has been there ever since. George was literally in the shop until about two weeks before his death April 20, 2016.

Sponsored by Brownie's Pro & Sport Hobbies



William R. "Bill" Brown

★ U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ★

1943 - 1945
WW II

William R. Brown, son of Marion Nilsen Brown and Francis Brown, was one of four boys. Bill was born and raised in Mariners Harbor, and graduated from Port Richmond High School.

Dad was the patriarch of our family and a poster boy for the "Greatest Generation." He served in the U.S. Merchant Marine in the North Atlantic. Like many of his contemporaries, he never spoke about his time in the service during WWII. Following his time serving the country he loved, he continued his time at sea sailing on commercial ships throughout the world.

At heart, he was a family man and going to sea was no longer an option when he married Staten Island native Clare Sullivan. They later had a daughter, Susan, and a son, Gary. He was a beloved uncle to his many nieces and nephews. He joined the City of New York Department of Marine and Aviation and became a Chief Engineer on the Staten Island Ferry.

Following his retirement, he stayed active in all things related to the water, including sailing the boat "Skal" that he shared with his daughter. He was a Life Member of the Keyport Yacht Club (an honor reserved for very few); member of the Marine and Aviation Anchor Club; the American Merchant Marine Veterans, Denis Ryland Chapter; and was a member of the local Staten Island chapter of AMVETS.

Bill passed away at the age of 87 on November 23, 2010.

Sponsored by William Brown's Family





James Buonincontri

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1941 - 1946
WW II

My father, James Buonincontri, proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II for the duration of the war from 1941-1946. His two

brothers, Alex and Carmine, also served at the same time. It was a hardship for the family to have their sons abroad but it was also one of their proudest moments. He was first generation, eager to serve his country after migrating from Naples, Italy. My Dad was also in charge of raising pigeons for the Army as they were used to communicate with soldiers behind enemy lines. His love extended beyond the war as he had pigeon coops all during his life.

A few years after the war, he married my Mom, who had been writing to him all during the war. I still have their letters which are not only a testament to their love but memorialize the war. My Dad loved to talk about his Army days and was especially proud of his brother, Carmine, who served under General Patton and stormed the beach of Normandy.

I will always remember him for the love he had for his family, his country, and for others. He had a generous laugh, a warm heart, and an extraordinary belief that honesty always pays. My hero, a true patriot, and a solemn reminder of a member of our best generation.

No wonder mom fell in love with you from your first letter. I miss you, love you, and carry you in my heart.

Sponsored by Cara Buonincontri



Carlo Denino

★ U.S. NAVY ★

1943 - 1947
WW II

Carlo Denino was born in Port Richmond on December 1, 1923 to John and Mary. Carlo had four siblings: Vee, Rose, Anthony, and Katherine.

Carlo entered the Navy on June 28, 1943 at the age of 19. Because he had worked as a welder at Bethlehem Steel in Staten Island before enlisting, he signed on with the Navy as ship fitter. After finishing his training he was then placed on the USS Elmore. The USS Elmore saw plenty of action in the Pacific and came close to peril eight different times. Carlo was there through it all. He received quite a few medals but never spoke about them, or the war.

Denino's dates back to 1937, when Sicilian immigrants John and Mary opened the Tavern at 524 Port Richmond Avenue, next door to a confectionery business John Denino had started 14 years earlier. When patriarch John Denino died in 1951, the reins of the business were handed to Carlo, who ran it until his death in 2000. It was Carlo who most notably altered the Tavern's destiny. He took the initiative and began serving pizza at the Tavern. The pizza was a hit.

Carlo enjoyed talking to the customers and joking around. He loved going to the race track; playing pinochle with friends. Later on in life he decided he wanted to play golf, and with no lessons at all, he accompanied his friends and started playing.

He joined a men's golf club that played seven days a week. So whenever he wanted to go out and play there was always someone to play with.

He cherished and loved his family and friends. We honor and remember Carlo by keeping Denino's Pizzeria open and providing a place for families and friends to gather. We love and miss you everyday.



Sponsored by Denino's Tavern





Edward Fanuzzi

★ U.S. ARMY ★
SIGNAL CORPS

1953 - 1956
Korean War

Edward Fanuzzi was born and raised in Travis. He attended Public School 26. He was a Machine Shop Foreman at his High School.

Ed enlisted and served on the Korean Peninsula. After his service, he was employed at Sterner & LeBlanc TV store until he became a General Electric Hotpoint Division Factory Representative, repairing every appliance they made.

In 1962 he married Marilyn. They have four children and three grandchildren and live on the North Shore. That same year Ed joined the New York Fire Department, serving 30 years, until 1992. He also worked as a diver in underwater salvage.

In 2011 he became the subject of a short documentary film “Fanuzzi’s Gold.” “I find gold because I look for gold,” Ed says in this whimsical character study, “and if you don’t look, you don’t find.” The junk collector drolly admits to his loving wife that he takes things home just because they’re broken and he knows how to fix them; he fixes them and throws them away again. It’s his life’s work. Fanuzzi approaches whatever life brings him with restless creativity, dauntless humor, and a tirelessly upbeat attitude—including a disabled daughter and son. In the film Ed shows us a lift he made for his son using castoff parts. “It cost \$50,” he says with pride, and the notion of fixing what’s been broken takes on a whole new meaning.

Ed is the last surviving member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1574, Blazing Star.

Sponsored by Congregation Reformed Protestant Dutch Church on Staten Island



Louis V. Ferraco

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1965 - 1967
Vietnam

Louis Vincent Ferraco was born on February 16, 1945. Raised in the Stapleton section of Staten Island, he attended PS 14 and McKee High School. While attending high school Louis played baseball and basketball.

He particularly enjoyed his cooking class. He had a paper route and loved to attend church and pray the Stations of the Saints/Cross. He also loved spending time with siblings, parents, and friends.

When he was 17, Louis worked in Manhattan maintaining a route along which he delivered food to people in their offices at work. In 1965 Louis pushed up his draft position to join the US Army. He served until 1967. He was in C Company, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One). While on patrol on November 15, 1966 he was injured and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was also awarded the Sharpshooter Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge.

Louis returned to his native Staten Island and continued to serve his community in different capacities, whether it was transporting school age kids or working as a school custodian. He retired in 2008. Louis has two daughters, one son, and four grandchildren. He likes to spend time with his wife and grandchildren. He is interested in cars, watching movies at home and sports on TV, visiting Atlantic city, and traveling when he has an opportunity. Louis also enjoys attending veteran events here on Staten Island with family and friends.

