

# Veterans Association of Easttown & Tredyffrin Townships



**Captain Dan McLaughlin,  
an Iraqi War Veteran  
at the Veterans Day Ceremony**

## VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

The 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month.... We came together to honor our veterans both living and dead.

On a beautiful autumn morning nearly 100 veterans and family members joined the TE Veterans Association in a ceremony at the Berwyn Veterans Memorial. This year the ceremony was honored by thoughtful addresses from three of our elected officials. Congressman Jim Gerlack spoke of the dedication of our men and women and the importance of supporting our troops in active service. State Representatives Carole Rubley and Duane Milne followed Jim with equally meaningful remarks.

The audience was fortunate to hear poignant renditions of patriotic songs from Jake Haldeman of Paoli's VFW Post 5203 and from the very talented McCauley sisters, Laura and Courtney.

Committee Secretary, Bill Bellew read the names of our local veterans who lost their lives in the service of our country. Bill then moved the crowd with a beautiful reading of "A Soldier" (see page 4).

The Berwyn Fire Company provided an honor guard and a Fire Truck to block off a lane of traffic on Route 30 during the activities.

The Paoli Fire Company luckily had on hand an ambulance for a spectator who fell ill dur-



**Berwyn Fire Company Honor Guard**

## 1ST ANNUAL PATRIOTS RUN

Tredyffrin Township's 300<sup>th</sup> "Birthday Celebration" at Wilson Farm Park on September 15, 2007 provided an excellent opportunity to launch the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Patriots Run. The race attracted more than 200 runners, a record for a first race. First place was taken by Shawn Cavanaugh, 23 of Blue Bell with a time of 15:21 minutes. First place woman was Kate Taylor 37, of Ardmore with a time of 17:07. First through third place winners (both male & female) received monetary prizes.

The youngest finishers (both 9) were Will DeHaven of Brooklyn, NY and Jonathan Yeagley of Berwyn. The oldest runner was Tredyffrin Township Supervisor, Paul Olson (70+).

Coldwell Banker of Chesterbrook sponsored a water table and Diane's sidewalk deli provided food.

## 7TH ANNUAL MALVERN FEDERAL BERWYN VICTORY RUN , MAY 17, 2008

The Berwyn Victory Run will be held on May 17, 2008. The Race, in its 7th year promises to bring out the best runners in the area. Last year, the first 9 contestants finished in under 16 minutes. The run which features the beautiful landscapes of Easttown Township, offers runners a true challenge and diversity in terrain. Malvern Federal Savings Bank will again champion the run. Malvern has been an ardent supporter of the race since its inception. Malvern employee volunteers can be found helping throughout the day.

Local support for the race has been traditionally strong. Among the major contributors are the Berwyn Devon Business and Professional Association, the Stowell Family (Jim's Berwyn Sunoco), pattymacs café, John H. Ansley Photographer, the Medicine Shoppe, Main Line Mower, Doyle & McDonnell, Runaway Success & Edeah Enterprises. The run has become a much anticipated community event with a great picnic for runners, walkers and watchers!

### TREDYFFRIN & EASTTOWN CITIZEN SOLDIERS

The Berwyn Veterans Memorial Committee is compiling a record of Tredyffrin and Easttown's citizen soldiers - men and women who at some time in their lives resided here and who served in the armed forces. A book, listing our citizen soldiers will become a permanent exhibit in the Tredyffrin local history and education center when construction of the Jones log barn at the Wilson Farm Park is complete. Additional copies will be available in our local libraries, and both township buildings.

Using historical data, we have identified more than 1900 veterans who served at some time from the French and Indian War through the Vietnam War, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. While our listing is comprehensive through WWI, we know that our records from WWII to the present are incomplete. We need the help of area Veterans and residents to identify all of the veterans who served from WWII to the present and who lived in Tredyffrin or Easttown for any portion of their lives. We ask veterans or anyone who knows of any veterans who are living or have lived here to contact the committee. Please list *List name, Years Served and Branch of Service and any other info you would like to include* by mail: *VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, PO BOX 201, Berwyn, PA 19312* or through our website at *www.berwynveteransmemorial.com*

*“What a cruel thing is war: to separate and destroy families and friends, and mar the purest joys and happiness God has granted us in this world...”*  
*Robert E. Lee*

### Berwyn Paoli Area Little League

The Berwyn Paoli Area Little League (BPALL) will sponsor a “Troop Collection Day” on Sunday April 27, 2008. The league launched the project a few years ago to support active military personnel and also to help instill the little league players with a sense of community and perhaps help them appreciate the sacrifices others make for them.

BPALL will also have a Moon Bounce and Rock Climbing Wall for the children and Barbeque for all who attend. The Marines from the Willow Grove Naval Base promised a flight over during the Day.

BPALL is enlisting the help of everyone in the community to make this day a success. Anyone who would like to contribute or help with the packaging of the items should come to the Field of Dreams Complex (Howellville Road, Berwyn) on **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Activities will begin at noon and run until 4:00PM.

