

"Dedicated In Honor and Recognition Of the Central Dauphin Alumni Whose Service to our Nation Keeps us Free"

The Central Dauphin High School Alumni Association's Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony Wednesday, May 30, 2012 7:00 p.m. Central Dauphin High School 437 Piketown Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17112

Program of Events:

- **Opening** Color Guard's Presentation of Colors
- Pledge of Allegiance
- National Anthem Soloist Amy Lambert
- Invocation Chaplain LTC Douglas Compton (Ret)
- Welcome & Introductions Debbie Hoachlander, CDHS Alumni Association President
- **Special Guest Remarks** Major General Randall R. Marchi, Commander 28th Infantry Division
- **"For Those Who Did Not Return"** written and performed by Joe Trojcak & Bill Jackson, co-authors
- Deceased Veterans Recognition Family, friends, & classmates of our fallen heroes are invited to stand as you are able when the names are read.
- "Walk of Peace" written/performed by Joe Trojcak
- Unveiling of Dedication Tablet
- Wreath-laying by sponsors
- Armed Forces Musical Salute It is customary for veterans to stand at attention for their branch's song.
 - o Army
 - o Marines
 - o Navy
 - o Air Force
 - Coast Guard
- "God Bless America" Soloist Amy Lambert
- Field Cross Ceremony Vietnam Veterans of America & Mrs. Carol Carter, narrator
- Rifle Salute Dauphin County Honor Guard
- "Taps"
- Benediction
- Retire the Colors

Central Dauphín's Fallen Veterans: ARMY:

PFC DONALD R. TAYLOR '60 KIA 2-9-64 **PFC STANLEY L. HORWITZ '65** KIA 10-21-66 **CPL RICHARD E. FINK '65** KIA 1-7-67 SP4 JAY F. GEYER '64 KIA 4-8-67 **2LT HAROLD A. FORD '61** KIA 5-22-67 **SP4 MICHAEL L. JONES '65** KIA 12-27-67 CPL RICHARD K. CRISWELL, III '67 KIA 8-10-68 PFC EDWARD L. EBY '67 KIA 2-1-69 **SSG BRIAN K. MOWERY '80** KIA 7-18-11 **MARINES**: LCPL J RANDALL GIPE '62 KIA 1-6-66 **CPL RONALD R. GAMBLE '66** KIA 5-3-68 **1LT LAWRENCE E. HOUCK, II '62** KIA 2-4-69 NAVY: HN LARRY T. WALTZ '65

KIA 11-1-68

Memorial Sponsors participating in the wreath-laying:

- <u>Stars</u> The Enders Family, represented by Dr. Linda Enders Dolan '67, Donald E. Enders, Jr. '69, & James C. Enders '77, IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS, LTC DONALD E. ENDERS SR, PA ARNG RETIRED, AND DOLORES F. ENDERS
- Bench Cal '62 & Carol Sellers Ritter '62, IN HONOR OF ALL FALLEN SOLDIERS
- <u>Bench</u> Exelon's Three Mile Island Generating Station, represented by Ralph DeSantis, APR, Three Mile Island Communications Mgr., IN HONOR OF OUR MILITARY VETERANS
- <u>Army Monolith</u> EFMR Monitoring, Inc., represented by Scott Paterno - "OUR DEBT TO THE HEROIC MEN AND VALIANT WOMEN IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY CAN NEVER BE REPAID. THEY HAVE EARNED OUR UNDYING GRATITUDE. AMERICA WILL NEVER FORGET THEIR SACRIFICES." - PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN
- Marines Monolith The Houck Family, represented by Gary & Patti Houck, Betty Jane (Houck) Kenny, & Timothy J. Houck - IN LOVING MEMORY OF LARRY, GARY JR, BETTY J. (KOONS) AND LAWRENCE E. HOUCK
- <u>Navy Monolith</u> Jeff '74 & Debbie Groff Hoachlander '72, IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM
- <u>Air Force Monolith</u> The Holsinger/Collins Family, represented by USAF MSGT (Ret)Kevin '84 & Sheri Holsinger Collins '86, Stan (Touché) '80, Heather '05 & Lauren Holsinger '11, Taylor '10 & Logan Bushey '13, & Layton Collins - BY THEIR ADORING CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN IN LOVING MEMORY OF STANLEY V. HOLSINGER '57, RETIRED COMMISSIONER OF LPPD, USAF VETERAN, AND CHARLOTTE A. GLOSSER HOLSINGER '56
- <u>Coast Guard Monolith</u> Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, represented by Frank Quigley, General Manager.

