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Captain Warner Marshall, Jr.

The names of **James Allen Callaghan** and **Warner Marshall, Jr.** have now joined those of their fellow Larchmont/Mamaroneck residents who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II.

During our final inspection of the restoration and engraving work done by the Polchinski Monument Company of Hawthorne, New York, we commented to owner Michael Chiaramella that the new engravings blended seamlessly with the old ones, as if they had always been there. The reasons why they hadn't always been there remain unclear, but each time we discover a name that should have been included, extensive research is done to find biographical information which, at times, may lead to at least a partial explanation. Of course, our primary goal is to ensure that these heroes receive the recognition they deserve. Our November newsletter told the story of James Allen Callahan and what follows is the story of Warner Marshall, Jr., based on information gathered by Jan Northrup and Victoria Amon.

Research revealed that Warner Marshall, Jr. was born in Boston, but spent many of his formative childhood years in Larchmont. He attended prep school at Phillips-Andover, graduated from Yale in 1930 and eventually went to work on Wall Street, heading up his own investment counseling firm. He was also active in volunteer and relief work, serving as a director of the Grace Church Workshop and the Bureau of Men and Boys of the Community Service Society. While attending the New York World's Fair of 1939, he met a young Norwegian woman named Nina Tandberg, who would soon become his wife. Nina apparently returned to Norway at some point after they met, because a *New York Times* article of December 24, 1940 chronicles Nina's return from Europe to the U.S. to marry Warner. It was a momentous ocean crossing, the first since Britain had halted Atlantic passenger travel for a time because of German submarine attacks. It was also an intriguing voyage. The passengers included: a German barber who was thought to be a spy, 25 children being sent here by their parents through church and US government organizations, prominent foreign correspondents returning home temporarily (including James Reston and William Shirer), and three young Norwegian women who met each other on the boat, all coming to the US to marry their American sweethearts. Nina Tandberg was one of these young women. Warner and Nina were married on December 30, 1940. Warner entered the US Armed Services in 1942, and was a Captain in the Army Air Force. He participated in the Cairo Conference of November 1943 as a member of the Planning Staff. Less than a month after the Cairo Conference, Warner embarked on a review tour of the war area, with plans to travel to India, Burma and China. He was on a troop transport when the plane crashed in northeast India on December 12, 1943. He was 34 years old. Captain Warner Marshall, Jr. was awarded the Legion of Merit and is buried in the Honolulu Memorial.

Post Script: During her research, Vicky Amon noted that, following his graduation from Yale, Warner Marshall had used the Yale Club as his legal address. Being a Yale Club member herself, Vicky looked for Warner's name on the Club's memorial and was surprised to find that it hadn't been included. Subsequently, she has submitted a formal proposal for his name to be added. In her introductory letter, she writes:

"I believe this omission may have occurred because, although Captain Marshall grew up in Larchmont and lived in New York City after he graduated from Yale until his death, his parents had left the New York area years before the war. Therefore, in their undoubtedly intense grief, they probably were not aware of efforts being made here to honor the memories of local veterans after the war. His young widow, a native Norwegian prior to their marriage in 1940, does not appear to have remained in the US after his death, and other local extended family may not have known what steps needed to be taken to advocate on his behalf at the time."

Even though many years have passed, we would like to bring this matter to your attention, as Captain Marshall's sacrifice certainly deserves to be honored and remembered."

Farewell and Thanks

Sadly, The Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund recently lost two of its ardent supporters.



Phyllis B. Young
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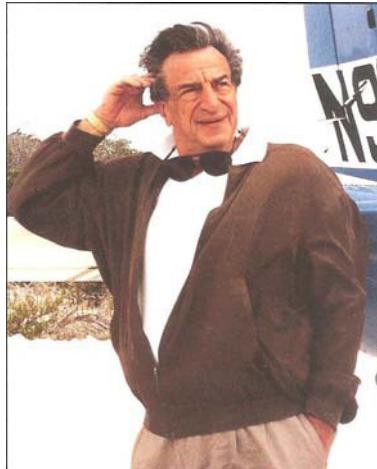
Phyllis Young passed away on **February 28, 2012**.