He is part of several Veterans organizations, including: the Order of the Purple Heart, the American legion, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and Disabled American Veterans.

Sponsored by Kathy Vairo & Christine Ferraco (Daughters)





Lawrence Fisher

★ U.S. ARMY ★

**Vietnam
POW**

Lawrence Fisher, son of John and Ada Fisher, was born April 17, 1941 in Savannah, Georgia. He attended Savannah Public School and graduated high school in 1959. Mr. Fisher relocated to the New York metropolitan area, working various

jobs to make ends meet. He took the Firemen's Civil Service Exam and was eventually hired. While employed as a fireman at the 125th Street Station, he was drafted by the United States Army.

Following basic training, Mr. Fisher went to officer training school at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was assigned to parachute school, which he successfully completed. Mr. Fisher was sent to Vietnam as a First Lieutenant, and is proud that he did not lose a single man under his command.

Within a week of being scheduled to return home on his final detail in Vietnam, Lt. Fisher and his unit were ambushed. He was shot and captured by the Vietnam People's Army. They held him captive in a foxhole for 137 days. Finally able to escape, Lt. Fisher got back into U.S. Army territory and was airlifted to the Philippines. From there, he was transported to Walter Reed Hospital, where he remained for six months. Lt. Fisher was operated on, and all but one bullet was removed successfully. The remaining bullet was still lodged in Lt. Fisher's back, and as a result of this injury, he was paralyzed on his left side.

A brave hero, Mr. Fisher had one daughter, Veronica, and was the proud grandfather of four. He passed away November 19, 2018 at age 77.

Sponsored by Bounviaggio Family



James A. Haynes III

★ U.S. NAVY ★

1971 - 1992

James (Jimmy) Haynes III is the son of the late James and Louella Haynes. He was born in Tompkinsville on October 23, 1952 and graduated Curtis High School in 1971. His first two years of active service were in the U.S. Navy with the Seabees at ACB-2 Little Creek, Virginia. He served the U.S. Navy for another 19 years, retiring as a 2nd Class Equipment Operator with reserve construction Battalions 13 and 21.

James worked for the U.S. Coast Guard at the Activities N.Y. Engineering Division Utility Shop as a boiler plant equipment mechanic. He retired after 33 years of service. During that time, he served as the Union President for the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 2747, representing the Coast Guard employees of New York, Virginia, Miami, Florida and Cleveland, Ohio. He received the Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2), and Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

James' service to the Staten Island Community includes numerous volunteer positions: Ancient Order of Hibernians of Richmond County Division Four and Ancient Order of Hibernians (former Richmond County President), St. Columcille Irish Cultural Center (current Vice President), and member of Round Tower Major Degree Team and Cuchulainn Celtic Warriors Degree Team of Richmond County.

James is active in Staten Island and national organizations including the United States Island Veterans Association (USIVO) (Chief Executive Chairman), Fleet Reserve Association Branch 226 (Past President), Staten Island Catholic War Veterans Post 1934 (Treasurer), Staten Island Council Knights of Columbus Governor Dongan Assembly (4th Degree Knight) Knights of Columbus Richmond Council 351 (served as Grand Knight), and member of National Organization of Veterans, Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis VFW Post 9587, Retired Enlisted Reserve Association, Seabee Foundation, and the Fort Wadsworth Galley Gang. In 2017, James was elected to Commander of DAV Halloran Memorial Chapter #34 and is now serving.

James was honored with the Commodore John Barry Award in 2003 and was Grand Marshal of the Richmond County Saint Patrick's Day Parade in 2005. He received the Legion of Honor from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Museum.

James is most proud of, and would like to thank his wife, Christine, for her support and his sons, James and Christopher, who are always around when he needs their support.

Sponsored by the Verrazano Kiwanis Club



Joseph Ianelli Sr.

★ U.S. NAVY ★

WW II



Joseph Ianelli Sr. was born on June 21, 1926. He met our Mom, Mrs. Jennie Ianelli, in grade school. They were married on October 31, 1948. They had three beautiful children: Joseph, RoseAnn, and Matthew and would have been married 74 years.

Mom passed away May 22, 2020. Our Dad passed away on April 30, 2015. Our parents had six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grand baby. They always enjoyed family and friend gatherings, especially during the holidays. We always had such great times together.

Dad joined the Navy on November 1, 1944. He loved the sea very much. It was his passion to be a sailor. He served on the USS Hoggatt Bay flat-top. It was called the Queen of the CVE-75 and was the 21st of 50 Casablanca Class Escort Carriers built for the United States Navy during World War II.

The ship was named after Hoggatt Bay, a bay in Baranof Island, Alaska. Hoggatt Bay was named by Lieutenant Commander E.K. Moore after Wilford Bacon Hoggart – an ensign serving in Moore's party at the time in 1895. The ship was launched December 4, 1943. She was decommissioned in July 1946, being mothballed in the Atlantic Reserve Fleet. The USS Hoggatt was broken up in 1960. Dad was an honorable sailor and was classified as a Fireman First Class USN-1 which categorized him as part of the group of men who had the job to make sure that the ship was functional. He loved working with machines and became an experienced machinist sailor of his time. He worked as an engineer manning the big ship's boiler rooms to make sure that it was safe to sail. It was hard work being deep down in those hot rooms sweating. Dad once told me he thought he was going to die one time the ship had been attacked—the door had slammed shut and they couldn't get out until they were rescued many hours later.

After leaving the service, he opened a business called New York Bearings and Company in New York. He worked with car engines, pistons and specialized in valve heads for Mercedes Benz and everything related to engines for 65 years. He really enjoyed and loved his business.

My father loved the ocean so much that he designed the basement in our house to look like a ship with real brass plated port holes placed on the basement windows. The basement floor was made of tile he cut himself to look like fish. Also, there was a 100-gallon fish tank which he enjoyed watching at night to the sound of ocean waves. He made a mermaid out of a mannequin and made a real dock for the ships to come in, which made the whole basement a delight. He always enjoyed being creative and making many projects relating to the sea.

But most of all, he always talked about this country and was proud to serve, live and fight for all it represented.

God Bless America and all the men and women who fought and are still fighting for this country.

Sponsored by RoseAnn McAllister and the Ianelli Family



William E. Jennings Jr.

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1966 - 1969 Vietnam



Born on Staten Island on Feb 6, 1949, I was raised on Van Pelt Ave, and attended Public School 44, Junior High School 51, and Port Richmond High School. My interests were Boy Scout Troop 32 St. Michael's, baseball, and, most of all, fishing.

