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Veterans Garden in Sewickley



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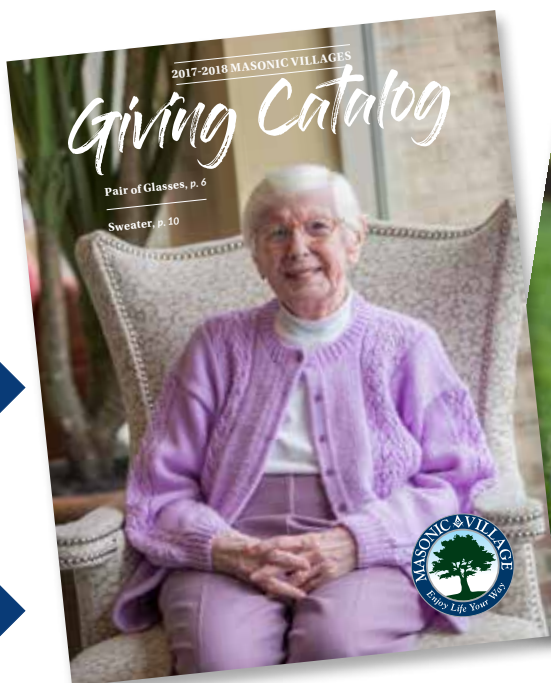
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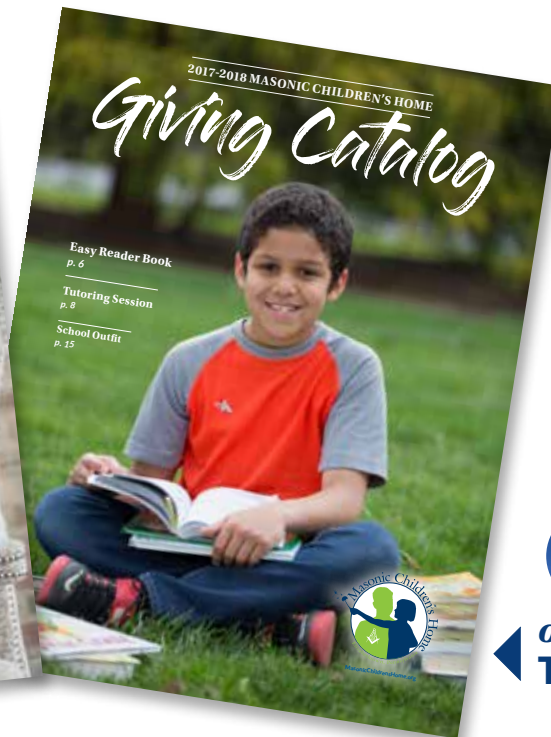


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SEWICKLEY Community Festival



The annual event kicked off with a parade, featuring the Pittsburgh Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, numerous police departments from the Pittsburgh area and the Quaker Valley High School marching band. Visitors also enjoyed entertainment; kids' activities, including a petting zoo, clowns, face painting, a bounce house and more; and vendors selling crafts, handmade jewelry and baked goods. Thanks to everyone who made it a festive day!





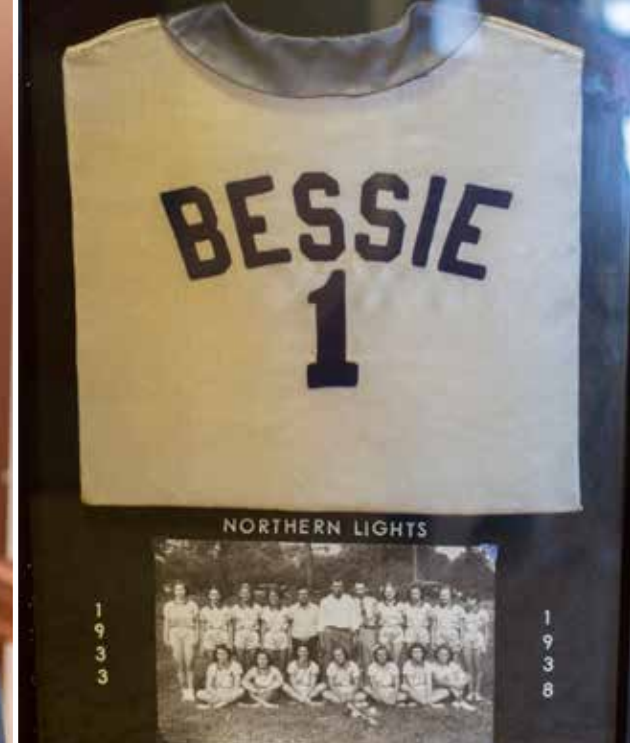
ELIZABETHTOWN Autumn Day

More than 7,000 people attended Autumn Day to greet loved ones and friends; peruse resident-made crafts; learn more about the Masonic fraternity and Masonic Villages; enjoy entertainment and lots of kids' activities (thanks to the Masonic youth groups); and, of course, sample some food (including 10,400 sausages, 66 gallons of soup and 2,400 pounds of potato). Thanks to all who helped make it such a fun day!





Susan and Bessie



I Know a Story

By Susan Trostle, resident of Masonic Village at Elizabethtown

Susan Trostle and Bessie Amour faced off against one another 80 years ago in a ball game. Putting the rivalry aside, after a serendipitous reunion at Masonic Village in 2017, they formed an immediate friendship and bonded over the memories of their days on the field. Here is Susan's story.

Approximately 80 years ago, in a little rural town called Bainbridge, Pennsylvania, located in Northern Lancaster County, a group of girls, including recent graduates of Bainbridge High School, tried to find things to keep themselves busy until the time to return to school and out of trouble. Activities in a small farming area were limited. It was then that most of them decided to try their hand at playing baseball.