When we asked Phyllis if we could commission her to create a water color painting of the monument in Kemper Memorial Park, she readily agreed. Shortly thereafter, she presented us with her beautiful work. When we attempted to pay her for the painting, she graciously donated it to us, along with her permission to reproduce it as note cards to sell as one of our fund-raising activities. We are eternally grateful to Phyllis for her spirit, her talent, her support and her generosity.

We will always remember her fondly.

Melvin Kaufman passed away on **March 18, 2012**.

Melvin supported our efforts to preserve Kemper Memorial Park from the outset, but his passion for honoring the memory of his fellow veterans had much to do with his own experiences during World War II. Melvin himself was a combat infantryman, wounded on two occasions and returned to duty each time. His service awards include the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. He fought in several major engagements, including the battle at the Remagen Bridge. As a twenty-year old PFC, he wrote a letter home from a bombed-out German town that had just been captured. His letter was published in the local newspaper at the time and can be read in full on our website. Thank you, Melvin, for your support, your military service and your enduring loyalty to your fellow veterans.



12TH Annual Richard Kemper Memorial Essay Contest

Once again, the ***Richard Kemper Foundation for Promoting Human Rights Education*** is sponsoring two essay contests: one that is open to all high school students in Westchester County and one that is open only to MHS students. The winners of both contests will receive a \$300 prize and be invited to read their essays at a Memorial Day Ceremony at Mamaroneck High School on **May 30th**. The following topic is open **only to MHS students**:

- Mamaroneck has kept its promise to “never forget their sacrifice” by recently adding the names of James Allen Callaghan and Warner Marshall, Jr. to the Kemper Monument more than 60 years after their deaths in World War II.

What are some other ways that we can honor our veterans, their comrades and the causes for which they fought?

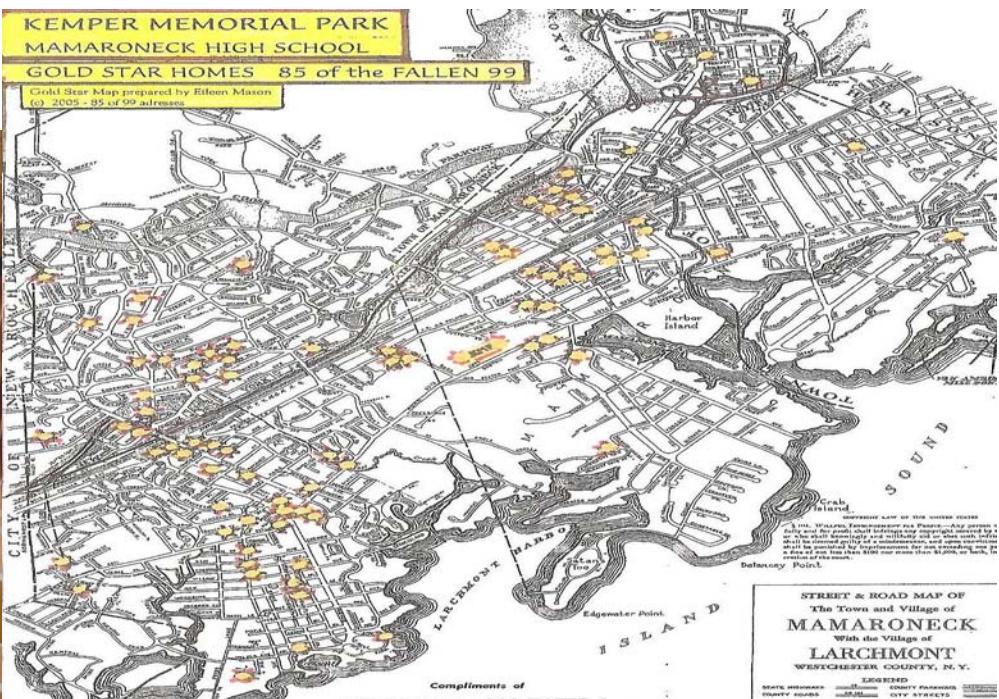
The next topic is open to **all high school students in Westchester County**:

- “Americans came to liberate, not to conquer; to restore freedom, and to end tyranny.” Those are the words inscribed on the base of the flagpoles at the entrance to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Yet, as Freedom House (<http://www.freedomhouse.org>) points out, many people in many countries still live under tyrannical regimes.

