

## **ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**



***ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL 1944***  
***Photo donated by Doris Elwell Williams***



***ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL/MUNICIPAL BUILDING 2023***  
***Photo taken by Margaret McAlonan Matthews***

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*Saturday, 11 November 2023 @ 11:00AM*  
*Williams – Jackson – Talley Auditorium Room 204*  
*(49 South Greenwich Street, P.O. Box 425, Alloway, NJ 08001)*  
*[www.allowaytownship.com](http://www.allowaytownship.com)*

## **Welcome**

Margaret M. Matthews  
(Alloway's Historian/Photographer)

Salem County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard  
(Pledge of Allegiance)

Maggie & Elijah Whitt  
(National Anthem)

Rev. Jim Whitt  
(Invocation)

## **Insights**

*Mayor P. Ed McKelvey*  
*Deputy Mayor Brian Leaday*  
*Committeeman Warren Morgan*

## **Featured Speaker**

Bob Waters

## **(Always 😊) Invited Guest Speaker**

Lt. Col Joseph Abbott; USAF, POW, Ret.

## **Special Presentations**

Megan Spears  
(Gold Award Project)

## **Featured Speaker**

Kayla Bohn Surran  
"Gallant Heart"

## **Recommended Musical**

"For America"

A tribute to Charles Osborne & U.S. Veterans  
Written & Performed by Rich Fuller

**EVERYONES INVITED TO SPEAK OF THEIR OWN  
MEMORIES/COMMENTS :)**

## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

### **Megan Spears: Girls Scout Gold Award Project**

#### **What is the Gold Award?**

The **Gold Award** is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA, earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the Gold Award



#### **Megan's Biography:**

"My name is Megan Spears, and I am a 12th grade student at Woodstown High School. I have lived in Alloway for most of my life with my parents Barb and Jamie Spears. In my family there are a lot of people in the military, including my Dad. My goal for my Gold Award project is to spread awareness to the veterans all around our community because they deserve recognition for what they have sacrificed. During my Girl Scout career, I have been a part of troop 94082 for ten years under the leadership of Michelle Williams. With her as my leader I have been able to experience so many things. I am very excited to start this journey on my Gold Award with Mrs. Matthews!"

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### **“ALLOWAY’S MOST CELEBRATED SOLDIER”**

11/11/2009 NJ SOUTH JERSEY TIMES Article by Randall Clark

Perhaps most memorable in this small rural township may be the story of Lt. Col. Joseph Abbott Jr., who offers a living reminder of the depth of war-time suffering. And the incredible resilience of the human spirit. He endured nearly six years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, only to return home to lead an otherwise normal life. Alloway’s most celebrated soldier, Abbott has twin dogwood trees planted in front of the municipal building in his honor, right by the newly dedicated memorial. His wife Joan Frame Abbott and his seven children once graced the cover of TIME magazine, holding a huge poster board that read “WELCOME HOME DADDY”.

Abbott, who has said little over the years about his experiences, was given a standing ovation when he took the podium on Wednesday. “We are here to get the remembrance engraved in all of our minds and our hearts for everyone who has made this day possible, OUR VETERANS and everyone who supported them,” Abbott said.

The pilot of an F-105, he was shot down in Southeast Asia in April of 1967 and remained captive until February of 1973. “I had a little extra time over in that area, the guests of our opponents,” Abbott said. “They weren’t very nice, but if you can imagine trying to hold it together for 2,120 days with little to do, little to eat, little to wear, little anything – except folks saying you are a bad, bad person.”

36 years after his ordeal, Abbott remains convinced he would not trade a day of his flying in for anything and would not want to have settled down anywhere else. “I’ve gone lots of places and done lots of things, but I’ve always come back to Alloway,” Abbott said. “I thank everybody here who gives such care and concern to the people who ensure our survival and progress as a nation.”



**GALLANT HEART**

**BE INSPIRED. EMPOWER CHANGE.**

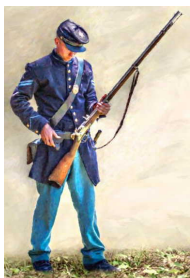
*Gallant Heart is a non-profit organization that focuses on providing outdoor leisure activities to our Nation's heroes. We pride ourselves on creating a supportive environment for veterans and first responders to experience camaraderie, brotherhood, and relaxation through hunting and social events. It is our mission to provide a cost-free experience and to play a role in their continued healing and quality of life.*

[info@gallantheartnj.org](mailto:info@gallantheartnj.org)

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### Newly Ordered Bricks

These bricks were ordered to be installed into the veteran's walkway, but sadly won't be ready until after our ceremony. We still want to commemorate them, so this page is dedicated to them



**Josiah Long**  
**Civil War**  
**Private**  
**POW**

*Josiah Long served in the military on August 22, 1862, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, when he was 21 years old. (brick bought by: John and Margaret Matthews) Josiah is John's 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather on his mom's side.*



**Bill Brady**  
**WWII**

*William John Brady served in the military on March 20, 1943, when he was 19 years old (brick bought by: Theresa and Dave Brady-Condon)*



**Domenick DiPietro**  
**Korean War**  
**CPL**

*Nicole Priore's father. He was drafted into the Army from south Philly, (where he was born) and served all four years in Korea as an MP. After he left the Army, he married Nicole's mother and they moved to Franklinville.*

*(brick bought by: Tim and Nicole Priore)*



**Gerald M Priore**  
**Vietnam**  
**SSGT**

*Gerald M Priore served in the Army from 1966-1970/ He was a part of the E6 Staff Sgt. and was stationed in Turkey with the Army Security Agency. (brick bought by: Tim and Nicole Priore)*

## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

### Veterans Crisis Line

Many military service members return home and often find themselves feeling out of place. They are not as easily able to acclimate back to the lives they had lived prior to being deployed – and that is for good reason. Everything has changed because they have been changed. To help our veterans, a crisis line has been created for anyone having suicidal thoughts.

#### THE SIGNS OF SUICIDE RISK:

- Thinking about hurting/killing yourself
- Looking for ways to kill yourself
- Talking about death, dying, or suicide
- Self-destructive behaviors (drug abuse, weapons, etc.)
- Hopelessness, feeling there's no way out
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings
- Feeling like there's no reason to live
- Rage or Anger
- Engaging in risky activities without thinking
- Increasing alcohol or drug abuse
- Withdrawing from family and friends



IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE ARE EXPERIENCING THESE SYMPTOMS CONTACT  
ONE OF THESE NUMBERS/WEBSITES:

1. **988** (PRESS 1)
2. **VeteransCrisisLine.net** (Confidential crisis chat)
3. **8382555** (Confidential Text)



**22%**  
of veterans suffer from  
posttraumatic stress disorder  
or major depression



**34%**  
suffer from other  
mental concerns



**1 out of 3**  
of these people seek help

***THE GREATEST CASUALTY IS TO BE FORGOTTEN.***

## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

### **HISTORY OF PREVIOUS WARS**

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|--|---|
| <b><i>AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR</i></b> | <b><i>1776 - 1783</i></b>   |
| <b><i>WAR OF 1812</i></b>                | <b><i>1812 – 1815</i></b>   |
| <b><i>MEXICAN AMERICAN WAR</i></b>       | <b><i>1846 - 1848</i></b>   |
| <b><i>CIVIL WAR</i></b>                  | <b><i>1861 – 1865</i></b>   |
| <b><i>SPANISH AMERICAN WAR</i></b>       | <b><i>1898</i></b><br><b><i>3 Months 3 Weeks 2 Days</i></b>       |
| <b><i>PHILIPPINES AMERICAN WAR</i></b>   | <b><i>1899 - 1902</i></b>   |
| <b><i>WWI</i></b>                        | <b><i>1914 – 1918</i></b><br><b><i>US entered: 2 Apr 1917</i></b> |
| <b><i>WWII</i></b>                       | <b><i>1939 – 1945</i></b><br><b><i>US entered: 7 Dec 1941</i></b> |
| <b><i>KOREAN WAR</i></b>                 | <b><i>1950 – 1953</i></b>   |
| <b><i>VIETNAM WAR</i></b>                | <b><i>1955 – 1975</i></b><br><b><i>US entered: 8 Mar 1965</i></b> |
| <b><i>GULF WAR</i></b>                   | <b><i>1990 – 1991</i></b>   |
| <b><i>AFGHANISTAN WAR</i></b>            | <b><i>2001 – 2021</i></b>   |
| <b><i>OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM</i></b> | <b><i>2001 – 2014</i></b>   |
| <b><i>IRAQ WAR</i></b>                   | <b><i>2003 - 2011</i></b>   |

*Special Thanks: Caeli McAlonan for sharing her time & computer skills creating this  
Veterans Day Program*

*Ed Masker for videotaping today's Veterans Day Program*

## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

### The Jaycee Creed

*We believe:*

*The faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;*

*That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;*

*That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;*

*That government should be of laws rather than of men;*

*That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;*

*And that service to humanity is the best work of life.*

### Alloway Township Jaycees History (1966)

- December 1965:
  - o Twenty-six young men created the Alloway Township Jaycees in hopes to make Alloway a better place for the next generations
- Achievements:
  - o Donated a New Jersey Almanac to all local schools
  - o Clean-Up Week (showed townspeople that they were willing to work to make Alloway a clean and nicer community)
  - o Litter cans were placed strategically throughout town
  - o Project Concern
  - o An aluminum boat donated to the Rescue Squad
  - o Supplying manpower to Ranch Hope (when needed)
  - o Providing umpires for the Little League
  - o War Memorial in front of Alloway School
- Purpose:
  - o to provide leadership training for young men between 21 and 35



HIS ADDRESS completed, U. S. Senator Clifford Case, right, and Mayor Alvin C. Crispin, Alloway Township, inspect the wars monument which they had just helped to dedicate at the Alloway School grounds on Labor Day.



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### VETERANS KILLED IN ACTION



#### **Larry G. Bell:**

#### **US Navy**

*Larry was best friends with Clem and Jimmy Jamison and they loved playing baseball. Around 1965 Jimmy and Larry went into the Navy. In 1969, Larry was sent to Vietnam, where he served as a medic. He had only four months to go before he was to go to Australia, for his four-month rest period before coming home. We miss Larry every day!!!*

*Awards and ribbons are: The Combat Action Ribbon, The Vietnamese Military Merit Medal and Gallantry Cross with Palm, The Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Military Merit Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for Valor, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.*

*See pages 304 and 305 of the "Alloway Remembers" 2<sup>nd</sup> edition for more about Larry.*



## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

### KILLED IN ACTION



**Howard Dare**

**WWI**

*According to page 15 in "Alloway Remembers" a diary entry states for November 1918: "The War is over! There will be a huge demonstration. Alloway gave two of her sons, Howard Dare and Russell Harris."*

*Howard Dare was born in Alloway Township 22 July 1889*

*KIA: 19 July 1918, in France*

*Submitted by Steve Rivell of Alloway.*

*Service Details on:*

*<https://www.honorstates.org/index.php?id=561305>*

2 photos provided by Greg Dorrell says, "the funeral appears to be Charles Howard Dare's by its location in the Baptist Cemetery".