I enlisted in October 1966. Attended Basic training in Fort Gordon, Georgia, AIT at Ft. Gordon, Georgia Signal School. Served PP 50th Signal Battalion and B Troop 3/17th Air Cavalry RVN. During my military service I was awarded The Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service while serving in Vietnam from 1968-1969.

Upon leaving the military, I attended the old Staten Island Community College for an Associate of Arts degree in Accounting while working on Wall Street. In 1981, I started working with William H. Sadlier, Inc. in the Accounts Payable Department where I spent the next thirty-three years—retiring in 2014.

As a member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. I worked for veterans across Staten Island, New York City and State to better the lives of veterans and their families. As a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. I held the office of Vice President with Chapter 421, Staten Island. Also, Treasurer of The NY State Council of Vietnam Veterans, Inc.

Not too many days go by without a thought of one of my friends who were KIA or have since passed because of their service in Vietnam. I started a project a few years ago to honor each of 23 childhood friends with a wooden plaque with their KIA date engraved in script over their name, created with a scroll saw. It grew into honoring all 85 men from Staten Island who gave their lives in Vietnam. I delivered the 85 plaques to "The Wall" in D.C. and created a video tribute which can be found at www.facebook.com/stogie26a/videos/10221852953530978 or by scanning the QR code on this page. A special thank you to VVA Chapter 421, who donated the wood to help make my mission possible.



Sponsored by William Jennings



Vincent J. Kechner

★ U.S. ARMY ★
AIR CORPS

WW II
KIA Pearl Harbor



Vincent John Kechner was born on September 1, 1917. He grew up at 18 Rainbow Avenue in Port Richmond and graduated from Curtis High School.

Vincent's brother Robert died in an accident when he was 13 years old. During World War II the surviving four Kechner brothers were in military service. Vincent and Donald were in the Army and stationed overseas. Theodore was in the Army, but served stateside. Edward served in the Navy, overseas.

Vincent worked under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal program that gave jobs to unemployed men during the Depression. He worked on public or government projects outside of New York, until he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Vincent's military occupation or specialty was Medical Aidman in the Medical Department, 26th Bombardment Squadron, Hickam Field, Hawaii. He had the rank of Corporal.

During the attack on Pearl Harbor, in spite of ongoing machine gun fire from the planes overhead, Vincent repeatedly ran onto Hickam Field to save the lives of those suffering on the tarmac. He was "cut in half by machine gun fire" according to his buddy, an eyewitness. Army Air Corps Corporal Kechner was Killed In Action on December 7, 1941. He received a Purple Heart.

Vincent is buried at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii, an American Battle Monuments Commission location. His banner hangs at Rainbow Avenue, the street re-named for him.

Sponsored by Joanne Nolemi



MILITARY FAMILY
Brothers

Edward Kechner

★ U.S. NAVY ★

1943 - 1946
WW II



Edward Kechner grew up with his four brothers on Rainbow Ave in Port Richmond. He attended Public School 20 and graduated from Port Richmond High School.

Edward and three of his brothers were in the service during World War II. Edward served in the U.S. Navy, and was a Coxswain on various ships in the Pacific Theater during the war. His three brothers served in the U.S. Army, with one brother Vincent, perishing during the attack at Pearl Harbor.

After the war, Edward returned to Staten Island, married his wife, Joan and raised four children in Great Kills. He received the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with two Bronze Stars).

Edward worked as an engineer for the New York Telephone Company until his retirement. He enjoyed golfing, trips to Hawaii and Ireland and vacations with family on Long Beach Island. He especially enjoyed spending time with his four grandchildren. Edward and Joan retired to Columbus, N.J. in 1984.

Edward Kechner passed away at 87 years old in 2011. He had a happy and well lived life.

Sponsored by Barbara Shields





Harold I. Lane

★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★

1968 - 1970
Vietnam

Harold (AKA Buddy) was one of six siblings born to Margaret and Aaron Lane of Elm Park. At the age of 17 1/2, Harold enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the South East Asia theater; he saw action in the Japanese Islands.

Upon his return to civilian life and to Staten Island he met and married Marie Leone of Elm Park. The couple lived in the Elm Park/Port Richmond area then moved to Mariners Harbor.

Harold was employed by St. Vincent Hospital (RUMC) as an ambulance driver; he was then employed by Wallerstein Co. (a division of Baxter Labs), Elm Park. He left their employ after the company relocated to South Carolina. He was then employed by the New York City Parks Department. Harold was in charge of the maintenance of all the NYC Pools and was a Principal Park Supervisor until his retirement in 1991.

In his spare time he was a volunteer with the North Shore Rescue Squad as well as an active member of the U.S. Marine Corps, Staten Island Detachment #246. He was the proud father of two sons, Gary and Jeff, grandfather of three and great-grandfather of one.

Harold is a descendant of Hendrick Kroesen (1665-1760) the first teacher of Staten Island. Harold's seventh generation maternal ancestor, Hendryck Kroesen was the Lay Pastor or Vorleezer of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Richmond Town ca. 1696. Hendryck led Sunday worship, taught the Children and kept the records of the Colony. His descendants are still members of the Congregation.

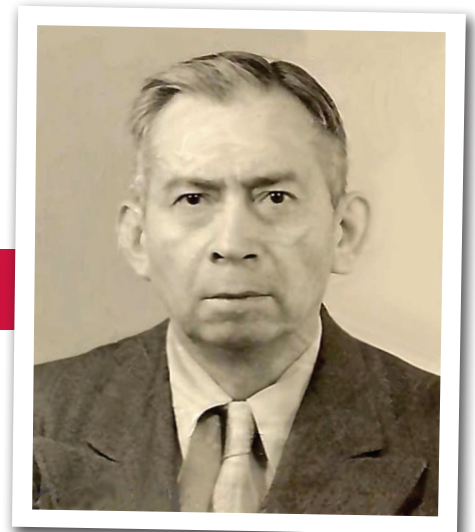
Sponsored by Gary Lane



Angel C. Lopez

★ U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ★

1942 - 1945
WW II



Born a native Salvadoran in 1894, Angel C. Lopez left El Salvador at the age of 21 to come to the United States.

On the way here he found himself in the midst of the Mexican Revolution and fought in the armies of General Emiliano Zapata and General Pancho Villa. As the war was coming to a conclusion, he prepared his papers to come to the United States.

He arrived in Laredo, Texas on November 12, 1918. After working in Texas, California, Michigan, and Kentucky, he finally arrived in New York City in 1921. He worked in hotels and theaters and finally worked for a machine shop on Queens Blvd.

When the U.S. became involved in World War II, Angel volunteered for the Navy and the Army but was refused due to his age; he was 47 years old. Subsequently, he volunteered for the Merchant Marine. He was given an "Old Man's Draft Registration Card." He entered the Merchant Marine with the understanding that he could not divulge any information as to when his ships were leaving. His family did not hear from him until the war ended. When asked the reason for volunteering he indicated that he owed it to the country that adopted him and had given him so many opportunities.

Angel passed away in November 1970 at Sailors Snug Harbor. Ultimately becoming one of the last Snuggies at the Harbor.

Sponsored by Bernard A. Lopez



Port Richmond

STATEN ISLAND

VETERANS BANNER MAP



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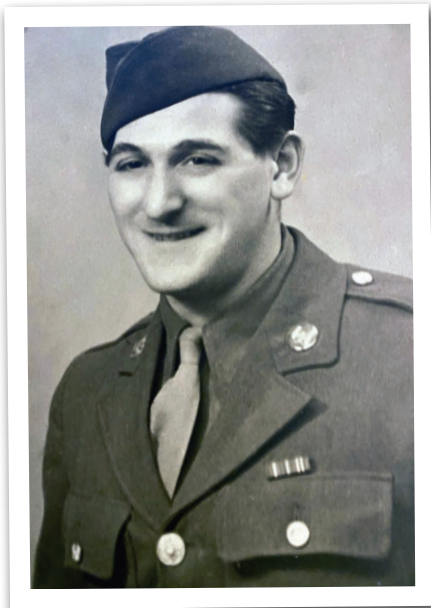
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* These veteran banners were sponsored to be rehung in 2022 on Port Richmond Avenue.



Ralph M. Maviglia

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1942 - 1945
WWII

My father and his parents came to the United States in 1920 when he was nine months old. He lived most of his childhood and young adult life in Port Richmond. He married my Mom, Lena Antonucci, in 1946. They raised three children: Joanne, Pat and Ralph.

He was a truck/bus driver for most of his working life. He played drums while he was in the service and when he returned he played with a band on weekends. He encouraged my brothers and I to play an instrument and was very proud when he heard us perform. My brothers and I as children would ask him about his time in the Army because he would make us laugh at the stories he told us. Little did we know at the time that he served in very dangerous locations. When he passed, I found his discharge papers and this was evident.

He served in Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, and the Rhineland. He received the World War II Victory Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal

My father loved our Mother and cherished his children and five grandsons. He was a wonderful family man and led a very full life.

He was proud of his Italian heritage and proud of the USA.

Sponsored by Joanne Maviglia



Robert B. Meaders

★ U.S. AIR FORCE ★

1964 - 1968
Vietnam

Robert B. Meaders was born in 1946. Raised in Staten Island, he was the youngest of 11 siblings. He grew up in the Mariners Harbor section of Staten Island, graduating from Public School 44 and Port Richmond High School. After graduating high school, Mr. Meaders followed four of his older brothers into military service (two joined the Navy, one the Army, and another the Marine Corps) by joining the U.S. Air Force where he obtained the rank of Sergeant.

He was an Aircraft Maintenance Specialist during his time in the service, completing a tour of duty in Vietnam. During his service in the Air Force, Mr. Meaders received 3 awards – a National Defense Service Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal, and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1968.

While serving in the Air Force, Mr. Meaders married Bettie J. Williams in 1966. In 1970, they had one child, a daughter, Leigh M. Meaders, Esq.

After leaving the Air Force, Mr. Meaders, like four of his older brothers before him, joined the New York City Police Department. He worked out of the 5th precinct (Chinatown - Manhattan). While a member of the New York City Police Department, he obtained his bachelor's degree from the College of Staten Island. He retired from the NYPD in 1981.

Mr. Meaders enjoyed traveling and photography. He was an avid motorcycle rider and league bowler. He coached girls and boys intramural and CYO basketball at St. Roch's School. He was a life-long, active member of All Saints' Episcopal Church on Staten Island, serving several terms on its vestry.

Robert B. Meaders died on June 29, 1997, at the age of 51.

Sponsored by Leigh M. Meaders, Esq.



Joseph Meizlik

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1979 - 1985



Joseph Meizlik (Joe Preach) was born on Sept 24, 1962 in Brooklyn, NY. He joined the U.S. Army in the fall of 1979 at the young age of 17. He began basic training in Armor school in Fort Knox, Kentucky, graduated basic training in 1980, and was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington and was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division.

Joseph reenlisted in 1982 and spent one more year in Washington and was then shipped to Frankfurt, Germany and was assigned to the 3rd Armored Division. In 1985, Joseph completed his commitment and was discharged from the Army with two Good Conduct medals and an Army Achievement Medal.

Joseph worked odd jobs until he ventured into Law Enforcement for almost 20 years. After several years out of state, he returned to New York. This is when his desire to help those in need began.

Today, Joseph is the Founder of South Shore Community Food Pantry, which has been in existence for the past 2 1/2 years. In March of 2020, it became strictly a food pantry filling the gap of food insecurity, and providing services, through their partners, to a community in need during the height of the pandemic. To date the South Shore Community Food Pantry has fed over 50,000 individuals and has begun the process of becoming a not-for-profit organization.

“We have been truly blessed and look forward to being a valuable part of a growing community.”

Sponsored by Verrazano Kiwanis Club



Anthony M. Petrizzo

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1968 - 1972

Vietnam | Special Forces

Anthony M. Petrizzo was born in Port Richmond, Staten Island in early 1949 to proud parents Marie and Michael Petrizzo.

Their pride grew throughout his childhood and young adulthood in both his academics and deeds. It was not a shock to them when in 1968, Anthony heard the call that many a young man of his age did at the time and enlisted in the U.S. Army.

His training began in Fort Jackson, South Carolina and continued at Fort Gordon, Georgia for Advanced Infantry Training. Initially, Anthony was an instructor at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey for using and repairing encryption machines that sent secret messages between Vietnam and Washington D.C.

Plans quickly changed and Anthony was whisked off to Special Ops Training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he entered the Special Forces and was unexpectedly sent to Vietnam. He landed in Bien Hoa Air Base in 1969 and was attached to the 5th Green Beret.

Anthony's small but dedicated unit's job was recon; gathering information during several special covert operations in Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. The intelligence they collected set the stage for several maneuvers, most notably, Operation Arclight: the B-52 bombings from Guam. Sergeant Petrizzo did two tours in Vietnam and received a Bronze Star, Silver Flying Wings, and two Purple Hearts. In 1972 he was honorably discharged.

