

# Chapter Eight

## Minerva Veterans



Minerva has always been a bastion of patriotism. When America was threatened, Minervans answered the call – proudly and honorably. During times of peace, local citizens enlisted to help keep that peace at home and around the world. During times of global conflict, our veterans faced the horrors of war. Some returned to a hero’s welcome, others to the disdain of an angry nation torn apart. There were those who made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives so that others could live in freedom. Stories of heroism and patriotism abound, as do those of the untold consequences of war. Henry A. Houghton, WWII veteran from Minerva put it aptly in a story dictated to his sister, which drew upon his own experiences in war and peace and stressed the utter futility of war. It also brought vividly to mind how “the surviving veteran carries with him to his last hour the horrors of war even though there are no visible scars.” The sacrifices and service of Minerva veterans who served from the Revolution through World War II are covered in *Minerva 1817-1967 A history of a town in Essex County N.Y.* Sadly the need for service did not end there. Minervans have been called to duty in subsequent conflicts around the world from Korea to our country’s present day involvement in the Middle East. In 2010, William Brannon, himself a veteran serving in the United States Army, began a Veteran’s project, work that continued until his death in 2013. Bill collected information on Minerva veterans adding to the database of those previously covered in Minerva History annals, and those who came later serving in Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan and in peacekeeping missions around the world.

Following Bill's death, the Minerva Veterans Committee of the Minerva Historical Society continued the work, reaching out to veterans through direct mailings and social media to collect as much information as possible with an eye towards creating a lasting memorial to their service. Anecdotal records remain spotty, and the list is not all-inclusive, but it remains the most comprehensive accounting of Minerva veterans to date.

In 2014, as Minerva prepared for its bicentennial celebration schedule for 2017, a bicentennial committee was formed and the town board appointed Nancy Shaw and Ann Dunkley as co-chairs. After several meetings the committee decided that Minerva veterans should be honored in some way. A veterans subcommittee was then formed consisting of Minerva veterans who decided on the creation of a Veteran's Memorial Park. Fundraising began.

In 2015 the town authorized the purchase of the corner lot property adjacent to the town hall for the establishment of the park, and passed a resolution to commit funding. A plan for the memorial was developed by the veterans committee. In 2016 the promise of a \$50,000 grant from Senator Betty Little provided additional funding for the project. The stone was ordered from Loiselle Memorials and the Minerva Service Organization donated funds for a flagpole for the site.



**Bicentennial Co-chairs: Nancy Shaw, Ann Dunkley**

A dedication was scheduled for Minerva Day 2017 in honor of the town's bicentennial; however plans were stalled as the town waited for the state funds to be released. The memorial is now a reality.



**Veterans James Halloran, Joe Donaldson, Randy Green**



**WWII Veterans Jack Norton, Bill Bailey, Robert Savarie**

In the three years leading up to the bicentennial, the town found many ways to recognize veterans. A "Veterans Corner" became a regular feature of the Minerva Historical *Quarterly* with stories of service and patriotism of Minerva veterans. Three of the six remaining Minerva World War II veterans, William Bailey, Jack Norton and Robert Savarie, were honored guests riding a float in the 2016 Minerva Day Parade. Frank Ramsey, Jr., Gustav Stewart, III and E. Westcott Mangine were recognized, but could not attend. For two years events were held at Minerva Central School to honor local veterans on Veterans Day.



**Veterans Day at MCS**



**Many Veterans Honored**

In 2016 a skeet shoot were held at the home of Pat and Steve Cuzzacrea to honor veterans who were allowed to shoot for free, while raising funds for the memorial. On Minerva Day 2017 a veterans exhibit was a well-received event at the town hall. Military memorabilia from generations of Minerva veterans spanning many wars was on display throughout the day.



**Skeet Shoot at Cuzzacreas for Bicentennial Funds**



**John Torborg & Steve Cuzzacrea  
Instructing Participants**

The efforts to document the service of Minerva citizens continues, as we strive to recognize their service and sacrifice and tell their stories. See the list of those who served from Korea to the present day.



**Philip F. Johnson**

1953-1961, Instructor for Artillery, Sergeant, Marine Corps  
Active in American Legion Post No. 629 for 39 years,  
Phil has annually placed an American flag on all veterans' graves in Minerva for Memorial Day.

## Korean War Era

**\*Died in Service**

### Air Force

**John Arnold** – 1951-1952, Korea, MP, Corporal (see also Vietnam era)

**Herbert L. Ball** – Corporal

**Robert A. Blackburn** – 1957-1961, North Africa, Aircraft Electronics, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**John Callihan** – 1950-1956, Reserves to 1960, First Lieutenant

**David Carver** – 1951-1954, Germany, Airman First Class

**Lillian Anne Dimick** – 1953, Warren AFB, Wyoming, Private

**Raymond L. Goodspeed** – 1951-1954, Aircraft Mechanic Korea, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

**Franklin Hewitt** – 1950-1952, Florida, Food Service Squadron, Corporal

**Robert W. Killon** – 1957-1960, Germany, Private

**Patrick McNally** – 1953-1957, Mechanic, Inactive Reserves 5 years, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Robert Merrithew** – 1950-1954, Photomapping, Germany, Staff Sergeant

**Erwin Persons** – 1955-1959, Electronics Technician Instructor, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

**Melvin F. Provoncha** – 1950-1973, Korea, Corporal (see Vietnam Era)

**Gerald Raymond** – 1954-1958, D.C. and Iceland, Airplane Repairman, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