The equipment was really pitiful as it was mostly "hand-me-downs" from our brothers who played on the Bainbridge Team and who discarded their worn out gloves and balls. We took them and formed our own team of girls using the advice from the guys on how to play the game. Since I was the one with several brothers who let me join in some of their practices at home, I was selected by the girls to be their so-called teacher.

Our practices were usually in the evening after supper, until almost dark, but we had fun learning how to swing the bat, chase ground balls, catch fly balls and run the bases (we hit one out about every six tries, but we kept trying!). We finally agreed that we would like to challenge other girls' teams to play a game.

It was then that we saw an invitation for a game, in the newspaper, from a girls' team from Lancaster. The name of the team was the Northern Lights and they played their games on Ed Stumpf's ballfield where all or mostly all the teams played.

The Big Game

They scheduled a game with us, the Bainbridge Team. We hired a local plumber, with an open truck, to transport us to our game. We probably looked like a bunch of country bumpkins in our everyday clothing. When we arrived at our destination and jumped off the truck, the opposing team came out of the dugout, beautifully dressed in satin uniforms, each carrying their own bat and glove. They looked at us and asked where our uniforms were. Our team clown, Odessa, spoke up and told them that our uniforms were in the school house, locked, and that we could not find the janitor. That satisfied the other team, and the game began.

Well, needless to say, their professionalism showed in the first inning and continued until the end of the game in an embarrassing score of 16 to 2. (Guess whose favor?) We were given half of the money collection,



Bessie is shown seventh from the left

which we spent in Marietta at a little ice cream shop and also paid the truck driver, Bud, for his service.

We had an evening of fun, but it was getting too close for most of the girls' return to school for us to enjoy any more baseball games away from home. Thus ended the baseball careers of those on the Bainbridge Team.

Happy Reunion

The years went by until 2017, at which time I fell and broke my hip and had to have surgery. In July of 2017, I was sent to Masonic Village at Elizabethtown for therapy.

While there, I became friends with another lady, Bessie Amour, who was the same age (three months older). We talked at the dining room table where we met each day for three meals. It was then that we began discussing some of the activities we enjoyed while we were teenagers.

One of the activities was baseball. We each declared that we were members of a baseball team. When I asked who, when and where, Bessie revealed her maiden name, 1937 and Ed Stumpf's baseball field. When that fact was revealed, I told her of the defeat they had given the Bainbridge Team back in 1937. No one could possibly know how much fun we have had over that ball game, even 80 years after it happened. We could not believe that happened, but it's true to the point that Bessie has a picture of her team hanging in her room at Masonic Village. We are both hoping to stay here, and if so, hope to continue our friendship.

So – it really is a small world.

Susan is a lifelong baseball fan, and every night, she tunes into the Pittsburgh Pirates (since one of her sons were scouted by the team). She grew up with seven brothers and four sisters and knew a lot about baseball, which was beneficial to her teammates. She played first base and pitcher for the Bainbridge Team.

Bessie had four brothers and four sisters and grew up playing basketball, softball, tennis, volleyball and other sports. Her oldest brother was a baseball player who could've played with the Phillies, but his wife wouldn't allow him. Bessie started on the Northern Lights at about age 14 and played for several years. She earned the nickname "Woodchopper" because she swung the bat down instead of out. Thanks to her older brother, she learned the proper technique and was later known for hitting home runs. She played any position where she was needed.





In the Full Swing

At age 11, Leo Barisano's family moved to West View, a borough just north of downtown Pittsburgh. His home was one block from the Highland Country Club and golf course.

"I walked up the hill and looked up and thought to myself, I never saw so much grass in my life," he recalls.

He would see that grass often when he became a caddy at the club, from 1939 to 1941. It wasn't an easy job. The bags at that time were made of leather, and without a limit to the number of clubs, Leo was carrying upwards of 21 clubs weighing in at 60 lbs. Most of the other caddies were men in their 30s, 40s and 50s, while Leo was still in high school.

He earned \$1 for every 18 holes he caddied. One of his customers included Art Rooney, the founding owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, who was "a big tipper," according to Leo.

Leo then moved onto the grounds crew at the club, where one of the more memorable days was when there was no gas available, and staff had to cut the grass by hand. The pay was less (\$.65 per hour), but Leo was permitted to play golf.

Leo fell in love with the game, and despite never having any formal lessons, became good at it. By the time he was in high school, it was evident golfing would be integral to his life. His yearbook included a description of him:

"Easy smile and easy manner, curly-haired Leo knows how to tee off."

Leo left high school early in 1944 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

After two years of service, he returned to Highland as the assistant golf professional. Golfing was serious business at Highland, and he worked 10 to 12 hours a day, six days a week. This cut into Leo's time to



play golf, so he left the position but remained a member of the club. He spent the next 32 years as a salesman for the Baierl Automotive Group, where many in the community grew to know him.

"He was so well enjoyed by others," friend Cathy Clark said. "He just has a way about himself. People admire him because of his personality. He would do anything for anyone."

Leo went on to earn the title of Highland Club Champion 14 times. In 1993, at age 67, he won the title for the last time as a senior participant. He met his long-time partner, Bob Reilly, while at the Pittsburgh Field Club, and the two went on to win the West Penn Four-Ball Championship three times, earning them the Joseph McShea Alexander Memorial Trophy.

One of the highlights for Leo was playing at the Desert Inn Golf Club, which was home to the PGA Golf Tournament from 1953 to 1966. Leo had the

opportunity to play with Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. "They didn't hold me down," he jokes. "They were just regular guys."

Even on his wedding day, his car was painted with the words, "I'd rather be golfing." Fortunately, his wife, Marie, also enjoyed the occasional golf game.

When Highland Country Club closed in 2011, it was the end of an era for many who frequented the club. For Leo, it was much more than a building and golf course – the members and staff were his family.

The trophies, posters, newspaper articles and photos filling the walls and shelves of Leo's apartment are a clear indication of how much golfing has meant to him. He's even been known to turn his walking cane around and demonstrate a putt impromptu.

