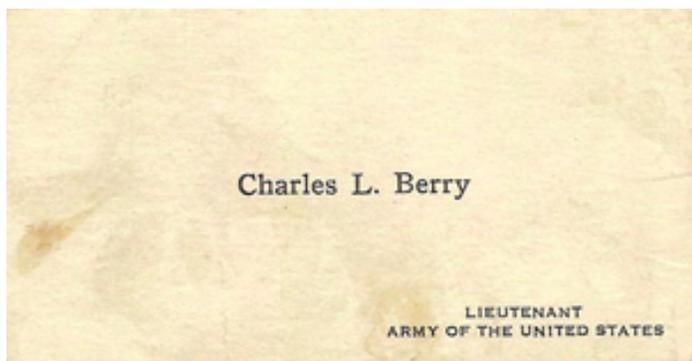


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In his essay titled: **D-Day**, America's beloved commentator Andy Rooney states: *"There've only been a handful of days since the beginning of time on which the direction the world was taking has been changed in one twenty-four hour period by an act of man. June 6, 1944, was one of them."* Through a rapid succession of jarring details, many of which he witnessed first-hand as a young soldier/journalist, he emphasizes why D-Day represents *"...one of the most monumentally unselfish things one group of people ever did for another."* Rooney's emphasis on small details magnifies the sacrifices that were necessary *"to get back a whole continent that had been taken from its rightful owners."*

Next month marks the 70th anniversary of D-Day and there will be many ceremonies to commemorate the sacrifices that were made at Normandy in June of 1944. Recently, a reminder of those sacrifices came to us in an e-mail correspondence from Royal Navy Commander Peter V. Rickard in Somerset, England. Commander Rickard explained how, while working on a family history and reviewing numerous photographs, he had found a calling card from a United States Army Lieutenant:



"Pownall family home in Chard, Somerset, England where Lt. Berry was billeted during the war".

He went on to explain that, during World War II, the family of his wife (then Deirdre Pownall) had billeted many servicemen, including several Americans prior to the Normandy landings. One of them was Lieutenant Charles L. Berry. After finding the calling card, Commander Rickard initiated an Internet search that led him to the Kemper Memorial Park website and this profile of one of our honorees:



2 Lt. Charles L. Berry, US Army
21 North Chatsworth Ave., Town of Mamaroneck
Age: 31
Dartmouth Class of 1935
175th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division
Lt. Berry was killed in action near the Elle River in Normandy on June `12, 1944, after landing on Omaha Beach on June 7. He left behind a wife, the former Jean Kolbe of New Rochelle, and a young daughter, Lynne.

Andy Rooney's essay ends with these two sentences. *"If you think the world is rotten, go to the cemetery at Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer on the hill overlooking the beach. See what one group of men did for another, D-Day, June 6, 1944."* At times, we too may need a reminder of just what some people are willing to do for others. A visit to Kemper Memorial Park should remind us all what one hundred men and one woman did for us.

New York State Senator George Latimer nominates, Tony Marsella, a Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund Board member, to the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame.

When New York State Senator George Latimer asked us to select a candidate for The New York State Veterans Hall of Fame, our decision was unanimous and our rationale read as follows:



Tony Marsella is a lifelong resident of Mamaroneck, New York. Born on May 20, 1924, he graduated from Mamaroneck High School in June, 1942. Seven months later, on exactly the same day, he and his brother John were drafted into the United States Army. Their individual training and subsequent assignments eventually took them both to Italy.

Due to his fluency in Italian and skill as a stenographer, Tony was assigned to the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories and served as an interpreter and stenographer in Sicily and Italy. On May 26, 1944, his brother John was killed during the Anzio invasion.

Corporal Tony Marsella was discharged from the United States Army on October 25, 1945 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Pfc. John Marsella was buried with the other members of his tank crew in Zachary Taylor Military Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky.

Tony's military awards include: the Army Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four Battle Stars, but the medal he treasures most is the Purple Heart that was posthumously awarded to his brother John.

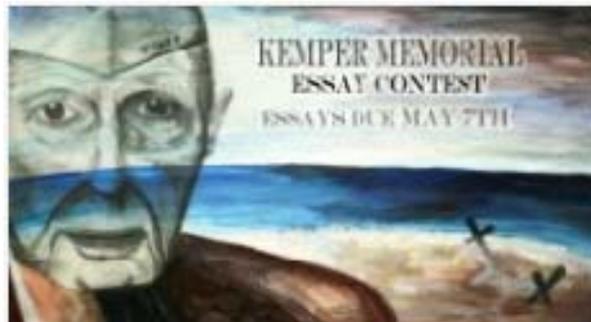
Richard M. Kemper Park, located on the grounds of Mamaroneck High School, contains a monument bearing John Marsella's name and those of 100 other Larchmont/Mamaroneck residents who perished in World War II. Several years ago, when the park's existence was threatened, Tony became the voice and face of the families of the honorees. Throughout the years that the park's fate seemed uncertain, Tony attended every ceremony and public meeting that he could to reiterate the importance of preserving the park and the memory of those it honored. Because of Tony's efforts to awaken his community's conscience, the park still exists today.

Tony's patriotism and loyalty make him a worthy candidate for this honor.

We are pleased to announce that on **May 20, 2014**, Tony and his family will attend a ceremony in Albany during which **Anthony J. Marsella** will be officially inducted into **The New York State Veterans Hall of Fame**.

**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
KEMPER MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST
ASKS STUDENTS TO REFLECT ON**

Please join us in the multi-tiered classroom of Mamaroneck High School on **Wednesday, May 21** at 3 p.m. to meet this year's winners and to hear them read their essays on the topic below.



Original poster by: **Emily Olson**

Prior to launching the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944, General Dwight D. Eisenhower told the Allied troops that they were about to embark on a crusade to free the world from oppression and to restore human rights that had long been denied by ruthless dictators. **This year marks the 70th anniversary of D-Day and it is an appropriate time to remember that we must continue the struggle to ensure human rights for all people. How and where can we best direct our energy and our efforts to achieve this goal?**



Frederick (Mactulewicz) Mason

Frederick Mactulewicz (he changed his name to Mason in 1949) was only 18 years old when he was drafted into the military in May of 1943. In early 1944, he was sent overseas with the 780th Bomber Squadron of the 465th Bomber Group and by May, 1944, he was stationed at the Panatella Air Base in Italy. As part of the 15th Air Force, his squadron had as its primary objectives destroying the Luftwaffe in the air and its aircraft production facilities on the ground including fighter aircraft plants, ball bearing and rubber manufacturing facilities, oil refineries and munitions factories.

One of our recent displays at Mamaroneck High School dealt with the infamous Ploesti Raid of August 1, 1943. Although the oil refineries were partially demolished at an enormous cost of life to Allied flight crews, the mission was considered a failure because the Germans had the refineries up and running again within months. But the Ploesti refineries still needed to be put out of commission. After Fred's squadron arrived in Italy, the 780th flew three missions to Ploesti before the refineries were finally taken out for good.

In all, Frederick flew 11 sorties and one time, upon returning to base, the maintenance crew drew everyone's attention to the fact that the Martin Upper Gunner's seat (Fred's seat) had a bullet hole in it. Fred was a very lucky young man! According to his wife, Eileen, on his trips to Vienna "he was concerned about the civilian population because they sometimes flew low enough for them to be recognizable and he hoped he wasn't going to have to use the machine gun on them. Apparently, it never happened that he had to."

Fred returned to the United States in 1945 and became a successful lawyer and literary agent. Sadly, Fred passed away on March 27, 2007, at the age of 81. Eileen has made available to the Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund, photos, films and drawings from Fred's wartime experience. They are fascinating. To everyone's delight, one member of Fred's crew drew portraits of each member of the crew. All of these items are available on our website, kempermemorialpark.org. Please press the World War II Veterans link on the home page.

If you are interested in donating the WWII records and stories of someone from the Larchmont/Mamaroneck community, please send an e-mail to contact@kempermemorialpark.org. We would love to hear from you.



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Memorial Day Ceremonies



2014

Richard M. Kemper Essay Contest Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, May 21 – 3:00 p.m.

Ceremony begins in the multi-tiered classroom off the lobby of the main entrance to Mamaroneck High School then moves outside to Kemper Memorial Park.

Village of Larchmont Memorial Day Parade

Thursday, May 22 – 7:00 p.m.

Chatsworth to Palmer to Larchmont Avenue. Parade ends at Village Hall for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

David Potts, Jr. Post 1156

Monday, May 26 – 9:00 a.m.

Ceremony at Tompkins Park, Boston Rd., Village of Mamaroneck.

American Legion (Post 347)

Monday, May 26 – 11:00 a.m.

Ceremony at War Memorial on Myrtle Boulevard and Murray Avenue. (In the event of rain, ceremony will be held at Flint Park Headquarters.)

American Legion Post 90

Kemper Memorial Park Ceremony

Friday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.

Village of Mamaroneck Parade:

Friday, May 30, 7 p.m.

Mamaroneck Avenue. Following the parade, the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at American Legion Post 90 Hall on Prospect Avenue.