Additional Sponsors:

- Dedication Tablet CDHS Alumni Association
- Time Capsule & American flag etching CDHS Class of 1960
- Tree Department of PA VFW
- Tree Cris Hoffman '60, in honor of Donald R. Taylor '60

The Central Dauphin High School Alumni Association is grateful to the following businesses for their generous donations of time and materials to create this memorial:

Evans Engineering, Inc. Scott L. Currey Building Contractors, Inc. Hummel's Landscape, Inc.

Bailey's Landscape, Inc. Glen-Gery Brick Hempt Brothers, Inc. Kepler Masonry Techo-Bloc

It is our hope that this memorial will be a place of honor and quiet reflection for the Central Dauphin community as we remember the sacrifices made by our veterans.

Gratitude is extended to:

- Evans Engineering, Inc., especially Brian and Lisa Gutshall Evans '79, for the countless hours of work they and their employees donated in order to take our primitive sketches and turn them into a beautiful and practical design for our memorial. As our Project Engineer, Brian was the conductor for this very complicated symphony of construction work. He also arranged for Hempt Brothers' donation of crushed stone used for the memorial base, and Glen-Gery's donation of the brick used on the walls;
- Scott Currey '77, for donating his time to serve as our very patient Project Manager, overseeing and coordinating the other contractors, his own employees, and anyone else he could talk into volunteering for the site prep, foundations, and any other work that no one else wanted to do;
- Jeff Hummel '89 and his employees, Nate and Aaron, for all of the beautiful paver work; laying the walkways, engraved pavers and center stars. Jeff used his contacts at Techo-

Bloc to secure their donation of the walkway and center pavers, and donated all of his time and materials;

- **Bailey Landscape & Maintenance**, for the donation of top soil, sod, mulch, and trees, and the labor to add these finishing touches;
- Kepler Masonry, Dave Kepler '73, and his employees donated the cinder block, mortar, and labor to build our "wing walls" on either side of the main tablet;
- **Gingrich Memorials** for the granite and engraving work, with special thanks to Jim Gingrich for his patience with our inscription proofing and changes;
- Dauphin Excavating, Inc., Scott Herigan '80 and his son, Zach '18, for 3 ½ days of grueling work with a backhoe and jack hammer to dig through the solid rock that was discovered under the memorial site;
- Houck Group, Inc., for donating the use of a crane & operator to set the main tablet, and for covering the printing costs of this publication. Gary Houck may not have graduated from CD, but we've adopted him as one of our own;
- Fred '59 and Mary Reynolds Attick '60 for making and donating the eight beautiful wreaths and stands;
- **Ken Peiffer**, CDHSAA Retired Faculty Liaison, for crafting the Dedication Statement on the memorial's tablet;
- the Dauphin County Honor Guard;
- the Vietnam Veterans of America;
- Color Guard SGT Jeff, Marcus '12 & Michael Brandt '10;
- Chaplain LTC Douglas Compton (Ret);
- musician Joe Trojcak;
- soloist Amy Lambert;
- CDHS Administrators, CD School District Board Members
 & Administrators for their assistance and permission to pursue our project;
- Steve Smith and the CD custodial staff for putting up with our construction mess and noise for the past two months.

The CDHS Alumni Association extends its thanks to our school and district administrators for allowing us to create this memorial on school grounds.