Leo experienced all sides of the game, although he was much happier swinging a club than carrying a bag of them.

Village Happenings



Solar Eclipse

Participants at the Adult Daily Living Center safely took a glimpse at the solar eclipse on Aug. 21.



Great Day for a Picnic

Residents in Dallas made their annual visit to Frances Slocum State Park for a summer picnic.

Elite Seniors

Reserved for those age 90+, the Elite Seniors party in Sewickley is a great occasion for celebration.



A Very Special Group

To honor years of selfless service and generosity to the residents and staff at the Masonic Village at Warminster, a special plaque was dedicated to the Advisory Council, which is made up of resident family members, members of local chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, staff and other volunteers from the community. The group has donated items for residents' enjoyment, such as two pergolas and outdoor furniture, holds employee appreciation events and coordinates the annual Penny Party, among other efforts.

"The Advisory Council is a special group of people who truly care about all that happens and all who are a part of Masonic Village," Kelly Weaver, executive director, said. "They are our heart."



For Your Health

The Health Fair in Lafayette Hill included exercise and healthy cooking demos, health screenings, Police & Fire Credit Union, Damsel in Defense, Women's Center of Montgomery County and more.



We Are ... The Grey Lions

The Grey Lions of Elizabethtown, a Penn State Alumni Interest Group, recently scored a new banner. The group is open to residents and the local community.



A Good Balance

For the fifth semester, residents in Dallas have collaborated with the Physical Therapy Department at Misericordia University on fall prevention and balance. They work one-on-one with graduate students each week, completing an assessment at the beginning and end of the program. Residents have seen the health benefits in strength, balance and posture.



Music Merrymakers Reunited

As part of a yearlong 25th anniversary celebration, the Music Merrymakers invited former members to come back and sing with them at a worship service in Elizabethtown. This event reunited 23 people – 13 current members and eight former members singing, with two previous members in the audience.



Thank You, Donors

The new Mission of Love wall honoring donors at the Masonic Village at Dallas was unveiled in the Irem Clubhouse, where it will be visible to many visitors.



Pumpkin Perfect

On a perfect fall day, residents in Lafayette Hill paid a visit to Shady Brook Farm for pumpkin picking.



Honoring Widows

The William Slater II Master Masons Club, Enchanted Evening Committee and Doric Lodge No. 630 in Sewickley held a special luncheon to honor 38 Masonic widows.



Fair Season

Residents enjoy the Elizabethtown Fair for the food, animals, crafts, art and other displays. Many residents submitted and were recognized for their handmade creations.



Down by the River

Residents in Sewickley enjoyed a lovely meal on the banks of the Ohio River during their annual Picnic on the River!



Rooster Woodshop Awarded for Design

The Rooster Woodshop in Elizabethtown received an Award of Merit and the Members' Choice Award from the American Institute of Architects, Central PA chapter. Accepting the award were Dan Godfrey, from RLPS Architects, and residents Robert Umbaugh, Dean Miller and Clarence Brockman, who were integral in the design.



School Days

Youth from the Masonic Children's Home said goodbye to summer on Aug. 28 for their first day of school.

Introducing **Masonic Village Home Health Services**

Receiving medical care at home is an increasingly popular choice for individuals in need of some additional help after a hospital stay, illness or injury.

"Being able to stay at home is important to me. I love my space here, and I would do anything to stay here," Lenore Drescher, a resident of Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, said.

Residents like Lenore can find a trusted partner in Masonic Village's newly-launched home health services, which delivers high quality services in the comfort and privacy of a client's home. Friendly, experienced clinical professionals provide the care necessary so clients can maintain their independence. Staff are bonded, insured and have passed in-depth background reviews.

Upon physician referral, Masonic Village staff will conduct a comprehensive evaluation and customize a home health care plan to meet each client's needs and coordinate care with the client's physician.

How Does Home Health Care Compare to Home Care?

Home health care offers a range of services to clients needing care for an injury, illness or post-hospitalization recovery, in their home. Services may include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapy; medical social work; and the assistance of a home health aide. Home health care is a benefit covered by Medicare and many other insurances.

Home care services are non-medical and focus on assisting with activities of daily living, meal preparation, household services, transportation and other individualized services in the comfort of a client's home. These services are not covered by Medicare, but are paid privately.

When Masonic Village founded its home health service in February, Lenore volunteered as a pilot patient. As part of the pilot program, staff created a care plan for Lenore and visited her at home for a few weeks.

"They taught me the importance of taking my blood pressure," Lenore said. "We talked about walking every day for my health and what can increase my risk for falls."

"The staff are very knowledgeable, and they explain everything so you can understand it. It's just rare to get that kind of individualized attention when dealing with health care, let alone in your own home. If I need any medical attention in the future, I would choose Masonic Village Home Health without a question."

Initially, services will be available to Masonic Village residents in Elizabethtown and will eventually extend to the local community. Currently, home health can only serve residents with Medicare Part A, but is applying to be able to serve those with other insurances. In the meantime, staff will coordinate home health care services for residents with outside agencies, serving as an advocate and resource to ensure quality care is being followed through.

Home health services complement Masonic Village's array of comprehensive home and community-based services, which also include home care and hospice.

Masonic Village Home Health is accredited by Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP).

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Short-term Post-acute Hospital Rehabilitation
Fall Prevention and Safe at Home Program
Oxygen Therapy

Catheters, Tracheostomy Care and Ostomy Care
Cardiac Care and Education
Antibiotic Therapy (*Infusion Care*)
Chemotherapy Proficient Nurses
24-hour On-call Nursing Support



Exciting Changes Completed

GRAND CHANGES

The first phase of renovations to the Grand Lodge Hall at **Masonic Village at Elizabethtown** are complete. The Restaurant at Grand Lodge Hall has been transformed into Café 1911 (*shown below left*), featuring an action buffet, cook-to-order stations and à la carte menu, and the Cornerstone Restaurant (*waiting area shown below right*), providing menu service for lunch and dinner. The new Goose & Gridiron Tavern will feature regular entertainment and specials. A new terrace dining area, overlooking the picturesque Formal Gardens, includes a fire pit and live music during the spring, summer and fall.