#### Suggested Items for Donation:

Personal		Food	Other
Shampoo	Hand Sanitizer	Girl Scout Cookies	Water Bottles
Bars of Soap	(evaporating gel)	Chewing Gum	Books/Magazines
Toothpaste	Baby Wipes	Sun Flower Seeds	Board Games
Toothbrushes	Moisturizing Cream	Fruit Snacks	Playing Cards
Dental Floss	Shoe insoles	Powder Drink Mix (Gatorade, Koolaid)	Poker Chips
Mouthwash	(Dr. Scholls, etc.)	Twizzlers	Batteries (AA)
Deodorant	Nail Clippers	Mike & Ikes	Disposable Cameras
(Avoid Aerosol Cans)	Bath Towels / Wash Cloths	Swedish Fish	Soccer Balls for distribution to Children ( <b>this is a major, major hit with the kids</b> )
Shaving Cream	Pillows	Beef Jerky	
Razor / Razor Blades	Blankets	Any type of snack food or candy that YOU like.	
(Mach3 or better)	Athletic Socks	Chances are the soldiers like those, too!	
	Boot Socks		
	Shower Shoes / Flip-Flops		
	Sun Block		

LYMAN PERRY HONORED

The design of the Berwyn Veterans Memorial was the inspiration of architects Lyman Perry and Mathew Moser who provided the professional services at no cost to the community. This included not only the conceptual design but also the structural design, landscape planning and project management. Lyman together with Nancy Ward were instrumental in raising a significant portion of the funds required for the construction of the Memorial that enabled it to be constructed.

Lyman is the son of a WW I and WW II Naval Officer, A graduate and board member of the US Naval Academy, served aboard submarines and was selected by Admiral Rickover for the Nuclear Power Program. He is a distinguished architect who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with Honors and a Gold Medal for Design. He also served as a Professor of Design at the school for 15 years. His office (Lyman Perry Architects, Ltd.) is located just one block from the Memorial.



Lyman Perry  
Accepting the award from Bill DeHaven,

OUR LOCAL SOLDIERS WHO  
DIED WHILE SERVING

**WORLD WAR I**

Thomas L. Bolster  
Carmiene Capuzza  
Leroy Dalton  
Everrett Henry  
Chas J. Kramer  
Lewis G. Smith  
Christian Wanzel  
Walter H. Walker  
Edgar Weaver

Dominic A. Gelormo  
John J. Hobson  
Maurice S. Houston  
Raymond S. Kautz  
Samuel B. Kennedy  
William P. Lapp  
Richard V. LaRue  
William J. Latimer Jr.  
Malcolm G. Main  
John J. McKelvey  
Robert J. Miller  
Charles F. Morris  
Thomas E. Parlaman  
John A. Patton  
Robert T. Penlington  
Charles M. Peterson  
Warren Phelps  
Robert W. Pyle  
Curtis K. Ritter  
Coleman Sellers IV  
David A. Stauffer Jr.  
Alan B. Stewart  
James D. Sweeney  
Daniel N. Turner Jr  
James M. Whiteman  
John C. Wright

Jacob C. Lehman  
Raymond McLaughlin  
Ralph C. Rodgers  
John B. Webb

**VIETNAM**

Ronald E. Doughtie  
Calvin K. Graeser Jr.  
Richard A. Hawley Jr.  
Gary D. Jefferis  
Richard T. Lynch  
Harry J. Miller  
Robert J. Nixon  
Thomas R. Temple

**WORLD WAR II**

Daniel F. Alleva  
Thomas G. Armstrong  
Raymond J. Ballone  
Matthew M. Barbour  
John R. Bartosh Jr.  
Edwin G. Benner  
Henry H. Bixler  
Anthony Borzillo  
Stephen Brooks  
Louis J. Colona  
Daniel Connor Jr  
William H Cunningham III  
Michael DeBenedetto  
John D. DiMarino  
Charles A. DiValerio Jr  
Edmund A. Faggioli  
Ralph J. Falcone  
Harold J. Featherston

**KOREA**

Edward Baumgard  
Carmine T. Deluca  
William M. Francis  
Isiah H. Keith



Local WW II Veteran  
Eugene Crawford

GOLD STAR  
TREE  
DEDICATED

In an effort to acknowledge the hardship faced by mothers and spouses of fallen veterans, the Veterans Association dedicated an 8ft Norway Spruce to those "Gold Star Mothers and Wives". The tree was planted at the Berwyn Train Station at the site used for the town's Christmas celebration.

Three years ago, the Berwyn Devon Business Association (hosts of the Christmas Celebration) were forced to declare the existing tree unsafe. The Veterans Association then financed the removal of the old tree and planting of the new. The present and past trees were both planted by Doyle and McDonnell Nurseries of Berwyn. The new tree will eventually be decorated for the holidays and each bulb dedicated to a local veteran.

A granite plaque was inscribed: To those Gold Star Mothers and Wives..... The tree was dedicated on November 11 at the Memorial Ceremony.

*"A man who won't die for something is not fit to live."*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

The Veterans Association of Easttown & Tredyffrin Townships welcomes participation from all who want to honor our local veterans. Please contact us at our website for information concerning any of our activities

### **A Soldier**

**I was that which others did not wish to be.**

**I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do.**

**I asked nothing of those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness.....should I fail.**

**I have seen the face of terror; felt the cold sting of fear; and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moments love.**

**I have cried, pained , and hoped...but most of all, I have lived times others would say were best forgotten.**

**At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was**

**.....a soldier.**

*"A Nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers..."*

**John F. Kennedy**

Association Board Members: Bill DeHaven, Bill Bellew, Jack Ansley, Sean McCauley, Tom Toscani, Nancy Ward, Fred Nudy, John Lamborn, Neil McAloon, Dan McLaughlin, BobWhalen & Pat DeHaven