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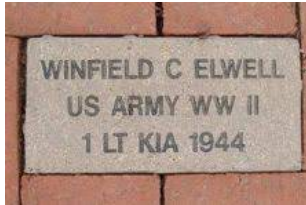


***Russell Harris  
WWI  
Private  
Purple Heart Award***

*According to page 15 in “**Alloway Remembers**” a diary entry states for November 1918: “The War is over! There will be a huge demonstration. Alloway gave two of her sons, Howard Dare and Russell Harris.” He and Howard Dare’s bricks are placed besides each other. He is buried/memorialized at Plot E Row 3 Grave 16, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne, France. (American Battle Monuments Commission location)*



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*Winfield C. Elwell*  
*US Army WWII*  
*1Lt. 1944*

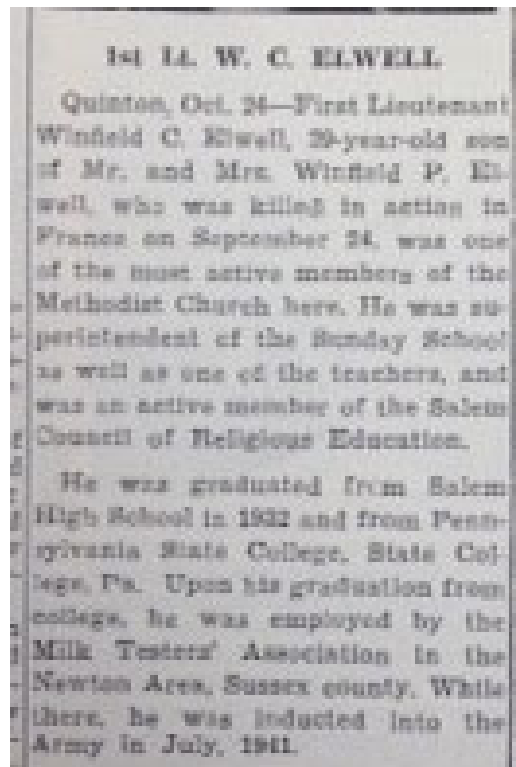
Winfield was stationed for basic training at Fort Dix, NJ.

He was stationed in Fort Benning, GA where he met his future wife, Deloris.

Winfield was KILLED IN ACTION and never met his daughter Elaine who was born in February 1945. Winfield was awarded The Purple Heart posthumously.

His sister-in-law is Clementine (Coleman) Elwell of Aldine who wanted to honor her husband's brother.

Clementine's sister, Violet, is married to Alvin Crispin.



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**Richard N. Gereau**  
**Capt. US Army**  
**1966 Vietnam**

*As recorded in "Alloway Remembers" page 312 "Richard's death was reported in the Salem Sunbeam of Tuesday, March 8, 1966. He had been killed in action on the previous Saturday when a helicopter in which he was riding was hit and exploded. He had volunteered to be part of a crew carrying urgent aid to another military group in his area.*

*The memorial service for Richard was conducted in the Alloway United Methodist Church before his interment in the cemetery there. About four years later Richard's daughters, Debbie and Pamela, received \$1,500.00 scholarship from their father's fellow servicemen in the First Infantry Division.*

*Richard's widow, Sally Sawyer Gereau, teaches in the Alloway Elementary School. Debbie, who was graduated magna cum laude from Glassboro State College, married Charles (aka Chuck) Atkinson, of Salem, where she and her husband now live. There is an infant son, too, named Richard for his grandfather. Pamela is a senior in Woodstown High School, with plans to attend Virginia Polytechnic Institution, where she has already been accepted."*

*Side note: Sally would speak to the higher grades at Alloway School each Memorial Day about her husband's tour of duty in Vietnam. She would take lower grades on trips to the Alloway United Methodist Cemetery to place flags at the veterans' graves.*

*Sally was a Steering Committee Member and she died in 2008. The Alloway Township School Library is named in her honor.*



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### Denis C. Miranda

#### Rank, Service

Petty Officer Third Class (E-4), U.S. Navy

#### Veteran of:

U.S. Navy 2003-2010  
War on Terrorism 2003-2010  
Afghanistan 2010

#### Tribute:

Denis Miranda was born on December 6, 1985, in Argentina, and immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1987. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on April 26, 2003, and went on active duty to begin basic training on September 10, 2003. Miranda completed basic training at NTC Great Lakes, Illinois, in November 2003, and then attended aviation technical training at NAS Pensacola, Florida, from November to December 2003. His first assignment was as a P-3 Orion aircraft mechanic with Patrol Squadron EIGHT (VP-8) at NAS Brunswick, Maine, from January 2004 to November 2006, followed by Naval Hospital Corpsman School at NTC Great Lakes from November 2006 to July 2007. He then attended Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training at NAB Coronado, California, from July 2007 to April 2008, and Advanced SEAL training from April to October 2008. Petty Officer Miranda served with SEAL Team FOUR at NAB Little Creek, Virginia, from October 2008 until he was killed in the crash of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter in Afghanistan on September 21, 2010. Denis Miranda was buried at the Ocean County Memorial Park in Toms River, New Jersey.

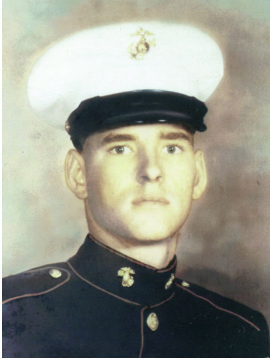
#### His Bronze Star Medal w/Valor Citation reads:

For meritorious service in connection with combat operations against the enemy while serving as automatic weapons gunner for Combined Special Operations Task Force - Afghanistan in direct support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from 6 to 21 September 2010. On 21 September, Petty Officer Miranda's platoon conducted a high risk operation deep in enemy territory in southern Afghanistan. Petty Officer Miranda's task, as a member of a key supporting element, was to gain the high ground, locate enemy positions, and protect his teammates. At approximately



Denis C. Miranda, Navy SEAL, of Toms River, NJ died 9-21-2010 in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan while proudly serving his country. He was a BUD/s classmate and close friend of J. Blake Simpkins, Navy SEAL, formerly of Alloway Township. Denis is survived by his parents, Patricia and Christian Miranda, brothers, Alan and Kevin of Toms River and his fiancé, Lacy Cromwell of Oregon.

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***Ernest Schavelin:  
US Marines  
Vietnam War***

*Ernest joined the Marines in 1965. On April 16, 1968 at the age of 20 Ernie was killed in action in South Vietnam. Ernest was killed at Quan Tri Providence by hostile fire. His rank was Lance Corporal.*

*He was a platoon leader in Co. 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar Div.*

*He is the son of Grace Schavelin.*

### Commendations + Awards

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Action Ribbon
- ★ Marksmanship Badge
- ★ National Defense Service Medal
- ★ Vietnam Campaign Medal
- ★ Vietnam Service Medal
- ★ Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation
- ★ Vietnam Gallantry Cross
- ★ Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
- ★ Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal

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Paul J Sickler  
WWII

Paul was chosen to be a medic in the US Army 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division and landed in Normandy. They were north of the Vire Canal and had just taken over for the 101st Airborne when they saw their first action on June 15. Paul was killed on June 22 north of Vire-Taute Canal near Mont martin en Graignes, Normandy, France. His unit pushed the Germans back over the Vire Canal and took St. Jean de Daye the 1st week in July. Awards: Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Paul is memorialized at the Normandy Cemetery on the Wall of the Missing. Paul was the son of (brick mason) Smith Bowen Sickler and Alice McCrane Sickler. Paul's brother Raymond and nephew Jeff Sickler of Sickler Construction did the renovation of the downstairs of the Alloway Township Senior Citizen Complex/Municipal Building

Pfc. Paul Sickler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith B. Sickler, of R.D. 1 Bridgeton, who has been reported killed in action in France by the War Department. Pfc. Sickler, who was attached to a medical unit, entered the service in April, 1943, and went overseas last February. He was graduated from Salem High School in 1942 and worked in a Chester, Pa., shipyard before entering the service. A brother, Pfc. Jack Sickler, is a paratrooper and also is in France with the invasion forces. Another brother, Raymond, and a sister, Ann, are at home.



## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

### PRISONERS OF WAR



***Lt. Col. Joseph S. Abbott Jr.***  
***US Air Force***  
***1954 to 1977***

*Born: August 16<sup>TH</sup>, 1934*

*Service Years: April 1954 to November 1977*

*Sampson AFB, NY – 1954 Testing*

*Lackland AFB, TX – Basic Training*

*Mariana AFB, FL – Flight Training in planes PA-18, T-6*

*2<sup>ND</sup> Lt. Bryan AFB, TX – 1955 Flight Training in T-28, T-33*

*Moody AFB, GA – Advanced Flight Training in Jet, F-89*

*Oxnard AFB, CA – 1956 Assigned to a Flight Squadron in F-89*

*1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Ladd AFB, Alaska – 1956 to 1959 Flight Squadron in F-89*

*Capt. Oxnard AFB, CA – 1959 to 1964 Flight Safety Officer in T-33 and F-101*

*KI Sawyer AFB, Minn. – 1964 to 1966 Flight Safety Officer in T-33 and F-101*

*Maj. Takhli AFB, Thailand – 1966 to 1967 Flight Safety Officer in C-47 and F-105*

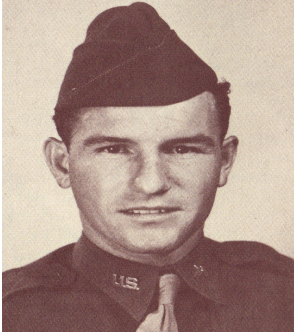
***Hanoi, North Vietnam – 1967 to 1973 Listed MIA and then POW***

*Lt. Col. Montgomery, Alabama – 1974 Air War College*

*Glassboro, NJ – 1975 to 1976 College*

*Retired in Duluth, Minn. – 1976 to 1977 Airfield Manager in T-33*

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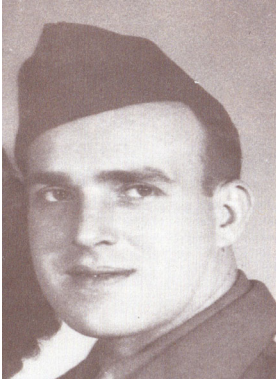
***John P. Hart***  
***US Air Force***  
***2LT – WW II***

- Navigator for the United States Air Force of a B-17 bomber
  - shot in the face while on a mission saved a fellow crew member who equipped Hart with his parachute
- He was taken as a POW by German soldiers and remained there for the next 20 months.
- Given an honorable discharge at the age of 25
- He married Dorothy (Roach), and had three children Belinda, John Jr., and Gloria Hart. As well as five grandchildren: Joey, Faith, Allison, Brittany, and Jacob, along with a great granddaughter, MaKaylee.





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**Walter Pierson**  
**Corporal US ARMY**  
**WWII**

According to **“Alloway Remembers”** page 314 “Corporal Pierson’s imprisonment was a result of “The Battle of the Bulge,” when some American soldiers acted as decoys to lure the Germans into an area where the Allied troops could get at them; but he could not recall exact dates or places.

Walt had told his family that he had to help clean up the rubble whenever the Allies bombed Berlin and said, too, that Hitler’s Storm Troopers had beaten the American prisoners with rifles on these occasions – as any enemy might have done, he adds now. Walt’s weight had dropped to about one hundred twenty (from about a hundred sixty) while he was imprisoned. People that he called “the old Germans” – those not in sympathy with Hitler – had sneaked Walt and his fellow prisoners enough food to keep them alive.

When Walt came home and told of the circumstances surrounding his capture, he learned that his mother had had a dream at about that time in which those very conditions had appeared vividly to her. She had seen Walt run behind a hedge and duck into a cellar.

He later confirmed the mental picture which she recalled from her dream.

His release came on April 15, 1945, after he had been at Stalag 13 for about four months. From that prison he went to Lucky Strike Camp, in France, to convalesce. From there he came to Camp Dix and then to Atlantic City for another period of convalescence.

Walt has a son, also named Walter, an engineer with a main office in Philadelphia. The son Walter is married, and there are three grandchildren.

Walt himself lives with his wife and two children in Lithia, Florida, where he is retired.”