Renovations have also been completed along the “Main Street” corridor, where residents can gather, pick up their mail, visit the Village Shoppe, browse the updated library or use the multimedia room for a lifelong learning event.

At **Masonic Village at Sewickley**, a new exhibition kitchen in the restaurant features a buffet line and a stone hearth oven, ideal for baking breads, roasts, pizza and even desserts. The Grille Room has been expanded with an additional 22 seats indoors and an outside seating area, overlooking the woods, with five tables. Residents can also gather in a new pub in the Clubhouse, which will serve finger foods Monday through Saturday.



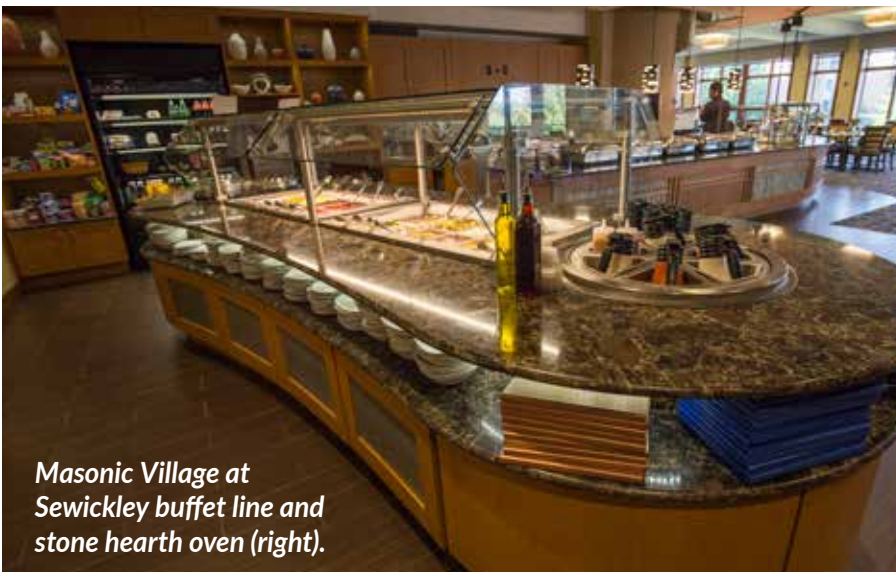


Grand opening of the Cornerstone Restaurant, Café 1911, Goose & Gridiron Tavern and terrace dining area. Top left, resident C. DeForrest Trexler, who generously supported the Goose & Gridiron Tavern, toasts with R.W. Grand Master Raymond Dietz.



Masonic Village at Sewickley Grille Room

Masonic Village at Sewickley Restaurant



Masonic Village at Sewickley buffet line and stone hearth oven (right).

It Started with a Shoebox

By Megan Hess, public relations intern

If their countries had never been at war, Helen Mathias would have never known her best friend, Elsa Riebeling.

It was a post-World War II relief effort that caused Helen and Elsa to meet. Helen got involved in her church's effort to help Germans trying to rebuild their lives in their war-torn country. In her shoebox of items, she included a note with her address, so the recipient could write back if he or she wanted to. Her shoebox went to Elsa Riebeling, a kindergarten teacher in Dornberg, Germany. Since Elsa's English was poor, she had an interpreter's help replying at first. Eventually, she taught herself English using a German-English dictionary Helen sent.

While World War II was a difficult time for citizens of both the Allied and Axis powers, Germany had it harder than most after the war. Like many others, Elsa's family had buried their valuables because they knew the army was coming through and did not want them to be seized. Food was so scarce that the school where Elsa taught was closed down, yet she was still responsible for her students in the bomb shelter.

As Elsa dealt with all of this, she grieved the great losses she had experienced during the war. Her fiancé was killed while fighting in Russia. Her hometown, Kassel, was bombed, and 60,000 lives were lost. Elsa's nephew was one of Hitler's top photographers, yet the family was still insulated from the true events of the Holocaust due to the rigid control of German media outlets.

"The radios gave them the news they [Nazis] wanted them to hear," Helen said.

Helen's friends helped her gather items. Besides food (the most immediate need), they often shipped dresses, shoes, towels and yarn. These items could be bartered for food, which Elsa desperately needed to keep her students – and herself – alive.

"She was so appreciative of anything I sent," Helen said.

Although some supplies were needed more than others, Elsa could find a use for anything. Occasionally, she would have special requests, with a consistent need for one item: coffee.

"She said her mother could run all week if she had coffee on Sunday. When she worked at an



American army base after the war, she would take the coffee grounds home to reuse," Helen said.

As Elsa's economic situation stabilized, she began sending Helen gifts in return. She was very artistic and created many beautiful scrapbooks and calendars for Helen. They wrote back and forth almost every week.

"Whenever we would go out to eat, she would take the paper placemat and write a letter to Elsa on the back," Nancy Cassel, Helen's daughter, said.

When Helen sent that first box to Elsa, she wasn't looking for public recognition. She wasn't motivated by thoughts of fanfare and praise. Her friendship with Elsa was enough of a reward, and one she never expected to receive. However, the Germans never forgot what she did.



and Ended with a Lifelong Friendship

When Helen visited Germany in 1986, she was honored at the town hall by the mayor of Dornberg, Rolf Karwecki, and presented with a plaque. She also met several of Elsa's former students, who were now in their 40s – children who might never have grown up to adulthood without her generosity.

"They really felt Helen had saved their lives," Nancy said.

In total, Helen made four visits to Germany. When she hosted her beloved friend in the United States, they visited Washington, D.C.

