RIVERSIDE’S INAUGURAL MILITARY WALK OF HONOR SUPER WALL BANNER
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LEGACIES AND STORIES AS SUBMITTED BY THEIR SPONSORS.

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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.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank John Horn for sponsoring his banner.
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.
Joseph Michael Burk
ARMY

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.

Thank You for your service.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank the Pattanite/Cannone families for sponsoring his banner.
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 assigned to Basic Enlisted Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut graduating in 1989.

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.
Joseph F. Garbe  
NAVY

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.
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 America! And one of Matt’s favorites: SFMF!

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.

Thank You
for your service

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Walter’s children for sponsoring his banner.
William R. Haar
ARMY

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.
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:
Swamppoodle

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.
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.
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.

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

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.

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.
SP4 Fred A. Pfeffer
ARMY

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.
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 JRTC’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.

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.
Joseph F. Riccio
ARMY

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 throughout 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 Epinal, France.

The Riverside Historical Society would like to thank Joseph’s family for sponsoring his banner.
Robert T. Tolomeo
ARMY

War/campaigns served in:
Vietnam War

I lived on:
Smith Street

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.
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.*