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### VETERANS



***SMSgt. Joseph D. Abbott***

***US Air Force***

*Jodie is the son of Joseph and Joan Abbot. He served in the Air Force from 1977-98.*



***1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Erik Ariza***

***US Army and US Army National Guard***

***OIF – 2008 to 2009 Veteran***

*Erik Ariza served in the US Army from 1994 to 2000, then joined the New Jersey Army National Guard where he still serves. While a member of the 50<sup>th</sup> IBCT with the NJARNG he was deployed to serve in Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2008 to 2009.*

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***Lt. Col. Gwyn Atwell***  
***US Air Force***

*Lt. Col. Gwyn Parris-Atwell Commissioned as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Army Reserve Nurse Corp 348<sup>th</sup> General Hospital Fort Dix, NJ July 1991 during Operation Desert Shield. While working Full Time in the Emergency Department at the Memorial Hospital of Salem County and serving as a traditional reservist Captain Parris-Atwell graduated with a Master's degree from Wilmington University as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 1998. Captain Parris-Atwell transferred her Commission to the Air Force Reserve 514<sup>TH</sup> Aerospace Staging Squadron McGuire Air Force Base, NJ where she was promoted to the rank of Major in January 2002. During this period she had deployments to Hickam AFB, Hawaii in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Ramstein Air Base Germany supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. In January 2009 she was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and is currently serving as the Chief Nurse for the 514<sup>TH</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron McGuire Air Force Base, NJ. Her military awards include an Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster and an Army Achievement Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. Her Air Force awards include a Meritorious Served Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, a Commendation Medal and an Achievement Medal. Lt. Col. Parris-Atwell resides in Alloway with her husband Douglas and their son Christopher. She recently returned from a 2010 deployment to the Middle East supporting the War on Global Terrorism.*

*Side Note: It is wonderful to have her back in Alloway.*

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### ***Bailey Family – WW II***

*“The Bailey Family of Penns Grove sent four children to the II World War. Clarence Bailey II served in the US Army. His sister, Doris Bailey-Donaldson, served as an Army nurse. Brother, Frank J. Bailey, served in the Army Special Forces and brother; Pierson W. Bailey was in the US Navy. All returned safely from the war with Frank continuing over 20 years in the US Army, and Paratroopers.” Alloway resident, David Bailey, is the brother of these veterans.*



### ***Samuel J. Beal***

***SSgt. US Army WWII***

***Bronze Star***

Born Raised Lived Loved and Died in Friesburg Alloway Twp. Salem County NJ. He served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the US Army under General Patten in WWII. He received the Bronze Star at the Battle of the Bulge. Recognition for capturing three German soldiers single handed and for crawling through a mine field to pull out his injured Lieutenant. He would not talk about the war. Most of this we learned after his death in 2007.

Born June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1918, Died August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.

He was loved by many and missed by all.



*General Patten  
Battle of the Bulge*



## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



***George W. Bradbury IV***

***US Navy \* 2000 – 2006***

*EN3 George W. Bradbury IV served as a Petty Officer Third Class Engineman in Little Creek, Virginia assigned to the Amphibious*

*Construction Battalion 2.*

*“Brad” previously served on the Spruance Class destroyer USS Nicholson DD982 as part of the battle group for USS Enterprise and assisted in the attacks against Afghanistan after September 11, 2001.*

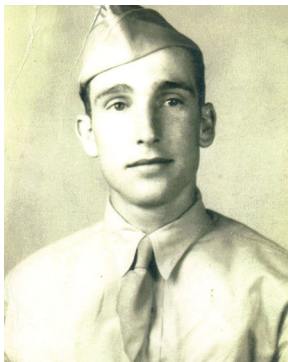
*He joined the US Navy for six years in 2000; one month after graduation from Woodstown High School. Brad is the son of Butch and Michele Bradbury, and the brother of Bill Bradbury of Alloway.*



***Edward D. Bronka***

***US Navy***

*LS1 Bronka served from February 1983 through January 1989 and again from February 1998 – present. He served during the Beirut Crisis In 1984 and then the Libyan Crisis in 1985 on board the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 2006, he got called to serve in Afghanistan. “It is truly an honor to serve this country.”*



***Harold Burkhammer***

***US Army***

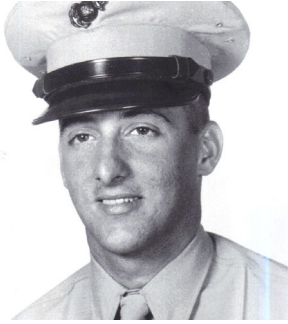
*Army Veteran – WW II – Company C – 293<sup>RD</sup> Engineers & Combat Battalion.*

*Born 1923 – Died 1981. He built a house in Alloway in 1950. He raised 6 daughters there with Edna Burkhammer. She died in Alloway in 1993.*

*Brick submitted by Daughters, Linda L. Garrison & Brenda K. Bertles*



## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



**Dennis Butler**  
**Sgt. USMC 1963 – 1967**

*Dennis has lived his entire life in Alloway Township. He is the son of Milton and Gertrude (Bartlett; of Canton) Butler. He enlisted into the Marine Corp in January 1963 and was stationed at 29 Palms, California and Japan He did a tour in Vietnam in the Marine Air Wing. Dennis was honorably discharged in January 1967.*

*Dennis has two daughters, Wendy Davis and Denise Walls who live in Aldine with their families. He is an Alloway Township Public Work Employee and a bus driver for BR Williams, Inc. of Alloway.*



**Milton Butler**  
**Sgt. WW II US Army**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division**

*Milton married Gertrude Bartlett from Canton in the 1940s.*

*He was a ground soldier in the 30<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.*

*He raised his family in Penton.*

## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



*State  
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**Edward H. Capers**  
**SN 1 US Coast Guard**

*Edward (Bud) Capers served our country in the United States Coast Guard from 1963 to 1967. He was stationed on the Coast Guard cutters "Owasgo" and "Barataria" and shipped out of New London, CT and Portland, ME.*



**Eric C. Capers**  
**Capt. US Army**  
**101<sup>ST</sup> Airborne DIV, IRAQ A/6 – 101<sup>ST</sup> CMD**

*Eric Capers graduated from Woodstown High School in 1992 and then the US Military Academy at West Point in 1996. He continued to Flight School at Fort Rucker, Alabama, graduating as a Black Hawk Helicopter pilot in January 1998. He spent three years at Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska and then joined the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne at Fort Campbell, Kentucky from where he was deployed to Iraq. For actions in his command there, he received both the Air Medal and Bronze Star Medal. His West Point commitment and year and a half command were both complete in September 2003 when he returned home to his wife and his first son to be born two weeks later. Eric is the son of Alloway residents Ed and Ruth Capers.*

## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



***Douglas W. Chapman***

***IC1 (SS) US Navy***

***1976-1982***

***1984-1986***

***Electrician on the USS Nathan Hale***

*("I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country" – Nathan Hale, who was hung in 1776 for unconditional allegiance to the United States)*

*Doug is married to Joan Dorrell, daughter of Ralph & Isabelle (Quinnette) Dorrell of Alloway. Doug & Joan have 2 children, Melanie and Deriek.*



## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



### ***Thomas Cobb Sgt. US Army 1956 – 1962***

*Tom has lived his entire life in Alloway Township. He was stationed at Fort Dix (basic training) and Fort Bliss, Texas. He spent four years in the Army Reserves. Tom was part owner of Thomas Cobb & Sons. He has been married to Nancy for 52 years. They have two sons, David and Steven and three grandsons, David Jr., Ethan and Luke. Tom is a lifetime member of Emanuel Lutheran Church-Friesburg. He has a 1947 Chrysler convertible and is a member of the Antique Automobile Club of South Jersey.*

- Susan Shields, sister



## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



**William "Rex" Cobb**

**E-6 US Army**

*Stationed at Fort Dix with the 102 Infantry 1970 – 1977*

*Rex would transport injured soldiers from McGuire AFB to Walston Army Hospital at Fort Dix. He was known as an injured body transporter. Rex has been on the Alloway Township Committee for many years.*

**Matthew Cocking**

**Sgt. USMC**

**9/10/2001 – 9/10/2005**

*Matthew served in the US Marine Corps from 9/10/2001 to 9/10/2005, leaving with the rank of Sgt.*

*Matthew received two Meritorious Promotions during his four years and did two tours of duty in Iraq. He was also awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat V, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Exhibitionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.*

*\* Notice the date that Matthew entered the Marines is the day before 9/11 and the attack on America.*





## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



***Adam T. Crane***  
***2<sup>nd</sup>. LT. USMC***  
***2009***

*Adam graduated from Officers Candidate School in Quantico Virginia in the Fall of 2009. He was selected to be a MOS 6002, aircraft frame maintenance. Adam is presently attending additional training in Pensacola Florida. Upon completion he will be travelling to his first duty station at Miramar Marine Corps Air Station, San Diego, California where he will join an F-18 fighter squadron. He will reside there with his new wife, Nicole.*



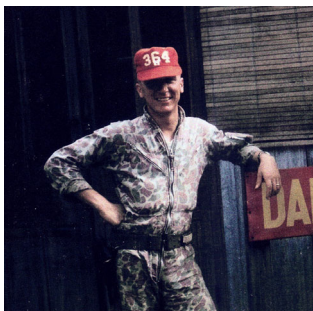
***Elmer R. Crane***  
***MSgt. NJ Nat'l Guard***  
***Born 1911 Died 1992***

*"Elmer was too young for WWI and was too old, plus being married with children, to serve in WWII. He joined the New Jersey National Guard where he was involved in the rifle team at Camp Perry."*

*He was a member of the New Jersey National Guard in Salem NJ.*

*Submitted by Wm B. Crane*

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**William B. Crane**  
**Maj. USMC – Ret**

*“After two years of college, I went into the service as a Naval Aviation Cadet, Pensacola, FL. In January 1959, I completed flight training and got commissioned as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the USMC and received my Navy gold wings. I flew the T-34, T-28 Twin Beech, SNJ, Bell Helo and HUP. My first fleet tour was at New River, Jacksonville, NC in the HMH 461 helo squadron flying the HR2S. My squadron was involved in the capsule recovery for the Mercury Man in Space Program. My second tour was as a flight instructor back in Pensacola in the T-34. Next, I was sent to Santa Ana Air Base in California with HMM 364 which deployed overseas in Nov 1963 and my unit was enroute to Okinawa, Japan when President Kennedy was shot. In Jan of 1964 I was sent to Danang, Vietnam ahead of my squadron to learn combat tactics from the squadron we were relieving. In April 1964, the aircraft I was piloting was shot down, requiring me to land in the trees. My crew chief and I were both injured in the crash, for which we received the Purple Heart. My squadron left Vietnam in June 1964 and returned to Okinawa. We deployed on a carrier and returned to Vietnam and continued to fly combat missions. During this tour I qualified for seven air medals (140 combat missions). After 13 months, I returned to California and joined Marine Aircraft Group 36. Seven months later, the MAG deployed to Vietnam and once again found myself in the combat zone. This deployment was to KyHa, South of Danang. During this tour, I was in the group Frag Officer. My job was to organize and control combat missions sent to the group squadrons. I returned home in 1966 and later went back to Vietnam, this time to Marble Mountain flying the CH-53 Helo. My fourth and final tour overseas was with HMH 463 as its XO, flying the CH 53 which at the time was the biggest helicopter in the world. Though I flew many more combat missions, I was not awarded any more air medals. After 21 years in the Marine Corps, I retired as a Major in March 1978 and moved to Alloway. During my service time I received the Purple Heart, 7 Air Medals, NUC with 1 Star, VN C OF G, Navy Commendation Medals with Combat V, CAR, PUG, RVN Campaign Medal with 60 Device, and National Defense Service Medal. A couple of highlights of my military career were obtaining my commercial pilot license and flying some of President Johnson’s party out of Andrew’s Air Base. My wife Marge and I were married in 1959 and have three children. My son was a Sergeant in the Marine Corps, and our grandson is currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.”*

## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



*(Not Bill Crane)*

***Wm B. Crane Jr.***

***Sgt USMC***

***1981-1984***

*Bill went to basic training in San Diego California. He then received training in Pensacola Florida as a Morse code intercept operator in the foreign intelligence field. Afterwards Bill was stationed at Guantanamo Bay Cuba, Homestead AFB, Florida and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In 1982, Bill was one of a very select few Marines to be promoted, meritoriously, by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Bill presently resides on Lakeview Drive with his wife, Candy.*

*Submitted by Wm B. Crane*



***Charles F. Dale Jr.***

***SP3 US Army***

***1955 – 1958***

Charlie, a resident of Alloway, since 5<sup>th</sup> grade, joined the US Army in October 1955 and served several stateside assignments and his final two years in the Veterinary Corps in Bordeaux, France until his discharge in June 1958. While there, he trained guard dogs and inspected Mess Halls and PXs.

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**Jim Davis**  
**US Navy**  
**U.S.S. Midway – CVA 41 – 1953 to 1958**

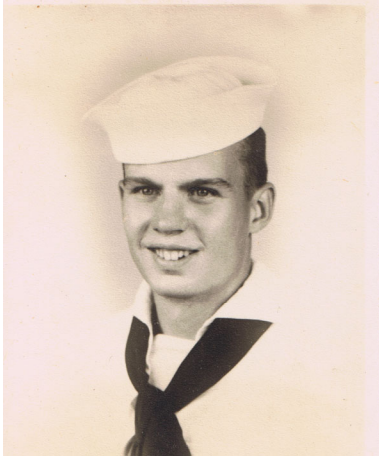
*“Enlisted in the Navy 1953 – Had 2 World Cruises on the U.S.S. Midway CVA-41, the largest aircraft carrier in the world at that time. I was a Quarter-Master & Signalman, I steered the ship during flight quarters & entering & leaving port. The ship was the first 1000 foot aircraft carrier. We carried more than 100 aircraft. We were the 7<sup>th</sup> fleet in the Pacific Campaign. We were in Korea at the end of that war. I was honorably discharged in January 1958.”*



**Ernest P. Dorrell**  
**PFC US Army**  
**1917-19 WWI**

Born in Alloway in 1895, the son of Charles and Mary Trickett Dorrell, Ernest attended elementary school in Alloway and graduated from Salem High School in 1914. He attended the Philadelphia School of Industrial Arts. He left school and enlisted as Private First Class in the US Army at Fort Slocum, NY on May 15, 1917. He joined the Medical Department Training Company “A” at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont on May 23, 1917. He was transferred to the 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment CAC on August 8, 1917. He served in England and France and participated in the Toul Sector 27, from April 17 – July 1918, in the St. Mihiel offensive 12-16 in September 1918, in the Meuse-Argonne offensive 26 in September through November 1918. He served until the end of the war and was discharged from Camp Eustice Virginia on March 22, 1919. He returned to Alloway and began to make translucent lampshades using techniques that he developed based on his instruction at college in Philadelphia. He also did interior painting, wall paper hanging and furniture decoration and restoration. He married Olive Evans in 1927. They had eight sons and operated Dorrell’s Antiques in Alloway for many years. Ernie died in 1985 at the age of 90.

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**Eugene F. Dorrell**  
**Seaman 1 US Navy 1944**

Born in 1927, Gene was the oldest son of Ernest and Olive Evans Dorrell. He attended elementary school in Alloway and graduated from Woodstown High School in 1944. He proudly served in the US Navy at the end of World War II and saw active duty aboard the USS New Jersey, the USS Duluth, and the USS Bremerton. Upon discharge from the service, he attended and graduated from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1952. At one time, Gene owned a pharmacy in Stone Harbor, NJ. Later, he worked as a pharmacist for Zonies Pharmacy in Pennsville for many years. Gene had four children and died in January 2005.



**Garry C. Dorrell**  
**US Navy**  
**Korean War**

Born in 1930, Garry was the third son of Ernest and Olive Evans Dorrell. He attended elementary school in Alloway and graduated from Woodstown High School in 1948. He served in the US Navy during the Korean War. After the war, he owned and operated Woodstown Antiques and worked for the Turnpike Authority at the Deepwater Terminal for many years. Garry married Audrey Mitchell in and had three children. He died in 2008 at the age of 77.





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**Kay H. Dorrell**  
**SSgt. US Air Force**  
**1953-57 Korean War**

Kay is the fourth son of Ernest and Olive Evans Dorrell. He attended elementary school in Alloway and graduated from Woodstown High School in 1951. After graduation, he worked in his father's antique business in Alloway before joining the Air Force in 1953. He spent two years in Okinawa during the Korean War and was discharged from Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. He continued in the inactive reserve while attending Philadelphia College of Pharmacy from which he graduated in 1961. In 1955, he married Cynthia Hart and they had four children.

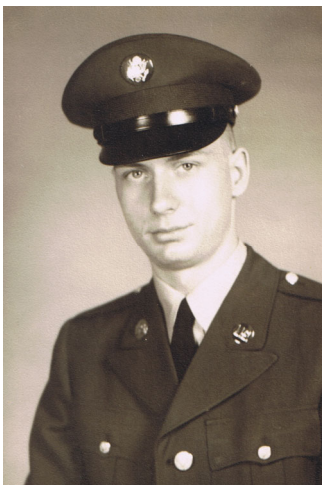
He moved to Woodstown and worked as a pharmacist for 37 years at the Lawrence Pharmacy in Woodstown.



**Robert P. Dorrell**  
**Spec. US Army**  
**1958-62**

Born in Alloway in 1935, Bobby was the fifth son of Ernest and Olive Dorrell. He attended elementary school in Alloway and graduated from Woodstown High School in 1953. After graduation, he worked in his family antique business and at DuPont Chambers Works. He enlisted in the Army in 1958 and was stationed at Fort Benning, GA and Annapolis, MD. He married Sandra Hackett in 1959 and they lived in Warwick, RI while he was still in the service. Upon discharge from the Army, he had his own antique shop in Alloway, worked in his family business and worked for Beechnut in sales. He received an Associate's degree from Salem Community College. He finished his career as a claims adjuster for Louderback and, with his wife, operated Old Alloway Merchandise. Bobby had three children and died in 1997 at the age of 61.

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**Ronald T. Dorrell**  
**Spec. US Army**  
**1965-70**

Born in Alloway, the seventh son of Ernest and Olive Dorrell, Ronnie attended elementary school in Alloway and graduated from Woodstown High School in 1963. After graduation, Ronnie joined the US Army Federal Reserve. While in the Army, he attended the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at the Presidio of Monterey, California. At the Presidio, he was trained as a Czech interpreter. Leaving active duty for the reserves, he returned to Alloway to join his parents in the family antique business, Dorrell's Antiques, eventually taking it over when they retired from active work. In 1970, he completed his Army service and became a full-time antique dealer. He married Barbara Dawson in 1982 and has one daughter, Rachel.



***John C. Earnest***  
***Pvt. E-2 US Army Korea***

John Charles Earnest went into the Army on April 16, 1951, two months after he married his 17-year-old wife on February 3, 1951 and one month after the death of his father on March 11, 1951. He served 7 months and 25 days at Fort Dix, New Jersey. While at Fort Dix, his 1<sup>st</sup> child was born on November 19, 1951. Then on December 11, 1951, he received an Honorable Discharge because of hardship on the family. He was then transferred to "Ready Reserve" as a Private E-2 on December 11, 1951. On October 25, 1956, he was discharged from the Army of the United States with a certificate as testimonial of his honest and faithful service, "Honorable Discharge".

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***Flaminio “Bing” Flamma***  
***Pvt. US Army 1941***

Bing was born in Philadelphia, PA on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917, and raised on a farm near Garrison Lake, Elk Township, in Gloucester County, New Jersey. He entered the US Army in September 1940 and was a private serving in anti-aircraft Battery “E”, 198<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery. His ear was permanently damaged during a drill by a premature weapon discharge. Bing was honorably discharged from military service in 1941 from Fort Ontario, New York.

With full military honors, Bing was laid to rest in Clarksboro, New Jersey in September 2009. Bing is the maternal grandfather of Tim Priore, co-owner of Helen’s Café on S. Greenwich St, Alloway NJ.

## ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



**Roy Flannigan Sr.**  
**SSgt. US Army**  
**1939 – 1945 WW II**

Roy was born in Bryant Township, Roberts County, South Dakota in June of 1920 before his family moved to Hancock Minnesota, where he completed eight years of grammar school leaving in 1934. He enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard in the Fall of 1939. In the Spring of 1941, the 92<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade, 205<sup>th</sup> Infantry, of the Minnesota National Guard, was called to active duty and sent to Camp Haan in California near Oakland where they were trained as the 101<sup>st</sup> Coast Artillery Brigade. Roy was assigned to Battery "B" of the 217<sup>th</sup> Coastal Artillery Regiment where he served in the motor pool driving the Army convoys up and down the rugged California coastline. In a park in Oakland, CA, in the Spring of 1942 he would meet Grace Eleanor Ayars, formerly of Salem, NJ, who would become his wife of nearly 65 years. Roy was discharged in October 1945, but not before leaving Camp Haan for other duty stations in Wichita, Kansas, Camp Banding, FL, and, finally, ending his service as a Staff Sergeant drill instructor at Camp Gordon, GA. After his discharge in 1945, Roy established residence in Salem, NJ to be with his wife who had previously returned to Salem from Oakland to await the end of the War with her family, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Curley, and where he would have more opportunities for year-round work in the road construction industry than in his native Minnesota/South Dakota states. As of this writing, Roy is survived by his wife, three children, Jean, Roy Jr., Bonnie (Powell), seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. He passed away on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the age of 86.





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### ***Roy Flannigan Jr.***

***SP-4 US Army***

***1965 – 1971***

Born in Salem, NJ, in 1944, he moved to Penton in the Summer of 1951 for one year then into Alloway where he stayed for the next 15 years. Roy graduated from Woodstown High School in 1963 and attended Rutgers University for two years. Roy enlisted in the 345<sup>th</sup> Army Security Agency (ASA) Federal Reserve Group in Camden, NJ in July 1965. After completing basic training at Fort Dix in the early Fall of 1965, he was re-assigned to the 303<sup>rd</sup> ASA in Fort Hood, Texas for Advanced Individual Training (AIT). After completion of his MOS training, he was transferred back to the 345<sup>th</sup> ASA in Camden to complete his six year Federal Reserve obligation receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1971. Roy was married to Margaret Kunkel, originally of Cincinnati, OH, and has two children, Karin and Kevin, and two grandchildren. He is active with the American Legion Post 372 in Cherry Hill, NJ.



### **Edward T. Fogg**

**Corp. US Army Air Forces**

**1945-46 WWII**

A Salem County native, Edward enlisted in the US Army Air Forces Officer Training program in 1944 during his senior year at Salem High School. After completing his first year at the University of Virginia, he was called to active duty and began flight training at Keesler Field in Mississippi. When the war ended, the flight training program was discontinued and Ed signed on again, this time as an enlisted recruit. He was sent to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado where his assignment was Administrative Specialist. From Lowry, he was transferred to Chanute Field in Illinois. Upon his discharge in 1946, Ed returned to the University of Virginia where he completed his BS in Chemical Engineering. Ed then attended the University of Pennsylvania and earned his PhD in Chemical Engineering. After graduation, he was hired by the DuPont Company where he worked until his retirement in 1978. Ed and his wife, Nancy, moved to Alloway in 1956. When he retired, he joined his wife full-time in their business, Seven Hearths Antiques, in the William Reeves house on Greenwich Street in Alloway.



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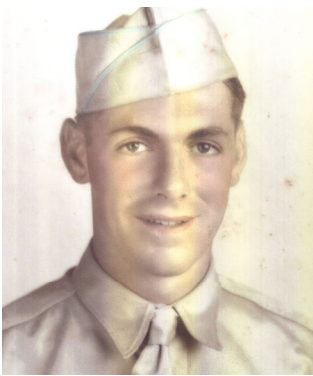
***David A. Frame Jr.***

***US Army***

***SFC – Retired***

***February 20, 1938 – July 3, 1994***

***Served in Vietnam***



***Robert Long Frederick***

***Tech. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – WWII – US Army***

***472 Military Police Escort Guard Co***

***“Uncle Bob proudly served in Europe, and North Africa. In North Africa he was a police escort for officers. Then after his discharge he was active in the Legion Post 381, South Greensburg, PA. His wife Hattie kept a very good scrapbook of his military service. Bob was honorably discharged in 1946.”***

***John, Margaret, Jake & Mark Matthews***

***Kathy & Seth Matthews***



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### ***George Freeman***

#### ***US Army Air Forces***

*George grew up on a farm in Asheville, North Carolina and served during WWII. He was stationed in Macon, Georgia. He was an instrument technician. George's son is Tom Freeman.*

### ***Thomas Freeman***

#### ***PO 2 US Navy***

*Tom enlisted in the Navy Seabees in 1967. He had recently finished his apprenticeship as a pipefitter at DuPont. The Navy needed craftsmen and he entered a special program, "Direct Procurement Petty Officers", as an E5. He served as Petty Officer 2 and was assigned to Port Hueneme, California. He served a nine month tour in Vietnam with a six month retraining period in California. He was released from active duty in 1969. He was discharged four years later in 1973. Tom is our township tax collector.*



### ***Oliver W. Goff***

#### ***Pvt. US Army***

#### ***WWII***

#### ***Company K 395<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Europe***

*Military occupational specialty – truck driver # 345*

*GO 33 and 40- WD 45 Central Europe Campaign*

*Awards: Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service with one bronze star.*

*He married Lilian Murray and they had 4 children: Sandra, Michael, Maureen, and Carol.*

*"The only story I remember was my dad gave a little girl a slice of bread and butter, and her mother threw it into their pickens pales (scavenging). So he picked the little girl up*

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*and sat her at the eatery table and bought her a meal. This was in France. I imagine there was a lot of that type story, but this one stuck in my head as one of the tragedies of war."*

*Maureen Brown of Alloway*

### ***Doris A. Hall, RN***

#### ***US Army***

*Doris grew up in Brammell, West Virginia and joined the Army as a nurse. While serving in England, she met Joe Hall and they were married. They had three children. They were stationed at many bases including Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Ft. Benning, Georgia and Munich, Germany. Her youngest child, Jon, was born while they were stationed in Germany. After leaving the Army in 1963, the Halls moved to Alloway. In 1971, they moved to Elsinboro, where they built a home on the Delaware River. She worked as the Alloway School nurse for many years before retiring in the mid-1980. Doris died in 1994 and is buried in the Salem County Veterans' Cemetery.*

### ***Jon L. Hall***

#### ***Capt. US Army***

*1977-86*

*Jon, son of Joseph and Doris Hall, grew up in Alloway and graduated from Woodstown High School in 1973. He attended the University of Delaware where he participated in the ROTC program. He was trained in fixed wing while he was in college. When he graduated, he reported for duty Fort Eustis, Virginia. He went to Korea for one year and then went to rotary wing flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He continued his training at Fort Eustis and then supported the military district in Washington, DC at Davison Air Field. Part of his responsibilities included flying Med-eVac in the DC metropolitan area. He married Dorothy Dawson in 1980. He left the army in 1986 and became a Department of the Army civilian maintenance test pilot at Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Center in New Jersey. He returned to Alloway to live in 1994. He currently is the technology leader for the Pennsville School District.*

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### ***Joseph Hall***

#### ***Lt. Col. US Army***

*Lt. Colonel Hall was born in Salem in 1919. He entered the U.S. Army in 1940 with the National Guard and served as a Second Lieutenant during WWII as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. He received the Silver Star for gallantry in action behind German lines in WWII. He returned to the U.S. Army in 1951, serving with distinction in Korea, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service, in 1953. He re-entered the Army during the Vietnam war. He retired from the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and later worked for the US State Department. He also served in Vietnam and retired in 1968 after 26 years of service. Lt. Colonel Hall was with the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C. for four years, working on special assignments in the Far East after retirement from the Army. He owned Joe Hall's Sporting Goods Store at 15 New Market Street in the 1950's. They moved to Alloway in 1963 where LTC Hall raised and bred German Shepherd dogs. In 1971, they built a house on the Delaware*



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*River in Elsinboro where they lived until their deaths. He died in 1981 and is buried in the Salem County Veterans' Cemetery.*

### ***Vernon L. Hitchner***

#### ***US Army***

*Vernon entered the Army during his senior year in high school. He was in Occupational Germany, the Korean Conflict and served in Vietnam. He married Sally Weeks in 1955 and settled in Alloway in 1973 on "VH Herd" Farm on Quaker Neck Road, where his wife, Sally, still lives today. His three children were born in Germany during his service there. Vernon died at his home in Alloway in 1994.*



### ***Meighan Edwin Hogate Sr.***

#### ***US Navy***

#### ***Seabees WWII***

*Meighan E. Hogate Sr. was a Motor Machinists' Mate, Third Class in the United States Navy Seabees during World War II. He entered service on May 13, 1944 and was honorably discharged on May 25, 1946. He served in CBDET 1067, NCB 27<sup>th</sup> 90<sup>th</sup>, USS bountiful (AH9), NB Kisarazu, Japan. He was awarded the following: Victory Medal, American Theatre Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, Philippine-Liberation Ribbon, and Letter of Commendation.*



### ***Donald P. Hyson***

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### ***US Army***

*Donald served during WWII and landed in Normandy on D-day, June 6, 1941. He wired TNT and detonated bridges to stop enemy advances. He fought at "the Battle of the Bulge" in France. He scouted and returned information of advancing German Forces.*



### ***Private Manlove "Pat" E. Jamison***

#### ***US Army***

*Battery H – 198 Coast Artillery*

*Fort Dix – Basic Training - Stationed State Side*



### ***Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Edward C. "Clem" Jamison***

#### ***US Army***

*Artillery – MEC*

*February 17, 1970 to November 12, 1970*

*Basic Training – Fort Bragg, N.C.*

*AIT – Fort Sill, OK*

*Discharge – Fort Dix, NJ*

*Artillery Mechanic 102 mm to 155 mm*

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*Hardship Honorable Discharge (Sole Support of the Family)*



***HM2 James "Jimmy" Martin Jamison***

***US Navy***

***Vietnam - 1966 to 1969***

*1966 Basic – United States Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, ILL*

*1966 A-School – Hospital Corpsmen School, Great Lakes*

*1967 Camp Lagoon, NC – 2<sup>ND</sup> Marine Div., Fleet Marine Force Training  
Combat Medic*

*1967 Naval Hospital – Annapolis, MD*

*1968 Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD*

*3<sup>RD</sup> Marine Division VIETNAM, USS Mt. McKenley – Amphibious Command ship -  
AGC7*

*1969 San Diego CA – Discharged*

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***Bruce W. Johnston***  
***Delaware Army National Guard***  
***CW5 1972***

CW5 Bruce W. Johnston is a lifelong resident of Salem County, raised on his family's farm in Carneys Point where he continues to reside today. Following high school at Pennsgrove High School and a brief matriculation at the University of Delaware, Bruce enlisted in the National Guard in 1972. Bruce completed both basic training and Officer Candidate School at the top of his class.

Bruce began his military career as a mechanic. He is currently an instructor pilot for the Blackhawk and fixed wing programs, as well as the commander of the OSACOM unit of the Delaware Army National Guard.



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He has served in various locations around the world including Bosnia, Iraq and Kuwait. Many people ask Bruce when he will retire and his response remains the same, “why would I retire from something I truly love doing.” We as a family are very proud of him, his lifelong dedication to us, God, and his country, and happy that he has found a calling that means so much to him.

The Johnstons and Killes

(Sandy, Kelly, Kari, Pat, Owen, Mother and Daddy)



### **Sergeant Andrew Russell Joyce**

**US Marine Corps**

**2002-2010**

*Andrew served two tours: First to Afghanistan for 6 months fighting the Taliban in the mountains where his company was known to the Taliban as “The Death Walkers”. Then to Iraq for another 6 months he is currently going to college at Flager College in St. Augustine, FL. He is the son of Kory and Louis Joyce, and brother to Emily Joyce of Alloway.*

### ***George W. Lohmeyer***

***US Army***

“George Lohmeyer served during WWII and loved America and what our Republic stood for. His favorite verse in the Bible for Veterans is John 15:13: ‘Great love has no one than this that one lay down his life for his friends.’”



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Mrs. George Lohmeyer



***Louis Masker, Jr.***

***US Army***

***1924-1970***

*Lou was born in 1924. He grew up in Patterson NJ. As a young teen, Lou and his two younger siblings were placed in an orphanage by their father after the death of their mother. This was an unfortunate but not uncommon practice among single parents during the Great Depression. Lou joined the US Army at only 16 years of age as a way to "escape" the orphanage. He served throughout World War II running communication lines. He also served during the Korean War. He married Jane Sassi and they built their home and family in Alloway in 1958 (across the street from Paul Sassi). He is the father of Edwin Masker and Linda Barbara of Alloway.*



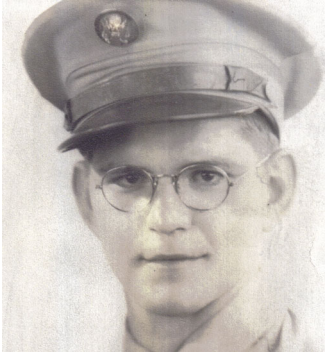
***Staff Sgt. Ayn M. Masker***

***US Air Force***

***1976 to 1981 - Ayn M. Masker***

*Ayn went to Basic Training at Lackland AFB, TX and after Supply School in Colorado was stationed at Barksdale AFB, LA and onto Alaska with a Supply Unit. While visiting her good friend Margaret Matthews in Alloway she met and married Margaret's good friend Ed Masker.*

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***John Edgar (Jack) Matthews***  
***US Army WWII***  
***1942 - 1945***

*Jack served in WWII most memorably in "The Battle of the Bulge" which he made sure that his mom never knew about. To make sure that his mom did not worry about his safety he would send postcards home saying he was stationed elsewhere.*

*According to his son John Matthews (see below), "Dad would never talk about his time in the war that he had seen or experienced."*

*He is the grandfather of Jake, Mark, and Seth Matthews of Stockingtown Road in Alloway.*



***Technical Sgt. John R. Matthews, Sr.***  
***US Air Force***  
***1976 to 1981 – NJANG - Ret 2002***

*John joined the Air Force on September 14, 1976 and went to Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He then went to Bomb Navigation System Mechanic school in Colorado. On March 8, 1979, he met Margaret McAlonan while both were stationed Barksdale AFB. They married in 1980 and lived in Louisiana until John was discharged in 1981 and they moved back to Alloway and have sons Jake and Mark.*

*Awards: Air Force Commendation (with 1 Oak Cluster)*

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***Francis Robert McAlonan, Sr.***

***US Navy - WWII***

***Photographer's Mate Second Class***

*University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. Viz Unit*

*NAS, Pensacola, Florida. – Utility Sq. 9 – USS KWAJALEIN CVE 98 and he picked up the USS HANCOCK CV 19 in Pearl Harbor end of 1944.*

*Awards: Asiatic Pacific Area 4 Stars, American Area, Philippine Liberation 1 Star, Victory Medal World War II.*

*After the service Francis went to Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA and then moved with his wife Eileen and their 7 children (Francis Jr, William, Kevin, John, Margaret, Helen, and James) to Alloway in 1963 where their youngest child Raymond was born in 1966.*



***Private Eileen Cecelia McGoldrick-McAlonan***

***US Army***

***WW II – 9301 TSU***

*Eileen was stationed in VA and honorably discharged on March 11, 1945.*

*She and Francis raised 6 sons and 2 daughters here in Alloway on “Golden Willow Farm”, Quakerneck Road they purchased from Russ & Grace Fox in 1963.*

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***Francis Robert McAlonan, Jr.***

***US Army***

***SP5 – July 25, 1967 to July 24, 1973 – VIETNAM***

*Frank was an Interrogator after going to INTEL ANALYST School and Vietnamese Language school. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal.*



***Sergeant Margaret McAlonan-Matthews***

***US Air Force***

***1976 to 1980***

*“I went to basic training on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1976 with my friend Ayn O’Donnell at Lackland AFB in TX and then we were stationed at Barksdale AFB in LA.*

*I was assigned to 2SPS for a test program of 100 women being assigned to the front line for combat. For the short time I was with 2SPS I guarded B-52s and C-135s and when I was given a chance I took the opportunity to cross-train to 2CSG specializing in Awards and Decorations and Personal Affairs.*

*On March 8, 1979 I met John Matthews while stationed at Barksdale – we married March 1, 1980 and moved to Alloway. I was honorably discharged in October 1980 but*

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*we stayed in Louisiana until John was discharged in 1981. My friend, Ayn, met my friend from Alloway, Ed Masker, while visiting me in Alloway.” (see Ayn Masker, above).*

*Awards: Air Force Commendation Medal, AF Good Conduct Medal*



***Conor S. McAlonan***

***US Army***

***E4 Specialist - Nov 1996-Nov 1999***

“I was in from Nov 1996-Nov 1999. I went to Infantry Training School and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, then went to Fort Bragg, NC and was in A co. 2/504 PIR. I was trained for Jungle Warfare and received the Jungle Expert Qualification in May of 1997. From there I went to Riyadh Saudi Arabia for 2 months, then into the Kuwaiti Desert near Camp Doha for four months from Dec 1997-April 1998. I received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for that. I was awarded the Army Achievement Medal in February of 1999 for preventing a serious incident while manning my Machine Gun (m240B). I then went to Hamburg, Germany for one month and received my German Jump wings and German Expert Infantryman's Badge there. I also received the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service during my time in the 82nd. I was honorably discharged on 12 November 1999; my last rank was E4 Specialist.”

Conor is the grandson of Francis and Eileen McAlonan and son of Kevin McAlonan.

***James Michael McManus***

***US Army***

***MSgt. – WWII***

*Served in Patton's Army in Europe and then in Japan.*

*He was buried on St. Patrick's Day in the late 1990s.*

*He was a great guy and uncle to Bill Brown.*



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***John J. Merkel***

***US Navy***

***1962***

*John was an airplane mechanic and was stationed in Pensacola, Fla. John married Peg Merkel and they are the grandparents of Devin and Ryon Bassi of Alloway.*



***Major Margaret A. Merkel***

***US Navy and US Air Force***

***1962 to 1964 Vietnam***

***Gulf War 1991***

*In 1991 Peg attended Flight School and trained for 9 months for in-flight care of wounded soldiers.*

*Peg was later stationed at McGuire AFB and cared for veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.*

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*Peg authored the book, “Sunshine at the End of Life”.*



***Judee E. Miller***  
***US COAST GUARD***

*Judee Miller has been in the United States Coast Guard since 2004. After graduating from college, she trained as an Operations Specialist in Petaluma, CA. Her first assignment was at Coast Guard Sector Staten Island, handling vessel traffic safety in New York harbor. Judee is now a Petty Officer stationed at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC where she is in her second duty assignment, and is currently in to the Office of Intelligence and Criminal Investigations. There she leads an effort that analyzes and collects information vital in the Coast Guard's involvement in averting terrorism. Judee is the daughter of Al and Candy Miller of Alloway.*



***Samuel H. Morris Jr.***  
***US Navy 1975 – 1977***

Sam had his basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Base. After finishing his basic training he was transferred to New London, Conn. He served as a sub tender. From New London he went to Charleston, SC where he then went to Holy Locke, Scotland. He was

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stationed on the US&B Holland Ship. Sam received an honorable discharge from the US Navy.

After his discharge Sam worked at the Philadelphia Shipyard. Later he went to work at Mannington Mills where he has been for the past twenty years. He has three children: Samuel Morris III who lives in VA, Brandon Morris lives in Alloway, and Kimberly Morris lives in Penton. He also has four sisters: Esther Green, Pat Ayars, and Lorrie Wagner in Alloway and Edyth Messer in Monroeville. His mother Ida Smith lives in Alloway. Sam lives on the Salem-Quinton Road.



***Sergeant Alvin “Junnie” Myers***

***US Army***

***Korea – 1949 to 1952***

*Junnie joined the Army right out of High School in 1949 and was sent to basic training at Camp Picket in VA. Then, he was sent to Fort Lewis, WA. Stationed in Korea from 1950 to 1951, he was awarded The Bronze Star for Valor, along with 5 major battle stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and various medals. He has been a member of Alloway Veterans Association, Alloway VFW Post 8224, KWV Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Veterans*

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*Association, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Veterans Alliance. He is still active in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Association Junnie is (and was) proud to have served his country. "Freedom is not Free".*



**Nelson, Nicholas**  
**ENFN USS Klakring FFG-42**  
**FPO, AA 34091**

"Nicholas was born in Salem County, his early years were spent in Pedricktown,. He moved to Woodstown in elementary school, and then to Alloway before he graduated Salem County Vocational Technical High School with his CADD degree in June 2008. Nicholas enlisted in the Navy on Nov. 6, 2008. He was sent to Great Lakes for basic training and completed that in Jan. 2009. He remained in Great Lakes for Engineering Common Core School and Diesel Generator Mechanic A School. In April 2009, Nicholas was stationed in Jacksonville, FL at the Mayport Naval Base where he is on a Frigate the USS Klakring. Recently Nicholas was awarded the Navy and Marine Core Achievement Medal for his "outstanding work ethic and technical skills, he tirelessly contributed over 100 hours during the inspections and was praised by the inspector for his enthusiasm and knowledge, which enabled the ship to be ready for independent deployment." I am so very proud of my son for his outstanding accomplishment this early in his career.

Nicholas is in the process of earning his Surface Warfare Medal. At home in Alloway are his mom, step dad, mom-mom, and two younger brothers. He also has an older brother in Pedricktown. We are all so very proud of Nicholas!"

Kim Militti, proud mom



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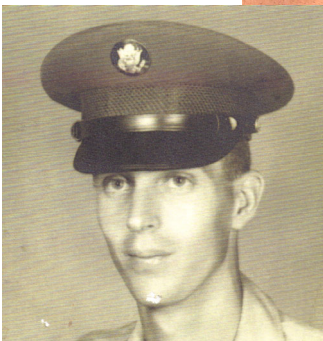
***Sergeant Preston “Chick” Osborn***

***US Army***

***WWII – European Theater of Operations - Took part in “D” Day Invasion***

***Awards: Purple Heart, Silver Star, Combat Infantryman’s Badge***

***Infantry***



***Sergeant Charles “Chick” Osborn***

***US Army***

***Vietnam 1968-1969***

***1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 8<sup>th</sup> Calvary/1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Division***



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*Awards: 2 Purple Hearts, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge*

*He graduated from Woodstown High School, class of 1967. He married his high school sweetheart Lorraine in August and then was drafted in September. He served in the infantry and as a machine gunner. He was wounded twice while in Vietnam. When he was released from Vietnam, he spent 6 months at Fort Carson, Colorado before being discharged and returning to Alloway.*

*Side-note: Along with Sally Gereau, Chick would also speak to the older students at Alloway School about his tour of duty in Vietnam each Memorial Day. He was very animated and he did a very good job sharing his experiences in war time.*



***Captain Mark C. Osborn***

***US Army***

***IRAQ 2006/2008***

*Mark was assigned to "MI" (Military Intelligence). Mark volunteered to go to Iraq served in Baghdad. He also served in Korea. worked for General Schwerin while in Iraq. Then, he went to Germany where he was discharged on his 29<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



***Linwood Russell Pierson***

***Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class \* US Army***

***7<sup>th</sup> ARMY – 92 Artillery Battalion***

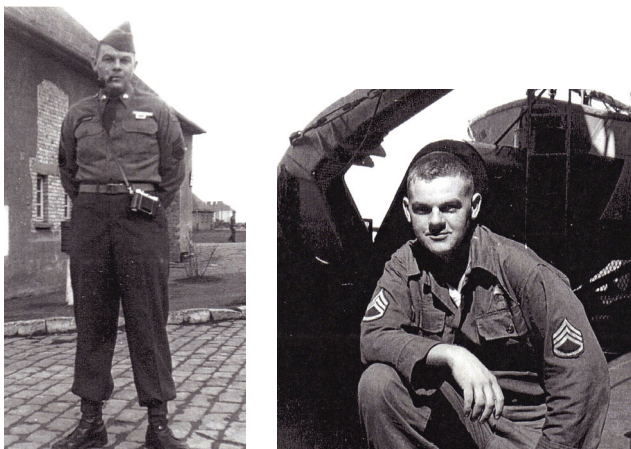
***1961 to 1963***

***Basic Training - AIT – Ft. Jackson, Columbus, SC***

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### *Geissen Germany Rivers Barracks*

*Russ grew up in Alloway, and graduated from Woodstown High School. He is married to his wife Vera and has one daughter Martina, Russ and Vera live in Pennsville. His daughter is married to Kenny Kirsh and she is presently (November 2009) a corporal in the Carney's Point Police Department.*



### ***Arnold Pompper Sr.***

***US Army 1950 – 1956***

*Arnold Pompper Sr. entered the US Army in November 1950 at Fort Dix. He continued his training at Fort Hood, TX. Arnold was stationed at Mantz, Germany. He was discharged from the Army in December 1956 with the rank of Corporal.*

### ***Curtis Pompper***

***US Air Force***

***“IN HONOR OF CURTIS POMPPER”***

*“My family is all from the Alloway area. At the time I enlisted in the Air Force I lived with my grandparents, Preston and Clara Bowling, who lived in Alloway.*

*My basic training was in San Antonio, Texas and my schooling was in Georgia for radio maintenance. I was transferred to a base in Tampa, FLA, then to Casablanca, Africa for one year. After returning from overseas I was stationed in Lake Charles Air Force Base in LA. One of my most memorable times was when a big flood came and took over our base. Everyone had to leave except for radio maintenance personnel. Our barracks were 2 stories and we had to move up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with all our equipment and generators, the first floor was flooded.*

*I was discharged on October 28, 1953.”*

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***Sergeant First Class John J. Powers, Jr.***

***US Army***

***8/8/1956 – 5/26/1961***

“Jack” went to boot camp at Fort Dix, NJ then served in Korea after the conflict for one year as a tank commander.

He is the father of Mary Lou Rutherford our township municipal clerk, and grandfather of Courtney and Emma.

***Anthony C. Prato***

***Sgt. 386 Bomb Squad***

***USAF 1943 – 1946 WWII***

Uncle Tony was an airplane mechanic gunner and was authorized to wear a aerial gunner wings on December 11, 1943. He was married to Aunt Marie and they lived in Northeast Philadelphia.

Tony is the great, great, uncle to Adria, Daria and Vittoria Rebbecchi of Pierson Road.

He was a truly great guy!! We hope we can learn more about Uncle Tony’s life to add to this veterans’ book later.

***Wayne T. Price***

***US Army***

Wayne T. Price was born and lived most of his life in Salem County. He was in the Army from April 11, 1966 to February 26, 1968. He served in Vietnam for almost a year.

Submitted by Shirley Price

***Modesto Joseph “Joe” Priore***

***US Army 1942 – 1945***

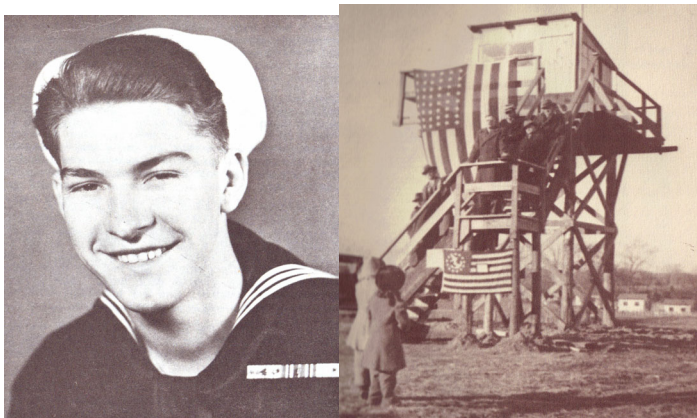
Joe was born on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1920 in New York City. His father passed away before his birth from pneumonia. He was raised in Vineland, New Jersey with two brothers and two sisters.

Joe entered the US Army in 1942 leaving his wife Ann of one and a half years, a one year old daughter Joanne and a yet to be born son Gerald. He served in the 430<sup>th</sup> Anti-

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Aircraft Battalion in Europe. He saw action in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany. He was shot in the hand and arm, recovered and returned to action to complete his tour of duty. He is officially credited with four enemy aircraft “kills”. Joe was honorably discharged in 1945.

Joe now lives in Clearwater, Florida. He is the paternal grandfather of Tim Priore, co-owner of Helen’s Café on S. Greenwich St.



### ***In Honor of W. Franklin Quinnette US Navy WWII***

*In October 1941, Frank was on board the USS California headed to the Hawaiian Islands. The command came to darken the ship one hour before sunset and remain darkened until one hour after sunrise. Through November, short and long range firing practice was conducted off the islands in conjunction with several other battleships. The California was docked at Pearl Harbor on December 7, was bombed and sank. Frank then joined a group of volunteers who went aboard the USS Indianapolis to serve. He spent the next three months at sea and didn't return to Pearl Harbor until March. Frank was believed missing until February 1942. Alloway dedicated its plane spotting station in his memory and then learned that the report of his death was erroneous. They (Alloway) believe that the tribute was appropriate and that the happy ending to the story was a gift from Heaven.” See page 315 in “**Alloway Remembers**” and page 6 of “**Alloway Remembers Second Edition**”.*





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### ***Melvin “Mass” Remster***

***F1 - US Navy - WWII***

*Mass served in the Navy from 1944-46.*

*Stationed on “USS Pensacola” Mass was a fireman who’s job was to keep the boilers going. He was married to Barbara Remster and is the dad to Melvin, David, and Becky.*



### ***Mulford S. “Pete” Remster***

***US Army***

***WWII – 1/13/1940 TO 6/27/1945***

*“Right before Pearl Harbor was bombed, he was supposed to get under this half-track to do some work on it. He kept telling his sergeant he couldn’t get under it, that there wasn’t enough room. As soon as the bombing started, he dove right under the half-track; he had plenty of room then.”*

*Submitted by his widow Doris Remster.*



### ***Edna Mehaffey Remster***

***US Army***

***Served in the Korean War 1951***

*Stationed in Germany*

*Edna married Wayne King Remster and they had 2 sons Wayne and Eddie and a granddaughter Taylor (who shares the same birthday). Edna’s brother is Jake Mehaffey.*

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*Edna was well loved and she is missed very much.*



### **George L. "Shorty" Remster**

**US Marine Corps**

**WW II – Purple Heart**

*George Linwood Remster, known to all as "Shorty" was born November 16, 1923 in Alloway, New Jersey and with the exception of his military service lived there his entire life. He was the son of Melvin E. Remster Sr. and Rebecca Powers. He attended Woodstown High School where he played football and where his education was interrupted when he voluntarily enlisted in the Marine Corps, July 14, 1942 to fight in World War II. He completed basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina in September of 1942. He fought in the Pacific Theater with the first Marine Division in Guadalcanal, New Caledonia and Guam as an assistant machine gunner. He was severely wounded in action during the battle of Guam, July 19 to 27, 1944. He was struck by a Japanese hand grenade which shattered his left arm and was pinned down in a fox hole for a whole night before he was reached by the medics and removed to a hospital. He was given the Purple Heart by Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz and a medical discharge May 22, 1945. Many years later, in 2005, he was awarded his diploma by Woodstown High School when they recognized a number of former students who left school early to defend their country. Coincidentally Admiral Nimitz was also awarded his high school diploma in a similar manner. "Shorty's" military honors include in addition to his Purple Heart, The Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal, Asiatic Ribbon with Three Stars: Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, Guam; Sharpshooter Rifle Badge, and the WW II Victory Medal. "Shorty" passed away in his 84<sup>TH</sup> year on April 5, 2008 and was buried with full Marine Military Honors in the Salem War Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery.*

### **Stephen J. Rodgers**

**Capt. Vietnam 1971-2**

**OP Noble Eagle 01-2**

*Capt. Stephen J. Rodgers USNR RET was in ROTC in college and then served 37 years of active and reserve duty. After retirement from the Navy, he joined the New Jersey State Guard. His military duty included combat in the Republic of Vietnam 1971-2. His last*

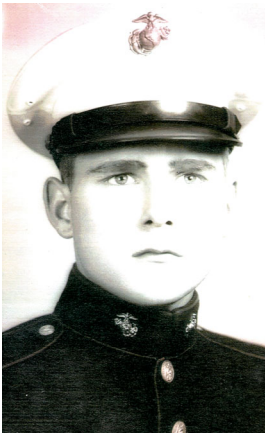
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*active duty began September 11, 2001 which he served in Operation Noble Eagle for 4 months.*



***Paul J. Sassi***  
***US Army - WWI***  
***1894-1979***

*Paul was born and raised in Northern NJ. He served in the US Army through the First World War. He moved to Alloway with his parents in 1923, where he worked as an independent carpenter and in later years drove a school bus for Ben Williams. In his elderly years his niece, Jane Masker, cared for him until his death in 1979. He is the great uncle of Mayor Ed Masker, and Linda (Masker) Barbara both of Alloway.*



***Frank Schavelin***  
***CPL 1<sup>st</sup> Mar Div***  
***1963 – 1968***

*Frank joined the Marines in July 1963 and went to school to be a jet mechanic. He was sent to Okinawa with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Air Wing. He is the son of Grace Schavelin.*

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***William R. Shockley, Jr.***

***T/5 Surgical Tech (861)***

***WWII US Army***

***3 month PVT – Basic (521)***

*Surgical Tech – Served with Headquarter Spec. Troops, Pusan, Korea performing various non-professional surgical & medical duties for rendering surgical care & treatment to patients. He sterilized instruments & equipment. Administered hypodermic injections, changed dressings and bandages and took blood tests & various smears. He was awarded World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Japan Medal. Gertrude Shockley, his wife.*

***Issac J. Sickler***

***US Army 1952 - 54***

*Issac J. Sickler served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division in Fort Knox, Kentucky and then with the 6<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team in Straubing, Germany. He was self employed as a partner of the Sickler Brothers Dairy Farm, where he retired in 1980 after 33 years.*



***J. Blake Simpkins***

***US Navy SEAL***

J. Blake Simpkins is a graduate of Alloway Township School, Woodstown High School, and Messiah College. He became a Navy SEAL in 2008. He is married to Jessica, daughter of Skip and Stacy Coles of Woodstown. His parents, Jeffrey and Marsha Simpkins, sister and brother-in-law, Bethany and Kevin Gibala, nephews, Benjamin and



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Caleb, and grandfather, Daniel R. Hitchner, reside in Cohansey. His grandmother, Joan Holmes Sharp resides in Woodstown. Deceased are his grandmother, Janet Robbins Hitchner, formerly of Cohansey, and his grandfather and step-grandmother, Irven and Ruth Simpkins, formerly of Salem.



### ***Petty Officer Steven P. Simpson*** ***US Coast Guard***

*Steven Simpson serves in the United States Coast Guard. He is a Machinery Technician and has served since 2003. Petty Officer Simpson is now assigned to the “Vigorous”, a Medium Endurance Cutter home-ported in Cape May, NJ. This is Steven’s second tour aboard ship. He previously served 3 years on the Cutter, Dependable, a ship of the same class. These 210-foot ocean-going vessels perform month-long patrols of the Atlantic, running from Nova Scotia south to Texas including the Caribbean. Their duties include maritime law enforcement, vessel inspections, drug interdiction, migrant repatriation,*

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*and search and rescue. Steven is married to Jeanee Miller of Alloway and they have two children.*



### ***Donald G. Smith***

***PFC US Army 1965 – 1967***

Donald was awarded the following:

Certificate of Achievement of Meritorious Performance of Duty

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Combat Infantryman Badge

Good Conduct Medal

Honorably Discharged October 5, 1971

Don and his brother Dale had the milking cows of Aldine for many years.

### ***Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class William D. Smith***

***US Army***

*In during Cuban Crisis – stationed in Germany 1962 to 1963.*



### ***L. H. “Ben” Thompson***

***US Army 1955 – 58***

*LeRoy H. “Ben” Thompson joined the United States Army on August 12, 1955. He was separated from the military on July 31, 1958. Ben received Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Followed by advanced training in countermeasures and search analysis at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.*

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*Ben first served overseas in a small southern German town know as Bad Aibling with the 22<sup>nd</sup> United States Army Security Agency (USASA). Then in October 1957, Ben was transferred to Berlin, Germany, joining the 280<sup>th</sup> USASA, where he remained until his separation from duty in 1958.*

*Ben was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Pendant for saving the life of a German guard whose clothing had caught fire. Ben was “pinned” by Brig. Gen. George T. Duncan at Andrews Barracks, Berlin.*



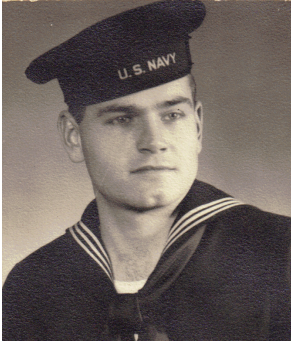
***Howard W. Thorp, Sr.***

**US Army**

Howard was a Veteran of the Korean War. He was stationed in Fort Hood Texas. As a member of Mantua Township he was instrumental in the design of the Veterans Monument in his hometown. After retirement he served as the Founding Chairman of the Mantua Township Veterans Commission. He organized and hosted the annual Veterans Day celebration every year until his passing. “My father was always willing and eager to do everything he could to assist his fellow veterans. He was proud of his country and we are proud of him.”

His daughter and her family are Jim, Dolores, Jim, Justin and Joseph Kramer of Alloway.

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### **Edward Jackson Turner**

#### **US Navy WWII 1943 – 1946**

Ed was born October 21, 1922 and Ed did basic training in Bainbridge, MD and then went to Orange, TX to board a new ship, U.S.S. LLOYD ACREE D.E.-356 Commissioned August 1, 1944. He went through the Panama Canal and spent the rest of enlistment in the South Pacific, around the Philippines and Okinawa. He returned home through the Panama Canal and was discharged from the US Navy at Lido Beach, New York on January 18, 1946. At the time of his discharge he held the rating of Coxswain. Ed is the dad of Walt Turner; Ed died in 1996.

### **James Coffrey Turner**

#### **Battery A 2<sup>nd</sup> Trench**

Mr. Turner joined the C.A.A. on December 11, 1917 and was stationed at Ft. Monroe, VA. He later served in the trenches with French Artillery A.E.F. Mr. Turner arrived back in the States to Maggie Valley, N.C. on April 21, 1919. He married Nora Turbyfill and moved his family to a 100 acre dairy farm located on Canhouse Road in the early 1920s. James is Walt Turner's grandfather.



### **Walter H. Turner**



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### **US Navy 1962 – 1966**

Walter Turner joined the US Navy in 1962. He was sent to boot camp at the Great Lakes Training Center, North of Chicago. Then Walter attended Seabees School in Port Wymey, California. He was placed in a Seabees Battalion and stationed in Guam. A typhoon had created destruction on Guam, and the Seabees were called on to rebuild the island. The Seabees are a construction battalion which is made up of construction trades. After Guam, Walter volunteered to join “Operation Deep Freeze” at the South Pole. Before his Antarctic Tour began, Walter was sent to San Francisco, California for extensive medical testing and then to Davisville, Rhode Island for six months of special training. The tour lasted from October 1963 – November 1964, where the Seabees built and maintained stations to support scientific research. During Walter’s time in Antarctica he experienced harsh working conditions with -54 degrees temperatures with wind chills below 100 degrees, three months total darkness (NO SUNRISE), white outs, no running water, seven months with no fresh food or mail, and the most important happening was the long distance birth of his first child Kelly back in the States. Following the completion of the “Operation Deep Freeze Tour,” Walter was stationed in Long Beach, California for “Shore Duty.” In May 1966, Walter Turner was honorably discharged from the US Navy. He is married to Judy (Gantz) Turner, originally from Mullica Hill and together they have Kelly Mitchell and sons Dean and Travis. Walt and his sons own and operate Walt’s Dixie Chopper.

### ***Sergeant Frank Valora***

#### ***US Air Force***

#### ***WW II***

*After graduating from Woodstown High School, Frank joined the Air Force and became a Tail Gunner on a B-17 in Europe.*

### ***Specialist Raymond Ward***

#### ***US Army***

*Ray served from 1954-56. He went to El Paso, Texas for Basic Training then spent a year in electronic-radar school and stayed. They used to say it was “the only place out of the country without overseas pay.”*



### ***James Wentzell***

#### ***Cpl Marine Corps***

***1961 – 1966***

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*Born and raised in Alloway, NJ he was the son of Elmer & Margaret "Peg" Wentzell. He graduated from Woodstown High School in 1960 and entered the Marine Corps September 1961 at Parris Island, S.C. for Basic Training. He served at Camp Sukiran, Okinawa from March 1962 to March 1963 and then to MCB Quantico, VA from April 1963 to April 1966. After being honorably discharged he returned to Alloway; got married; and moved to Pennsville in 1969.*

### ***Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Robert R. Williams***

***US Army***

***WW II - CO "L" 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry***

*Enlistment – October 5, 1946 (Ft Dix, NJ)*

*Occupation – Clerk Typist 405*

*M-1 RIFLE EX (2-47)*

*WW II Victory Medal – Army of Occupation Medal*

*April 1947 – ETO (Germany)*

*January 1948 – USA*

*Honorable Discharge February 26, 1948, Camp Kilmer, NJ*

*Played on the Army Baseball Team (Germany)*



### ***Major Wayne W. Wright***

***US Air Force Retired***

***Vietnam***

"I retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving 20 years. My most notable contribution was serving as a B-52 navigator during the Vietnam War. I spent almost 900 days on temporary duty assigned to Guam, Okinawa, and a base in Thailand. During that time, I flew with various crews and completed over 260 missions. The most significant missions were in support of our Marines surrounded by and being attacked by the Viet Cong/North Vietnamese in the remote outposts of Con Tien and Khe Sahn. Neither of these outposts fell to the enemy and many lives were saved".

*Interesting Local Situation: Wayne served on the Barksdale AFB, LA flight line at time as fellow Alloway veterans John R. Matthews and Margaret McAlonan unbeknownst to each other and now they each live in Alloway. Wayne flew the plane, John repaired the plane, and Margaret guarded the plane.*

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### ***Corporal Paul Wulderk***

#### ***US Marine Corps***

***1967 – 1969 – Vietnam Veteran***

*Paul Wulderk, Jr. served in the United States Marine Corps from 1967 to 1969. He was stationed in DaNang, Vietnam during the TET offensive in 1968.*



### ***Walter Zarin***

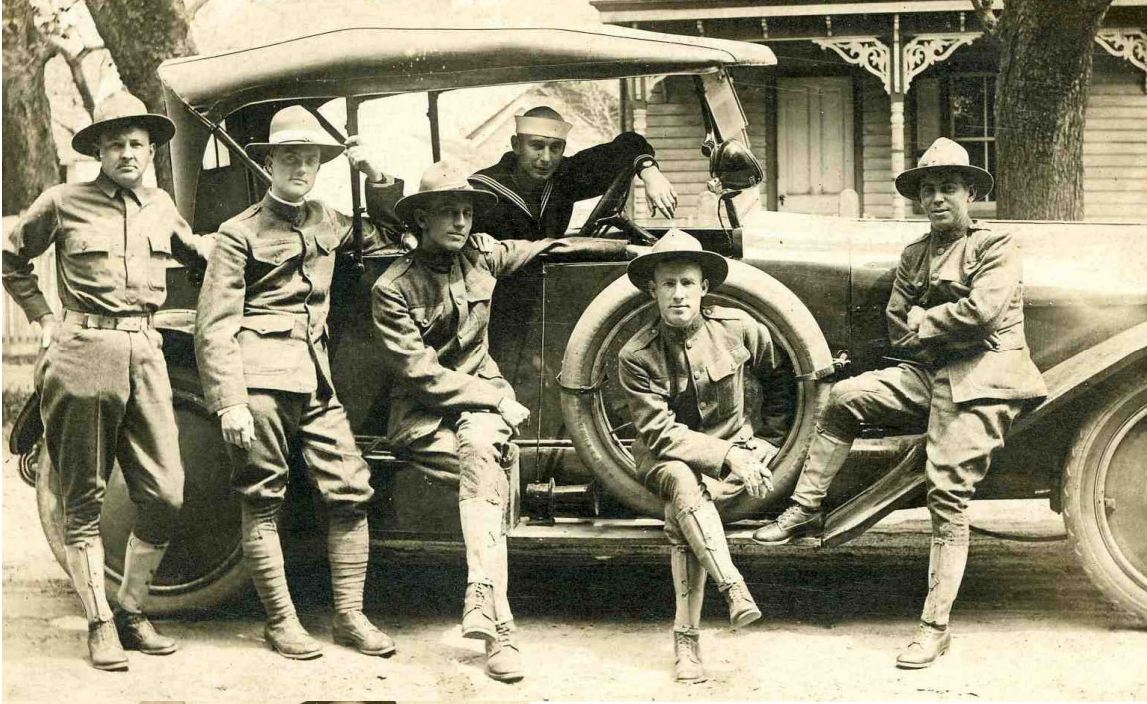
#### ***US Army***

***WWII – 1944 to 1946***

*Walter Zarin was drafted into the US Army while working on the family farm in Penton at the age of 20. Upon completion of Basic Training at Camp Blanding in Jacksonville, FL, Walter was ranked as a Private. He was immediately deployed to the European Theater where he served as an L Company Rifleman in the 104<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 26<sup>th</sup> Yankee Division. He still recalls walking with his company continuously throughout France and Germany and sleeping in open fields with only 2 sets of clothing, no meals for days at a time, and no facilities for months. Walter said L Company which consisted of 110 soldiers, suffered many losses from bombings and gun battles and was completely replaced three times over a four month period. He recalls the war ending while he was in a hospital in France recovering from a bullet wound. During his service, Walter had earned a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and numerous other medals of service. After the war, he returned home to Penton where he still resides today.*



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*WWI Veterans Pages 15 & 16 in "Alloway Remembers"*  
*"Top row: **Lester Evans, Russell Harris***  
*Middle row: **Carl Rau, Willard Darlington, Carl Yoerger***  
*Seated: **John W. Ewen***



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*January 1918 – **Earl Osborn, Carl Rau, William Mowers, and Carl Yoerger** came home on a visit from Fort Dix.*

*November 1918 – The War is over! There will be a huge demonstration; Alloway gave two of her sons, **Howard Dare** and **Russell Harris**.*

*December 1918 – Mr. and Mrs. Joseph **Yoerger** had received no word from their son **Carl**, overseas; but a German helmet weighing 2 ¾ pounds and a pair of wooden shoes were sent to them by him this month. They hope for a letter soon.*

*March 1919 – On Monday evening Alloway welcomed back her first soldier boy from overseas. **Ernest Dorrell** arrived in Newport News, Virginia, and last week came home on Monday. A reception is planned at Dunham's Hall.*

*July 1919 – On the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month, **Earl Osborn**, the last Alloway soldier to arrive home, was welcomed here.*

*July 1921 – **Stephen Thomas**, a Civil War veteran, died at the age of 78.*

*February 1924 – **Charles Fries**, a Civil War veteran, died at the age of 82.”*

*This commemorative Veteran Monument/Walkway Book was compiled by Margaret M. Matthews, Alloway Township Historian, for the 2nd Annual Veterans' Monument/Walkway Veterans' Day Celebration, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 @ 1100 Hours. A heartfelt thank you to Kelly Rebbecchi and Mary Lou Rutherford for proof-reading this book; and to Mayor Ed Masker for helping me to assemble this piece of history.*



**Memorial Day Celebration 2010**

*Top photo is a group of attending veterans.*

*Bottom photo is a group photo of all the attending residents*

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PVt John Plummer, CO F 5<sup>th</sup> NJ VOL Civil War 1861  
Ralph A Dorrell 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Eameto WWII US army air corps  
Capt John Kelly Salem CO Militia Amer. Rev.  
David I. Blacklock, Army Air Corps WWII, "We love you pop"  
Charles Finlaw SR, US Navy  
Charles H Finlaw JR, Pvt 1<sup>st</sup> Class E3, US Army  
Ralph A Dorrell, 1<sup>st</sup> LT Eameto WWII, US Army Air Corps  
Winfield C Elwell, US Army WWII, 1 Lt KIA 1944  
John F Thompson, USN 1950-1954  
Robert G Thompson, Army, 1952-1955  
George I Thompson, US Army, 1956-1958  
Harold Thompson, PFC US Army  
Kay H. Dorrell, SSGT US Air Force, 1953-55 Korean War  
US Army, PFC Paul McKelvey  
Charles P. Shute, PFC US Army, 1962-1967  
CPL WM J Leathern, Nov. 1931- Jul. 1939  
James Quinnette, US Army Air Corps/, US Air Force  
William Remster, USMC SGT 1964-1968, Vietnam  
Henry Remster, US Navy 1942-1945, World War II  
Jake Mehaffey, US Coast Guard, BM2  
Clarence G Roberts. US Army 1967-1969, Specialist E4  
Dale A Roberts, US Marines 1988-95, Corporal  
Denise L. Cobb, US Navy 1992-96, Hospital Corps. E-4  
COL John Zemitis, WW II US Airforce, Pearl Harbor

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Lewis E Magsam JR, CPL, 84<sup>th</sup> Chem Mortar BN  
George W Wright, BM1 USN Retired, Lebanon  
SGT Luke Simkins, USAF 1976-1982  
Byron R Crispin, USAF, Vietnam  
William W Bechtold, US Marine Corps, Nov 1975-Feb 1996  
Robert W Bechtold, US Marine Corps, Jan 1977-Dec1979  
Kate Quackenbush, US Army Nurse WWII  
Peter String, PVT War of 1812  
Simon String, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Civil War, 1861-1865  
Charles Fries, Civil War Veteran, Died Feb 1924  
Bill Jenkins, US Navy 1908-1929  
Karl Locke SR, NATL Guard WWII  
Samuel Lindsay, POW  
Marvin R. Locke, CPL USMC WWII  
Robert W Morris, SP/4 US Army, 1969-1971  
William Morris JR, US Marines E4, 1983-1994  
Arthur G. Pierson, SGT USAF 65-69

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