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- Mexican Border period (May 9, 1916, to April 5, 1917, for Veterans who served in Mexico, on its borders, or in adjacent waters)
- World War I (April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918)
- World War II (December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946)
- Korean conflict (June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955)
- Gulf War (August 2, 1990, through a future date to be set by law or presidential proclamation)

Source: https://www.va.gov/pension/eligibility/
Peter Altadonna Sr.
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – Pacific

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Peter’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Sara Sue Richardson Armstrong

NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
Vietnam War era at Lemoore Naval Air Station in California, Boot Camp and Officer Training School in Newport, RI. VA-122 Enlisted and had Officers Training on A7 aircraft to deploy on carriers.

I lived at:
307 Rancocas Avenue, across from Riverside’s Turners Hall.

More about me:
Sara Sue attended St. Casimir School and Riverside High School. In her words it was “great growing up in Riverside” and loves to come back and visit when she goes to RHS reunions. Sara’s parents (Paul and Sarah Sue Richardson) are also honored along the parade route and served together in WWII.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Sara Sue for sponsoring her family’s banners.
Pfc. Frank J. Astemborski – KIA
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – Killed in action on November 22nd, 1944.

I lived in:
Swampoodle on N. Fairview Street

More about me:
PFC Frank J. Astemborski was killed in action at just 29 years old from wounds received the day before in Germany. Frank was the son of Franciszek (Frank) and Eva Blow Astemborski of 149 Fairview Street. His parents were first notified that he had been wounded and a week later received a telegram that he had died. In addition to his parents, he was survived by his wife, the former Stella Biesiada of Burlington, a four-year-old son Frank Jr., and a daughter, Stephanie.

PFC Astemborski was born in Riverside in 1915 and graduated from Riverside High School. He would later enter employment with the Riverside Metal Works. He entered the Army on April 4th, 1944 and went oversees in September. According to his last letters, he had been at the front three times and apparently was killed upon going into action a fourth time. Ten years after his death, his body was returned and interred at St. Peter’s Cemetery in Riverside by his His wife, Stephanie, and daughter brought his body back from Belgium.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Frank’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Christian J. Biederbeck
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
United States Army Ambulance Service – Section 602

I lived on:
The Avenues (Delaware)

More about me:
During World War II Christian J. Biederbeck was in the Army overseas with the Ambulance Corps. He was a devoted son and wrote to his mother regularly, sending her pictures of the places he had been. When he returned from the Army, he acquired a job with the Riverside Post office and worked there till his retirement. Being a lifelong resident of Riverside he was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the First Moravian Church in town. In his free time, he enjoyed collecting "Good Stuff" or at least it was good stuff to him. Fishing was another one of his passions and he enjoyed his time at his shore house and fishing on his boat.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Christian’s family for sponsoring his banner.
John H. Blaufuss
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Korean War

More about me:
John H. Blaufuss (1935-2003) was the grandson of Johann “John” Blaufuss, a Riverside, NJ entrepreneur and business owner, who immigrated to the USA in 1884 from Germany. Johann became a leading citizen in Riverside, owning a bottling works, and various other businesses. Johann was well known for his philanthropic endeavors, raising money for the widows and orphans in Europe after WW-I. He was also well known for his singing with the Beethoven Liederkranz of Philadelphia and other singing groups and was a member of the board of directors of the United Singers of Philadelphia.

John served with honor in Korea in the U.S. Army from 1955 until his honorable discharge in 1957. He was a member of the VFW and Turner’s and the American Legion.

John is the son of Edward and Carrie Wilson Blaufuss of Riverside. In 1957, John saved his uncle Bill Blaufuss from certain death in a house fire, when the home Bill lived in caught fire due to an errant cigarette that was not extinguished properly. John climbed onto the roof of the blazing building, smashed the window to gain entry, and carried the unconscious man out onto the roof as the fire department arrived.

John was a long-time employee of Roberts Plumbing and was well known in plumbing circles as the “go to” guy to get needed plumbing parts and advice. After his retirement from Roberts he continued to serve some of his former customers with parts and advice from his home. John married Betty Jane D’Agostino on September 6, 1958. They have two children, Donna and John. Betty resides with her daughter and son-in-law in Columbus, NJ.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank John’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Clyde H. Brockelman Jr.
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II, Korean War, and the Vietnam War

I lived in:
Swamppoodle

More about me:
He was a proud Navy Career Man- ENCS.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Clyde’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Michael Bruzgis
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Operation Iraqi Freedom (2 tours)
Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Michael’s friend for sponsoring his banner.
Frank J. Camardo
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
Lippincott Avenue next to St. Casimir’s School

More about me:
Frank was a hard worker, but he enjoyed his downtime, especially playing cards. He was a member of the Koffee Club and worked at Chiaccio Motors. Frank was also a member of St. Casimir’s Church and enjoyed attending mass where he could always be seen in his favorite pew. A family man, Frank loved when the house was full of laughter and people after a good meal. Though he passed much earlier than his beloved wife, Emily, Frank was able to see his legacy extend another generation with the birth of their great-granddaughter, Brittany (who worked on coordinating our Walk of Honor), before he passed in 1992.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Frank’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Joseph T. “Rocky” Cancellieri
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived in:
The East End (1940s) and then Greenwood Avenue (1953-2003)

More about me:
Joseph T. Cancellieri was part of the 537AAA of the 90th Army Division during WWII. Rocky was proud to serve his country. In 1996, he reunited with members of the 90th in Normandy, France for the 50th Anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Joseph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
George G. Capparelli - KIA
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
Vietnam War - Killed in action on May 1st, 1968

I lived at:
43 Lee Street

More about me:
George’s picture hangs in the Riverside Post Office while the plaque, shown below, hangs in Riverside High School. George was killed in action on May 1st, 1968

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank George’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
European Theatre of Operations, D-Day invasions at Omaha Beach and Normandy
Hedgerows

I lived on:
Taylor Street and then the 100 block of Fillmore Street where he was better known as “Bud.”

More about me:
William enlisted on August 11th, 1941 in Trenton. Bud was in the 117th Infantry, 30th Division, 3rd Battalion, 4th Platoon. Upon enlisting he was sent to Fort Jackson, SC which was the headquarters of the 30th Infantry Division. Bud served in the 3rd Battalion of the I Company, part of the 117th Regiment, under Colonels Henry E. Kelly and Walter M. Johnson. Bud was involved in the 30th from D-Day until they joined up with Patton’s forces and Eisenhower gave the order to halt, just 60 miles from Berlin. He was at Omaha Beach and on through the Normandy Hedgerows. The force had moved from Belgium, to France, to Holland, and to Germany. His MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) was 60mm mortars, sometimes referred to as “burp” guns, because of the sound they made when fired. The mortar squad was always in the rear of the platoon and when the platoon was pinned down by machine guns, the platoon leaders would point out the installation, the Sergeant would give a range, and the squad would run back and set up the mortar. When they got close to the Germans, Bud was in charge of firing mortar shells so that the artillery divisions would see the explosions from beside and know where to direct heavy shelling to clear out German artillery. Together this was called “spot firing.” However, the main job of the mortar squad was to “shut up” German machine gunners.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank William’s family for sponsoring his banner.
James W. Carruthers Jr.
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
Vietnam War – USS Hull

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank James’ family for sponsoring his banner.
I lived on: East End on Taylor Street for 32 years

More about me:
He met his wife, Linda Winkelspecht, when he was stationed in Fort Dix. He was driving an army vehicle down the road and she was driving the opposite direction. He saw her and quickly turned around and stopped her. They met, fell in love, got married three months later, and have been married 49 years this year. They have three children, twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.
Tom Cooper
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
Vietnam

I lived on:
204 Fairview Street.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Tom’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Lester Robert Cotton
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Vietnam War

I lived in:
Swamppoodle

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Lester’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Domenico D’Attilio
AIR FORCE

War/campaigns served in:
Served in Japan and Korea from June 16th, 1949- December 15th, 1952; he then served in the New Jersey National Guard.

I lived at:
133 Fairview Street

More about me:
1 of 8 siblings and the youngest of 6 boys, Domenico played football at Riverside High School and took good care of his sister, Anna D’Attilio Lucas. He enjoyed horse racing and worked at carnivals. Upon leaving the service, he was a Staff Sergeant.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Domenico’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Nicholas A. D’Attilio
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II (88th Division), Korean War, and Vietnam War

I lived at:
133 Fairview Street

More about me:
1 of 8 siblings, Nick joined the Army at just 14 years old with the Home Guard at Fort Dix. He would go on to serve for 33 years, 3 months, 3 days, and 3 hours and became Master Sergeant. In Spring Garden Park, he was known as “King of the Mountain” because he was short but mighty! He was a master cook and head of 10 mess halls during both the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Nicholas’ family for sponsoring his banner.
PFC Fred G. DeSante

ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Korean War

I lived in:
The East End

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Fred’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Philip Donatiello Sr.
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – served in England

I lived at:
413 Kossuth Street.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Philip’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Clarence Dyer
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – Pacific

I lived at:
815 Maple Avenue

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Clarence’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Frederick Dyer - KIA
AIR FORCE

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – Europe, killed in action.

