



**2023 Memorial Day
Remembrance**

**Saddle River Reformed Church
Worshipping at
Old Stone Church**

**VETERANS BURIED IN THE
OLD STONE CHURCH CEMETERY**

American Revolution

David DeBaun

Second New York Regiment,
Orange County, New York Militia
1756-1820

David DeBaun was born in Schraalenburg (Bergenfield) in 1759 to Abraham DeBaun and Bridget Ackerman. About 1770 the family moved to Hempstead in New York. David served as a private in the Second Regiment of Hay's Militia, Captain Garret Ackerson's Company. He married Hannah Forshay, b. 1868, d. 1836. David died in New Hempstead, NY in 1820. He was tax officer of Hempstead in 1811 and 1812; supervisor of Haverstraw 1811-1814. An enclosed plot in the Upper Saddle River Cemetery is the resting place of his entire family.

David Thomas Eckerson

Second New York Regiment,
Orange County, New York Militia
1738-1811

David Thomas Eckerson, was born in Schraalenburgh (Bergenfield) in 1738. He married Angenetye Vanderbeek and they had a sons Thomas, Paul, Jon, David and Aurie and daughters Hannah, Mary and Angenetye. He is on the Revolutionary War rolls in Rockland County. Revolutionary War veteran. Peter van Orden was an executor to his will.

Jacob Corneiliszen Eckerson

Private Second New York
Regiment, Orange County, New
York Militia 1742-1838

Jacob Corneiliszen Eckerson, was born to Cornelius Corneliszen Eckerson and Rachel Johannesen Blauvelt in 1742 in Tappan, NY, where his father Cornelius had purchased 300 acres in 1718. He married Leah Westervelt b. 1745. He died In Ramapo, Rockland County, NY in 1838. He is on the Revolutionary War rolls in 1778 as a private.

Thomas Eckerson

Private New Jersey Regiment
1745-1818

Thomas Eckerson, 1745-1818, was married to Cornelia Eckerson. They had children, Thomas Eckerson, Edward T. Eckerson, Maria Eckerson Crouter, and Jacob Eckerson. He is listed as a Private, New Jersey Regiment. He also served in the War of 1812.

Stephen Goetschius

1752-1837

Goetschius was not a soldier. He worked to raise money and supplies for the war effort and is recognized as a "Patriot" of the American Revolution.

Abram Haring

Second Regiment, Orange County,
New York Militia, 1755-1832

Abraham G. Haring was born in 1755 in Tappan, Orange, NY to Garret J. Haring and Cornelia Lent. He married Elizabeth Blauvelt.

He died in 1832 in Hempstead, Rockland, NY. He served in the Revolutionary War 1775-1783, Coopers Regiment, NY Militia.

Adolphus Shuart

New Jersey Regiment 1764-1840

Adolphus Shuart served in Hay's Regiment, New York Militia. He was born in 1764 in Paramus to William Shuart and Catriena Van Deursen. He married Aaltje Catherine Eleanor Ackerman 1772-1853. In 1800 they were living in Montgomery, Orange County, NY. He died in Franklin Twp. in 1840.

John Tallman

Sergeant, Hay's Regiment of Militia, Orange
County, New York Militia 1751-1839

John Tallman was a Sergeant in Hays Regiment of Militia, Orange County, NY Militia, Company of Captain Hogenkamp, William Sickles, and Aurie Smith, and is listed on the Revolutionary War pension records. He was born in Tappan, the son of Jan Tallman and Helena Gerritse Blauvelt. He married Margrietje Forseur (Forshay). He died in New Hempstead, NY in 1839.

John A. Terhune

Private, New Jersey Regiment 1753-1805

John A. Terhune, 1753-1805, was the son of Albert A. Terhune and Elizabeth Doremus. He inherited the stone house on the sw corner of Lake Street and West Saddle River Road, known as the Terhune-Hopper house. He married Catherine Lutkins, daughter of Harman Lutkins of Paramus. He is on the SAR list.

Civil War

Garret Ackerman

Union Army 1832-1914

Responding to his country's call, Garret Ackerman, age 30, voluntarily enlisted to serve in the Union army in the 22nd Regiment, Company D, New Jersey Infantry, a unit made up of men from Bergen County. Like many of the Bergen County men that made up the Twenty-second Regiment, Garret Ackerman was a farmer. He lived just south of Sawmill Road in Saddle River, on the left side, with his wife Rachel Terhune and children. His house is still there. On September 22, 1862, Ackerman was mustered into the Twenty-second Regiment of the New Jersey Infantry, Company D for nine months of duty. The most important engagement of the Regiment occurred on May 2nd and 3rd, 1863, when it joined the Army of the Potomac and fought in the Battle of Chancellorsville. One officer and 40 enlisted men died during service from disease. The Regiment was mustered out at Trenton, June 25, 1863, after nine months of service.

Garret's wife, Rachel, who grew up on West Saddle River Road just south of Lake Street. They wrote letters to each other, exchanging news and advice and hopes for the future. She wrote about the farm, the Old Stone Church and the Rev. Manley and news of people at home along with her concern for him. Garret wrote to her about camp life and what he would like her to send him and gave her advice on planting and farm matters.

John Marks	Co. F 10 th New Jersey Infantry Regiment, Union Army 1888
David May	Private, Co. H 169 th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Union Army 1846-1915
George Ritzhaupt	Co. B 74 th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Excelsior Brigade, Union Army 1827-1897
Philip Lee Wilson	5 th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment (aka Duryee's Zouaves led by Colonel Abram Duryee), Union Army and Veteran Reserve Corps 1840-1905

Philip Lee Wilson was a successful lawyer, born in 1840 in the Bronx. His grandfather, Richard Riker, was the first District Attorney of New York. His great-grandfather, Peter Wilson (1746-1825), was a friend of The Rev. John Henry Goetschius, the noted evangelical leader during the religious turmoil just before the Revolutionary War. Two of John Henry's sons, Stephen [The Rev. Stephen J. Goetschius] and Peter, attended Peter Wilson's Academy in Hackensack, NJ. Peter Wilson was a well-known scholar, served on the Patriot side during the Revolution, and became a NJ Assemblyman, and a classical teacher and interim president of Kings College (Columbia University).

