

VETERANS AT SULLIVAN TOWNSHIP CEMETERY – *Furnished by Bill Hansen*

Atherton, Marvin
Balaban, William M.
Barrow, Kenneth
Best, Reed W.
Bono, Nicholas C.
Buckner, Duane F.
Bugbee, Harvey W.
Chapin, Clark C.
Chingman, Emerson H.
Chingman, Peter
Clark, Wayne R.
Cogswell, Francis E.
Darcy, Ronald L.
Dykstra, Nicholas J.
Ebert, John W.

Eyestone, Ortho D.
Gager, Elmer
Gager, Kurt D.
Gauthier, Lawrence W.
Giroux, George N.
Gustafson Jr., Arthur
Hackenberg Jr., Donald D.
Hamil, Dorothy J.
Hamil, Roelof H.
Holmes Jr., Frederick
Holmes Sr., Frederick L.
Hooker, Millard Joseph
Hostad Jr., Charles J.
Jahn, Lindsay L.

Japenga, James P.
Japenga, Donald J.
Japenga Jr., Robert O.
Jones, Leland S.
Kimball, Harold
Klintworth, John C.
Koemer, Andrew J.
McPheron, Barry L.
McCrum, Benjamin
Miller, Robert C.
Murphy, Holley
Osbeck, Morris Rev. E.
Patterson, Margaret O.
Sekula, Michael

Smith, Larry E.
Stevens, Jack
Stone Jr., James F.
Stone Sr., James F.
Sturtevant, Arthur D.
Sturtevant Sr., Arthur D.
Swisher, Lloyd G.
Tareswick, Tony
Vandervelde, James E.
Vroma, Richard G.
Walker, Charles G.
Wambaugh Sr., Russell N.
Whyatt, Terry
Winright, Walter C.

“The Directory of Veteran Burials in Muskegon County, Michigan Cemeteries” Volume 1 and 2

While working with a county-wide cemetery mapping project and the veterans interred in them, I was told that no single database existed as to who they are and where they are buried, so I decided to try and create one. Although this directory contains 10,000 veteran listings, more than that are shown as veterans in our county cemeteries. At this time I couldn't find information as to their branch or time of service. Therefore, the work to make this directory as complete as possible, I will continue to add additional listings as the information needed is located.

Each veteran is listed as follows: LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME or initial, Year of BIRTH if known or calculated, Year of DEATH, BRANCH of service, CONFLICT and CEMETERY where the marked is located. If this listing is in bold type, the veteran is a female. An asterisk after the year of death, indicates that the veteran was listed as having died while in-service. Under the heading of conflict, a veteran who was listed as severing during the Civil War, Spanish American War, World



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War I and World War II, whether or not they were in a combat roll, are listed under that war. Veterans who served at other times of military conflict, are listed under that conflict, only if the public records used for this research, indicated that they were involved in that war. Those veterans who served at other times or their time of service was not given, are listed as SERVICE.

This book, a culmination of nearly four years of research, is to honor the men and women who served our country, many who gave their lives, and to the families, friends and all those who also honor their service by placing America flags at their graves and remembering what they did for all of us. Let us not forget!

There are two books in this series: Volume 1 has the information sorted by the cemetery in which the marker is located and contains 362 pages, while Volume 2 is sorted by conflict (service) and is 320 pages. Both books are available on Amazon for \$23.00 each. I also have several other local titles available on Amazon.

Stand for the Flag, Kneel at the Cross

by Rev. William Randall

One Tuesday night April 18, 1775 about a hundred colonists with loaded muskets were gathered on the Lexington, Massachusetts green. The colonial militia were under orders not to fire the first shot, yet, during that eventful day the British lost 65 men, 183 wounded and 28 were made prisoners. The colonists had 49 killed, 29 wounded and five who were missing. The long, bitter struggle, the American war for independence was begun.

After the loss of precious lives, the loss of fortunes with untold grief, on October 20, 1781, General Washington called for a service to give thanks for the British surrender at Yorktown the day before. George Washington was very much aware of God's guidance and blessing. Instead of reverie he called for serious gratitude. Washington wrote:

“The Commander in Chief earnestly recommends that the troops not on duty should universally attend with that seriousness of deportment and gratitude of heart, which the recognition of such reiterated and astonishing interposition of providence demands of us.”

Patriotic Americans today are calling for respect for our nation's flag in our schools and at public gatherings. Our National Anthem expresses thanks that our flag was still flying. The last verse acknowledges God with these words: “Blest with victory and peace, May the heaven rescued land, praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation” ... and this is our motto, “In God is our trust.”

Many Educators refuse to include the pledge to the flag in the school's agenda, and NFL players disrespect our nation and its flag by refusing to stand for the National Anthem. It is also disrespect for the fans who make it possible for the team to play and receive excessive salaries.

There's lots of room for improvement, but America is a great nation, and we should appreciate that the United States was formed to enable us to have government by the people. Everyone should realize that the US military is the greatest defender of freedom in the world. There have been serious

unacceptable errors in law enforcement, yet no community wants to be without a police force. Those wearing blue in our communities deserve appreciation and respect.

Racism by both blacks, whites, Hispanics and many other groups illustrate the depravity of man. Many do not live up to the ideals that are provided in our Constitution. No other country has so clearly established equal rights for all. These rights must be maintained and appreciated.

Finally, no other country offers freedom of expression and the free exchange of ideas as here in the United States. We have reasons to be proud of America. If the NFL players don't choose to stand for the National Anthem, why don't they try another country and see how it goes for them? If educators insist on eliminating the pledge to the flag they should be replaced. It is time for Americans to stand up for God and country. Americans need to stand in honor of our flag and bow at the cross of Christ in repentance and faith. Pray that the Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Fruitport VFW News

Fruitport VFW Post 3734 will hold its annual Memorial Day event at the Fruitport Pine Hill Cemetery, as it has for many years, at 11:00 AM on Monday May 25th, 2020. As of this time, we don't know if the Fruitport High School Band will show up, but, as always, they will be most welcome if they come. The public is most welcome and if you come please make yourself and others safe. As of this writing, we don't know if there will be a Fruitport Memorial Day parade, but the Fruitport VFW will do something on that day - either holding an event at the Fruitport Veterans park across from the Fruitport Post Office or, better yet, as in the last 50 years, leading the parade with its color guard. At the very least, we might just march with our color guard by ourselves, either on the road or sidewalk. A 'work' in progress. Max Riekse; Post Commander.

Editor's Note: Max Riekse is the VFW District 12 Legislative and POW/MIA Chairman; he is also a member of the Department (state) of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars Legislative Committee. Our local Fruitport VFW Post needs new members, especially those from Iraq and Afghanistan. We need to keep our local VFW Post going.

Edwin and Rachel Hansen's 75th Wedding Anniversary

Submitted by Bill Hansen



Marine Veteran Edwin and Rachel Hansen, on Sunday April 5th celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary; they are 98 and 96 years of age. Due to COVID-19 the whole family that was going to come into town to celebrate had to cancel. So a request was posted, asking a huge favor from everyone that lives in the Muskegon/ Fruitport area, while you all are home and wanting to go for a drive but still staying a safe distance away from people, to drive past their house on Sunday the 5th at 12:30 and honk to celebrate with them. They were sitting outside at this time. We all are heartbroken that we couldn't celebrate with them in person, but it is for the best. So about two dozen cars, including two Fruitport township police cars, drove by, horns and sirens sounding, went down to the Shettler school, turned around and came back for a second drive-by. The family thanks all that participated, making this a special day that they will not forget.

Edwin has lived his entire life on Shettler Rd, and Rachel for the past 75 years.