I lived on:
Maple Avenue

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Frederick’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in: 
World War II beginning in 1942; killed in action in 1943

I lived in: 
The Fogelsburg neighborhood of town.

More about me: 
Robert was killed in action in 1943; his banner is displayed back to back with his friend, Matthew Kirchner, who was also killed in action.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Robert’s family for sponsoring his banner. 
His banner is displayed back to back with his friend, Matthew Kirchner, who was also killed in action.
John J. Fynan, Jr.
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
Battle of Midway, Battle of Coral Sea; Easter Solomon Islands, Tulagi, Guadalcanal, Saipan

I lived at:
605 Second Street

More about me:
John and his wife Marion considered themselves very blessed that all members of their families returned home to Riverside after serving in WWII. They know that other families were not as fortunate. It was always meaningful to them that Riverside honored those who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Memorial Day parades, and especially touching to see the Gold Star Mothers marching in the parades.

John J. Fynan, Jr enlisted during peacetime in July 1940 and was honorably discharged after serving six years as a Chief Electrician in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater. While stationed in Hawaii, he left for Midway Island aboard the USS Portland on December 5, 1941, two days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The Portland was ordered back to Pearl Harbor immediately after the bombing to scout for enemy ships.

While serving on the USS Portland, John saw action during the Battle of Coral Sea and the Battle of Midway, taking aboard survivors of the USS Lexington and the USS Yorktown, respectively, after the ships sunk at sea. John completed his service aboard the USS Coos Bay, serving in the Solomon Islands, Guadalcanal and Saipan.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank John’s family for sponsoring his banner.
I lived on:
Monroe Street in Swamppoodle and Lippincott Avenue.

More about me:
Vincent enjoyed hanging out with his siblings and friends and getting a cold glass of Boost with a pretzel hooked around the straw. He was aboard the United States Coast Guard Cutter, Campbell W-32 and on convoy duty in the North Atlantic when it rammed and sank a German submarine 4-606 on February 21st, 1943.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Vincent’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:  
World War II (December 1942-March 1946) stationed at Hato Field in Curacao, the Netherlands, and the West Indies. US Navy Fleet Air Wing 11- Rank: Aviation Ordinance Man 2nd Class

I lived on:  
605 Second Street, 4th Ward, Riverside

More about me:  
Born and bred in Riverside, William was born on October 30th, 1924. He attended primary school at St. Peter’s and graduated Riverside High School in 1943. He was employed at Riverside Metal Company in the summer of 1946 after returning from war. In 1947, he would be employed at Joe Claus’s Machine Shop and played semi-pro football for local teams: Turners 1946, Riverside Eagles 1947, and Blair AC 1946-1949. He attended Ursinus College on the G.I. Bill in August 1950 and graduated in 1953. That same year he began student teaching at RHS for one semester and hired as the Assistant Football Coach under Joe Cancellieri. The next year he was offered a teaching position at Riverside High and continued teaching Social Studies and English along with assistant coaching RHS football through 1958. He is also a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, Council #1436.

William remember courting his high school sweetheart and future wife, Shirley M. Zipperlein who lived on Cleveland Avenue. They would walk down to Faunce’s Drug Store on Scott Street to share a Boost. Afterwards, they walked down to Hershey Al’s Ice Cream Shop on Pavilion Avenue to listen to music on the jukebox.

Going to the movies at the Fox Theater on Pavilion Avenue for the .10 cent Saturday matinee. I remember before the feature movie, they would show a clip called “The Movie Tone News of the World”, and that was the first time we saw the news of the invasion of Poland marking the beginning of the war in Europe.
Remembering Saturday night dances we called “The Rat Races” at the Riverside Fire House with DJ Mike Bernie spinning the records. The slow dances were called ’rat races’ because everyone danced in one direction around the circumference of the dance floor.

One of the most satisfying events I was involved in while playing semi-pro football was the formation of the local Veterans Service Association, along with participating in the Riverside Army – Navy Football Game from 1946 – 1949. Our first meeting of the VSA was held at the Christopher Colombo Club in the East End of town. Several Riverside vets were in attendance; Bud Garbe, Bounty Hellings, & Bucky Murphy to name a few. Ted Kessler was the commander of the American Legion at the time and was appointed chairman.

The association wanted to raise money for a permanent World War II Memorial dedicated to those who served and gave their lives. The original monument, located by the town hall on Pavilion Avenue, contained the names of Riverside Veterans, but was made of wood and unfortunately time and the weather had taken its toll. As a fundraiser, the VSA decided to have an annual Army – Navy Game made up of veterans who wanted to play. The Army team was comprised of Army & Army Air Corps Veterans and coached by Bud Garbe. I was asked to form the Navy squad, made up of Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Veterans. The RHS Board of Education was contacted for the use of the high school football field and the equipment. Morris Murphy, the board president, was all for the idea and the board agreed. Blair A.C. took on the responsibility for supplying the necessary administrative duties and manpower (at the time Blair was a large and well-organized club that fielded football, basketball and softball teams).

The first game was played the first week in December of 1946, with a large crowd in attendance. Blair A.C. provided the winning team with a memorial trophy named in honor of Warren Schneider, a member who was killed in action in Germany during WW II. Three more annual games were to be played with former Blair quarterback Rich Ketchel as the Navy coach. Admission was fifty cents a person and after expenses, a grand total of $1,700.00 was raised and placed in a savings account for the memorial.

A drawing of the proposed memorial was made by Ted Kessler and approved by the VSA committee. The bids went out for the erection of the monument, with the final cost totaling $2,337.00. Because the savings account came up short, the Riverside Twp. Committee agreed to pay the balance of the cost. The World War II Memorial that stands today was dedicated on Memorial Day in 1950 at the end of the annual town parade. It contains the names of the fifty Riverside service men that paid the ultimate price for our freedom. A strikingly high number of losses for such a small town.

-Submitted by Maureen Rust, honoree’s daughter, as told by Bill Fynan

William Martin “Gator” Fynan contin.
The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank William’s family for sponsoring his banner.
John Francis Garbe
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II- Pearl Harbor (after December 7th)

I lived at:
607 Delaware Avenue.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank John’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived in:
The East End at 220 Fillmore Street.

More about me:
Born July 3rd, 1926, Ralph went to Carroll Street School and enjoyed going to Faunce’s for Boost and pretzels. He participated in a beard growing contest for Riverside’s centennial celebration in 1951. Working for the A&P all his life, he would later marry Mae Howard in 1953. He raised 9 children on Hancock Street and was active with St. Peter’s parish. Ralph passed away on January 25th, 1976.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Ralph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:

I lived at:
622 Delaware Avenue.

More about me:
Paul was a machine gunner on helicopters. In later years, he walked down Fairview Street towards the VFW for the parade for veterans and his 5 children and grandchildren watching and clapping for him each year.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Paul’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Clement Francis Gross
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
101st Airborne - European Theater

I lived in:
Swamppoodle

More about me:
• Private First Class
• World War II Victory Medal
• World War II Honorable Service Medal
• A member of the Seven Star Malecki Family

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Clement’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Joseph R. Haller
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
South Pacific

I lived on:
The Avenues.

More about me:
He was a member of the VFW Post 3020 in Delran and was a life member and past Commander.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Joseph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
Korean War

I lived in:
Swamppoodle on Polk Street.

More about me:
Bill was raised in Swamppoodle, also known as the “Capitol of Riverside.” At 6’3”, Bill was the first “big man” to play for Charlie Lehman. As a junior, he helped Riverside to its first ever South Jersey Basketball Championship. He was honored as an All County player in 1947 and shattered the single game scoring record that year when he scored 28 points against Bordentown.

Bill was a policeman in Riverside, a loving husband to Shirley, and a wonderful father to his four children: (the late) Billy, Narcie, Kevin, and Colleen. He was a good man.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank William’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
Rancocas Avenue.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Francis’ family for sponsoring his banner.
Arthur Herman Hatcher
AIR FORCE

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived:
Near Pavilion Avenue and Webster Street.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Arthur’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Clinton S. Hatcher
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
Korean War

I lived on:
The 700 block of Bem Street.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Clinton’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Nelson S. Hawkins
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Korean War and with Army Reserves

I lived on:
Palmer Street

More about me:
• Co. A 2nd Battalion, 309th Regiment
• 1st Brigade, 78th Division from August 18th-September 3rd, 1988

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Nelson’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Col. Robert D. Hinkle (Ret.)
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Korean War (Infantry and as a Colonel)

I lived on:
123 Adams Street in Swamppoodle.

More about me:
Attended Officers Candidate School and became a Second Lieutenant in Korea. He was wounded twice and was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star in addition to two Purple Hearts. Robert was a 1979 candidate for General and retired the same year.

He graduated from Command and General College, Air Force War College, and Industrial College. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in Ft. Benning, GA. For many years he was the liaison for the U.S. Military Academy (West Point).

His civilian life was first with the Riverside Trust Company in 1947 as Assistant Treasurer and then with PSE&G as Safety Manager and Substation Engineer. He served with PSE&G for thirty years. In 1992, he was invited back by Korea to shake the hand of the South Korean president.
The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Robert’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Joseph P. Horan
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – American and European campaigns

I lived at:
214 Lippincott Avenue.