In 1996, Elsa sent Helen a scrapbook stuffed with photographs, letters and other keepsakes. Over the years, she had given Helen many scrapbooks, but this

one was particularly special because of the anniversary it marked. The two had been friends for 50 years.

"I lost my home and my fiancé, but not all was lost, because God gave me you, my dear friend," Elsa wrote. In 2005, Elsa died at age 91.

Although Helen – who just celebrated her 100th birthday – no longer has Elsa in her life, she keeps her memory alive by staying connected to Elsa's younger relatives through phone calls and letters. Through these interactions, she recalls her old friend and what she left behind: a legacy of education, service and, of course, friendship.

HONORING *Those Who Serve*

Veterans are owed a debt of gratitude for their service. There are days reserved to honor and remember these servicemen and servicewomen, but for many, not a day goes by when we're not reminded of what has been given so we can enjoy our freedom every day.

Across our Masonic Villages, hundreds of residents have unique experiences ranging from facing combat on the front line to their roles in increasing troop morale. Families make many sacrifices while a loved one serves, between raising kids and managing the household. Community members also support war efforts, whether it's taking on jobs with the Department of Defense, entertaining troops overseas through the USO or doing their part to help families of those serving.

At each location, programs and monuments honor the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families.

In Elizabethtown, the Eternal Flame and Veterans Grove, which dates back to 1920, provide a sacred place for family and friends to honor and remember those who served in all conflicts. The Residents Military Events Committee and Harrisburg Chapter No. 76, National Sojourners, coordinate the annual Massing of the Colors, a memorial to each member of the U.S. military who has died in combat since 9/11, displayed every November. The committee also hosts services on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, as well as a Veterans Social for veterans from all areas of the campus. There's been a recent effort, thanks to resident Col. Lew Cressler (retired), to ensure the graves of all veterans in the Masonic Village cemetery are marked with a standard holder and American flag.

In Sewickley, the new Veterans Garden was dedicated on Oct. 7 (see the following page). For Veterans Day this year, a special program on Nov. 9 featured Donna Groom and orchestra who took a nostalgic look at the wartime letters of servicemen and women and their families, accompanied by the music of the era. The annual Veterans' Luncheon was held on Nov. 10.

In Lafayette Hill, a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flag flies on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day, thanks to the efforts of the 801 Compass Club. Past Veterans Days have included visits from Warriors' Watch Riders. This year, a special program included music by Glenn Miller and veterans' memories.

In Dallas, last March, about 25 veterans were honored at a Veterans Recognition Dinner. Each veteran received a homemade thank you card from students at Wycallis Elementary School.

In Warminster, a special program on Veterans Day honored residents who have served and all military service members.

Anyone who would like to purchase a paver in memory or in honor of a veteran for the Eternal Flame in Elizabethtown or Veterans Garden in Sewickley, may contact the **Office of Gift Planning** at 1-800-599-6454 or visit [MasonicCharitiesPa.org/donate-now](https://www.masoniccharitiespa.org/donate-now). Sales of these pavers support the construction and maintenance of these sacred areas.



(Left) On POW/MIA Recognition Day, Masonic Village at Elizabethtown resident Bryan Hill donated a permanent standard holder to be displayed in the Veterans Grove. He is shown, third from left, with members of the National Sojourners - Harrisburg Chapter No. 76. (Right) Residents of Masonic Village at Dallas made blankets for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.





Veterans Garden Dedication

"It is our hope that loved ones will take comfort in the serenity and beauty of this garden, where they may reflect, honor and pray for those who have served, who will serve and who are now serving in our Armed Forces to protect the freedoms we all enjoy each and every day."

- R.W. Grand Master Raymond Dietz



On Saturday, Oct. 7, hundreds gathered at the Masonic Village at Sewickley to dedicate the new Veterans Garden. The garden memorializes those who have, and those who continue, to serve. It features a bronze statue of President and Brother George Washington, a water fountain and pond, benches and engraved pavers inscribed with the names of donors, veterans and service members.

The ceremony included the unveiling of one such paver, in memory of Brother Scott Bashium, SMSGT, U.S. Air Force. Scott, an officer with the Canonsburg Police Department, was killed in the line of duty on Nov. 10, 2016. His widow and four children attended the dedication.

Generations of Coolness and Courage

Bill Sullivan didn't know his father well, but he always knew he was a hero.

A framed order from the commander in chief of the French army, which hangs on the wall of Bill's apartment, indicates Sgt. W.S. Sullivan, 108th Regiment Field Artillery, 28th Division, was: "An observer of first class ability; he established an observation post in the first line under a violent artillery and infantry fire. Suffering from gas, he refused to be taken to the rear until the following day when an order from his Commanding Officer forced him to."

A letter recommending him for distinguished service stated, "Between Apremont and Mount Blainville, France, the liaison detail was under specially heavy enemy shell and machine gun fire, but by his coolness and courage, Sgt. Sullivan inspired his men and maintained the necessary liaison."

Bill's father received the Croix de guerre, or Cross of War, a French military decoration awarded to those who distinguished themselves by acts of heroism involving combat with the enemy. He was only given a year to live after he was gassed in 1918. He ended up living for 12 years, long enough to see his son reach the age of 6.

Bill's great-grandfather, Florence Sullivan, also served as a captain in the Civil War. Bill is proud of his family's service, although this isn't what led him to serve. In 1943, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He would soon become a soldier in the second wave that landed in Europe after the invasion of Normandy.

While in Orlando, Florida, he was trained in anti-aircraft artillery as part of the 329th Radar Searchlight Battalion. After the Battle of the Bulge, however, the army needed more infantry, and Bill was sent for training at Camp Gordon in Augusta, Georgia, where his father had been stationed during the World War I.

He was sent to Germany, where he joined a division just before they crossed the Ruhr River. As soon as he stepped off the train, he saw dead German soldiers laying all around. They proceeded to go

"town hopping," as Bill called it, taking one town and going to the next. As part of combat, he'd almost been captured and shot at multiple times.