Like his ancestors, Philip was well educated and received his law degree from Columbia in 1860. He enlisted in the Civil War and served with Abram Duryee's Fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, known as Duryee's Zouaves, one of the first units to arrive in 1861 at Fort Monroe in Virginia after the fall of Fort Sumter. Duryee's Zouaves was one of the most famous of the Civil War units, mostly for their colorful and flamboyant uniforms, which featured baggy red calico pants and white turbans under which they wore a red fez, captured in a painting by Winslow Homer that is shown on the back. He was wounded, and ended the war as a 2nd Lieutenant and served in the Veteran Reserve Corps.

Like many New Yorkers at the turn of the 20th Century, Philip built a summer home in Bergen County. It was on East Saddle River Road on the east side, just before Locust Lane. Philip Lee Wilson died in 1905 and was buried with his son and brother-in-law in the Old Stone Church Cemetery along with his wife, a son, and a brother-in-law.

The Philip Wilson house built about 1900. Claire K. Tholl wrote in the Bergen County Historic Sites Survey that the Philip P. Wilson house has a place in Upper Saddle River's developmental history as it represents the type of large country house built by city dwellers in the Saddle River Valley at the turn of the century and is the only one remaining in Upper Saddle River.

World War I

Joseph L. Bradley	Army
William Buschen	Army
Douglas M. Day	Seaman Navy 1897-1965
Frank A. Halloran	Army Lester and Edith Halloran and three daughters lived on Sparrowbush Road on the right just before the bridge. Frank Halloran was Lester's brother. He owned a car agency in Hackensack. He did not live in Upper Saddle River.
Howard R. Hunt	Navy
Lexow Kennedy	Private 5th Regiment Marine Corps 2nd Division 1896-1950
William R. Kennedy	Commander Naval Reserve Force North Carolina 1857-1933
Henry Kies	Electrician's Mate Petty Officer 1st Class Naval Reserve Force 1891-1951
Alpheus G. Lake	Private First Class, Office of Chief Purchasing Officer Ordnance Detachment, Army 1891-1918
Alfred C. McIlroy	Private Army 1898-1972
Fred Muller	Captain Naval Reserve Force WW I & II 1891-1956
Arthur Raymond Reynolds	Sergeant First Class 63rd Company 153rd Depot Brigade Army 1888-1953 The Great War for Civilization; New Jersey Service; New Jersey Victory; Citizens of Harrison, New Jersey for Patriotic Service

When Arthur Raymond Reynolds was born on October 2, 1888, in Newark (Harrison), New Jersey, his father, Joel Sherwood Reynolds, was 35 and his mother, Elizabeth (Low) Reynolds, was 29. He had six brothers and one sister. He died on February 4, 1953, in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, at the age of 64. From his birth, until sometime between the New Jersey 1915 census and the 1920 Federal Census, 712 North 5th Street, Harrison, New Jersey was his home. By the 1920 Federal census the family had moved to Hillside Ave in Upper Saddle River New Jersey. Arthur enlisted in the Army March 15, 1918 and served until February 10, 1919. During his World War I service, he was stationed with the Army 63rd, Co. 16 Battalion, Depot Brigade. From information passed down, he was stationed in Florida, involved in the production of airplane propellers for the war effort. Arthur was awarded 4 medals for his service: The Great War For Civilization; New Jersey Service; New Jersey Victory; Citizens of Harrison, New Jersey For Patriotic Service. He remained single though out his life. From census information in his civilian life, he was working as a carpenter. He served as best man at the wedding of his niece Margaret Edith Reynolds in 1944. The Robert D. Reynolds

elementary school, in Upper Saddle River, is named for his youngest brother.

World War II

John R. Adams Private First Class Army 1924-1979

Charles J. Backman Master Sergeant Army Signal Corps
1909-1981

Charles J. Backman was born in Paterson, the son of Joseph Backman and his wife Jennie. He was raised in Saddle River.

Charles was an Army veteran of World War II, reaching the rank of Master Sergeant. He served in the Pacific Theater, and was the recipient of the Bronze Star, representing heroism, outstanding achievement, and meritorious service.

Charles married the former Muriel Hopper in 1931. They resided in Upper Saddle River and later were longtime residents of Ramsey. In his early life, Charles delivered milk for a local dairy. He later worked for Leonard King TV Repair.

John L. Beglin Storekeeper 3rd Class Petty Officer Navy
1926-1974

Paul Bergquist Lieutenant Navy 1919-2016 Bronze Star

Born on October 8th 1919 in Spokane, Washington. In 1942 he received a degree in electrical engineering from Washington State University. At that time the Navy commissioned him an ensign. After some time of study at Harvard and MIT, he became a radar officer stationed on the aircraft carrier, the Intrepid. In the South Pacific the ship was hit by two Japanese kamikaze planes minutes apart causing great damage. While stationed on the Intrepid, Paul earned a Bronze Star. He was offered a commission in the regular Navy, but after the war he elected to enter business and became a consultant in the new television industry in Washington, D.C., where he met and married Mary, a Congressional employee from Oklahoma. For eighteen years he worked for RCA (Radio Corporation of America) concluding his employment as engineering manager for development of a portable photo journalism camera. He then accepted the position of President of North American Philips. After retirement at 65 Paul enjoyed 31 happy years of retirement in Upper Saddle River with his wife Mary. Their three children Beth, Bruce, and Barry were fortunate to grow up in this pleasant small town.

Harvey S. Bower Captain Army Air Forces 1919-2008

Beloved husband of Gladys McGuire Bower. Devoted father of two children and five step children. He was predeceased by his first wife LouJane (nee Carmain). Mr. Bower graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1940. He worked 40 years at General Foods as an industrial engineer. A WWII Army Air Corps. Veteran, he was Captain of the 332nd Bomber Squadron from 1942-45 in Great Britain during the air offensive in Europe. He received the European

-African-Middle Eastern ribbon with six battle stars and the presidential citation with one oak leaf cluster.