More about me:
He had a few chance meetings with several Riverside friends in Europe during the war. He was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and received a Purple Heart.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Joseph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Henry “Hank” Huminski
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – Corporal in the Philippines on an air crew.

I lived on:
Webster Street and later on Arch Street.

More about me:
Hank loved growing up in this area. He went to St. Casimir’s School, spoke Polish to his parents (like so many of his friends did), and remembered climbing persimmon trees surrounding what was a ballpark where the MacMillan building was built. He later became an active member in St. Casimir’s as all five children went there. He acted as head usher and President of the Holy Name Society.

The war was a real adventure for the local boy who had barely seen more than New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. He told stories of the traditions of crossing the equator on the ship, living in the untouched area of the Philippines, preparing planes for their missions to Japan, and of making his way home from California, sometime hitchhiking, after the war. He later liked to share these stories with Dr. Tangco, who was born in in the Philippines, when he went for a visit.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Hank’s family for sponsoring his banner.
I lived on:  Spring Garden Street

More about me:

• Son of the famous Toby Johnston.
• William was a great townie guy that everyone knew; he worked for Holiday House Furniture for over 60 years.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank William’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II (Pacific Theater) and Korean War

I lived on:
Dauphin Street from 1921-1956 and then Greenwood Avenue until his death in 1995.

More about me:
Theodore served in World War II and the Korean War during conflict and spent thousands of hours in fight. Ironically, he was part of a crew who was shot down over Dover, DE during a training exercise and had to eject from the plane over the frigid Atlantic Ocean. He survived when his parachute blew him inland. He was awarded membership (with a pin and certificate) into the Caterpillar Club and we still have the pin and piece of the parachute which saved his life today! He was at Iwo Jima and on ship in Tokyo Bay when Japanese forces signed the surrender agreement.

He was a member of the Jersey Joes and a member of the Drum and Bugle Corp who won the National Championship for Riverside in Miami, FL in 1948. He also designed the uniform and emblem for them. Theodore loved participating in the Memorial Day Parade and served as the Riverside American Legion Post 146 Commander.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Theodore’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II; killed in action in 1942.

I lived at:
525 Bridgeboro Street

More about me:
Matthew enlisted in the Marines with his friend, Robert Eastburn, in late January of 1942. He received his basic training at Parris Island, SC and left the senior class of Riverside High School to enter the service. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kirchner. Matthew was killed in action in November 1942 against the Japanese on the hotly contested battlefield of Guadalcanal at just 19 years old. He is interred at Beverly National Cemetery in Section MA Site 30.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Matthew’s family for sponsoring his banner. His banner is displayed back to back with his friend, Robert Eastburn, who was also killed in action.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
Chester Avenue

More about me:
I loved to watch ball games from the rooftop of my house. I also wrote the book “A Walk in the Park” which shares more memories of my memories of Riverside Park.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Harold’s family for sponsoring his banner.
James E Logue II
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – European Theater

I lived on:
57 Park Avenue

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank James’ family for sponsoring his banner.
Ray F. Louder Sr.
MARINE CORPS.

War/campaigns served in:
Served from 1958-1964 and in the Cuban Missile Crisis

I lived on:
the Avenues at 200 Delaware Avenue.

When I lived in Riverside, I liked to:
Skate at the roller dome where I competed in speed and dance.

More about me:
Our Dad, Ray F. Louder Sr., was a very proud man. He graduated from RHS in 1958. During his high school years, he competed in speed and dance out of the Riverside Roller Dome. He also played football at RHS making Varsity football his Freshmen year. Later, he would be “All Country” as a “Back” in his Senior year.

My dad was very proud of his family and extended family in Sinking Spring, PA. When he graduated in ’58, he left for the Marine Corps boot camp. He left the USMC in 1962 with 2 lifelong brothers, Herm and Steve (“CPL 3”). In later years he became a “Pop Pop”; he was SO PROUD (Keither, Jordan, Jason “58” and Colin Ray).

His biggest passion was being a retired Marine, continuing the “Semper Fi” until he passed in August of 2007 in Vero Beach, Florida.

Semper Fi, Dad. Forever love,
Staci
P.S. Ray Jr., you were loved, and he was proud (MT).

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Ray’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
Korean War during the occupation of Japan

I lived at:
59 Webster Street

More about me:
Served from 1948-1952 and came home to become involved with Riverside Fire Co. He would serve as a member for 66 years and Fire Commissioner for 30 years. He is also the Commander of the American Legion and places approx. 600 flags at four local cemeteries each year with the Boy Scouts.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Emerson’s family for sponsoring his banner.
A. Chester Malecki
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
1st Sargent – Luzon New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and 32nd Infantry Division

I lived in:
Swamppoodle

More about me:
• Philippines Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Medal Bronze Star.
• One of the 5 Malecki boys from Madison Street in World War II.
• Undersheriff of Burlington County for over 20 years.
• Member of the Riverside Township Committee in the 1960s.
• Family was honored at the Riverside VFW in 1976 and is a member of the Seven Star Malecki Family.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Chester’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland

I lived in:
Swamppoodle

More about me:
• European –African-Middle Eastern service medal
• Good Conduct Medal
• World War II Victory Medal
• A member of the Seven Star Malecki Family

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Eugene’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Joseph Casimir Malecki
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II Rhineland Campaign/American Theater Ribbon, European Middle Eastern Ribbon

I lived in:
Swamppoodle

More about me:
• Good Conduct Medal recipient.
• One of the five Malecki boys from Madison Street in World War II.
• Family was honored at the Riverside VFW in 1976
• Member of the Seven Star Malecki Family

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Joseph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Mabel Maute Malecki
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
Yeomen 2nd Class; Yeoman 3rd Class

I lived in:
Swamppoodle and on Cleveland Avenue

More about me:
• A member of the Seven Star Malecki Family

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Mabel’s family for sponsoring her banner.
Steven Leonard Malecki  
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:  
Military Police- Air Combat in Northern France

I lived in:  
Swamppoodle

More about me:  
• One of the 5 Malecki boys from Madison Street in World War II  
• European –African-Middle Eastern service medal  
• Family was honored at the Riverside VFW in 1976  
• Member of the Seven Star Malecki Family

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Steven’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Vincent Marion Malecki
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
Served on the USS Du Pont, USS Shipley Bay, and USS Salerno Bay; was a Torpedoman

I lived in:
Swamppoodle

More about me:
- Vincent enlisted because his 4 brothers were in the service and he was the oldest.
- One of the 5 Malecki boys from Madison Street in World War II.
- Was a blank owner on the Shipley Bay (which means he was a member of the first crew to serve on that ship). Torpedoman V 2/c. Served in the Atlantic Theater, Far East.
- Union President for Riverside Metals for 27 years.
- Family was honored at the Riverside VFW in 1976 and is a member of the Seven Star Malecki Family

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Vincent’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived at:
357 Carroll Street.

More about me:
Edward Lucas Marshall was born on February 6th, 1919 in his family home at 357 Carroll Street to John and Rebecca Marshall. Ed was a Varsity football player for the Riverside Rams. From August 7th through November 1942, he was involved in the forced landing assaults against a number of strongly defended Japanese positions on Tu1agi, Gavutu, Tanambogo, Florida and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, completely routing all the enemy forces and seizing a most valuable base and airfield within the enemy zone of operations in the South Pacific Ocean. From the above period until December 9th, 1942, this Reinforced Division not only held their important strategic positions despite determined and repeated Japanese naval, air, and land attacks. But by a series of offensive operations against strong enemy resistance, drove the Japanese from the proximity of the airfield and inflicted great losses on them by land and air attacks. The courage and determination displayed in these operations were of an inspiring order.

Both of Ed’s brothers, Robert and Gilbert, served in World War II; Robert served in the Army and Gilbert served in the Marines. Ed returned from the war and pursued a career with Acme Markets in Riverside. Ed retired as an Acme Store Manager and with his family moved to Willingboro.

All three Marshall brothers are honored with banners along Scott Street.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Edward’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Gilbert Irvin Marshall  
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
New Jersey National Guard/ 1 Oct 1947-10 Jul 1948  

Korean Conflict: 7 Jul-14 Nov 1950 where he made the beach landing at Inchon at the age of 19 via the USS CAVALIER (APA 37), secured Seoul and served in the Wonsan-Hungnam-Chosin Campaign, North Korea


I lived on:
Rancocas Avenue.

More about me:
On 27 Dec 1930, Gilbert was born in the back bedroom of the house at 357 Carroll Street in Riverside. His parents lived at 4 Alden Street when they signed papers to allow their 16-year-old son to serve in the NJ National Guard and then signed again in 1948 when he was 17 ½ to join the US Marine Corps.

Gil's brother, Robert, served in the Army and his brother, Edward, served in the Marines -both during WWII. Gilbert, being the "baby" and 11 years younger, was not content to work at Pierces' Greenhouse planting and harvesting seeds while his brothers fought for their country. His parents finally relented in October 1947 and allowed their 16-year-old son to stop attending high school at nearby Palmyra and enlist in the NJ National Guard until he was eligible to enlist as a Marine.

