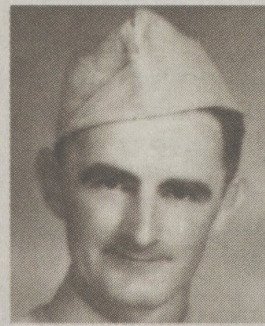




T/Sgt Charles Raymond Billings enlisted in the Army in February 1944. In January 1945, he was assigned to an Engineering Group in the 6th Army. The 6th Army's assignment was to retake the Philippines from the Japanese. S/Sgt Billings was 34 years of age in April 1945 when he was Killed in Action. It was during the assault on Luzon. Sponsored by Finn's Barber Shop.



Pfc John L. Chapple served from 1943-1945 in the U.S. Army. He was assigned to the 28th Infantry Division, 110 Regiment, Company E. and participated in the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe Campaigns and also the Battle of Hurtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded two Purple Hearts. Sponsored by the Chapple Family.



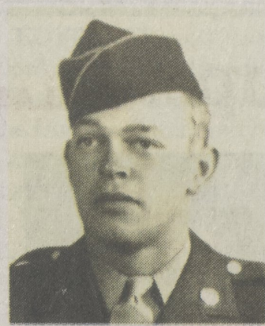
SP4 James F. Daubert served his first tour of duty from 1986-1990 which included assignments at FT Dix, NJ; FT Lee, VA and FT Stewart, GA. with the 92nd Engineer Battalion, 24th Infantry Division and Soto Cano Airbase, Honduras. In 1991, he was recalled to serve in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. Sponsored by Holly Daubert.



2Lt James B. Davies II (WWII) was a bombardier on the B-24 "Happy Go Lucky" assigned to the 705th Bomber Squadron, 446th Bomber Group, Eight USAAF at Flixton Airfield, Bungay in East Anglia, UK. 2Lt Davies was reported missing in action and later changed to Killed in Action. Sponsored by Libby Davies Mica/Pattie and Stanley Davies.



Cpl John J. Dillon served (1944 - 1945) in the U.S. Army with General George Patton's 3rd Army, 106th Mechanized Cavalry (the horses became tanks). His service included assignments in Normandy, Austria and Germany. Sponsored by the Dillon Family.



S/Sgt William E. Frederick served from 1944-1946 in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He received training at the Signal Corps Training Center, Camp Crowder, MO. He was attached to the 1389th Army Air Force Base, in the Air Traffic Control unit on the island of Bermuda. Sponsored by the Frederick Family.



SPC David M. Halchak enlisted in the U.S. Army in July 2010. He is assigned to the S&R (Search & Rescue) Bravo Co., 4th Brigade Support Battalion with home base in Ft. Carson, CO. SPC Halchak is currently deployed to Kuwait. His specialty is welding and machinist. Sponsored by American Legion Riders Post 495.



S2/C Leonard David Harvey enlisted in the US Coast Guard in October 1942. He received his boot training at USCG training station Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay, NY. S2/C Harvey was assigned to the Brooklyn Coast Guard Air Station's carpentry shop and was a member of the station's boxing team. Sponsored by the Johnson Family.

DALLAS LIONS CLUB HOMETOWN HEROES PROJECT

Banners hang throughout Dallas Borough for last time

By DOTTY MARTIN / dmartin@mydallaspost.com

A one-year project that started three years ago will end this year. The Dallas Lions Club Hometown Heroes Project, intended to be a one-time thing, garnered so much support that club members continued the project for three years.

The project, which allows sponsors to purchase banners displaying names and photos of loved ones, has been more successful than the club ever thought possible.

"After the banners were hung the first year, we heard from so many families who were disappointed that they didn't purchase a banner for their loved ones," said Don Berlew, project chairman and brainchild of the program. "Then, after the second year, we had the same response so we continued the program for a third year."

The banners, which hang throughout Dallas Borough from Memorial Day to Veterans Day each year, are secured on utility poles by employees of Frontier Communications.