Richard A. Brunn

Corporal Army 1919-2017 Purple Heart

Born on September 9, 1919 in New York City, Richard grew up in Manhattan and attended Allen Stephenson School in Manhattan, Trinity Pauling School in Pauling, NY, Augusta Military Academy in Virginia and Washington and Lee University in Virginia. He served honorably in the US Army, was wounded and received The Purple Heart along with other combat medals in the WWII battle of The North Apennines in Italy. He was a fourth generation member of the New York Athletic Club and served as Treasurer and founded the club Endowment Fund. His great Love was playing Snooker and helped cofound the International Snooker League which conducted tournaments all over the world. In retirement he travelled extensively around the world on the Queen Elizabeth 2 with his wife.

Louis J. Cavallero

Private First Class 3rd Battalion
381st Infantry Regiment, Army
1923-2020

Mr. Cavallero was a Radio Operator. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. Louis was a native New Yorker and he was fluent in Italian. After serving in the Army in WWII, Lou had a career as a tile setter until he retired and moved to Florida.

Charles Robert "Bud" Cheney Private First Class, Army
1936-2018

Raised in Harrington Park, NJ by Charles and Florence Cheney (nee Schaefer). Devoted husband to Catherine (nee Turcic) who together raised their 5 children in Upper Saddle River, NJ. Bud attended Dumont High School where he was Captain of the football team, All County Honorable Mention; 2nd Team All County, 1st Team All B.C.S.L. as a halfback. After graduating Dumont High School Bud served in the US Army as Private First Class and was stationed in Hawaii for two years, following that he attended Fairleigh Dickinson University. Bud enjoyed and excelled at a variety of careers including construction, truck driving, and eventually finding his true passion in picture framing and sign carving. His hand carved and gilded signs can be seen all over Bergen County including the Upper Saddle River police department, ambulance corps, library and the Hopper Goetschius Museum to name just a few. Bud not only enjoyed watching his grandchildren at their various sporting events he also enjoyed playing hockey into his late 70's.

Lloyd Bardwell Copeland

Colonel U.S. Army Reserve 1917-2001

U.S. Army veteran and an analytical chemist for 22 years with Avon Products, Inc. in Suffern.

Joseph C. Delise Private First Class Army 1925-1981
George R. Dowson Army 1923-1971
Arthur E. Fentiman Army 1914-1979
James E. Filer Staff Sergeant Army 1923-1996
Gustave Oscar Frey Staff Sergeant Army 1914-2006
John Hamilton Funke Captain Army 1920-2001
David Lloyd Gates Army 1927-2006

Of Airmont, NY, beloved husband of Frieda Simone Gates. Loving father of 3 children. David was a US Army Veteran serving in WWII. He was a College Professor Emeritus at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. David was the author of four college text books.

J. Dalton Goetschius 2nd Lieutenant 34 Army Air Forces Bomb Group 1922-1944

The Rev. Stephen Goetschius' older brother, John Mauritius, who lived in what is now Bergenfield, demonstrated his commitment to the new nation by joining the New Jersey militia early in 1775 and being appointed the rank of Major. John Mauretius Goetschius' defense of Bergen County and the surrounding area is recounted by Adrian Leiby and Professor William Marina, who describe John's skill as a guerilla tactician and leader of men as unsurpassed. He corresponded with General Washington's headquarters to coordinate actions between the Continental Army and the militia. He worked with other military and militia leaders to keep the soldiers fed and supplied. He and his men defended Dobbs Ferry above New York City when Washington moved his army north and west. And in May 1781, Goetschius and the militia drove Loyalist forces out of old Fort Lee on the western banks of the Hudson River at what is now the New Jersey side of the George Washington Bridge.

More than a century later, John's second great-grandson, Dalton McPherson Goetschius and his wife, Jessie Barkley, had nine children, including six sons. He too lived in the Bergenfield area. All six of the boys served in the U.S. military during World War Two. Two joined the Navy, two joined the Army, and two served in the newly formed Army Air Forces. On October 19, 1944, 2LT J. Dalton, the second youngest of the brothers, was flying with the 391st Bomb Squadron on his 32nd mission of the war. Months earlier, that unit had helped prepare for the invasion of Normandy by bombing airfields in France and Germany and then, supported the landing on June 6th by attacking coastal defenses and communications facilities.

On the day of his 32nd mission, J. Dalton and nine other men were flying in a bomber formation over Mannheim, Germany when their plane received a direct hit from flak in their #2 engine and the wing tank on the left side of the aircraft, starting a fire. The plane peeled left from the formation and appeared to remain under control until it fell below the clouds 2,000 feet below the other bombers. One man bailed out, but his parachute was not seen to open before he

entered the clouds. The crew was initially declared missing in action, but later it was determined that one man was captured and held as a prisoner of war while the other nine men were killed, including J. Dalton. He had just turned 22 years old less than two weeks before.

Richard Z. Goetschius Radioman Petty Officer 2nd Class Navy 1925-1987

Robert B. Goetschius Private First Class Battery A70 Field Artillery Battalion Army 1913-1957

Leon Goldstein Aviation Radioman 2nd Class Navy 1924-1992

He was a resident of Upper Saddle River for approximately thirty years. Leon enlisted in the US Navy soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor and served for over four years until the end of the war. He served in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean theaters of operations. Among other notable actions, Leon's ship was involved in the invasion at Anzio in January 1944. The assignment was to provide armed coverage for the landing of troops, and off-loading of material and munitions from 21 ships, while under heavy fire. Leon received US Navy commendations for his actions, remaining at his station under heavy enemy bombardment.