All three Marshall brothers are honored with banners along Scott Street.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Gilbert’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Robert J. Marshall ("Ike")
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II - Luxembourg, Belgium, and East and West of the Rhine (Germany)

I lived at:
357 Carroll Street and later in the East End at 220 Fillmore Street.

More about me:
Robert "Ike" Marshall is an inductee of the RHS Sports Hall of Fame. He loved going to all the RHS football, basketball, and baseball games. Ike also served as a member of the Riverside School Board and was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Riverside. He received 3 battle stars. Robert is one of three brothers who served in the armed forces; all three are honored with banners along Scott Street.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Robert’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Shamus McKnight
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Operation Northern Watch (Iraq)
Operation Desert Thunder (Iraq)

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Shamus’ family for sponsoring his banner.
John Edward McNulty
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank John’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Ronald William Mingin
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
Vietnam (Tonkin Gulf Ocean)

I lived on:
Delaware Avenue and 621 Taylor Street

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Ronald’s family for sponsoring his banner.
William Mingin
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – South Pacific

I lived on:
Delaware Avenue

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank William’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Lonnie E. Parker
AIR FORCE

War/campaigns served in:
Vietnam during the Tet Offensive

I lived at:
38 W. Hancock Street where he was born in 1940 and still resides today.

More about me:
Retired from military career in 1978 after 21 years and 21 days in the Air Force. He began at Lackland Air Force Base in 1957 then sent to Oklahoma but when that site was closed, he was sent to Orlando Air Force Base and then Walt Disney Land.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Lonnie’s family for sponsoring his banner.
T/Sgt. Elmer M. Pattanite
ARMY AIR CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
World War II - 94th T.E.F.T.S. Squadron

I lived on:
East End on Scott Street

More about me:
Elmer was drafted on May 20th, 1942 and sworn in at Fort Dix. He then went to Turner Field in Albany, GA on May 27th, 1942, gained Private First Class level on August 1st, 1942, and then Corporal on December 1st, 1942. He would later be furloughed between December 1-15th of the same year.

Elmer was an official photographer of several bombing sites, his most notable being the Hiroshima Nokaki bombing and war efforts. He was also the official photographer of the signing of the Treaty of Japan which ended World War II. Several of his assignments are still sealed while many, like those mentioned previously, were declassified only a few years ago.
Once home from war, he became a master plumber. He began this career with August Polino (also of Riverside) and retired in the 1980s with the Wolfschmidt Plumbing of Palmyra. He also became a member of the American Legion, VFW, and a founding member of the Riverside Coffee Club. He was also an associate member of the Photo Club and the Riverside Historical Society from 1977-1987. Elmer was known as “the unofficial mayor of Scott Street.” He knew everyone and everyone knew him.

Elmer enjoyed bowling and was quite skilled as he bowled a 300 game and had several trophies from the Riverside League.

Though he had an astounding military career, he did not often speak of his war memories; this was mostly due to the fact that many of his missions were top secret. Only a few relatives, now deceased, knew the extent of his military activities.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Elmer's family for sponsoring his banner.
SSGT Craig M. Pennell
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Served in the Middle East.

I lived on:
The Avenues.

More about me:
Craig was just about the best person you could meet. He was kind, he cared for his family and friends immensely, and he was a helper. A Riverside High School graduate, he was proud to serve his country with the United States Army for the 17 years, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. His passion for serving others continued with his dedication as a Lieutenant with Delran Fire Company, Station 232. Tragically, Craig passed from a car accident last Fall but his legacy of helping others remains with us.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Craig’s friends for sponsoring his banner.
John T. Pittman
ARMY

I lived on:
Chester Avenue

More about me:
He had many stories about being a cook in the service.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank John’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Cpl. Walter T. Powers  
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:  
UDT Marine (frogman); coveted silver cross of Marine sharpshooter

I lived in:  
Spring Garden Street

More about me:  
He enjoyed the people and places in our great town of Riverside. During his time in the service, chigger bites landed him in the hospital. His entire group of the UDT Force was wiped out in the first wave of Korea.

Thank You  
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Walter’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Joseph Henry Prisco  
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:  
European, African, and Middle Eastern campaign

I lived on:  
Rancocas Avenue.

More about me:  
He was a metalsmith 2/C and received an American Bronze Star Victory Medal.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Joseph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Cpl. Dominick J. Reale
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Korean War

I lived in:
The East End in Riverside.

More about me:
He was President of Riverside PAL and Governor of the Moose Club.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Dominick’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Bill Rendfrey
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Ardennes 60# 33UD45, Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe 4CU045, and Rhineland.

I lived on:
Butler Street

More about me:
Bill enjoyed talking about the good times in Riverside, especially about the Tent Skating Rink in town.
Bill was wounded in battle in Arthany, France. He was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Ribbon with 5 Bronze Service Stars and a Purple Heart.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Bill’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Russell John Rendfrey
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II - Charley, England

I lived on:
Washington Street and Taylor Street

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Russell’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Paul Joseph Richardson  
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:  
World War II as a Machinist Mate – 1st Class

I lived at:  
307 Rancocas Avenue, across from Riverside’s Turners Hall

More about me:  
Paul grew up in Riverside on Rancocas Avenue. He graduated from RHS and was a volunteer Riverside fire fighter for many years. He fought the fire when part of the high school burned. Paul married Sarah Sue Montgomery Richardson and together, they had their daughter Sara Sue Richardson Armstrong; all three are honored with a banner along the parade route.
Sarah Sue Montgomery Richardson  
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:  
World War II as a Specialist – 2nd Class

I lived at:  
307 Rancocas Avenue, across from Riverside’s Turners Hall

More about me:  
Sarah Sue grew up in Guy, Arkansas and met her husband, Paul, in Washington D.C. where they were stationed during WWII. Sarah Sue was active in the Riverside Fire Company’s Ladies Auxiliary. Sarah Sue married Paul Joseph Richardson and, together, they had their daughter, Sara Sue Richardson Armstrong; all three are honored with a banner along the parade route. Sarah Sue also worked in Washington D.C. as a Communications Code Breaker.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Sarah Sue’s family for sponsoring her banner.
Ronald Rossi
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
Served June 1963-November 1966

I lived on:
509 Arndt Avenue

More about me:
His brother, Wallace, is also honored with a banner along our Walk of Honor.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Ronald’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Wallace Rossi  
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:  
Served August 1963- August 1967 and became a Sargent.

I lived on:  
509 Arndt Avenue

More about me:  
His brother, Ronald, is also honored with a banner along our Walk of Honor.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Wallace’s family for sponsoring his banner.
I lived on:
Cleveland Avenue.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Edward’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Edward P. “Bud” Ruff Jr.
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
69th Infantry Division – Fighting Sixty-Ninth. Campaigns – Rhineland & Central Europe, Elbe River Link-Up with the Soviets

I lived on:
Hooker Street

More about me:

Bud liked to talk about his school days, and one of his favorite stories was how proud he was to play a tin soldier in the Nutcracker performance at St. Peter’s in the 1920s. A medal-winning track star at Riverside High, he was proud of the Riverside home he designed and built by hand for his family, and his beautiful front garden was often photographed by passersby. As a kid, he loved hanging out with his friends as they one-upped each other with stories about the Jersey Devil and then ran home scared. He also enjoyed bartending at Turner’s (before he got married!) and tooling around town in his “Cor.”

Edward P. “Bud” Ruff, Jr. was born in Riverside in December 1922 and spent his early years on the family farm on Fairview Street. He attended St. Peter’s elementary, Riverside High School, and was a college sophomore studying engineering when he was drafted into WWII. While at training camp, he often wrote home about his impatience at not getting shipped overseas. Once he arrived in Europe, he wanted nothing more than to get back home.
On April 25, 1945, Bud, who was the jeep driver for his division’s commander, had the honor of participating in
“Elbe Day,” when the Soviet and American troops met at the River Elbe in Torgau, effectively cutting Germany in
two. (pictured far left in both photos) A plaque commemorating the event is mounted on the spot where the
meeting took place and the linkup is also commemorated at the WWII monument in Washington, DC.
After the war, Bud returned to Riverside, met, and married his wife, Philomena (nee Gatti), also of Riverside, and
had two daughters (Judith and Nancy) and two sons (Edward and Robert).
Bud was not one to talk about the war during his life, but in his later years he was interviewed by Studs Terkel
about his experiences, took part in the “Remembering War” simulcast between the US and USSR, and was
featured in a 1985 story on the TV program 20/20 that recalled the April day in 1945 when American and Russian
forces joined hands.

Bud passed away at age 68 in February 1991. The line of people who came to pay their respects
and tell their stories stretched around the block outside Sweeney’s Funeral Home and was a
testament to his diverse friendships in the community and his role as “Coach Ruff” to so many St.
Pete’s CYO basketball players over the years.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Edward’s family for sponsoring his banner.
John F. Sacca
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
711th Engineer Battalion

I lived on:
532 Taylor Street

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank John’s family for sponsoring his banner.
SSG Kelly L. Sazo
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Afghanistan

I lived on:
The East End on Filmore Street

More about me:
Kelly is a dedicated Staff Sergeant and Pharmacy Manager at Paramount Drug Store.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Kelly’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Jackson R. Schetler
ARMY AIR CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
Delaware Avenue.

More about me:
He flew P-38 on countless missions over southern Europe. Jack was in the Army Air Corps that later became the Air Force.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Jackson’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Mary E. Schwartz
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
Stationed at the Great Lakes.

I lived on:
New Jersey Avenue, first block after Taubel Mills.

More about me:
She spoke of going to parades and competitions for the Jersey Joes. After discharge, she married John Green and lived at 504 Bem Street.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Mary’s family for sponsoring her banner.
War/campaigns served in:
Participated in four major campaigns and the invasions of Sicily, Salano, and Anzio Beachhead.

I lived in:
Swamppoodle

More about me:
Scotty was a 100% disabled American Veteran from war related injuries sustained on Anzio Beachhead.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Scotty’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Claude Lawrence Stellwag  
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:  
World War II; served on the USS San Diego in the Asiatic–Pacific Campaign and the Phillipine Liberation.

I lived on:  
Lippincott Avenue when I enlisted and then Greenwood Avenue after discharge.

More about me:  
On his 17th birthday, Claude dropped out of high school and told his parents he was enlisting. Upon returning from World War II, Claude married Florence Ladzinski of Cambridge (now Delran). He became very involved in the Riverside Fire Co. serving as Chief and President and was the acting Chief at the time of the Fox Theatre fire. He was also instrumental in establishing the Riverside Emergency Squad.

For many years he was an active member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church and the Knights of the Columbus Council #1436 of which he held the Office of Grand Knight.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Claude’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Frederick J. Ullman III
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
Gulf War

I lived on:
The Avenues.

More about me:
Sent on minesweeper missions where he had to destroy mines underwater.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Frederick’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Michael Unley
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:

I lived on:
860 Bridgeboro Street.

More about me:
During his time of service, it was the first time the USMC Reserves were sent into active battle. Michael was a participant in Boys State and is a graduate of Riverside High School and Rowan University.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Michael’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived at:
417 Bem Street.

More about me:
Pvt. Milton J. Walker entered the service in August of 1944 at 18 years old. He served basic training at Camp Croft, SC in January 1945. He was sent oversees with the 103rd Division of the Infantry and fought in the 7th Army in Germany. Milton was killed in action in June of 1946 and interred at Beverly National Cemetery in Section F Site 1276. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Noble.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Milton’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in: Korean War

I lived on: The 800 block of Delaware Avenue.

More about me: Dad was taken captive on August 28th, 1950 and liberated in October 1950. Dad was in the 2nd Infantry Division (Indianhead), 1st Battalion Charlie Company.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank James’ family for sponsoring his banner.
Lawrence J. Winkelspecht  
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:  
World War II

I lived on:  
The Avenues.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Lawrence’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Robert “Pud” Worthington Jr.  
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:  
Korean War

I lived at:  
647 Taylor Street

More about me:  
He was the manager of the bowling alley in Riverside for years and played football and basketball during high school. Robert remembers walking in the Memorial Day parade or sometimes decorating his bicycle with streamers and riding behind the parade instead. He also knew that the parade meant the start of St. Casimir’s Carnival!

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Robert’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Albin Zebrowski Sr.
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived in:
Riverside Park

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Albin’s family for sponsoring his banner.
SECOND ROUND OF INDIVIDUAL BANNERS

For Memorial Day Weekend 2020 the second installation of the Military Walk of Honor individual banners were to be installed. Unfortunately, due to the unprecedented and historic COVID-19 Coronavirus global pandemic, the sign vendor and their manufacturer suffered delays and limited work hours. Due to this, the new banners were not added until June 2020. Nevertheless, the following 16 servicemen were acknowledged by family members and friends and added to our Walk.

LEGACIES AND STORIES AS SUBMITTED BY THEIR SPONSORS.

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William “Bill” Booker Jr.
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
See below.

I lived on:
Progress Street.

More about me:
Bill Booker entered the US Marine Corps in 1981 and served as a Bulk Fuel Specialist. Bill was stationed in Okinawa, Japan and earned a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. His last duty station was at the US Marine Corps Base in Quantico, VA and he was honorably holding the rank of Lance Corporal in 1984.

Bill was a standout wrestler and football player at Riverside High School. He was a member of the 1981 football team, which after many years of defeat and disappointment, achieved a state playoff appearance. Later he became a youth football coach. His son and many more young men in the Bear, Delaware area came to respect this tough but kind and considerate man. Proud Ram! Semper Fi

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank William’s family and friends for sponsoring his banner.
Samuel John Costa  
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:  
World War II in the Pacific

I lived on:  
The Avenues.

More about me:  
Sam Costa enlisted in the Navy the day he turned 18. He served from July 1942 until November 1946. He was a Gunner’s Mate, 2nd Class, as well as Petty Officer, 2nd Class. He served in the American, Europe/Asia/Middle East, and Asian/Pacific campaigns and was gun crew of various supply ships including the Merchant Marine Ship in the Atlantic and Pacific. On D-Day, he was part of the supply fleet off the coast of France.

He grew up in Cinnaminson but after marrying Nettie Camardo and being discharged, they lived on New Jersey Avenue in Riverside. He later built a house on Rancocas Avenue in 1955 across the street from the A.A. field on nights and weekends for 18 months and when that became too small for his growing family, he built another on Moreland Drive in Delran. Together with Nettie he raised five children: Margie, Frannie, Sam Jr., Donamarie, and Patti.

He obtained his GED and then training as an electrician under the GI Bill. While slowly building his own business (Costa’s Electric), he was employed by Campbells Soups and by the Watchcase Factory in Riverside. He was a well-known and loved electrician in the area for years; over the course of 5+ decades, he performed electrical work in hundreds of homes, factories, and businesses in Riverside and other towns throughout Burlington and Camden counties.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Samuel’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Michael John Dorety
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
Various campaigns; see below.

I lived on:
Delaware Avenue.

More about me:
Michael Dorety went to boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois from September ’95 to December ’95. He attended Culinary School in San Diego, CA from December ’95 to March ’96 and Basic Enlisted Submarine School from March ’96 to May ’96. Later Michael was stationed on the USS Pittsburgh SSN 720 from May ’96 to September ’99. While serving onboard he did two Mediterranean /Arabian Sea Deployments in 1996 and 1999 and two Drug Operations in the Caribbean Sea. In 1998 he was named Sailor of the Quarter for Submarine Squadron 3rd Quarter. On April 1, 1997 while in the Caribbean Sea, Michael qualified for Submarine Service.

Michael earned numerous medals and awards while serving on USS Pittsburgh SSN 720. He was deployed to many countries including Portugal, Greece, Crete, Israel, Sardegna, Bahrain, and St. Andros Island. He has been stationed in many states like Virginia, Georgia, Florida and Groton, CT while onboard USS Pittsburgh SSN 720 for three and a half years.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Michael’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
Korea

I lived on:
Henry Street.

More about me:
Harry was drafted in 1952; he reported on March 11, 1953 to Camp Kilmer in New Brunswick, NJ then onto basic training for 16 weeks in Breckinridge, Kentucky. From Kentucky Harry was sent to Tacoma, Washington. He then served for a 16-month tour in Korea. His job was primarily a truck driver for the Deuce 1/2 truck.

He returned to Riverside in March 1955 and went to work as a Dredge Operator for Amico Sand and Gravel. Some of his favorite memories involved a Friday night shopping on Scott Street.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Harry’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
WWII

I lived on:
Cleveland Avenue.

More about me:
Arthur enlisted in the Navy in August 1942 and was discharged January 1946. He served in the South Pacific with the 40th Naval Construction Battalion seeing battle on many islands such as New Hebrides islands, New Guinea, Saipan, and Okinawa. It was on Los Negros, where the 40th Naval Construction Battalion was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for heroism in combat and distinguished service.

Born in Philadelphia, Arthur came to Riverside as a small child. After many moves within Riverside, the Errickson family settled on Cleveland Avenue. Arthur often told stories about his childhood growing up in Riverside and some of the mischievous things he and his friends got into. He would talk about the different stores, how the streets used to be dirt roads, being a part of the sports at the American Turner's Society, even going to the 1939 World's Fair with Turner's.

He would talk about ice skating on the river, jumping off the train bridge and swimming in the creek, working on area farms in the summer, learning to drive at age 10 on his grandparents’ farm, camping at the "race", and the friends with whom he enjoyed those adventures. Memorial Day was always an important day, and he never missed the annual parade which he would attend with family, friends, and neighbors.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Arthur’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
Korea

I lived at:
358 Carroll Street.

More about me:
Charles Espenschied played four years of basketball at Riverside High School and was involved in many clubs and activities including being named Prom King in 1954. In 1954 he graduated from high school and entered the Army that same year. He served in the Military Police until he was discharged in 1956. Charles served as an Officer with the Riverside Police Department for 27 years retiring in 1978. He married Dot Hubbs Cline in 1970.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
Fillmore Street.