On March 8, his division was transferred to Remagen, where the Ninth Infantry Division had taken the Ludendorff Bridge, the only remaining bridge across the Rhine. American forces used the bridge to deploy 25,000 troops with tanks, artillery and trucks.

German forces tried continuously to destroy the bridge. As Bill's unit crossed over the bridge on March 8, they were met with artillery and bombs. The bridge eventually collapsed on March 17. The Rhine was Germany's last major barrier and line of defense, so once American forces crossed the bridge, they were able to rapidly advance through Germany. The war was over in two months.

"A couple of days after crossing the bridge at Remagen, all hell broke loose," Bill said. "This was a hilly area, and Germans had positions on top of hills. German artillery started falling, and there was even German fighter craft strafing us."

Bill's friend was hit by a piece of shrapnel, and Bill picked him up and brought him inside an aid station.

"I felt wet on my backside, so I felt the area, and when I looked at my hand, it was covered in blood," he said. "I didn't even know I was wounded."

Bill and his friend went to the aid station and were told to stay there. "The doctor said, 'I can't find that thing,'" Bill recalls. "He sewed me up. It's still in me. The shell was very close."

He later learned that the next day, his company took a beating and had many casualties.

"I was lucky," he said.

He went to a hospital in Paris for his injury and then a replacement depot. He remained in Europe until April 1946. Upon returning home, he went to the California University of Pennsylvania and was married



Left photo, Bill Sullivan. Right photos, Bill's father (on the left in top photo)

in 1954. Bill briefly taught high school before becoming a sheet metal draftsman. He retired from Walter F. Spiegel, Inc. in 1989. The resident of Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill has two children and six grandchildren.

Despite being in the worst of circumstances at times, Bill recalls some funny moments, "when perhaps they shouldn't be," he said.

During one memorable incident, while walking between towns, his unit passed a farm field. It seemed idyllic, with a house, stone wall and animals, until a German shooter appeared and pulled a machine gun out of his coat.

"We shot him right away, but not before the guy behind me jumped over the wall," Bill said. "I don't know how he made it over the wall because it was pretty high, but he landed in a pile of manure on the other side. We weren't able to change our uniforms for a week, so we all stayed away from him."

Another town they passed through had an ice cream factory.

"We activated it. It was the first time I had ice cream in months," Bill said. "I filled my helmet. I ate so much, I got sick to my stomach and was up all night. The guys were all mad at me because I kept them up."

"I've had many great experiences, including some bad ones, and met many people," he said. "I've had quite a life. At 92 years old, I am in pretty good shape."

"My dad was the real hero though," Bill said.

Many would agree they're second and third generation heroes.

A Test of *Perseverance* & *Courage*

When John Francis graduated high school in 1942, he had little doubt he would end up in the service, but he knew he also wanted an education.

He worked several jobs to earn money for college, including making incendiary bombs for the U.S. Army and clearing ditches for a cross country pipeline. He was not afraid of hard work.

John made it to Penn State University, and joined the ROTC and volunteered for active service at the end of his first semester. He was told one of the benefits of volunteering was he could choose which branch he served. He chose the Army Air Corps.

He finished his freshman year and was sent to Fort Eustis in Virginia for three months of basic training. Having passed all the flying prerequisites, he went to the Army Air Corps initial pilot cadet training at Dickinson College, followed by training on the North American Aviation T-6. Just as John completed his training, the U.S. Army announced it needed more ground troops and fewer pilots.

"It was the worst day of my life," he said.

Change of Plans

John was transferred to the 66th Division at Camp Rucker in Alabama for more basic training, giving him a full year's worth of training. While this wasn't the path he wanted, "later on in France and Germany, I attributed my ability to survive on the battlefield to this extended year of basic training," he said.

In September 1944, he arrived in Liverpool, England, and sailed across the English Channel, landing at Omaha Beach just three months after D-Day.

"We climbed to the top of a cliff and saw all of the white crosses marking the graves of those Americans who were killed during the landing invasion on June 6, and the ensuing fighting the subsequent weeks," he recalls. "They just buried them right there."

He was not assigned to a specific unit but filled in through replacement depots after casualties were lost. As they camped on the beaches of Normandy, they had no food and had to sneak into other units to steal provisions. He and a small group, including his best friend, Pete Francisco, received urgent shipping orders to be transported to Florence, Italy.

Training Kicks In

He boarded a plane typically used for parachute teams, so it had no seats, just benches. They stopped in Lyon, France, where they managed to find a chicken, which they killed and ate among seven of them. The next morning, as the plane headed to Florence, they received an urgent radio call to gain altitude.

Before the pilot could react, the plane slammed into a mountain.

"I remember flying through the air in the plane, and then nothing after that," John said. "I woke up with a fractured skull. After I got some memory back, I asked what happened. The fellow next to me said 'you and two other fellows who were able to walk were pulling the other fellows out of the burning plane.' That's where my training kicked in."

A gas tank on one of the wings had exploded, and as John and the other soldiers were pulling men from the twisted metal, the remaining gas tank exploded. As they left the fuselage for the last time, they dragged out the last unconscious soldier, John's best friend, Pete. Fourteen men lived, with four burned beyond recognition.

Two of the men went to find help, and after much convincing, found several French men to transport the wounded to a monastery that served as a hospital. The doctors "were interested in any chocolate we had, but would not give our injured any morphine," John said.

About 12 hours later, an American team arrived and transported them out of the region. John had a concussion and skull fracture and permanently lost all hearing in his right ear.

At Home in a Foxhole

John returned to the replacement depot, where he was awarded a Soldier's Medal. He was assigned to Company K, 398 Infantry Regiment of the 100th Infantry Division, whose mission was to prevent the Germans from advancing during the Battle of the Bulge. For three months, he and two other soldiers manned a foxhole, with one man always on guard while the two others rested, searched for food and tried to keep warm.