Following the surrender of Germany, he was assigned to a new cruiser, the USS Huntington, preparing to depart for action in the Pacific—which was precluded by the surrender of Japan. When Leon was ready for discharge, his commanding officer recommended him for training as a naval aviator. He chose to return to civilian life to be with his growing family. He and his wife Ethel had four children.

George Greene, Jr. Corporal Army Air Forces 1908-2001
Roy Hagan Army 1927-2014

Born in 1927 in Brooklyn to Ellen and Arvid Hagen, Roy's first language was Norwegian. At the age of 18, Roy joined the Army and was stationed in Germany shortly after Germany surrendered. Roy was called upon when the US Army needed someone who spoke Norwegian. Norwegian ships were bringing food into Germany after the war, but with passions still running high over Germany's invasion of Norway, some Norwegian sailors would disembark at night and beat or kill Germans. Roy's job was to go on board the Norwegian vessels; befriend and talk up the German sailors; and then report which Norwegian sailors needed to remain on board. Roy helped to maintain peace in a place where the war had just ended. After leaving the service, Roy returned to the US where he met and married Rita Mazzochi. In 1955, Roy entered the State Department and he and his family were posted to Italy for two years. In 1959, he and his family moved to Upper Saddle River. Roy became a developer and for many years built custom homes throughout the area. He eventually became the building inspector for several towns in Bergen County. Roy was a long-time member

of the Lion's Club and also served on the school board. He served in several ministries of the Presentation Catholic Church. He and his wife raised four children.

Andrew Lloyd Hopper Sergeant Army Air Forces 1923-1974

Andrew Lloyd Hopper (Lloyd) was born and raised in Upper Saddle River and was the son of John J. and his wife, Kathryn. The Hopper family were one of the original families to settle in the area and were all life time members of the Old Stone Church.

Lloyd was an Army veteran, serving his country during World War II. His contribution to the war effort involved being part of the team that repaired and refurbished the planes and other essential war time equipment. Lloyd spent his time on several different bases throughout the US and while stationed at Douglas Air Force Base in North Carolina, he met the love of his life! Anne worked there on the base, contributing to the war effort. They married and moved to Upper Saddle River in 1946 to live near his family and raise their children.

Lloyd and his brother, John (Bud) founded Hopper Brothers Builders, their life's work, becoming master builders in the process. Lloyd was a dedicated member of the Upper Saddle River Volunteer Fire Department, serving over the years in a variety of capacities including Chief, President of the Department's Relief Association and Chairman of its Building and Grounds Commission. He held the last two offices at the time of his unfortunate death in 1974.

John W. Hopper, Sr. Corporal Army Air Forces 1921-2015

John W. Hopper was born in Upper Saddle River to John Jacob Hopper and Kathryn Beutel. He was descended from John A. Hopper, the original settler in Upper Saddle River, who lived in the sandstone house now known as the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum. John's father, John Jacob Hopper, was born in the Nicausie Hopper stone house on Hopper Farm Road.

John was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theatre. He received a Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

On returning home, John and his brother Lloyd founded Hopper Bros. Builders. Following Lloyd's death, John retired from building and worked for the Borough of Upper Saddle River, serving as Construction Official, Building Subcode Official, Fire Subcode Official, Zoning Enforcement Official, and Director of Public Works. He was an Ex-Chief of the USR Fire Department, and Exempt Fireman, a member of the American Legion, and a lifetime member of the Saddle River Reformed Church. He also served as a volunteer advisor to the USR Historical Society, sharing his knowledge of construction and local history as the Society worked on the restoration of the museum's buildings.

John was married to Doris Fischer for 61 years, living in Upper Saddle River and then retiring to Beachwood, NJ. As a widower, he

lived in Ramsey, NJ and Goshen, NY. John and Doris had two sons, Alan C. and John W. Jr.

Reginald L. Hopper

Technical Sergeant 346 Harbor
Craft Company Army
Transportation Corps
1911-1961

Reginald L. Hopper was born in Spring Valley, NY and was raised in Upper Saddle River. He was the son of John J. Hopper and his wife, Kathryn. Reginald was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater, reaching the rank of Tech Sergeant. He served his country in the South Pacific directing the sailing, docking, loading and unloading of a small boat. In recognition of his service, he was awarded three battle stars.

After the war, Reginald pursued a career with the Dundee Mills Corporation, New York City, where he served as Sales Manager. He married the former Valerie Olsen in 1939, and they were longtime residents of Brooklyn, NY.

Cornelia Bertha "Connie" Hubach Sergeant Marine Corps
1918-2016

A proud Marine, she served from 1943 to 1946. She was born in the town of Ramapo, NY, grew up and married in Monsey, NY. One of her first jobs was a real estate agent. In her 20s she bought a county-wide newspaper delivery business. She worked for Lederle Laboratories in the pre-computer age payroll department. Her retirement in 1980 opened the door to years of international travel. In 1981 she moved from New York to Riverside, to be near her brother Ed. She finally settled in Rossmoor in 1997. Her time in Northern California was shared with her only child, Frank. Always ready for an adventure, she sailed in Mexico and learned to snorkel at age 80! She was a member of Agnostic Club and active in the Women Marines Association.

John G. Hummer

Army

Howard Arthur Hunt

Seaman First Class Navy
1927-2008

Clifford E. Johnsen

Staff Sergeant Army
1927-2005

A life long resident of Mahwah. Beloved husband of Carol (nee Hunt) Johnsen. Loving father of four. Clifford served as a Staff Sergeant for the US Army during WW II and was a supervisor for John O'Hara Company in East Orange, NJ for 35 years.

Joseph Edward Johnson

Second Lieutenant Army
Medical Corps 1923-2014

Joseph Edward (Joe/Bud) Johnson of Green Pond, NJ., wife of 70 years, Janet Ronaldson Johnson and father of three. Joe worked in the insurance industry 58 years and rose to become Sr. Vice President of Frank B. Hall, president of the National Association of Insurance Brokers, and chairman of the New York State Insurance

Federation. In 1963, Joe was initiated into the Thomson Lodge No. 340 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Paoli, PA.