Anthony worked hard for over four decades as a truck driver. He owned his own trucking company and later worked for the former Miele Trucking Company and North Jersey Appliance Warehouse as a member of Teamsters Local 560. Anthony worked second and often third jobs as a bouncer and bodyguard to provide a good life for his family.

Anthony is now retired and living in New Jersey. He enjoys a full life traveling, spending time with his family and friends and savors the freedom that he fought so hard to ensure.

Sponsored by The Tierney/Petrizzo Family



Paul J. Perrigo

★ U.S. NAVY ★

1942 - 1945
WW II



Paul was born to Florence and Warren Perrigo on June 2, 1919 in New London, Connecticut. He was brought to Grant City when he was two years old and grew up with his older brother, Richard. Paul went to PS 41 and graduated from Haaren Aviation High School in Manhattan.

After building PT boats at Elco in Bayonne, NJ, Paul enlisted in the Navy. He was stationed in Boston, Newport, Quonset Point, RI and Argentia, Newfoundland. Then, in 1942 he won a competition for an appointment to a specialized Navy Aviation school in Chicago as an aviation metalsmith, which was a new technology for repairing an aircraft structure. Paul was an Aviation Metalsmith, AM2, with Navy squadron VJ 4 in Norfolk, VA where they trained pilots for air-to-air combat involving airborne targets.

On August 8, 1943 Paul married Mary Alice (May) Sullivan at Our Lady Queen of Peace in New Dorp. They settled in Dongan Hills in 1950 and had three children, Jo Anne Ricci, Patricia Tighe and Michael. He had five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Paul and May were together for 59 years.

Paul was a route salesman for 27 years for Richmond Farms and retired in 1972 and later worked 12 years for Staten Island Bus Co. driving handicapped children. He was a parishioner of St. Sylvester's Church. Paul's brother was in the U.S. Army. Staff Sgt. Richard C. Perrigo was KIA on October 22, 1944 in Leyte, Philippines. Everyone in the family remembers that Richard's military photo was always on Paul/Pop's dresser.

An avid NY Mets fan, he also enjoyed house painting, stock cars at Weisglass Stadium, taking trips to Atlantic City, tending to his outdoor fish pond and sharing stories of 'old Staten Island' with his children and grandchildren. Paul would strike up a conversation with anybody and you would find him making new friends wherever he went.

Paul passed away on Staten Island surrounded by his loving family on June 25, 2003.

Sponsored by The Perrigo Family



MILITARY FAMILY
Brothers

Richard C. Perrigo

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1937 - 1944
WW II | KIA
Battles of the Pacific



Richard was born on April 20, 1917 to Florence and Warren Perrigo in Hartford, Connecticut. He was named after his uncle, Richard Hourigan, a Marine who was later killed in action in France on October 4, 1918 in WWI.

Richard moved to Staten Island as a child and grew up with his brother Paul in Grant City. He graduated from Our Lady Queen of Peace School in New Dorp and McKee Vocational High School. In 1934, he went with the Staten Island Advance to the World's Fair in Chicago.

As a young man, Richard was employed in the office of the general manager of the Hotel Pennsylvania, Manhattan. He was a member of Maresa Council, Knights of Columbus, and of the Pennsylvania Hotel Association.

Richard enlisted in National Guard on February 9, 1937. In 1940, he entered the U.S. Army with the 27th Division, 165 Infantry, "the old 69th of New York". In 1942, Staff Sergeant Perrigo was with the AEF (American Expeditionary Force) in Ireland. He was assigned to Forts in Alabama and California, then jungle and machine gun training in Hawaii. Next, he was assigned to Australia. Later he was with General MacArthur's SW Pacific forces. He saw heavy combat in New Guinea in June 1944.

Richard landed on Leyte, Philippine Islands in October 1944 and was killed in action in the San Paulo Valley, Leyte on October 22, 1944.

Sponsored by The Perrigo Family



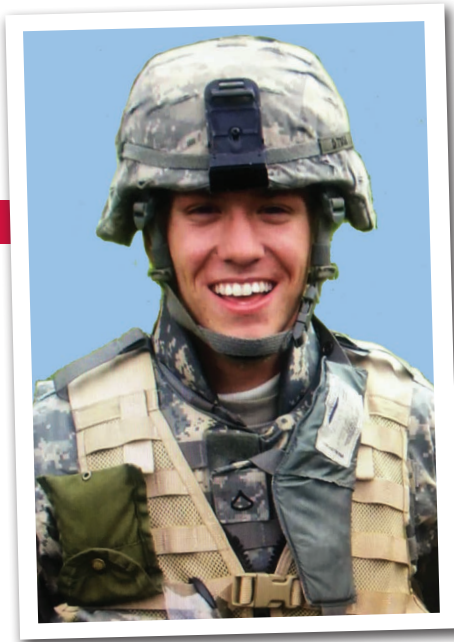
Michael H. Ollis

★ U.S. ARMY ★

2006 - 2013

KIA

Iraq | Afghanistan



New Dorp native, Michael Ollis, enlisted into the armed services at age 17, after graduating from Staten Island's Petrides High School. He belonged to the 1st Armored Division, the 101st Airborne Assault Division and the 10th Mountain Division. During his seven years of service, he trained to become an Army Ranger and also earned his "wings" as a paratrooper. He was invited, and studied to successfully pass three board examinations to become a member of the prestigious NCO (non-commissioned officers) organization known as the "Audie Murphy Club."

Staff Sergeant Ollis served one tour of duty in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan. He left for his third deployment in January 2013. On August 28, Forward Operating Base Ghazni was attacked and breached by insurgent forces armed with rifles and suicide vests. During this attack Staff Sergeant Ollis heroically stepped in front of a wounded Polish officer to protect him from an insurgent wearing a suicide vest. Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis was killed when the insurgent's vest detonated. He was 24 years old.

Michael's heroism has been honored by the Polish government with their highest military award, the Polish Gold Star Medal of Honor, as well as the Afghani Star.

Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis has been honored by the United States military with the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, Audie Murphy Medallion and the Distinguished Service Cross (the second highest award to the Medal of Honor).

The Ollis family continues to honor Michael's legacy with the SSG Michael Ollis Freedom Foundation, which raises funds to support various programs for veterans. The foundation hosts an Annual SSG Michael Ollis Memorial 5K Run in June, whose motto is "Live Like Mike, Run for Mike" to commemorate the memory and courageous sacrifice of SSG Ollis and honor all of our nation's veterans and service members.

In 2014, the first new Staten Island Ferry vessel added to the fleet since 2005 was officially commissioned the "Staff Sergeant Michael H. Ollis." Family and friends celebrated its maiden voyage February 14, 2022.