"There was a man lost every night to sniper or artillery fire," John said. "We tried not to get to know the new guys, not wanting to lose more friends as time went on."



"I can get 10 before they can start shooting."

In March, his infantry was called behind the front line, and he finally thought he had a chance to rest and shower. Instead, he was handed a new uniform and sent back to the front. He crossed the Rhine on March 31, 1945, where his unit would soon fight its biggest battle at Heilbronn. He was selected as a runner to get more ammunition when needed.

His unit took over a power plant and factory zone in a place called Tower Hill. As his unit advanced on the opponent, he ran to get more ammunition. When he returned, he couldn't find anyone from his unit, so he went back to headquarters. He and the lieutenant returned to the scene and found an opening in the German fortification wall through which they discovered the German fighting positions were empty.

"We were crouched down on one knee when we heard footsteps and then saw the Germans marching in columns of four to get back into the fighting holes – 40 to 50 Germans," John said. "I said to the Lieutenant, 'I can get 10 before they can start shooting. How many can you get?' He said, 'We are getting the hell out of here.'"

"The two of us backed out through the hole in the wall and went back to report this information to headquarters. Without warning, an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 Germans poured out from every direction, including behind us, through a series of underground tunnels. We were able to withdraw back to the power plant, but those on Tower Hill were surrounded; dozens killed or captured."

Fighting continued for nine days until the town of Heilbronn fell. John's battalion earned its second Presidential Unit Citation for its efforts. His company then marched night and day to Stuttgart with little food or rest.

"I had a little tin of chicken tied with a string to my belt," he said. "I cherished this tin, keeping it so I could eat it when we stopped. It fell on the ground, but I was so tired, I knew if I bent down to pick it up, I could not get back up again by myself."

He learned of the Germans' surrender while on Hitler Strasse (Street). With little time for celebration, his company began training for the Pacific Theatre, but fortunately, he never had to go to Japan. His unit occupied Stuttgart for several months until he finally left Europe on a troop carrier with 300 to 400 soldiers. His troubles weren't quite over when the ship lost a propeller and bobbed in the ocean for several days, making everyone sea sick. He finally arrived back in the United States on Jan. 10, 1946.

As impactful and challenging as his service was, John, a resident of the Masonic Village at Sewickley, does not feel it influenced the rest of his life.

"It was good to be home," he said. "I pretty much forgot about it after that."

Without missing a beat, he returned to Penn State to finish his degree. This time, he had the support of the GI Bill, as well as the confidence that he could handle just about anything.



Foolishness & Fraternity

As Jack Yeager was waiting to disembark from a troop ship in Korea, he watched helicopter after helicopter fly overhead and land at a nearby hospital ship. A fellow soldier and friend said to him, "You know, I think we made a mistake," as they had both volunteered.

Before Jack was on the front lines fighting in the U.S. Army, he grew up in an orphanage and attended Girard College in Philadelphia, which was at the time, a boarding school for poor, orphaned or fatherless white boys. Once he graduated high school, he worked a few small jobs but felt restless. He decided to enlist in the U.S. Army.

"I can look back today and say it was foolishness," he said of what led him to enlist. "Back then, I was a kid who wandered around and didn't know what I wanted to do."

Despite any hesitations he had that day waiting to disembark in Korea, he felt prepared militarily. His time at Girard College and the strict discipline he lived by served him well. Once he entered junior high school, he was required to serve in battalion. The students wore uniforms and learned to march and conduct military drills.

"It prepared me for life ahead," he said. "I knew all the commands so well from Girard College, my Army sergeant asked me if I was a show off. He said, 'Well you're only 17 years old, how could you have graduated college?' After I explained myself, things settled down. I think that helped me tremendously."

After initial training, Jack was sent to Austria, where each day consisted of training in the field and practicing tactics over and over. He took part in active maneuvers and weather drills to prepare him for what lay ahead in Korea.

Even with all his training, Jack was most surprised by the weather conditions in Korea. There were periods of extreme cold – as low as 20 below zero – and days of snow. The monsoon season lasted for several months without stopping, followed by a hot, humid summer.

"We were dealing with that along with war," Jack said. "You never get used to changes or bitter cold. We didn't have the proper equipment to help us through the winter. During the rainy season, you just lived wet. You dealt with it and lived in it."

As for the actual war, Jack doesn't reflect much on the day-to-day activity he saw. Early on, he was injured by shrapnel from mortar fire. Later, as part of the front line in the Kumwha Valley, he helped a wounded soldier to safety. The man was just a few feet from Jack when he was hit by enemy fire.

The Answer is God & Youth

"Every veteran who served tries to forget the things they've seen," he said. "Some of it you can, some of it you can't. Serving in the infantry, you see so much and too much death; people hurting and so forth. I wonder



Service & Sacrifice

how I survived it now at age 83. I think the answer is God and youth. The war itself is hard to describe. It was just an awful thing to go through. Anyone who's been through it can attest to that. Somehow you survived, and most of us did. I'm thankful for that."

When Jack returned home, he became a Philadelphia police officer, a career he feels he was meant to pursue since it led him to meet his wife, Dorothy, in an emergency ward one night. He retired from the police force and worked for the Philadelphia Board of Education as a safety officer. Eventually, he and Dorothy bought some land in Benton, Pennsylvania, and built a log cabin, where they lived for 20 years. In 2010, they moved to the Masonic Village at Dallas.

Jack's military experience impacted him throughout his life, giving him a certain tenacity when faced with difficulties.

"Even today, I think of the training we had and serving during war and peace," he said. "I've used the lessons many times when I run into difficult things in life, whatever they may be. If you can survive war, you can survive most of what comes along in life."