Craig Kennedy

Navy Officer 1918-2010

Joseph Kish

Private First Class 9202 Technical Services Unit Army 1904-1952

Esko John Koskinen

Private First Class Army Artillery Unit Cannoneer 1924-2015

Esko J. Koskinen* was a First Class Private in the 28th Infantry, 112th Infantry Regimental Combat Team, 229 Field Artillery Battalion as a cannoneer (Howitzer cannon). His regiment fought in the Ardennes Offensive, also known as The Battle of the Bulge. When the war was over and Esko was back in the United States, he received a Citation of Battle Honors from the War Department of the United States Chief of Staff Dwight D. Eisenhower. This citation details what it was like fighting at the front line:

For extraordinary heroism, efficiency, and achievement in action against the enemy during the Battle of the Ardennes.....On December 16, 1944, the 112th Infantry Regimental Combat Team..... was holding six and one half miles of the front line sector assigned to the 28th Infantry Division. During the period 16 to 18 December, 1944, despite repeated enemy infantry and tank attacks involving the elements of nine enemy divisions, the 112th Infantry Regimental Combat Team held its ground..... All elements of the 112th Infantry Regimental Combat Team were involved in this action. The 229th Field Artillery Battalion was engaged in direct fire on the enemy at a range of 150 yards. The Cannon Company of the 112th Infantry Regiment and Company C, 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion, by direct fire, succeeded in disabling 18 enemy tanks..... On the night of 17-18 December 1944 under orders from higher headquarters, the 112th Infantry Regimental Combat Team was withdrawn to the high ground west of the Our River. This withdrawal was accomplished successfully in spite of strong enemy infiltrations throughout the entire sector. From 18-23 December 1944, the 112th Infantry Regimental Combat Team was continually engaged in rear guard action covering the withdrawal of the right flank of the First American Army. On the night of 23-24 December 1944 the action of the 112th Regimental Combat Team was especially notable. Being ordered by higher headquarters to act as a covering force for units withdrawing to American lines it held its position under furious enemy infantry and tank attacks until the Regimental Headquarters and 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry were surrounded. The 1st Battalion then fought its way clear to friendly lines bringing with it a number of vehicles and personnel of other units. The gallantry under extremely hazardous and physically trying condition, the stubborn defense of the sectors assigned them, and heroic conduct of all personnel of the 112th Infantry Regimental

Combat Team, in 9 days of continuous fighting, exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.' Along with the Battle Honors citation, Esko received the Army Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy occurring on or after December 7, 1941. He was subsequently awarded The Silver Star Medal, the United States' third-highest award exclusively for combat valor. Esko J. Koskinen, born in Rauma, Finland, immigrated to America in 1924. He was drafted into the service right after graduating from Teaneck High School in 1942. He was not yet a citizen at the time of entering the service. He, along with several hundred others, were sworn in as citizens on a field in England just before the invasion on D-Day.



Esko Koskinen is second from left

William Kozakewich

Ensign Navy 1923-1992

Arthur D. Kruithof

Army Infantry 1921-2005 Bronze Star and Purple Heart

Elbert L. Magnone

Marine Corps

Benjamin G. McCabe

Army

Raymond L. Messenger

Corporal Army Air Forces 1923-1996

James Joseph Murphy

Navy 1927-1992

Jack E. Peters

Navy

Eric W. Rasmussen

Staff Sergeant Army 1909-1986

Paul O. Rasmussen

Seaman First Class Navy 1906-1958

Richard Rasmussen

CM2 Navy 1924-1958

Milton S. Rehain

CM1 Naval Reserve 1917-1966

John F. Rooney

Private Army 1925-1972

John Henry (Jack) Schweizer

Lieutenant Junior Grade Navy 1923-2013

Jack was the son of Capt. William E Schweizer and Beatrice (Rand) Schweizer and grew up in Bergenfield, NJ, where he and his future wife Bernice Goodeve went to grade school together. Jack's family was transferred to Two Harbors, Minn. and graduated from High

School in 1941. He was accepted as a cadet and started officer training in New Orleans as a USMM cadet January 1, 1942. He sailed the North Atlantic in early 1942 in the convoys going to Russia with supplies on the SS City of Omaha. Upon graduation from USMMA at Kings Point NY 1943, he was commissioned an Ensign in the US Navy and sailed on the USS Housatonic in the Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea and in 1944/5 with the Pacific Fleet receiving (4) battle stars for Leyte, Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa (2) Japan, Yellow Sea. Returning to San Francisco in December of 1945 LT. JG Schweizer and Bernice were married. He completed credits for his Engineering Degree at Newark College of Engineering, at night in 1950 and received his degree from the USMMA in 1950. Before retiring to Punta Gorda Isles FL they lived in Upper Saddle River NJ and summered at Lake Wallenpaupack PA with their sons. He and Bernice led a full life with travel to all parts of the globe covering five continents and every state in the US and all but one province of Canada. They were members of the Punta Boat Club and the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club for many years and enjoyed sailing the wonderful waters around Florida. Jack was a member of the Saddle River Reformed Church in Upper Saddle River, NJ and a former member of their Consistory.

Wilber Granville Sherwood Technician 4th Grade Army 1916-1996

Gilbert Henry Simpson Army Air Forces 2012

Gilbert H Simpson, was a fighter pilot in the 318th Fighter Squadron 325 Fight Group, in the Mediterranean Theater of the Army Air Corps. He flew the legendary P-51 Mustang. The 318 Fighter Squadron was nicknamed "The Checkertail Clan" due to their Mustangs' yellow and black checkered tail.

Gil Simpson completed 500 flying hours and completed 60 hours of flying in the European Theater of operations. He was awarded the European Theatre Ribbon with 2 battle stars; the American Theatre Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. He also received a letter of gratitude from President Harry Truman, recognizing that he undertook the most severe task one can be called upon to perform. As stated in President Trumans' letter, Mr. Simpson demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgement necessary to carry out the task in helping to defeat the enemy.