"Frontier has been absolutely fantastic to us," Berlew said. "They

have put up and taken down the banners and stored them for us throughout the year. They have been just great."

The idea for the banner project came to Berlew after he saw similar programs in Towanda, Harrisburg and Lock Haven.

"But those areas have lots of flat land so their banners could hang from street lights," Berlew said. "With all the hills in the Back Mountain, our banners had to hang from poles and had to be 14 feet in the air. Dallas Borough Council allowed us the use of the poles and Frontier agreed to hang the banners."

The banners, which measure 30 x 60 inches, pay tribute to both active military personnel and to those who have served in the past. Service members from World War II, the Korean War, Afghanistan and the Iraq War are all commemorated.

Sponsors paid \$200 to hang a banner honoring their loved ones. Upon completion of the program this year, the banners will be turned over to their sponsors.



S/Sgt John James McManus served from 1951-1953 with the U.S. Army in South Korea. He was assigned to the Medical Detachment of the 196th Field Artillery Battalion that were stationed in the area of the 38th parallel which is the boundary line that separates North from South Korea. Sponsored by Lillian McManus and Family.



S1/C Francis Sherman Mead served from 1942-1945 with the U.S. Navy. He was a Fire Control Operator on USS Nicholas DD-449, a Fletcher Class Destroyer in the South Pacific (Guadalcanal). The USS Nicholas escorted the USS Missouri into Tokyo Bay for the Peace Treaty Signing. Sponsored by the Dickson Family.



SFM3 Joseph J. Miller Sr. served from 1966-1970 in the U.S. Navy as a Ship Fitter Metal Smith, Petty Officer 3rd Class, aboard the USS Everglades AD24. Sponsored by Sons of the American Legion SQ 672.



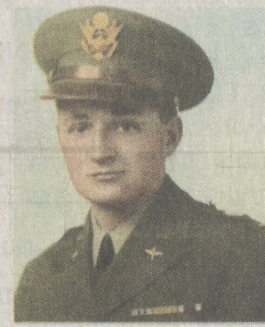
Sgt. John Leonard Ostroski served during WWII in the U.S. Army Air Force. His awards were Air Force Technical Badge with a Mechanic bar for his specialty in repair of airplane propellers. American Theater Ribbon, WWII Victory Ribbon and the Good Conduct Metal. Sponsored by Carol (Ostroski) Carroll.



CMSgt June A. Phillips served from 1983-2012 (a total of 29+ years) in the United States Air Force. Her most prestigious medals were Meritorious Service, Air Force Commendation, Joint Service Achievement and Air Force Achievement. Sponsored by Sons of the American Legion SQ 672.



S/Sgt Robert B. Price served from 1942-1945 in the U.S. Army Air Force. During his assignment with the Eighth Air Force, he participated in 66 missions in Sicily, North Africa, China, Burma and India. In WWII, the Mighty Eighth compiled an impressive record and suffered many casualties. Sponsored by Bob and Phyllis Bullock.



Capt Lewis J. Reese served (1940-1945) in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was stationed at Hickman Field on Dec. 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Capt Reese's last assignment was in ATC as a Flight Control Officer at Hamilton Field, CA. Sponsored by the Reese Family.



S2C Thomas E. Reese served from 1943-1946 in the U.S. Navy. After completing Navy boot training, he received diesel engine training at the University of Illinois and the Naval Base San Diego, CA. Reese's last assignment as a Motor Machinist Mate Second Class was to the USS Cheleb, AK 138, a Crater Class Cargo Ship, that supplied our ships and ports in the Asiatic - Pacific Theater. Sponsored by the Reese Family.



S/Sgt Harold G. Ruth served from 1941-1945 in the U.S. Army. He served in Europe with the 109th Field Artillery Battalion, Medical Detachment of the Wilkes-Barre Barracks. During the Battle of the Bulge, the battalion fought valiantly to halt the German Ardennes Offensive. For its valor, the battalion was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, the highest decoration a unit can receive. Sponsored by Marlene and Frank Rollman.