More about me:
Francis Gatti served in the Philippines. He worked at the A&P for over 50 years beginning at age 16 as a delivery boy in Riverside, moved on to managing the stores in Willingboro and Heightstown, and later at the offices in Roebling/Florence.

He bought a house on Pancoast Boulevard and lived there for almost 70 years with his wife Marie and their two boys, Frank Jr. and Bob. Those that knew Francis C. Gatti Sr. loved him.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Francis’ family for sponsoring his banner.
William H. Goodhart
ARMY AIR CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived at:
20 Alden Avenue in Riverside Park.

More about me:
William Goodhart served in Japan where he opened the commissary in Tokyo. He retired after 21 years in the military and went on to work at RCA in Moorestown. He met his wife Eleanor Weber at Fort Dix while she was there as a civilian employee. Although he was born and raised in New York City, he loved the “home town feel” of Riverside which was what brought his family back after his transfer to Louisiana and New Mexico. William never missed a Memorial Day Parade or a chance to pick up crumb buns at L & M.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank William’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Roy H. Hatcher
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
Cleveland Avenue.

More about me:
Roy Hatcher served in both Europe and the Pacific during the war from October 25, 1944 to December 6, 1946. He served in Germany with the 86th Infantry and also served as a Postal Clerk in Manila. He received the following medals: Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and the Philippines Liberation Ribbon.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Roy’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Harry Huminski
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Korea

I lived in:
Cambridge.

More about me:
Harry Huminski served in the Army from 1952-1956. He was deployed to Korea for approximately one year. During that time he worked in Communications; climbing poles and putting up lines between command posts to keep the communication working in combat zones and other areas. After the war, he worked for the Riverside Post Office as a mail carrier for thirty years. He belonged to the Polish-American Club on Main Street in Delran.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Harry’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Richard F. Kostrub
COAST GUARD & ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
See below.

I lived on:
Washington Street.

More about me:
Richard Kostrub was in the Coast Guard from August 8, 1945 through March 1, 1946. His rank was that of a Messman First Class. Richard also served as a Private First Class in the Army from March 20, 1946 through September 20, 1947. He served in France and South Wales and later he was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Richard’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Herbert J. Kranz
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived at:
53 Webster Street.

More about me:
Herbert Kranz graduated from Riverside High School on June 16, 1943 and entered the Navy on June 23, 1943. He served on the U.S.S. Christopher DE100 from its commissioning on October 23, 1943 until it was decommissioned on December 19, 1944.

Herbert worked at Faunce’s Drug Store while attending Riverside High School.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Herbert’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Herman “Dutch” Ruehmling
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived at:
410 Fillmore Street.

More about me:
Herman “Dutch” Ruehmling enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on January 23, 1942 and obtained the rank of Corporal. He had weapons qualifications in Rifle and Marksman along with special qualifications as an Administrative Clerk. During the Pacific campaign he served in the battles of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Gilbert Island, Saipan and Marianas Islands. Herman Ruehmling was awarded the Good Conduct Medal on January 22, 1945 and received his honorable discharge on March 18, 1946.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Herman’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived at:
151 North Fairview Street in Swampoodle and also Delaware Avenue.

More about me:
Theodore Salkowski left high school at the age 16 and enlisted in the Navy. He went to Bainbridge, MD for basic training. In 1945, he marched in the Franklin D. Roosevelt’s funeral procession. He served for about 16 months and saw action in the Pacific aboard a small escort carrier - the USS Petrof Bay. While on board he met a pilot who grew up in Mount Holly. Salkowski told his son that the pilot took him on a scary plane ride, especially when landing on the carrier. Theodore was a cook aboard the ship. The ship’s last mission was to bring back the Marines from the different islands in the Pacific. The Petrof Bay traveled through the Panama Canal to Boston where Salkowski was discharged.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Theodore’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
Korea

I lived on:
Fairview Street after his discharge until 1968 and then Dauphin Street until his death in 2012.

More about me:

Jack was originally from West Virginia but he raised his family in Riverside where his wife Maryann Pfau graduated from RHS in 1954. He continued to live there for over 50 years. After his service in the Marine Corps, he was a letter carrier in Riverside, Delanco and Delran for 28 years. Jack thought of all of the residents on his mail route as family. He had a great laugh and loved to tell and share stories with everyone he met in town. After his retirement from the Post Office, he worked at a local funeral home, a bank, a laundromat, and a jeweler all in Riverside and was involved with his church in town as well.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Jack’s family for sponsoring his banner.
George Harry Yoest  
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:  
World War II

I lived on:  
Harrison Street.

More about me:  
George Yoest served aboard a Merchant Marine Ship in the Pacific. He was a signalman and was known by his nickname “Flags” given to him by the ship’s captain. The ship carried the top secret cargo to Tinian Island - the outer casing for the Atomic Bomb.  

George Yoest loved Riverside and was proud to call Riverside home. He was a dedicated firefighter and eventually rose to the ranks of Chief; he enjoyed marching in Memorial Day parades and giving back to his community when the siren rang.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank George’s family for sponsoring his banner.
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Joshua William Ashton
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
On October 25th, 2007 Josh completed his basic in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. He then did his Advanced Individual Training in Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX before Camp Casey in Korea for his assignment. He finished his service back at Ft. Leonard Wood.

I lived on:
Hooker Street

More about me:
Josh was a funny mischievous kid. John Horn (his banner’s sponsor) and Josh grew up on Hooker Street a couple blocks from each other. The sport of wrestling brought them together. They won back-to-back Freedom Division Championships in wrestling with Nate Marter as the coach. Never a dull moment with Josh. He was a prankster and always plotting on someone. He was the life of the party and lit up most rooms with his smart mouth. He was a member of Riverside Turners and the VFW Post 3020. Josh’s favorite thing in this world was his family. He was always having parties or helping someone in need. Josh was a great friend and son who turned into a wonderful husband and father. He served his country proudly. He passed away in 2021; I miss my best friend every day and so do countless others; mostly his wife Brittany and daughters Adrianna and Tammy. There is nothing that can fill this void. We will push on because we have to. I love you, Josh.
SSGT. Herman L. Bard
ARMY
ARMY AIR CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
608 Bridgeboro Street

More about me:
SSGT Bard served as a Waist Gunner on a B-17 stationed in Italy. He flew 15 missions and he spent 43 days as a POW after being shot down in Romania. Repatriated back to Italy in early September he returned to the U.S. in late September 1944. He was recipient of 7 medals including the POW medal and the Soldier’s Medal of Heroism at great risk of life during the period of 8/24/1944-8/26/1944.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Herman’s family for sponsoring his banner.
I lived on:
550 Washington Street

More about me:
Michael participated in football, basketball, and track at Riverside High School.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Joseph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II – WWII Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal

I lived on:
Howard Street

More about me:
T-5 (Technician Fifth Grade) John Cannone served in Company C, 286th Engineer Combat Battalion from February 23, 1944 through March 23, 1946. His duty stations were England, France, Germany, Austria and Belgium. He resided in Riverside after the war from 1946 until his death in March 2012. He later worked at different shipyards and companies as a welder. He retired in the 1980s from Pemberton Fabrications, Division of Inductotherm Corporation.

During retirement he loved horse racing and traveled with many local residents to the various tracks. John was an integral part of the now defunct Riverside Koffee Club and opened the club in the mornings, made the coffee and refreshments daily. Many members admired his faithfulness, kindness, generosity, integrity and dedication to the Koffee Club.

His dedication to his family was evident in his willingness to help everyone in all situations. He often sat on the park bench near the municipal building with his friends sharing war and family stories. His patriotism shined through whenever the American Flag was presented. He stood, saluted and smiled. He gave his all to his country, community and family.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank the Pattanite/Cannone families for sponsoring his banner.
Pvt. Joseph Clauss  
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:  
WWII

I lived in/on:  
Lippincott and Cleveland Avenues.

More about me:  
Joseph enlisted immediately following high school graduation in 1945. He trained at Parris Island, SC with the Marine Corps. Following his service, he was a tool and dye maker and later, a farmer.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Joseph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Evangeline D. Demetoglous
ARMY
WAC – Women’s Army Corps

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
13 Lafayette Street

More about me:
Evangeline’s parents owned a luncheonette that was named the “Bluebird” in the town of Riverside. She often spoke of the memories of the store because she helped her father run it when she was a teenager.

PVT Evangeline D. Demetoglous also known as “Vangie” served in World War II as a cook. Evangeline entered the service on August 22, 1945. She was awarded the Victory Medal that was given to full time service personnel of the Armed Forces. She was assigned to Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey where she prepared special meals for patients. Vangie spoke often about her experiences when serving during war time. She separated from her service with the Women’s Army Corps.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Evangeline’s family for sponsoring her banner.
More about me:
Chief Eliason is a United States Navy Veteran having served his county from 1988 to 1992. After completing
Recruit Training in San Diego, California, Chief Eliason volunteered for the US Naval Submarine Service and was

After graduation from Submarine School, he was assigned to the USS Alabama SSBN 731 (blue), a Trident
Ballistic Missile Submarine stationed in Bangor, Washington. Chief Eliason completed 5 Strategic Deterrent
Patrols during the “Cold War” era and achieved his Submarine Qualification pin, “Dolphins” or “fish” in 1990.
During his submarine service he was the recipient of 2 Navy Achievement Medals, Battle Efficiency “E” ribbon,
Expert Marksmen ribbon, National Defense Medal and Good Conduct Medal. By the end of his active
enlistment Chief Eliason earned the rank of #-5 or a second-class Petty Officer.