What can and should be done to promote political rights and civil liberties in any one of those countries?

An additional prize of \$100 will also be awarded for the best poster advertising this year’s essay contest. Please join us at Mamaroneck High School on May 30th at 3:00 p.m. to hear the winning essays read and to see the winning poster.

Eileen Mason



One of the most powerful tools in heightening public awareness about the impact of World War II on the Larchmont/Mamaroneck community is the Gold Star Map, created by Eileen Mason. During World War II, Gold Star banners were hung in the windows of those who were lost during the war and, on her map, Eileen has used Gold Stars to mark where each honoree lived in our community. The map graphically illustrates that every neighborhood and every socio-economic level was affected by the loss of at least one resident during World War II. Displayed in our showcase at Mamaroneck High School, it is also a valuable teaching tool, enabling students to make more personal connections to the historical events they are studying.

Additionally, over the past decade, Eileen has used her video skills to record Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America Ceremonies (one of which can be seen on You Tube). She has also donated her time to conduct video interviews with World War II veterans and those who were on the home front during the war years.

Eileen's contributions are highly valued by anyone interested in preserving our community's history and learning more about its role during World War II. We wish to convey our heartfelt thanks to Eileen for her outstanding work.

New MHS Exhibit Highlights D-Day Campaign

Thanks to Bill Fraser, the Mamaroneck High School D-Day exhibit will feature three prints of the Allied Airborne Assault on June 6, 1944. All three are signed by participants in the D-Day campaign and have been loaned to the exhibit by Mr. Fraser.

Also featured will be the two Kemper Park Honorees who participated in the airborne assault:

Lt. James Gerard Schaefer and Lt. Andrew Edward Tuck III. Lt. Schaefer was with the 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion and, tragically, was killed in action on D-Day. He is a recipient of the Bronze Star.

Lt. Andrew Edward Tuck III was in F Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division (the famous Band of Brothers was E Company). Although captured by the Germans on D-Day, Lt. Tuck managed to escape and join up with the 506th. He went on to participate in Operation Market Garden and the Battle of the Bulge, only to be killed in a vehicle accident in Austria after the war was over.

Located in the main lobby of Mamaroneck High School (outside the multi-tiered classroom), the exhibit will be up by Memorial Day, 2012, and is open to the public. Please come and see it when you can.



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Memorial Day Ceremonies 2012

Kemper Park	Richard Kemper Essay Contest Ceremony: Wednesday, May 30, 3 p.m. Ceremony begins in the multi-tiered classroom off the lobby of the main entrance to Mamaroneck High School and then moves outside to Kemper Park.
Village of Mamaroneck American Legion Post 90	Village of Mamaroneck Parade: Wednesday, May 30, 7:00 p.m. Mamaroneck Avenue. Following the parade, the ceremony will be held at American Legion Post 90 Hall on Prospect Avenue.
Village of Larchmont	Memorial Day Parade: Thursday, May 24, 7 p.m. Chatsworth to Palmer to Larchmont Avenue
American Legion Post 347	Ceremony at War Memorial on Myrtle Boulevard and Murray Avenue Monday, May 28, 11 a.m. In the event of rain, ceremony will be held at Flint Park Headquarters.
Veterans of Foreign Wars David Potts, Jr. Post 1156	Ceremony at Tompkins Park, Boston Post Rd., Village of Mamaroneck Monday, May 28, 9 a.m.