Kenneth McKay Simpson Corporal Army 1918-1977

Paul G. Skidmore Private Army 1923-1985

Raymond Snyder Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Petty Officer Navy 1925-1950

Raymond Snyder was one of 44 men from Upper Saddle River who joined the Armed Forces during World War II. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Gunners Mate, third class and was honorably discharged on October 3, 1945.

Born on Upper Saddle River Road in 1925, Raymond was the youngest child of Adrian Snyder Sr. (B 1885 - D 1947) and Jessie Bell Snyder (B 1889 - D 1953). After being discharged from the

Navy, he lived with his sister in Montvale, NJ where he died in 1950 at age 24.

Joseph S. Strangio

Marine Corps 1928-2021

Joe was born November 28, 1928, in Jersey City, New Jersey to Helen and Andrew Strangio. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1950 and proudly served his country during the Korean War. He received his degree in Industrial Engineering from Fairleigh Dickinson University after he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps and while he was working for the Continental Can Company. His work career spanned from 1947 to 1998 and took him all over the world. He retired three times, Continental Group, 4M Manufacturing and finally from the Nestle Group. He was truly a self-made man. He married his high school sweetheart Carmela Bucci in July of 1952 and they raised two children.

John P. Tackaberry

Aviation Ordnance man Third Class Petty Officer Navy 1925-1996

Edward W. Tholl

Private First Class 501 Training GP Army Air Forces 1921-1967

Frank A Thoms

Navy 1928-2008

Frank served in the U.S. Navy during the WWII on the USS Cadmus. He was the owner of the River Vale Dry Cleaners, the first dry cleaners in River Vale. He was a charter member of the River Vale Ambulance Corps, a member of the River Vale Lions Club and the Westwood Elks. He was also a lifelong parishioner of River Vale Community Evangelical Free Church. His wife is Ella K. Thoms of Park Ridge, NJ and they have four daughters.

Howard "Howie" M. Tiedemann Navy World War II & Korean War 2021

Howard enlisted in the United States Navy for World War II in 1942 and was assigned to the U.S.S. Donnell, a Destroyer Escort for convoy duty in the North Atlantic. The ship in route to the Normandy Invasion got torpedoed on May 3, 1944, losing 30 men and injuring 29. The ship then floated adrift at sea, open to enemy attack for three days. After World War II, Howie continued to serve in his community, and joined the Cresskill Volunteer Fire Department in 1949. In August of 1950, he was recalled to active duty by the United States Navy for the Korean War, which he accepted on the U.S.S. Shannon. Howie received ribbons for the many campaigns he fought in and also received the Distinguished Service Medal from the State of New Jersey for serving his country for more than eight years. In 1951, he returned to Cresskill. Howard married Virginia M. Bruntz, whose family roots in Cresskill go back to 1917. Howard and Virginia raised two children and have two grandchildren. Howie has always been committed to serving his country through his military service and in his community. He was a member of the Cresskill Volunteer Fire Department for over 70 years; a Life Member of the NY/NJ Fire Assoc.; member of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Tin Can Sailors Association, and the Destroyer Escort Association. In 1999, the Bergen County Executive, William Pat Schumer, declared April 24th to be Howard "HOWIE" Tiedemann Day in Bergen County, NJ.

Donald P. Trueman

PHM3 Navy 1926-2001

Korean War

Kenneth W. Conklin

Marine Corps 1934-2022

Kenneth W. Conklin born in 1934 was a Veteran and a direct descendant of the founding members of this Church.

Ken had a passion for history and with great respect for it he would pass on as much information to others as possible.

He personally cared for the grounds of the cemetery. Ken would also be sure that every Veteran had an American Flag by their headstone for Memorial Day, not just his ancestors, who are buried here going back to the American Revolution War, but every Veteran.

Ken enlisted in the United States Marines Corps in 1953 during the Korean War Conflict. Ken completed recruit training at Parris Island, then went on to the Motor Transport Division, "Motor T"

He was stationed at various locations including Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and Okinawa, Japan.

He was also a talented snare drummer, and the last 8 months of his service, he was asked to join the Marine Corps Band, FMF PAC, short for "Fleet Marine Force Pacific Drum & Bugle Corps." This was a great honor. They were performing ambassadors and played anywhere from Alaska to Japan.

Honorably discharged, Ken received the "Good Conduct Service medal" and the "Defensive Service Medal." His service did not end there, he would spend the remaining years of his life as a very active member of The Marine Corps League. He worked with Veterans, helping them get to medical appts. etc. He worked endlessly on the TOYS for TOTS program, donated his time to numerous ceremonies and events honoring Veterans and helping to raise money for their care and marching in Memorial day parades. Ken was also a member of the American Legion and the S.A.R. "Sons of the American Revolution." He gave his all and believed in doing what was right for his family and country, those two and his faith were the foundation of the life he led.

Arthur Bradley Eckerson

Army 1929-1976

Charles R. Eckerson

Sergeant Marine Corps 1930-2011

After serving his country proudly with the Marine Corp in the Korean War, Charles worked as a foremen for 34 years with the Spring Valley Water company. His passed accommodations as a commandant of the Rockland detachment of the Marine Corp league, was a testament to his life time devotion to The Corp. Spending much of his life on his homestead in Monsey, NY, Charles and his wife retired in 1986 to Grahamsville, NY. A loving

husband and father to devoted wife Dorothy of Grahamsville for 58 years and three daughters. Charles is laid to rest next to his youngest daughter Elizabeth who passed in 2008.

Everett A. "Ev" Geiger

Sergeant Army 1936-2019

Ev was confirmed in the Pascack Reformed Church, graduated from Park Ridge High School then served in the Army as a Sergeant as a short wave radio operator in communications stationed in Bad Kreuznach, Germany during the Korean War from 1954 to 1957. He then married Loraine V. Otis. They lived in Upper Saddle River and raised one child, Susan. He was a sales engineer for Saddle Brook Controls until his retirement. Ev was a charter member of the Chestnut Ridge Amateur Radio Club, Ham operator K2GPL.