Police Chief Eliason served the Riverside Police Department from 1995-2002 with eight years as Chief of Police.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Chief Eliason for his service to his country and Riverside
Township by sponsoring a banner in his honor.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
400 Delaware Avenue and Heulings Avenue.

More about me:
Francis was one of three brothers who all served together.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Francis’ family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on/in:
400 Delaware Avenue

More about me:
All three Garbe brothers Bud, Frank and Joseph serviced during WWII, including his brother-in-law Jack O’Hanlan. Bud and Frank were wounded in battle.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Joseph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
John J. Gatti
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
220 Filmore Street

More about me:
PFC John J. Gatti, also known as “Johnny” when he was serving in the war, was in the 125th Armored Engineer Battalion, Company B. He first saw action landing in North Africa. This included battles in Algiers, Tunisia, Kasserine Pass, El Guettar, Tunisia and Bizerte. John’s war experiences continued in Sicily, Normandy D-Day and Central Europe. By the Grace of God, John returned home safely to his family and friends.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank John’s family for sponsoring his banner.
AFC Allen J. Gilbert
AIR FORCE

War/campaigns served in:
Korean War

I lived on:
56 Park Avenue & 545 Burke Street

More about me:
Allen was a radio operator flying supplies and personnel into Korea. He also had a receding hairline and went bald at an early age. When a little girl, his daughter Karen, asked him why he didn’t have any hair on top of his head he told her “It was from flying in the planes and hitting turbulence. I’d bounce up and my head would hit the top of the plane and my hair would stick to it pulling my hair out!”

Allen Gilbert lived in Riverside all of his life, being born in a house on Fillmore Street. He was a proud man, loved and respected by all who knew him. He, in turn, loved our little town and the people in it so much that when we’d go on vacation, he couldn’t wait to come home! He took so much pride in building his own house. His was a neighborhood where everyone helped each other. I can’t begin to count how many water wells my dad installed for neighbors and friends just to help them or roofs he replaced after a bad storm or fierce winter. He loved his family “more than life itself.” Riverside was known for nicknames – everyone had one! My dad was Stump and my mom was Peanut – both because of their physical stature.

My Dad was Rocky Cancellieri’s first quarterback. He played and loved football, serving as Captain for one year. He was elected into the Riverside High School Sports Hall of Fame, an honor my dad would be humbled by yet proud of. Although he was short in size, he played RHS basketball, was Captain for one year and was noted for his “allyoop!” He was President and Varsity Club President for the Class of 1949. Incredibly devout in his faith he was a Holy Name Society member for St. Peter’s Catholic Church for 11 years. Allen was an avid bow and arrow hunter. He built a tree house having the kids think it was for them when, in reality, he’d use it as a tree stand for practice shoot at stuffed deer statues made by his wife. His love for his family, friends and the town of Riverside was always first in his life. Forever in my heart.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Allen’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Cpl. Matthew S. Gillis
MARINE CORPS

War/campaigns served in:
Operation Iraqi Freedom

I lived on:
Burke Street

More about me:
Matthew was born and raised in Riverside, known simply as Matt or Gillis to most. He is a 2003 graduate of Riverside High. He was a member of the football and wrestling team. Upon graduating high school, Matt was briefly in the Carpenter’s Union.

Not long after, he decided to enlist in the United States Marine Corp in June of 2004. He went to Boot Camp in Paris Island, SC and was then station in NC at Camp Lejeune.

Throughout his 4+ active years Matthew was part of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he heroically completed three separate tours in Iraq, totaling over three years. He was also briefly deployed in Haiti and Somalia. In October 2008, Matt was honorably discharged as a non-commission officer (Corporal).

His family and friends are very proud of his service and consider him a hero. Matthew is again employed as a union carpenter. He resides in Delran, NJ with his wife, Elizabeth, their daughter, Libby, and another blessing on the way.

Semper Fidelis! God Bless Americal And one of Matt’s favorites: SFMF!

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Matthew’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

More about me:
On April 2nd, 1928 Walter’s great grandmother Mrs. Daehne (who was a midwife) delivered him in Riverside.  In 1944, at the age of 16, he joined the Merchant Marines.  On his 17th birthday he crossed the international date line.  He would tell his children when he stood on the bow, he was 17 and when he went to the stern, he was 16 again.  He spent 2 years on a ship during the ending of WWII.  He served his 2 years and on his way home from service, he was drafted.  Walter immediately signed up with the United States Coast Guard and served another 3 years until he met my mother, Adele Smith.  He discharged from the Coast Guard early in 1949.  He married my mother May 28, 1949.  They had three children; Thomas, Helene and Dianne.  He has left a legacy of grandchildren and great grandchildren.  He is buried at BG William Doyle Memorial Cemetery.

He was awarded a 60-year pin from American Legion and on May 22, 2022 he will be posthumously awarded the Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding service in the line of duty.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Walter’s children for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
128 Monroe Street, Swamppoodle

More about me:
William R. Haar served as a Staff Sergeant in the 1327th Service Command Unit POW Camp. He separated at Fort Dix, New Jersey on March 9, 1946. After his military service he worked for Public Service Electric & Gas for about 40 years at the Burlington Plant.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Daisy Haar Leidy for sponsoring her brother’s for sponsoring his banner.
Leonard H. Heether
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Marksmanship Badge, American Campaign Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation and Good Conduct Medal.

I lived on/in:
119 Jefferson Street

More about me:
Private Leonard H. Heether, 22 years old, was killed in action in Germany on April 16, 1945. He entered the Army in February 1943 and served in the 187th Infantry Regiment, 97th Infantry. Newspaper accounts reported that he had been at the front for four days when he lost his life. He graduated from St. Peter’s School and later worked at Howard Wills’ produce market on Route 25, now Rt. 130. His fiancée was Miss Iva Wills.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Leonard’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II – North Appennines, Po Valley, Rhineland and Central Europe

I lived on/in:
Swamppoodle

More about me:
Staff Sergeant Charlie Joo, a great RHS athlete, generous, quiet, humble man; enlisted January 25, 1940 and separated on October 7, 1945. A Radio Operator Mechanic Gunner with Squadron E, 3502nd AAF Base Unit, he flew 28 missions and logged in 289 combat hours. The aerial gunner received the EAME Ribbon with five bronze stars, Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Good Conduct Medal. Great Athlete. Generous, quiet, and humble man.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Charles’ family for sponsoring his banner.
F. George Joo
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II – Philippines Liberation Ribbon, WWII Victory Medal, Asia & Pacific Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal

I lived on/in:
Swampoodle

More about me:
Francis George Joo enlisted on July 20, 1944 and separated on July 29, 1946. Sergeant Joo assigned to the 1126 Military Police served with the 165th Field Artillery Battalion and commanded 500 Japanese Prisoners of War in Luzon one of the largest islands in the Philippines. Great RHS athlete. generous, quiet, and humble man.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank George’s family for sponsoring his banner.
John “Jack” Joo
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on/in:
Swamppoodle

More about me:
Great athlete and masonry worker.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Jack’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Robert (Bob) Knoll
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Robert Knoll enlisted on Jan 27th, 1956 and his Date discharged Jan 26th, 1959.
His Terminal Date of reserve obligation Sept 11, 1961 with an honorable discharge.

I lived on:
Bem and Polk Streets

More about me:
Robert Knoll lived on Bem Street in his youth, but lived almost 60 years on Polk Street, where he spent his last days. He was an electrician and back in the day, worked for HK Porter and would wind the clock for the Philadelphia Watch Case Company. He worked at Gunther’s Bakery and Deluca’s Bakery in his teen years. He also played banjo in the Riverside String Band, and enjoyed participating in Riverside’s parades.

Thank you, Bob Knoll, for your faithful service to the community and collecting Riverside’s history.
War/campaigns served in:
Duty station in Okinawa.