Central Dauphin High School Administrators:

Principal: Mr. Kenneth Miller Asst. Principal: Mr. Jon Fox Asst. Principal: Mrs. Kristin Herb Asst. Principal: Mr. Eric Shrader Asst. Principal: Mr. Brian Weible

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Superintendent: Dr. Luis Gonzalez Asst. Superintendent: Dr. Carol Johnson Director of Building & Grounds: Mr. Gil Tunney

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The History of Memorial Day

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. This date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country and it was observed by placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers during the first national celebration on May 30, 1868. Gen. James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which around 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there. New York was the 1st state to officially recognize Memorial Day, but the south refused to honor the dead on Memorial Day until after World War I, when the meaning of Memorial Day changed from honoring civil war dead to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. Memorial Day was declared a federal holiday in 1971, and is now celebrated on the last Monday of May.



For Those Who did Not Return

- Joe Trojcak / Bill Jackson c 2010

Part One – Where They Came From

They came from the village of Hatteras, North Carolina or from as far away as the Marshall Islands

From the Finger Lakes of New York state to the Florida Keys From Detroit City and the loop in Chicago

From Harlem and Brooklyn and the Hills of Central Pennsylvania They heard the call

Their Country needed them

And they stepped up for something bigger than themselves.

Part Two – Their specialty

Many donned the khaki and olive drab of the Army In the infantry, the artillery or the engineers Some chose the Navy Blue to be on a battleship or a team leader in the Seals

Those who wanted to fly and fight enlisted in the Air Force Some yearned to be a platoon leader in the Marines

Others chose the Coast Guard or the Merchant Marine

At home they worked in the steel mills, the defense plants and on the farm

They all came to serve – each in their own special way.

Part Three – Suddenly they are gone

And suddenlythey are gone.

From as long ago as the Winter at Valley Forge to the heat at Gettysburg.

As the years pass, we read the headlines of far off places Belleau Wood, Guadalcanal, D-Day, and finally, the Russians at the Elbe.

We turn our faces east to Iwo Jima, Okinawa, then 'the bomb' ends the war.

Korea comes next ending with the Peace Tent at Panmunjom.

But we answer the call once more in Vietnam, and for a TIME, we forgot their sacrifice for our Country

And with little wars in between we came to Iraq, Afghanistan, heat and desert sand.

And somehow..... it's never over.

The smiles on their faces are gone forever and all that is left are the memories.....and the letters

The flag draped casket.....and taps.

Part 4 – Our Tribute

For those who did not return, we pledge to live our lives to the fullest cherishing the freedom they so bravely preserved for us. With your sacrifice...... you gave us the freedom to live our dreams We pledge to pass on the traditions you defended.....Faith in God. Freedom for mankind, Honor toward our country and the free will to build our dreams

And we look forward to being with each of you again in the next life where there is no pain, no suffering and no sad good byes.

The following information was obtained from the Virtual Wall website & news articles; photos and captions were scanned from our library of *Centralians*, Central Dauphin's yearbook.

Army Corporal Richard Kenneth Criswell, class of 1967, was born on October 30, 1948 in Hummelstown. Dick was a Parachutist and started his tour in Vietnam on February 15, 1968. He was killed on August 10 of that same year at age 19.

Richard Kenneth Criswell Distributive Education Intramurals, 1; Choir, 2; D.E. Club, 2 Page 153 - Position 8



Richard Kenneth Criswell



Edward Lee Eby

Army Private First Class Edward Lee Eby, class of 1967, was born on Valentine's Day, 1949 in Harrisburg. He was an Infantryman who stated his tour of duty in Vietnam on November 29, 1968, and died on February 1, 1969, two weeks before his 20th birthday.

Edward Lee Eby Vocational Page 156 - Position 8

Army Corporal Richard Elwood Fink, class of 1965, was born in Harrisburg on October 12, 1946. As an Ammunition Helper, Dick went to Vietnam on October 20, 1966 at age 20, and was killed less than 3 months later on January 7, 1967.

Fink, Richard; "Dick"; Occupational Education



Richard Fink

HAROLD ANDREW FORD College Preparatory ... Wrestling 1; Student Council 1; CENTRALIAN Editorial Staff 1; Hi-Y 1; Home Room Officer 1.

Liberal Arts and all that jazz are what's in store for Andy.



