



Pfc. Albert A. Anderson, Jr., U.S. Army
16 Clover Rd., Town of Mamaroneck Age: 19
141 Sickles Avenue, New Rochelle
New Rochelle High School, Class of 1944
Pfc. Anderson was manning a machine gun when he was
killed on the Philippine island of Luzon by a Japanese
sniper on June 2, 1945.

Motor Machinist Mate's 3cl William Steinhauser, USNR
316 Heathcote Avenue, Mamaroneck Age: 18
Enlisted in the Navy in October, 1943, while a student at Mamaroneck
High School
MoMM Steinhauser was a crew member on a landing craft when he was
killed in action on February 21, 1945 in the Philippines.
He is buried in the Manila American Cemetery.

The Richard M. Kemper Park's Profiles in Courage

After the Japanese invasion of the Philippines in December of 1941, U.S. and Filipino forces fought desperately to keep the islands free. Although, on May 6, 1942, General Jonathan Wainwright was forced to surrender, the war was not over. On October 20, 1944, General Douglas MacArthur "returned" and the Sixth Army landed on the island of Leyte. Despite the decisive U.S. naval victory of the Battle of Leyte Gulf, it took eight months of intensive fighting to subdue Japanese resistance. The toll was heavy. Estimates are that the American deaths numbered 14,000; the Japanese 300,000; the Filipino military 27,000 and the Filipino civilians 90,000. At least seven names on the granite monument in the Richard M. Kemper Park are those of young men who lost their lives in this heroic struggle. Only one was older than 21.

Knowing first hand the grief that these seven families felt, Adolph and Helen Kemper bought three parcels of commercial property on the Boston Post Road with the goal of creating a World War II Memorial Park. After razing the buildings and planting a grove of white pines to "represent the lives that were lost", the Memorial Park was dedicated and donated to the Mamaroneck School District on May 25, 1947. It was named after Lt. Richard M. Kemper, who at the age of 24, was killed in Normandy on August 6, 1944. A restrictive covenant in the deeds that transferred the property to the School District stated that the School District would maintain the Memorial Park in perpetuity.

To help commemorate the upcoming 60th anniversary of the World War II Memorial Park, the Sound and Town Report will be printing the profiles of "Our 99" during the next year.