Charles P. Hendricks, Jr.

Corporal Army 1931-2007

Jack Douglas Levin

First Lieutenant Army 1930-2020

He was born on July 17, 1930 to the late Jack and Betty Levin of Ramsey, NJ. Jack spent his entire life in the Upper Saddle River area, graduating from Ramsey High School where he ran competitively and held several state records for many years. He then attended Seton Hall University and continued his competitive running. He graduated from Seton Hall University and then served our country as a Lieutenant in the US Army. Later in life he was known as a builder of premier homes in Upper Saddle River, Saddle River and surrounding areas, and served as a member of the National Association of Home Builders. He enjoyed being an active member of Bergen Highlands Rotary (Ramsey) for many years.

Richard "Dick" Foss McClurg

First Lieutenant Army 1930-2016

Dick was born in New Castle, PA to the late Virginia & Wendal McClurg on September 21, 1930. He spent his early years in western Pennsylvania attending New Castle High School, going on to receive his undergraduate degree in English from Washington and Jefferson College in 1952. He participated in the ROTC program and was Editor of W&J's student newspaper The Red & Black. After graduating, he entered the Army where he served as First Lieutenant in Korea. Dick went on to the University of Michigan Law School on the GI Bill where he met the love of his life, Joyce Schlicht of Manchester, MI. After graduating U of M School of law in 1957, Joyce and Dick were married and he joined Union Carbide as a management development trainee. His 28 year career with Union Carbide included assignments in Brussels, Geneva, New York and Danbury CT. He finished his career as Director of Human Resources for Africa and the Middle East. Active into retirement, Dick continued a Human Resources consulting business. He always enjoyed being an adviser in Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management's Entrepreneurship and Enterprise course, where he was a published author in international management. Dick was also an

avid athlete who loved body surfing at the beach; playing tennis, paddle tennis and golf with friends and family. He was surviving by his loving wife of 59 years Joyce McClurg of Montvale, NJ and their two children.

Alan Dewey Murray, Jr. Sergeant Army 1929-2016 Bronze Star and Presidential Citation

Born September 11, 1929, in Schenectady, NY to Alan D. Murray, Sr. and Dorothy Bradt Murray. He graduated from Mont Pleasant High School, in Schenectady. Alan graduated in 1952 from Syracuse University, majoring in advertising design at the Fine Arts College. Following after graduation from Syracuse, he joined the US Army, where he served (2nd Div. 9th Regt.) during the Korean War, earning a Combat Infantry Badge and Bronze Star. In 1954 Alan and his college sweetheart, Marilyn E. Fox, were married and settled in Yonkers, NY. In 1961 his daughter Dorian Lee was born and the family moved to Chestnut Ridge, NY. Alan served as Art Director for The Continental Can Co in NY and Federal Paperboard Co in Montvale, NJ. He retired in 1992. Alan is a member of SAR. He was predeceased by his daughter and wife of 58 years in 2012. The family was actively involved as members of the Saddle River Reformed Church serving the Church and community.

Henry Nemeroff Marine Corps 1952-1986

Ronald H. Nickel Corporal Marine Corps 1935-2015

He was born on May 19, 1935 in Schenectady, NY the son of the late Carl and Bessie Nickel. Ron lived in Midland Park, NJ from 1945 to 2011 after which he and Ruth, his wife of 55 years, relocated to Myrtle Beach, SC. Ron served in the United States Marine Corps. He was retired from The James Amann Sporting Goods Company after 35 years of service. Ron also was the Founder and Dictator of the Scale Modeling Enthusiasts which was founded in 1987. He is survived by his wife, Ruth A. Nickel, Myrtle Beach and their two children. Ron always loved his many pets over the years.

Henry A. Thoms Navy

Alan Tischbein Specialist 3 Army Security Agency
1933-1999

C. Thomas Traficante Airman Second Class Air Force 1931-1980

John Walter Yates First Lieutenant Air Force 79th Fighter
Bomber Squad National Defense Service
Medal 1930-2015

Beloved husband of Shirley and father of three daughters. Jack was a 2nd Lt. in the US Air Force and served in the Korean War. He was past commodore of the Nyack Boat Club and officer of the Upper Saddle River Lions Club.

Vietnam War

Dr. Robert A Hands, Jr.

Major Army 1942-2022

Dr. Robert A. Hands, Jr. was born February 2, 1942, and was the only child of Robert Adrian Hands Sr. and Caroline Jean White. He lived in Rutherford, NJ until 6th grade when he moved to Upper Saddle River, NJ where he remained for most of his life. He graduated from Ramsey High School as Student Body President in 1960. He received his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth University and then graduated from Cornell University Medical School. During medical school, he met and married his wife, Lorraine who was attending Cornell Nursing School. He did his internship and residency at Columbia Presbyterian Babies Hospital where he was Chief Resident. Immediately upon finishing his residency, he was drafted into the army as a pediatrician during the Vietnam War stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. He was honorably discharged in 1974 as a Major in the Army. In 1974, he moved back to his hometown of Upper Saddle River, to open his pediatric practice where he remained practicing until his death. Dr. Hands dedicated his life to caring for his patients and raising his three children. Dr. Hands was committed to the Upper Saddle River Community as a coach of girls' recreation sports, a long serving member of the Northern Highlands High School Board of Education and a school doctor for the Upper Saddle River school system.

Norman T. Hanney, Jr.

Staff Sergeant Air Force
1946-1992

Mr. Hanney was not a member of the Saddle River Reformed Church, but asked to be buried here because he used to drive past the cemetery every day to his work. He wanted to be laid to rest at this location because of its beauty and peaceful setting.

Robert H. Krimmert

Airman Navy 1945-2018

He was born in Jersey City and raised in Upper Saddle River. He graduated from Mahwah High School and attended Fairleigh Dickenson University for several years. He was a proud Navy Veteran and served honorably from December 1963 - December 1966. He was survived by his beloved wife Lynn Tackaberry-Krimmert; one daughter and son.