Army Second Lieutenant Harold Andrew Ford, class of 1961, was born in Pittsburgh on July 10, 1943, and started his tour in Vietnam on April 29,

1967. Andy was a 23-year-old Infantry Unit Commander when he was killed just weeks later on May 22, 1967.



Marine Corporal Ronald Richard Gamble, class of 1966, was born in Harrisburg on October 12, 1948. Ronnie was an Antitank Assaultman as he went to Vietnam on May 18, 1967 at age 18. He was killed on May 3rd the following year.

> Ronald Richard Gamble "Ronnie" Distributive Education D.E.C.A., 1 Ambition: Salesman 3645 Brisban Street, Harrisburg

Army Specialist Four Jay Franklin Geyer, class of 1964, was born in Harrisburg on March 15, 1946. Jay began his tour of duty on August 2, 1966 and was a 21-year-old Infantryman when he was killed on April 8, 1967.

JAY GEYER "Geyer" Vocational Carpentry

Jr. Industrial Development Club, 1. Ambition: A new V.W.

Marine Lance Corporal J Randall Gipe, class of 1962, was born in Harrisburg on November 11, 1944. Randy was a Field Radio

Operator in Vietnam when he was killed on January 6, 1966 at the age of 21.



J. RANDALL GIPE "Randy" Distributive Ed.

D.E. Club (President), 1.



Army Private First Class Stanley Louis Horwitz, class of 1965, was born in Harrisburg on February 2, 1947. Stan served as a Medical NCO when he started his tour in Vietnam on June 3, 1966. At the age of 19, he was killed on October 21, 1966. (Senior class photo was unavailable. This is Stan's 10th grade class picture.)

Marine First Lieutenant Lawrence Emanuel Houck II, class of 1962, was born in Harrisburg on January 26, 1944. As a Helicopter Pilot, Larry started his tour



LAWRENCE EMANUEL HOUCK II

"Larry" College Preparatory

Varsity Baseball, 2; J.V. Baseball, 1; Student Council, 2; Homeroom Officer, 1.

in Vietnam on February 27, 1968 and was 25 years old at his death on February 4, 1969.



Mike Jones

Army Specialist Four Michael Leon Jones, class of 1965, was born in Harrisburg on December 20, 1947. Mike started his tour of duty in Vietnam on September 2, 1967 and served as an Armor Reconnaissance Specialist. He was killed on December 27, 1967.

Jones, Mike; "Mike"; Vocational; Baseball 2; Ambition: Undecided



BRIAN MOWERY

Army Staff Sergeant Brian Keith Mowery, class of 1980, was born on December 30, 1961 in Harrisburg. He was a US Marine and a member of the PA Army National Guard. Brian died on July 18, 2011, at age 49, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan,

BRIAN K. MOWERY

December 30, 1961 Search 4631 Fritchey St. Football, 1; Intr. Volleyball, 2; Track, 1.

Army Private First Class Donald Richard Taylor, class of 1960, was born in Harrisburg on March 11, 1942. Don served as a Communications



DONALD RICHARD TAYLOR "Duke" . . . Business Education . . . 3755 Montour Street . . . Basketball 2; Athletic Club 2.

Center Specialist in Vietnam and was 21 years old when he was killed on February 9, 1964.



Larry T. Waltz

Navy Hospitalman Larry Thomas Waltz, class of 1965, was born on November 5, 1947 in Harrisburg. Larry was in the Navy Reserves for several years and began his tour of duty in Vietnam on October 19, 1968. He was killed weeks later on November 1, 1968. He was 21 years old.

Waltz, Larry T.; "Pete"; Vocational; Ambition: Auto Shop Teacher The following alumni, veterans, businesses, and community members supported this memorial project through their generous donations, sponsorships, and purchases of engraved pavers:

<u> \$5,000 - \$4,000:</u>

Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racetrack Jeff '74 & Debbie Groff Hoachlander '72 Gary & Patti Houck EFMR Monitoring, Inc.