"I remember being out one morning at a machine gun range at Fort Indiantown Gap. It had poured all night and day and the next day. A couple of the guys were grumbling about being wet when the

sergeant came over and said, 'it doesn't rain in the military.' Rain is just a little wetness. You can do better in civilian life if you put your mind to it."

Jack has had many experiences and adventures in his life, the latest being his mission to replace his missing medals, including his Purple Heart. With the help of Senator Patrick Toomey's office, he recovered his medals in January. While the Purple Heart symbolizes his sacrifices serving his country in the Korean War, it's not the recognition of which he's most proud.

That title goes to his Combat Infantryman's Badge.

"You're a member of a fraternity, and there's something special about it," he said. "There are millions of men who have served in the infantry. I'm proud to have served with such a special group of men."

"I think every combat veteran has stories to tell, and I've found it's best to keep it low key. How can others understand it? You down play it. Others went through worse situations."



Driven to Serve

Ronald Schrack was 19 years old when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965. Military life was nothing new for him, since his father had served in the U.S. Army, but the Vietnam War was certainly a new kind of war.

Ronald and 12 other men went through basic training, truck driving training and, eventually, overseas together. They arrived in Vietnam in September 1966, and for the next year, their job was to deliver fuel for trucks and planes. They were stationed in Cam Ranh Bay, but traveled all over the country.

"It was a nice countryside, although not later on, from what I understand," he said. "I was over there before things got bad."

The Vietnam War lasted from 1955 to 1975. American involvement in the war peaked in 1968, the same year that the communist side led the Tet Offensive, which later became the turning point in the war.

"It was a war no one wanted," he said. "Soldiers weren't treated very well. Once I came home, I forgot about it. I didn't talk about it. Some soldiers coming back ran into protesters. That wasn't a good feeling."

One good thing came of the experience for Ron: friendship.

"My unit was formed by a group of people around my age, and we were going through everything together," he said. "We have a reunion in Washington, D.C., once a

year, although it gets smaller and smaller each year."

Ron spent the next 44 years working for a commercial heat treating company as a driver and later a shipper. He retired four years ago, but his wife, Maria, continues to work as a nurse at Masonic Village at Warminster.

When she saw an opening for a driver at Masonic Village, she immediately referred the position to him. With all his experience as a driver, it was a perfect fit. Since last December, he has worked Thursdays and Fridays transporting residents to appointments.

"I like the people," he said. "We talk a bit, and I get to know them, especially since I'm close to many of them in age. Masonic Village is basically a small family. Everyone – staff and residents – know everyone. Plus, it gets me up and out."

The other days of the week, Ron enjoys golfing and bowling and keeping up with the Philadelphia Phillies and Philadelphia Eagles.

The Vietnam War remains a contentious chapter in American history. Soldiers, like Ron, have put the experience behind them and continue to dedicate themselves to serving their families, friends, employers and communities.



This season, honor your *Angel*

Although they are not always seen, their presence is always felt. Like angels, every encouraging word, comforting touch and warm smile made by Masonic Village staff, volunteers, friends and neighbors give a calming and understanding presence.

Your kindness and generous support of "For the Love of Angels" can benefit Masonic Village, Masonic Village Hospice or the Employee Assistance Fund.



This holiday season, for each \$25 contribution given in honor of a loved one, friend or special Masonic Village employee or volunteer, an angel ornament (*shown above*) will be made bearing his or her name. At each Masonic Village location, a distinct For the Love of Angels tree will display the ornaments.

If you wish to participate, please complete the enclosed envelope and send along with your check payable to the Masonic Village. Each \$25 gift honors or memorializes one person. Please contact the Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454 if you have any questions. You may also give online by visiting MasonicCharitiesPa.org/donate-now.

Remember or honor a special someone.

Smile at a memory and share in the season of giving within a family community as we celebrate

For the Love of Angels.



Qty	Item	Unit Cost
Bleiler Caring Cottage		
5	Folding chairs for gatherings	\$150
	New office furniture	\$2,000
	New window blinds	\$2,500
	New family/living room furniture	\$3,500
	Future camping trips for residents	\$5,000
Masonic Village at Dallas		
3	AED defibrillator packs	\$1,200
4	Retractable awnings	\$3,500
1	Gazebo	\$5,000
Masonic Village at Elizabethtown		
250	Fluoride treatments for those not covered	\$20
12	Clothing Co. certificates for nursing and personal care residents	\$50
65	Massages or Healing Touch for pain	\$65
	Hospitality cart supplies	\$100
42	Specialty wheelchair cushions	\$500
30	EZ Repositioners	\$700
23	Specialty wheelchairs	\$1,000
5	Electric lift recliners	\$1,200
20	Specialty mattresses	\$2,500
10	Vital sign machines	\$3,500
5	Specialty beds for resident mobility	\$3,700
1	EKG machine	\$4,000
7	Bariatric/transfer lifts	\$5,000
1	Patio set for Personal Care	\$5,000
1	NuStep exercise machine	\$5,600
5	Ceiling mounted lifts	\$7,500
10	Stand-up lifts with scale	\$8,500
6	Total lifts with scale	\$8,500
2	Pharmacy and dining delivery vehicles	\$15,000
Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill		
1	Ping pong table with accessories	\$800
1	LifePack CR Plus	\$1,900
	Harvest Ball event	\$2,500
	Drama lessons/activities for residents	\$3,000
Masonic Village at Sewickley		
1	Hand rail tilt and roll scale	\$1,550
1	Camel lift	\$3,000
1	4-channel electric stimulation	\$4,400
Masonic Village at Warminster		
2	Digital vital sign monitors	\$1,864
1	Broda wheelchair	\$2,550
1	Pergola with awning	\$6,000
Masonic Children's Home Renovation Wish List		
1	70" TV for projection/events	\$1,700
	Dining room/kitchen stools	\$3,000
	Living room/basement set	\$5,500
	30 stackable chairs/8 tables	\$20,000
8	Bedroom sets	\$21,500

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