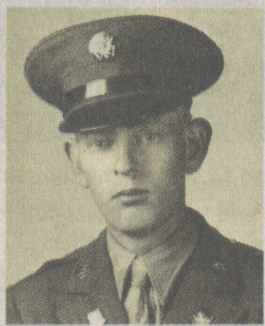
A2C Joseph Henry Saraka served from 1954-1957 in the U.S. Air Force. He was assigned to the 786th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the Minot Air Force Station, ND. The station was a Ground-Control Intercept warning station. The squadron's role was to guide interceptor aircraft toward unidentified intruders picked up on the unit's radar scopes. Sponsored by Saraka Family Kids.



Sgt Jason A. Senese enlisted in the U.S. Marines after graduating from Dallas High School in 2004. He served at various locations in the states and is currently assigned to the Marine Corps Embassy Group in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Sponsored by Ochman Coins & Jewelry.



SMSgt Robert E. Shultz served from 1953-1955 in U.S. Army (Korean War) and in the U.S. Air Force from 1957-1979 (a total of 26+ years of service to his country.) Some of his most prestigious awards were Vietnam Cross of Merit, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. Sponsored by Shultz and Roberts Families.



Sgt Harry S. Smith served from 1942-1945 in the U.S. Army. He was assigned to the 35th Infantry Division in General George Patton's Third Army. Sgt Smith was Killed in Action on Jan. 15, 1945 and was a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. Sponsored by the Kunkle Fire Co. (Formerly the Harry S. Smith Fire Co).



As a 2007 college ROTC graduate, Capt. Kimberly Sorber entered the Army reserve as a 2nd Lt. She is currently serving as a Physician Assistant aboard Black Hawk helicopters with the 507th Engineer Battalion in Afghanistan. Sponsored by Back Mountain Agway.

2011 HOMETOWN HEROES

Specialist Zachary Aciuiewicz
Airman 1st Class Burton C. Berrettini
Corporal Joseph J. Canfield
Sergeant William T. Carroll
Staff Sgt. Joseph J. Chisko Jr.
1st Lieutenant John P. Cleary
1st Lieutenant Michael Cleary
Master Sergeant Joseph Donini

Sergeant Tom Doughton Sr.
Leon D. Emanuel
Sergeant Jack Evans
Lt. Colonel Ronald P. Fitch Jr.
Private 1st Class Edward P. Friar
Sergeant Cyril A. Good
Petty Officer Richard Griffith
Jonathan W. (Wendell) Jones
Frederick "Ted" Loveland
Corporal Raymond Loveland
Sergeant Todd Mark

CWO 5 John F. "Frank" McAndrew
Captain Frank J. Michael III
Captain Kyle Reid
Lieutenant William R. Shaffer
Sergeant Bruce E. Stine
Lance Corporal Michael Z. Szklanny
Seaman 1st Class Robert E. Tupper
Edward Tutak Jr.

Corporal James Joseph Barlow
Corporal Leon Bartz
Lance Corporal Tristan C. Bethel
Corporal Frederick Brown
Staff Sergeant Grant D. Cebrick
T4 Earl Robert Clark
TEC 5 Robert Dale Considine
Sfc Rdm Michael J. Crisci
Second Lieutenant Richard M. Cummings
Colonel William H. Dierolf Jr.
Private First Class John J. Duris

Staff Sergeant John Melvin Emil Sr.
Sergeant Richard M. Hoyes
First Lieutenant Molly (Poad) Irvine
Staff Sergeant Edward W. Jones II
YNC Walter Howard Knorr
Corporal Anthony Lewis Kowalski
Major Ernest V. Kuchinskas
Captain Clarence E. LaBar
S2NR Joseph J. Lavelle

MCPO John P. Lemmond
Staff Sergeant Anne Katherine Long
SP4 Clarence J. Michael
Master Sergeant Michael Passarella
First Lieutenant Keats Poad
T4 Mary Templin Reese
Sergeant John Saba Sr.
BM3 Ed Shilanski
Staff Sergeant Leo "Pete" Yascur

2012 HOMETOWN HEROES