James "Jimmy" Douglas Platt Private Army 1950-2019

He was the beloved son of the late Calvin and Mabel (Heitman) Platt. Jimmy grew up in Monsey, NY and was a 1968 graduate of Spring Valley High School. He was an outstanding athlete and played second base for the Spring Valley Kiwanis Baseball team, winning the 1964 NY State Championship. Jimmy attended Rockland County Community College where he was a member of the Varsity Wrestling Team. In 1970 at the age of 19, Jimmy enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fork Polk, LA where he suffered a severe head injury during infantry training in preparation for service in Vietnam. As a result, he received an honorable discharge and became a Disabled American Veteran. As

a young man, Jimmy was a professional drummer in a rock band, was training to be a jockey in Lexington, Kentucky, and worked with race horses at the Aqueduct Raceway in New York.

Leonard C. Post II Navy 1945-2010

Leonard was a resident of Blauvelt, New York.

Walter Dean Schweizer Corporal Marine Corps 1954-2023

USMC Veteran, beloved father and grandfather, Walter Schweizer, grew up in Skaneateles, NY and Upper Saddle River, NJ. He attended Northern Highlands Regional High School (class of '73) and FDU for Political Science. He went on to serve in the Marine Corps from 1973-1976, serving in Vietnam and reaching the rank of corporal, followed by two more years in the reserves. His career included international banking and foreign currency trading in NYC, Kuwait and South Africa.

He had a strong love for the outdoors including camping, water skiing, sailing, swimming, kayaking, skiing and scuba diving. He enjoyed sharing his passion for the outdoors with his son Lee and later his grandchildren. Much of his time was spent at Lake Wallenpaupack where his family had a lake house for many years. In recent years he and his significant other, Debora Gotshall, split their time between their home in Saxonburg, PA, and their home in Lakeville, PA on Lake Wallenpaupack.

Walter was survived by his son Lee Schweizer, daughter-in-law Sarah and four grandchildren, Landon, Mackenzie, Logan & Everly Schweizer. He predeceased his mother Bernice Goodeve Schweizer and older brother Kenneth Schweizer, sister-in-law Dorothy and their three children. He also predeceased his significant other, Debora Gotshall, his ex-wife Donna Lee Schweizer (mother of Lee), as well as six grand nieces and nephews.

In Memory of Friends and Relatives

Martin R. Abrahamsen	Army "Sea going Army" 1922- 2000
Jack Adams	Army
Harold Arthur Baker	Private 101 st Airborne
Gilbert C. Bauer	Army 1921-1991
Robert A. Beisler	Army from 1961-1964, stationed in Straubing, Germany 1937-2023
Douglas Blackmore	RAF
John M. Cameron, Jr.	Corporal Marine Corps 1921-1999
Allan Amos Cronk	Private First Class Army BAR 397- G WWII 1912–1983
Donald H. Fretz	Private Army 1922-1944 Purple Heart and Bronze Star
Frederick Weaver Goodeve	Corporal Marine Corps 1896-1918
Henry George Goodeve	Private Army 1894-1965

Jack Grimes
Shirley Hurst
Sam Hutcheson

Philip T. Kammerer

Randy Kennedy
Clement Lowden
Ludwig "Lou" Manke

Irv Manning
Edward Mascari
Robert C. McMullin, Jr.

Henry E. Mehren

Thomas Henry Menten
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William Ronaldson
George Sawaya

William Edward Schweizer
Chris Severud
Dr. Olaf Severud
Sigurd Severud
Jim Seibert

Wilbur Van Steveninck

Vincent Tedeschi
Roger Thompson
Frank Toth

Joseph Tragarz
Leo Tragarz

Captain Bomber Pilot 2000
Navy WWII 1925-2003
Staff Sergeant Army Battle of the
Bulge 1921-2000
Corporal Army stationed in Japan
1927-2016
Air Force 1939-2002
WWII Coast Guard 1922-2010
Private First Class Army 1961
-1963; 1938-2014
Navy
Army
Corporal Marine Corps WWII
1924-1976
First Class Carpenter's Mate Navy
1909-1999
Navy WWII 1926-2005
Yeoman Second Class Navy
Sergeant Army WWII 1970
Corporal 2nd Calvary Div. 1917
WWI
Captain Canadian Air Force 1917
WWI
C.W.O. 2nd Battle Group Africa
1943 WWII
Navy Vietnam 1943-2002
Army 1926–1996
Artillery Corporal WWI 1895-1985
Army Air Forces
Commander Coast Guard 1988
Corporal Army 1932-1966
1st Lieutenant Air Force Pilot
Navy WWII Stationed on USS
Batran Aircraft Carrier Pearl Harbor
Capt. Coast Guard 1898-1978
Lieutenant Army
Lieutenant Commander Navy
Captain Army
First Lieutenant Army WWII
1917-1963
Master Sergeant Marine Corps
1922-1996
Navy WWII 1925-2015
Tail Gunner Army Air Forces 1994
Private 1st Class Co. L 16th Infantry
Army 1923-1987
Army 1921-1972
Army 1921-1976

Douglas Weiss

Private Army 1948-1967

Purple Heart

David George Wilkes

First Lieutenant Army WWII

1924-2004

Kenneth Wayne Wingate

Lieutenant Navy WWII US Naval

Academy Grad 1922-2014

Garrett Winkler

Army Air Forces WWII

Thomas Zeringo

Air Force and Merchant Marine

Corps WWII 2001

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The Reformed Church is part of the Presbyterian/Reformed Christian tradition. We celebrate the sacraments of Baptism and Lord's Supper.

The congregation is an inclusive community that believes that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and the Bible (Hebrew and Christian) reveals those things needed by Christians for spiritual development and living. We believe that the people of the church are to follow the way of love and action given to us by Jesus.

We believe we are at our best when we serve our community.

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