I lived on:
Cleveland Avenue

More about me:
Gavin Martinez is a 2021 graduate of RHS. During high school, he earned the position of the JROTC Battalion Commander, JROTC Color Guard Captain, JROTC Raiders Captain, RHS boys’ soccer team Captain, and Ambassador of No Place for Hate Club. In addition, Gavin was the Riverside Police Explorers Captain. Due to the COVID pandemic, he decided to enter the military directly after high school, rather than pursue college and military together. In his words, “it wasn’t going to be the normal college experience.” Entering the military has been his dream. On July 19, 2021, Gavin entered boot camp at Parris Island, SC, with the Second Battalion, Fox Company, Platoon 2081. He entered the Crucible on October 14, 2021. Completing the Crucible on October 16, 2021, he earned the title “United Stated Marine.” October 29, 2021, he graduated Third Battalion, Kilo Company, Platoon 3082, from Parris Island, SC, as Private 1st Class. November 8-December 8, 2021, Gavin completed the School of Infantry-East, Marine Combat Training (MCT) at Camp Geiger in Jacksonville, NC with the Third Battalion, Hotel Company. December 9, 2021, he reported for Temporary Duty Under Instruction (TEMINS) in Correctional Specialist training at Marine Corps Detachment (MARCOR) Training Command in Fort Leonard Wood, MO. January 07-February 25, 2022, he completed Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) and graduated with the 701st Charlie Company Military Police Battalion as a 3821 Corrections Specialist. On March 12, 2022, he arrived at his Permanent Duty Station (PDS) Marine Corps Installations Pacific Brig (MCIPAC), Camp Hanson, Okinawa, Japan. April 1, 2022, Gavin was promoted to Lance Corporal at H&S BN MCIPAC-MCB Camp Butler. April 13, 2021, he was selected as goalkeeper for the MCIPAC-MCB soccer team. May 13, 2022, he made the H&S BN MCIPAC-MCB Camp Butler Color Guard Team.
Gavin stated, “During my time on active duty, I plan on moving through the ranks as fast as possible. I’d start attending some sort of online college and get at least an associate degree. Also, I plan on making the All-Marine Soccer Team. I want to make the Marines a career, even though it will be hard to be from home. After my first four years, I’d like to be a DI at the Depo in SC and give the recruits the same experience SSGT Deer and SSGT Lambert gave to me. The following four years, I’d go on MSG Duty and guard the Embassy. If everything works out, maybe I’d even become an Officer. My goal is to go back to my high school 20-year reunion retired, as my classmates are still trying to pay off college debt.”

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Gavin’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
Korean War

I lived in:
Delanco

More about me:
Harvey as an aircraft radio operator during the Korean War 1952-1956. For many years he was the Postmaster in Riverside, Delran, and Delanco. He was a faithful and active member of Dobbins Memorial United Methodist Church in Delanco.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Harvey’s wife Georgeann for sponsoring his banner.
Edward J. McLaughlin
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War

I lived on/in:
626 Jefferson Street

More about me:
Ed McLaughlin was in the U. S. Navy for more than 20 years. He joined during World War II and served through the Korean and Vietnam War years. On July 10, 1943, during the Allied invasion of Sicily, the ship he served on, the USS Maddox, was sunk by a bomb from a German aircraft while on anti-submarine patrol. The ship sank in less than two minutes and out of 274 officers and men on board, only 64 survived. Ed loved Riverside and was active in Knights of Columbus Council #1436. He especially enjoyed playing first base for the K of C softball team.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Edward’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Jack O’Hanlan
NAVY

War/campaigns served in:
World War II

I lived on:
400 Delaware Avenue

More about me:
Jack served in WWII as well as his brothers-in-law Bud, Frank and Joe Garbe. He married Geraldine Garbe, the youngest Garbe daughter, and had seven children. All raised in Riverside!

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Jack’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
Vietnam

I lived in/on:
Delaware Avenue

More about me:
Ronnie was never one to boast about his time in the service but when he did, you could tell it filled him with pride. That glint in his eyes showed how it meant a great deal to him to serve his country in a quiet way, unassuming to most. Ronnie served in Thule, Greenland which during this time was responsible for the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) radar. Developed by the RCA Corporation, it provided North America warning of a transpolar missile attack from the Russian mainland and submarine-launched missiles from the Arctic and North Atlantic oceans.

He may not have been born a Riverside boy but he found the love of his life at a pool party on Bem Street one summer and would fill their house on the Avenues with enough love and laughter for a lifetime and beyond.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Ronald’s family for sponsoring his banner. His granddaughter, Brittany Rae, is one of the Historical Society members responsible for the creation of the Military Walk of Honor and Super Banner Wall.
War/campaigns served in:
He served with his twin George.

I lived on:
Chester Avenue-Riverside Park

More about me:
Fred served three years in the United States Army with his identical twin SP4 George A. Pfeffer. They enlisted together and served together during the entire tour. Both men were assigned to HQ DET 4th Trans BN, Flak Kaserne, Ludwigsburg, Germany.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Fred’s family for sponsoring his banner.
War/campaigns served in:
He served with his twin Fred.

I lived on:
Chester Avenue-Riverside Park

More about me:
George served three years in the United States Army with his identical twin SP4 Fred A. Pfeffer. They enlisted together and served together during the entire tour. Both men were assigned to HQ, DET 4th Trans BN, Flak Kaserne, Ludwigsburg, Germany.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank George’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Kevin Rae
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Currently serving.

I lived in/on:
Butler Street

More about me:
Kevin is currently serving in the Army. He grew up on Butler Street but his family roots go generations back in Riverside along with his family’s military service. His great-grandfather, grandfather, and two uncles are also honored along the Military Walk of Honor and Super Wall Banner.

Kevin is a born helper and leader and so it was no surprise when he joined but advanced to leadership positions in every group at Riverside High School. There he was involved in Police Explorers, marching band, and JROTC to name a few. He would become JORTC’s 2017 Battalion Commander and go on to the Virginia Military Institute after graduation. He graduated VMI with honors as a Second Lieutenant and now leads a unit at his home base. Kevin always knew he wanted to go into the service and is now living out his dreams!

*Kevin’s sponsorship is included on an individual banner along our Military Walk of Honor but included in this volume of represented servicemen and women due to the timing of reprinting.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Kevin’s family for sponsoring his banner. His sister, Brittany Rae, is one of the Historical Society members responsible for the creation of the Military Walk of Honor and Super Banner Wall.
War/campaigns served in:
World War II – Purple Heart Medal and Bronze Star Medal

I lived on:
115 Pavilion Avenue

More about me:
Private First Class Joseph F. Riccio, 20 years old, served in combat with the 291st Infantry 75th Division. A graduate of Riverside High School in 1941 and a student at LaSalle College, Joseph entered the service on June 29, 1943. Riccio went overseas in November and had seen action through-out the month-long “Battle of the Bulge” and was transferred to General Patch’s Seventh Army. He was the only son of Francesco Samuel and Assunta Susan Riccio. On February 6, 1945, he lost his life in the Colmar Pocket and is buried in the American cemetery in Epimal, France.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Joseph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
More about me:
“Dear God, help Me. Blessed Mother, give me strength.” These were the words Robert (Bobby) Tolomeo uttered on his lips in June 1962 on a camping trip with other boy scouts of Troop 88. Bobby, Senior Patrol Leader and First Aid and safety instructor of the troop, courageously responded to the cries for help from a 15-year-old Mexican boy whose raft had capsized and floundering in rough waters near Rosarito Beach, California. Bobby was 15 years old at the time and earned the title “Hero on surfboard” in the Los Angeles Times, June 26, 1962.

PFC Robert T. Tolomeo, also known as Bobby, served in the Vietnam War was an expert machine gunner. He served as a “Tunnel Rat,” clearing and destroying enemy tunnel complexes, a true “Hero”, Bobby received the Purple Heart on April 20, 1966, a United States Military Award in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving. He also received the Bronze Star Medal for valor on May 11, 1966 and earned the Vietnam Service Medal.

Thank You for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Robert’s family for sponsoring his banner.
James Verrocchio
AIR FORCE

War/campaigns served in:
World War II in South West Pacific with the 90th Heavy Bomber Group

I lived on:
309 Fillmore Street

More about me:
James served two full years in combat as a tail gunner on a B24 heavy bomber flying out of New Guinea. He was a member of the Jolly Rogers (90th Bomb Group) 319th (Asterperious) Squadron. The Jolly Rogers had the highest number of aerial kills during WWII than any other bomb group. Many books have been about the exploits of that bomb group and their symbol of a skull and crossed bones on the vertical tail fin surface of the bomber. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal among the several other medals and ribbons.

As with many other combat veterans, he never talked about his time in combat. Most of what I learned about the Jolly Rogers was from many of the books written about them. Most have only started talking about their experiences long after the war when they get together with other veterans at reunions or other veteran organizations. The only thing, that I can recall about his war time experiences, was relayed to me by my mother. She said he was on the 100th mission of a plane named the Yankee Doodle Dandy and the plane was shot down on its next mission. Research shows that this plane while on its 101st mission over Hollandia. Only two survived and they were executed by the enemy.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank James’ family for sponsoring his banner.
Victor V. Verrocchio
NAVY
& MERCHANT MARINES

War/campaigns served in:
World War II and Korean War

I lived on:
317 Fillmore Street

More about me:
Victor V. Verrocchio (Uncle Victor) was born on January 26, 1920 and died February 21, 1997. He was the sixth child out of 8 that were born to Stefano and Caroline. He attended St. Peter’s Catholic School and graduated in 1934. At Riverside High School he served as the class treasurer during his freshman year. As a teenager he always had a sense of adventure. Victor stowed away on a ship out of Philadelphia destined for England. When his father was informed Victor was made to pay for his return trip by peeling potatoes in the galley of the ship. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and was discharged in 1945. After his return home he enlisted in the Merchant Marines and returned in 1965.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Victor’s family for sponsoring his banner.
As you walk along the banners, please take time to remember those who are currently serving, have served, and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

This effort was coordinated by the Riverside Historical Society. All banners were sponsored by friends and family members of the servicemen and women.