<u> \$3,750 - \$3,000:</u>

Cal '62 & Carol Sellers Ritter '62 Exelon Corporation's Three Mile Island Generating Station CDHS Class of 1960 Holsinger/Collins Family Enders Family

<u>\$1,000 - \$700:</u>

Col. Jon Berrie '72 Charles Jones, Jr. East Harrisburg VFW Post #1718 Scott L. Currey '77

<u> \$500 - \$400:</u>

Kenneth L. Peiffer CDHS Class of 2011 Ron '64 & Karen Peters Philanthropy Fund Janice & Herb Wragg '58 Larry L. Hoffner '59 CDHS Staff via "Dress Down Days" Sam '60 & Karen Witmer Mummert '60 Knights of Columbus Council 869

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Cris Hoffman '60 Department of PA VFW Jeff Hummel '89 Jim '56 and Bonnie Berlin Callahan '60 Rutherford AMVETS Stanley and Jill McCahan Miller '78 Steve '89 and Lisa Gabor Burkholder '86 Marsha and Terry L. Davis '67 Terry King

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Maxine J. Smarsh Class of 1962

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Jean Reese Imbrognio '58 CDHSAA 2011-12 Board of Directors William S. Gordon Dori Lehman '81 Arthur F. Morris Bobbi Knerr '63 **Doug Neidich** Hoffman Ford Ladies Auxiliary to Santoni-Dininni VFW Post 1213 Lee Smigel Mary Romberger Ron & Nancy Compher Stine '62 Nelson & Alverna Hoachlander Richard B. Scott '57 Ron Smith '64 Ann & John Russ Anna Mae Goddard Beverly Lingle Ulsh '57 Bill Seeds '60 Cara Sue Grabosky **CDHS Key Club Dauphin County Honor Guard** Darrell C. Miller '78 **Deborah Prichard** Don Morse '63 Donna Gipe Julian '57 Fd Witmer '62 Elda Klinger Eshelman-Pankake-Wolf VFW Post 9639 Gary Walters '73 John C. Agnew '65 Keegan McCov '06 MaryAnn Hartman

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<u>Up to \$99:</u>

Robert Fuller Thomas '70 & Karen Ulsh King '72 Andrea Heberle Faber '66 Hershey Memorial Post 350 VFW Rich Posev '74 Richard & Sarah Eshenour Johnson '63 Shirley Ruch '58 Thomas Buckley '66 Jim (Norm) '62 & Angie Herrold Baker '68 Bob Reitzel '67 Bey Dietz Palmer '66 Dave Russell '76 Vickie Cassel Devaney '70 Beverly Davidson Bosak '62 Matt March Rich '72 & Wendy Chronister Cooper '72 Loni Picconi Ritchey '87 Vicki Hahn Matsko '63 Carl Donmover Francis Ted Jacobs '63 J. Frederic Redslob '61 James Allen Jeff Sweigard '77

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A Message from the CDHS Alumni Association

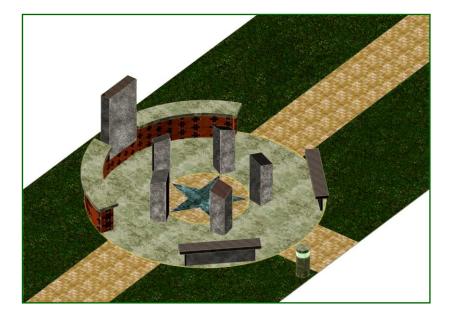
We are thankful that so many of you were able to join us today, especially the family members of our 13 Central Dauphin veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We wanted you to know that we have not forgotten what your sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, nephews, or cousins have done for us, and what it has cost you, their families, as they so unselfishly laid down their lives to protect us.

As we dedicate our completed memorial project, we are not only reminded of what these brave young men did for our personal freedom, but we also remember the men and women currently serving in foreign lands to carry on that effort. The Central Dauphin High School Alumni Association made a commitment to recognize these veterans now and in the future by creating this memorial space in their honor.

It has been our privilege to be part of this Veterans Memorial project; a labor of love that began as a thought for the future when the high school moved to its new building in 2004. We accepted our first financial donation in April of 2008, and had the project fully funded by private donations when we started the construction two months ago. The Central Dauphin community members, both alumni and non-alumni, have shown through their support that our veterans are deserving of their respect and pride, and we'll continue to honor them as best we can.

With our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make this dream a reality,

The CDHSAA Board of Directors and Veterans Committee



From a dream, to a reality.