Sponsored by The Sanchez Family



MILITARY FAMILY
Father & Son

Robert E. Ollis

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1967 - 1969

Vietnam



Bob Ollis was born in Brooklyn, New York. He was raised in Brooklyn and Queens. He joined the Army during the Vietnam War. He earned two Bronze Stars for valor, two Air Assault Medals and a Purple Heart.

After his stint in the Army, he attended the Delehanty Institute where he studied automotive mechanics. He was employed as a truck mechanic for 30 years with the Daily News.

He married his wife, Linda, in 1971 and they moved to Staten Island. Here they raised a family: Kimberly, Kelly, and Michael. Bob became very interested in his children's sports. He spent many years coaching youth soccer. He coached all three of his children at varying ages. He was the President of the OLQP (Our Lady Queen of Peace) Soccer Club for seven years, Vice President of the Staten Island Soccer League for two years, and the Assistant Coach for the Women's Soccer Team at Wagner College for one year.

Bob now devotes his spare time to several veterans organizations and to the Foundation he and Linda started to honor their son's legacy and to assist veterans and active military personnel.

Sponsored by The Sanchez Family





Willie D. Pride

★ U.S. AIR FORCE ★

1953 - 1957
Korean War

Willie D. Pride was born September 29, 1933 in Snyder, Oklahoma. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1953 at the height of the Korean War. He served the country again by working for the United States Postal Service for over a decade.

He later managed and distributed sodas for his privately-owned soft drink company, Black Pride Inc. Willie lived in Brooklyn, New York for many years. He moved to the community of Port Richmond, Staten Island in 1978.

Willie married Aria Gray and they had six children. They remained active members of the community while raising their children. All six graduated from Port Richmond High School. Their two sons became Officers of The U.S. Army; one graduating from West Point Academy and the other from Norwich University.

Willie D. Pride passed away on April 29, 2021. His widow, Aria E. Pride and their four daughters remain community members of the Port Richmond, Elm Park area.

Willie was father to fourteen children, including children from previous marriages and two step children; grandfather and great-grandfather to many. His written and spoken Christian Ministry spread near and far. Willie made numerous friends and life-long connections. His presence and impact to his family, friends and community is greatly missed and will be remembered for generations to come.

Sponsored by Aria Pride



Salvatore J. Ricca

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1951 - 1953

Born in Tompkinsville on January 19, 1931, Salvatore, a McKee High School graduate, was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951 and stationed in Germany.

Salvatore married Assunta in 1957 and they settled in Port Richmond in 1961, where they raised their two children, Linda and Raymond. He worked for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for 35 years, retiring as a supervisor in 1992.

Salvatore was a member of the Michael J. Labetti VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 2159, as were five of his brothers, all of whom served in the U.S. military. Together the brothers attended many of the Post's meetings and events.

At the time of his passing in April of 2020, Salvatore was the husband of Rachel and proud grandfather of six and great-grandfather of eight.

Sponsored by Raymond, Linda and Jimmy, James and Melissa Ricca





William "Giggy" Sayers

★ U.S. ARMY ★

1950 - 1953
Korea War

William "Giggy" Sayers was born July 22, 1932 in Stapleton, Staten Island. He was the third child of Donald Sayers and Helen Mathis Sayers. William graduated from Public School 14 and attended McKee Vocational and Technical High School.

He left school and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1950; there he received his high school diploma. William was a top athlete who was a star for many of the Staten Island diamond and gridiron teams. They included Tompkinsville Blue Jays, Rinky Dinks, Brown Bombers and Leiblich's Bakery. At fifteen, he was the first Black player

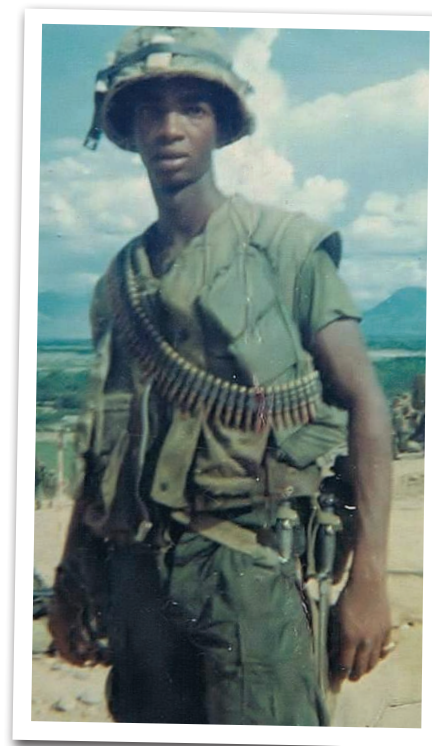
for the Huttner-Pasqualini team. As he got older, golf became his passion. He played a few days a week after retiring, then in later years, he was an Ambassador for the South Shore Golf Course.

In 1950, William was stationed in Fort Benning, Georgia. He was then shipped to Pusan (now called Busan), South Korea in 1951. William was a PFC (Private First Class) in the 5th RCT (Regimental Combat Team) (Triple Nickels "555"). He earned the Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Service Medal, 5th RCT Patch, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal.

He was a member of the Allan F. Kivlehan chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association and was very proud of being a Korean War Vet. When the monument opened in Washington, DC, we were there. Former President Clinton had a beautiful ceremony. We took a second trip to show the statues to the grandchildren.

William passed away on Nov 8, 2013. He is survived by his beloved wife Karen, daughter JoAnne Sayers, sons Guy and Jay Sayers and his legacy of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brothers Clarence, Thomas, and Ronald; his sisters Barbara Shannon, Eleanor Joann Bellamy; and stepdaughter Serrae Cortez. William "Giggy" Sayers was a wonderful husband and father, he is sorely missed.

Mrs. Karen Sayers & Family



Joseph M. Skinner Sr.

★ U.S. MARINE ★
CORPS

1967 - 1969
Vietnam

Born November 12, 1948, Joseph had a wonderful childhood growing up in West Brighton. He played sports all his life, all types of "ball," including Varsity Baseball and Basketball while attending Port Richmond High School. He had a Staten Island Advance paper route.

He was the youngest of four brothers, all of whom served in the military at the same time, but Joseph was the only one in combat. At age 19, Sergeant Skinner was in charge of a platoon of 57 men, who saw combat every single day. He was awarded the Vietnam/Naval Achievement Medal with Combat "V".

