



KEMPER MEMORIAL PARK PRESERVATION FUND
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U.S. Army Human Resources Command
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Dear Ms. Kilianski,

I am enclosing a request for the Individual Deceased Personnel File (IDPF) of Pvt. Arthur D. Betker. Pvt. Betker was born in 1924. He enlisted in the U. S. Army on July 22, 1943. His service number is 32989123. He died in France on June 11, 1944, as a result of wounds received in action. We are willing to pay the Freedom of Information Act fees for the work involved.

Pvt. Betker is one of the 99 honorees at the Richard M. Kemper Park, a World War II Memorial Park at Mamaroneck High School in Mamaroneck, New York. Recently the Memorial Park's existence was threatened and, in an effort to preserve it, the backgrounds of its honorees were researched. We felt that if we could tell the story of those honored to the community, the memorial Park's continued presence would be valued and the Park would be preserved. So far, our strategy has worked and the plans to turn the Memorial Park into a parking lot or athletic field have been abandoned. But both the community's and the high school students' interests in the honorees' stories have now been whetted.

I do hope you find everything in order and that you can provide us with Pvt. Betker's Records. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My phone number is 914-834-5757 and my e-mail address is jannorthrup@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jan Northrup, President
Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund