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WWII VETERAN RECEIVES FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL

On July 11, 2017 World War II veteran Joseph Bariletto was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal by New York French Consul General Ms. Anne-Claire Legendre during a ceremony held at the Kenilworth VFW Post 2230.

The French Legion of Honor is an order of distinction first established by Napoleon Bonaparte in May of 1802, and is the highest decoration bestowed in France. American veterans who risked their lives during World War II and who fought on French territory qualify to be decorated as Knights of the Legion of Honor. Joseph fought in two of the four main campaigns during the Liberation of France: Normandy and Northern France. Recipients of this honor are designated by the President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron.

Joseph was born in Newark, NJ on February 11, 1919 and was inducted into the army on April 8, 1941 at the age of 21. Following completion of basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia he was transferred to the 28th Infantry Division, 111th Infantry Regiment at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania.

In December, 1941 Congress declared war upon Germany and Joseph and his unit were assigned to the Eastern Defense Command, 3rd Coastal Artillery District at Camp Pendleton, Virginia until the end of 1943. In December Joseph was reassigned from the 111th Infantry Regiment to the 131st Quartermaster Truck Company.

In January 1944 the 131st QM Truck Company received orders for shipment to the European Theater of Operations. Joseph departed the Brooklyn Navy Yard on February 27th aboard the SS Sea Porpoise and after 11 days at sea arrived near Glasgow, Scotland. The 131st remained in the UK for several months moving troops and supplies to various staging areas in preparation for the D-Day invasion.

In July 1944 Joseph departed England





for Normandy, France aboard the Liberty ship "George Whitfield". He disembarked on Utah Beach and was attached to General Patton's 3rd Army. The 131st hauled troops and supplies of 3rd Army units of the 8th and 83rd Divisions to Avranches and Rennes, France.

In August the company was assigned to Patton's 6th Armored Division for the drive west across Northern France to capture the strategic port city of Brest. The 131st carried supplies and large amounts of gasoline across Brittany to ensure this phase of the Northern France breakout would not stall. The siege of Brest was one of the most difficult campaigns in Northern France. Following the capture of Brest in September, the unit was attached to 9th Army under General Simpson.

Joseph moved east through Paris arriving near Bastogne where he entered into the Rhineland Campaign in late September 1944. Throughout the month he crisscrossed through Belgium and Holland and in early November prepared for crossing the Rhine into Germany. In the winter of 1945 during the Battle of the Bulge all of the 131st trucks worked around the clock helping pull back troops and supplies from the battle. From January to March 1945 he moved with the 9th Army through Luxemburg, Holland, and Belgium, and in mid-March crossed the Rhine and entered the Central Europe Campaign.

Following Berlin's surrender in May 1945 the 131st Truck Company was transferred to the 7th Army and stationed outside Potsdam, Germany where they served as motor pool for the Potsdam Conference.

Joseph left Germany in September and arrived at the port of Antwerp, Belgium where he boarded the Victory ship "Rushville Victory" on October 3, 1945. After 8 days at sea Joseph arrived in Brooklyn, NY and was separated from the army on October 16, 1945 at Ft. Dix, NJ.

Joseph served in the American Theater of Operations under 1st Army, under 3 field armies in the European Theater of Operations, received battle credits for four campaigns, two of which were in France, received the Meritorious Service Wreath, and had achieved the rank of Technician Fifth Grade. He received an honorable discharge from the army after having spent over four and a half years in the military.



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KENILWORTH ROTARY CLUB NEWS

On Wednesday June 12, 2017, Rotary President Ceu Manata presented a \$250 donation from the Kenilworth Rotary Club to the Superintendent of the Kenilworth Public Schools Dr. Tom Tramaglini. The donation will be utilized to fund a new STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) at David Brearley Middle / High School during the 2017-2018 school year.

The club was founded by Brearley student Chris Kossor during the spring of 2017. The funds will mainly be used to support resources for experiments and club events. During the 2017-2018 school year, the Brearley STEM Club will host one of the Rotary meetings for a STEM demonstration.

The club meets every Wednesday at Rinaldis Restaurant @12:15. The club had a very successful year of community service to local, district and international projects through Rotary International founded in 1905 and fundraising which enabled its student scholarship and camp scholarship programs to thrive. Visit Kenilworth Rotary Club on Facebook or go to www.kenilworthnjrotary.org or call Ceu at 908-400-5033.

The club welcomes new members all year and

On Wednesday June 12, 2017, Rotary volunteer opportunities are always available resident Ceu Manata presented a \$250 donation through "Service Above Self" the motto of the Kenilworth Rotary Club to the Rotary International.



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Historian and author Walter E. Boright, Ed.D.

The Kenilworth Water Tower located on N. Michigan Ave. was built in 1940 by the Plainfield-Union Water Co. Today it is owned by the American Water Co.

The tower sits almost where the main building of the old Upsala College stood from 1899-1924 on what then was called

College Hill. Of the original 14-acre campus, the water company owns 6.5 acres which were assessed in 2016 at \$522,600, resulting in a tax payment of \$25,058 to the borough. The hill rises 166 feet above sea level with the tower rising another 105 feet.

When the tower was erected in 1940, N. 21st St. was one continuous unpaved road to the top of the hill. Trucks and workers got to the top by travelling up that route. In the late 1940s an unrelated excavation project took place that left

an expansive hole at the end N. 21st St. In the late 1960s houses were built in that depression on new streets – Upsala Ct. and Via Vitale. The earth moving also resulted in hollowing out of a vast area at the ends of N. 17th to N. 19th streets. This created an amphitheater of sorts where the Black Brook Park ball field is now located.

Eugene Coppola, now 97 years old, witnessed the tower's construction. He said, "They came in with big flatbed trailers. Each could hold only one giant curved steel section several inches thick. Huge cranes lifted sections into place. They riveted and welded them together."

Originally painted black, it was changed to a light blue hue in the 1960s to better blend in with the sky. It bears the name Kenilworth at its crown.

Research for this article was provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Historic Signs, Inc. The 1940s photo depicting the excavating away of part of College Hill and hollowing out today's ball field is from the Ray Scheuerer collection. Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.







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(above) The graduating class of 2017 at Project Graduation.

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The celebration attracted over 60 students from the graduating class of 2017.

graduation ceremony before meeting at the school to board a bus and travel to the site, where the PTO parents had arranged various activities for them. The program ran from 10 pm until 2:30 am the following morning. The students were then transported back to the school.

"It is good, safe fun for our students," stated Jean Laurie, Project Graduation chairperson. "This is my second year being involved with the program, and both years I would say were an absolute success," Laurie added.

In addition to food, the students were given various activities to play while they were at the venue. There was also a photo booth with props for the recent graduates.

Without a doubt, the hands-down favorite was the hypnotist who ended the evening by mesmerizing 10 of the students.

"I'd never seen anything like this before," said valedictorian Rebecca Pantano. "It was great to see my classmates participate in this."

Residents are asked to patronize the businesses

who donated money to sponsor the Project Graduation Program.

"Every year, local businesses are asked to help The students were able to partake in the and to contribute to this worthwhile program. These businesses continually step up to the plate," Laurie said.

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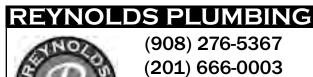
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Of the estimated 10,000 participants, 23 Troops submitted STEM projects to the challenge and Troop 83 won the 2nd place prize, \$100 gift card for the benefit of Troop 83. Congratulations to the team!

The title of the STEM project was: "Which Flashlight Battery Lasts the Longest." The team built a device that automatically times how long a flashlight produces useful light powered by 3 AAA batteries. They used the device to test 6 brands of AAA batteries to determine which brand lasted the longest and which brand was most economical.







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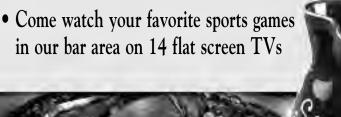


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On Friday, September 22, the Kenilworth Historical Society will present a dinner and show featuring a live performance of favorite music from the British Invasion musical movement of the 1960s followed by popular songs that constituted America's musical response to the movement. The exciting, fun-filled evening will take place at the Kenilworth Veterans Center (33 South 21st Street) from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The event will feature a spectacular live twohour show by "The British Invasion Years" band, which has toured extensively, winning acclaim and sharing the stage with such legendary recording artists as The Beach Boys, Ringo Starr, Herman's Hermits and many others. The band is renowned for taking audiences on a nostalgic journey through the 1960s with an engaging three-part performance that begins with the British Invasion movement: classic songs by such iconic British rock-and-roll groups as The Animals, The Rolling Stones, The Zombies, The Kinks, The Moody Blues, The Dave Clark Five, Herman's Hermits, The Who and others; continues with the American musical response: memorable hits by such celebrated artists as The Monkees, The Turtles, Jefferson Airplane, Tommy James and the Shondells, The Doors and others; and concludes with a fabulous musical tribute to The Beatles.

A three-course buffet dinner comprising Penne Vodka, Chicken Francaise, Sausage Murphy, assorted cold cuts, tossed salad, bread and rolls, dessert, coffee and tea will be served during the evening. A 50/50 raffle and Gift Auction will also take place.

Admission to the dinner and show is \$60. Advance reservations (by September 8) are requested. The event seating plan accommodates eight to ten people per table. Early reservations are encouraged to ensure availability and avoid disappointment. For reservations/tickets, please call 908-709-0434, 908-709-0391 or visit Especially Yours Florist (13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth), where tickets for the event also are being sold.

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Registration is required. Registration will begin on Monday, August 14. To register, please call the library at 908-276-2451 or visit 548 Boulevard.

Solar eclipse glasses will be distributed at The Kenilworth Public Library during the week of August 14 - 18 for families and individuals who are unable to attend the library's event on August 21. The solar eclipse glasses will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

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This summer, Kenilworth Public Library cardholders are invited expand their horizons at our wonderful area museums. Museum Pass lending is available to Kenilworth Public Library cardholders in good standing. Passes can be checked out for up to one week, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Museum Pass benefits—including the number of attendees granted entry, discounts to local shops and restaurants, and access to special exhibits—vary from location to location.

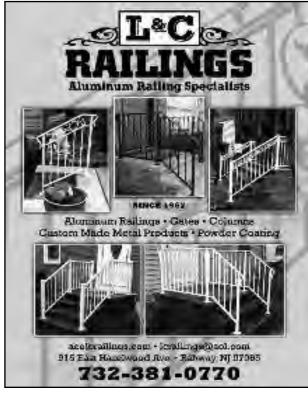
Please call (908) 276-2451 for more information, or contact Library Director Michael Maziekien at maz@lmxac.org.The Kenilworth Public Library is accessible to all.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ralph Errington Foundation, the Kenilworth Public Library is now offering lendable Museum Passes to:

- The Children's Museum of Manhattan
- The Frick Collection,
- Grounds for Sculpture;
- The Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum,
- The Montclair Art Museum,
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Class of 1968 classmates being sought: Barbara Bucci, Howard Dropkin, Barbara Fastige, Susan Goorin, Isabel Gregorio-Walsh, Donald Haumann, Edward Horning, Linda Kaiser, Patricia Leck, Barbara Lento, Gloria Machin, Patricia Marcella, Marylou Mohr, Joseph Myceek, Linda Nielson, Larry Payne, Nancy Pischedda, Tonya Regalado, Christine Reynolds, Helen Reynolds, Suzanna Santiso, Angela Senna, Raymond TenEyck, Marilyn Torrenti-Hendricks, Douglas Van Houten, Anthony Vett, Alfred Volpe, Diane Weber, Elayne Weber-Lukawitz, Joanne Zarello, Felicia Yannone.

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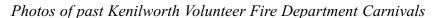












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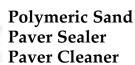
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