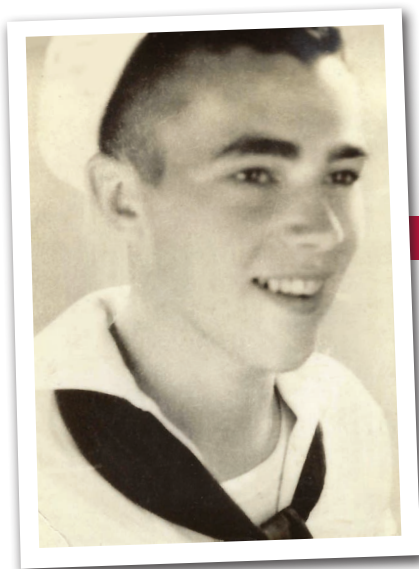
Joseph's best friend, John T. Brown lost his life on February 1, 1968, the day the "TET OFFENSIVE" began. (Joseph and John's banners hang side by side this year on Port Richmond Avenue.)

Joseph studied Accounting at Baruch College and College of Staten Island. He was a counselor for Young Adult Borough Centers helping students attend part-time in the afternoon or evening to earn their high school diploma. He is currently a mentor for Staten Island Drug Treatment Court.

Joseph is Captain of the Color Guard for Vietnam Veterans Chapter 421 and a Vice Commander of the American Legion. For 15 years, he volunteered at the Xavier Church Sunday soup kitchen. He has one son, Joseph Jr.

Sponsored by Assembly Member Michael Reilly





Donald J. Tierney

★ U.S. NAVY ★

1943 - 1946
WW II

Donald Tierney Sr. was born on June 12, 1926 in the Hell's Kitchen section of New York City to Margaret and James Tierney. Donald was the oldest of seven siblings: Gerard, Gloria, James, Margaret, Patricia, and Teresa.

In 1943, Donald joined the United States Navy. He was only 17 at the time and his enlistment

paperwork required a parent's signature. Donald had previously attempted to enlist in 1942 at the age of 16. Donald changed his birth date on his enlistment papers, so he appeared to be 17 years old. When his mother discovered what he had done, she went down to the recruitment station and informed the officers in charge that her son was only 16 years old. When he finally turned 17, Donald convinced his father to give him written permission to join the Navy and he enlisted less than a month after his 17th birthday. Donald was determined to fight for his country and fulfill his patriotic duty during World War II.

Donald served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946 and attained the rank of yeoman second class. He was stationed aboard the USS Otis, a submarine tender, and saw duty in Leyte Gulf in the Philippines and other stations in the South Pacific.

After returning from the South Pacific, Donald married Agnes Forte in 1948 and they moved to Inwood, Manhattan. While living in Inwood, Agnes gave birth to two daughters, Barbara and Susan. They also welcomed their first son, Donald Jr., while living in Inwood.

Donald joined the New York City Police Department in 1951. He had a 22-year career as a police officer and was assigned to the former 4th Precinct in Lower Manhattan. After following the advice of his partner, Donald moved his family to the Meiers Corners section of Staten Island in 1960.

While living on Staten Island, Donald and Agnes welcomed their fourth child, Kevin. Donald retired from the NYPD in 1973 and later worked for 13 years as a personnel manager for Brinks Armored Car Service in Manhattan. His wife Agnes passed away in 1980.

Donald moved to Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey in 1987 fulfilling the retirement dream he had with his wife. He lived there until his death in 2014.

Donald was also the beloved grandfather to six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Thomas J. Tori

★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★

1966 - 1967
Vietnam | KIA

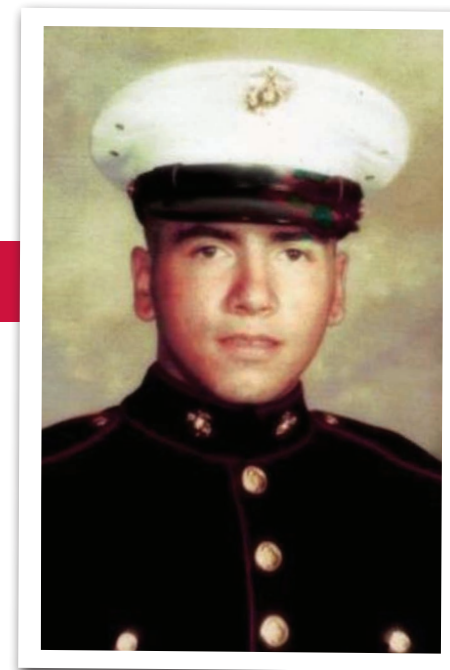
Thomas is the son of John L. Tori and Mamie Tori of Staten Island, New York. He was born April 18, 1948. He attended St. Mary's School and McKee High School. He played trumpet during assembly.

He enlisted in the US Marine Corps on August 12, 1966 in Brooklyn, New York. In Vietnam he was assigned to and served with Company K, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, 3d MARDIV (Rein) FMF.

During the second half of October the battalion was under the OPCON (Operational Control) of the 9th Marines with the CP (Command Post) located at the C2 Bridge southeast of Con Thien in the Gio Linh District of Quang Tri Province. In the early morning of October 15, 1967 a 500 pound bomb fell short of its target and dropped on the west side of the perimeter in the Company K area, killing three Marines and wounding seven, one who would die after being evacuated. One of the casualties was Lance Corporal Tori, wounded and evacuated to the USS Repose where he died as a result of the wounds he had sustained. He was 19 years old.

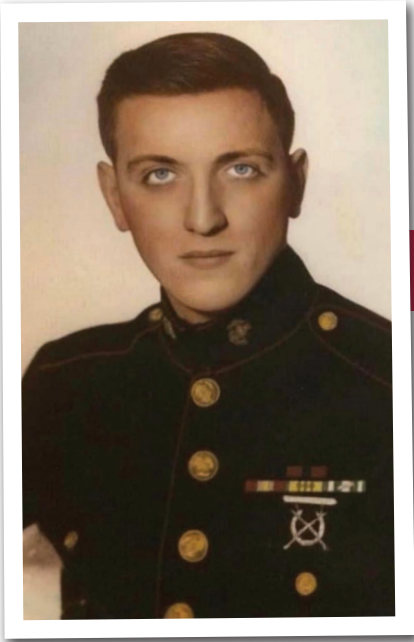
Remembered by his comrades in arms, the Thomas J. Tori Chapter (VVA #421) of the Vietnam Veterans of America was created in his name, in Staten Island, New York. Thomas is buried at Saint Peter's Cemetery, Staten Island, New York. Gate 10 Sec 54, Plot 135, Grave 10.

"As Tom's youngest brother Joseph, I would like everyone to know how he is remembered by myself and middle brother John. Tommy was a true inspiration for all he left behind. As young as he was, he was a leader amongst leaders. He led his life with an open and kind heart to all he touched and he was a defender of the less fortunate. But most of all, and anyone who is still standing his watch will tell you, he had a smile that would light you up and a laugh that was contagious. His contribution to this world was and will forever be missed!"



Sponsored by Joseph Tori





Michael Walczyszyn Jr.

★ U.S. MARINE CORPS ★

1966 - 1969
Vietnam

Michael Walczyszyn Jr. was born in Austria on September 19, 1948 to Michael Sr. and Maria Telipska, Ukrainian Nationals who met as prisoners of war in a Nazi work camp. He emigrated to the United States in 1951 with his parents and sisters, Marie and Joanne. The family settled in Lower Manhattan.

Mike spent his entire life serving the country that gave his family freedom. When he was 17, his mother signed a waiver granting him permission to join the Marine Corps and enter the war in Vietnam. He served in Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Platoon, 1st Marines (Alpha 1/1) from 1966-1969, achieving the rank of Lance Corporal. Most notably, he was involved in the TET Offensive in the Battle of Hue City, where he earned several medals.

Upon returning to the States, Michael married his sweetheart, MaryJane Amadeo. They had two children, Michael and Angela. Mike joined the ranks of the New York Police Department in 1973 and served the City of New York faithfully for 28 years, retiring as a Sergeant. They relocated to South Beach in 1977. He also served in the National Guard and Army Reserves.

Mike was a Eucharistic Minister in Holy Rosary Church, a two time Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus Madonna Council, and a member of the Marine Corps League and American Legion. He loved Doo Wop music, Atlantic City and the NY Yankees. He had an amazing sense of humor that carried a room, and an easygoing personality that put everyone around him at ease. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend.

Mike passed away on November 8, 2019 in a tragic accident on his way to the Marine Corps Ball, which he attended annually. He joined his beloved wife Janie in heaven, who predeceased him in 2012.

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Leon J. Wallace

★ U.S. AIR FORCE ★

1956 - 1961

NYS Army National Guard | 1976-2001



Leon J. Wallace was born in 1937, the oldest of three brothers. He grew up in the West Brighton and Mariners Harbor sections of Staten Island, graduating from Public School 18 and McKee High School in 1956. After graduating high school, Mr. Wallace joined the U.S. Air Force. He was a Jet Mechanic while stationed in Guam. He was honorably discharged in 1961.

He returned to military service in 1976, to help pay for his degree from Staten Island Community College (currently College of Staten Island, part of City University of New York). This time his service was with the NYS Army National Guard, part of the 5-117th Cavalry Unit. While part of the Guard, he taught map reading; he retired from the National Guard in 2001 as Sergeant.

After leaving the Air Force, Mr. Wallace began work with SIDDSO (Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Services Office) formerly known as Willowbrook State School. His last position of seventeen years was part of the Staff Developmental Services Unit; he served as one of the staff training instructors. He retired from working for NYS in 2001 after thirty-eight years.

Mr. Wallace enjoys traveling and photography. He is a former Boy Scout leader (Troop #47 in West Brighton). He is a current member of St. Phillips Baptist Church on Staten Island. He is also a member of numerous civic and cultural associations; NAACP, USIVO (United Staten Island Veterans Organization), current District President of 369th Veterans Association, Richmond District, and Past National Vice-President, member of A.J. Jones #1 A.:F: &A.:M. [33°], Omega Grand Lodge, Patron of Rose of Sharon #1, O.E.S., and RWAGP (Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron) of Oriental Grand Chapter. He has traveled the US militarily, and the world Masonically.

It should also be noted Leon is a second generation member of the 369th Veterans as was his father before him in WW I. He recently completed the NYS Chaplains course ministering to other vets in need.

In addition to all else, he is a loving father of one adult daughter, and 'Uncle Leon' to his nieces, nephew, great-nieces, and nephews, and many others across NYC.

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Arthur L. White

★ U.S. NAVY ★

1963 - 1967
Vietnam



Arthur L. White was a native Staten Islander and graduate of New Dorp High School. He was married for 41 years to his wife Linda (nee La Spina), father to Jill Kissel and Arthur L. White II, and grandfather to Mason and Veronica.

Arthur proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged and received the National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Arthur worked and retired from the New York Telephone Company after 35 years and then worked as a Security Guard at the College of Staten Island for 10 years. He was actively involved in the Michael J. Labetti VFW Post and the Fleet Reserve Association.

Arthur is described by his family as the true definition of a family man. He always enjoyed going on trips with his wife, Linda, especially the bus trips they took and the cruises they went on. He also enjoyed family meals and outings surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren. Arthur was also an avid bowler, and narrowly missed a perfect 300 score by one pin.

Arthur passed away on December 24, 2018.

Sponsored by Linda White



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- ★ *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?*
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WWII
Korean War

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1968
KIA Vietnam

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1966 - 1967 | KIA Vietnam

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1983 - 2006
Operation Iraqi Freedom

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1950 - 1952
Korean War

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Frank D'Agostino
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Iwo Jima and other Battles of the Pacific

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★ U.S. ARMY ★
1949 - 1952
Korean War

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1951 - 1953
Korean War

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1968 - 1973 | Vietnam

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Joseph J. Parise
★ U.S. ARMY ★
1943 - 1945
D-Day | WWII

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1943 - 1945
D-Day | WWII

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1943 - 1945
WWII

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1962 - 1966 | Vietnam
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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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★ U.S. ARMY ★
1940 - 1943
WWII

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

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Diana Ramos
★ U.S. ARMY RESERVE ★
1901 - 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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Congratulations Port Richmond Strong Civic for hosting your second 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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COUNCIL MEMBER KAMILLAH HANKS

*Thank you to all of Staten
Island's veterans.
We are forever indebted
to your service.*





In recognition of Staten Island's Veterans!
Thank you for all you have done
to ensure our safety and freedom!

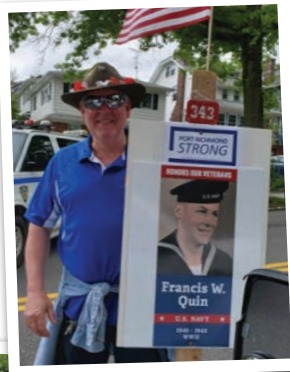
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YOU ARE INVITED!

Join Port Richmond Strong in the Memorial Day Parade on Forest Avenue, May 30, 2022.

Departs from Hart Avenue at Noon.

Email info@olddutchchurchnyc.org to confirm your spot. We can send you a digital image of your Veteran to carry, or to decorate your vehicle.



Port Richmond Strong is a Bronze Sponsor of the Parade

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