**Thomas Richards** – 1951-1953, Okinawa, Bomb Squadron, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

**George Vanderwalker** – 1950-1955, cook

**John Wood** – 1951, Training Keesler AFB, Miss., Private 1<sup>st</sup> class

### Army

**Edward Archambeau** – 1951-1953, Infantry, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Joseph Arnold** – 1951-1952, Infantry, Korea, Private

**Vernon A. Balch** – 1951, Support Co., Air Reconnaissance, 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Benjamin Collard** – 1951, Germany, Vehicle Mechanic with 41<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion, Private

**Clifford L. Cowles** – 1953-1955, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Private

**Clifford E. Coyle, Jr.** – 1954-1956, MP at Okinawa, Specialist 3

**Henry Dimick** - 1953-1954, Radio Communication, Korea, Corporal

**Evelyn Jones** – 1952-1954, WAC, Germany, Pentagon, Photography, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Robert M. Kellogg** – 1954-1956

**Robert W. Killon** – Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Bruce LaBar** - 1954-1956, Fairbanks (Alaska), Private

**Louis C. Lapell** – 1951-1952, Germany & Korea, 38<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Transportation Truck Battalion, Private

**Roscoe Lawrence** – 1948-1950, Wounded in Battle in Korea, 65<sup>th</sup> Engineers, Corporal

**Michael Leddick** – 1955-1958, Army Engineers Motor Pool

**Leo McNally** – 1950-52, Germany, Support Unit, Private First Class

**John T. Meehan** – 1954-1959, Germany and Colorado, Cook

**William Moos, Jr.** – 1951, Greenland, Officers' Driver

**Douglas Morse** – 1953-1955, Paratrooper 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, Driver, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Robert O'Brien** - 1950-1952, Message Center Cryptographer, Corporal

**Frederick O'Connor** – 1953-1954 Active Reserves, 1955-1961 Inactive Reserves

**Robert Preston** – 1951-1953, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Infantry Regt, Corporal; 1954, Reserves, Corporal

**Richard Ryan** - 1958-1960, Fort Dix, Clerical, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Kenneth L. Secor, Jr.** – 1951, Korea, Paratroopers

**John B. Sheehan** – 1951-1953, Germany and with the Army of Occupation; 1954 Reserves, E-2

**Jerry Stahl** – 1954, Signal Unit, Captain; Commanding Officer of Minerva Reserve Unit

**Rodney James Tucker** – 1956-58, Fort McClellan, Maintenance Mechanic, PFC (E-3) (T)

**Charles Valine** – 1952-1954

**Robert Warnecke**, Early 50s, Hospital Library, then Guided Missiles, Colonel  
**Everton E. Wells** – 1952, Served Overseas during the Korean War, Corporal  
**Fenton Junior West** –1951-1953, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class, E-3

## **Marine Corps**

**Roger W. Collard** –1954-1957, Amphibious Assault Exercises in Mediterranean, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
**Robert J. Foley** – 1952-1955, Hawaii, Corporal  
**Philip F. Johnson** –1953-1956, Instructor for Artillery, Sergeant  
**Evelyn Jones** – 1956-1959, MCRD San Diego, California, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant (see Army)  
**Charles Mitchell** – 1956-1957, Private  
**Frederick Morse** – 1952-1954, Reserves for 6 years, Corporal

## **Navy**

**Donald Henry Campbell** – 1966, Plattsburgh AFB  
**Norman G. A. Day** – Navy V-12 Program, Served in the Pacific  
**John J. Feiden** - 1952-1960, Aviation Machinist's Mate, Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
**John E. Feldsine, Jr.** –1952-1954, Sea of Japan & Mediterranean Sea, *U.S.S. Ware*, Lt. JG  
**John W. Galaway, Jr.** –1956-1958, Suez Canal Crisis, Boiler Tender-Engine Mechanical Apprentice  
**Kenneth E. Goodspeed** – WWII, Discharged in 1948; Korea 1951-1952  
**Nolan Lavery** - 1955-1959, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Electrician; Reserves till 1962  
**Charles Steuart** –Reserves 1950-1951, Active 1952-1954, Europe, Machinist Mate/Fireman, MMLFN  
**Norman J. Sullivan, Jr.** – 1955-1957, *U.S.S. Salisbury Sound*, Navy Air Training

### Unclassified:

**Bernie E. Baker**  
**Quentin B. Chadwick** – Veteran of WWII and Korea, Lieutenant  
**Perry W. Rivenburgh**

## **Vietnam Era**

### **Air Force**

**John Arnold**, Vietnam, Helicopter Mechanic, Tech Sergeant (see also Korean War era)  
**Donald G. Baylies, Jr.** – 1966-1968, Supply Specialist, Strategic Air Command, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
**Richard Billings** - 1961  
**Eugene Blackburn** – 1959-1963, Okinawa, Fire-Control Systems Mechanic, E-4  
**Peter Bohanan** – 1963  
**Donald Burnham, Jr.** – Air Nat'l Guard, Medical Unit, Sergeant  
**Earl Curtis** – 1966-1974, England, Personnel, Staff Sergeant E-5  
**Robert Curtis** –1961-1965, Combat Controller, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (E-2)  
**William J. Dowling** – 1959-1963, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
**Edward Eugene Healy** – Air Nat'l Guard, 1964-1970, Parachute Rigger/Air Traffic Control, E-4  
**Thomas W. Kelly** – 1969-1972, Airman, Aircraft Maintenance, E-4  
**Craig Royce Mitchell** – 1966-1968, Japan, Sergeant  
**Dale Mitchell** – 1961+, Colorado  
**Wayne T. Morse** -1969 -1973, Thai AFB & Stateside, Munitions Maintenance Tech, Tech Sergeant  
**Rosemary O'Connor** –1958-1961, Medical Technician at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi  
**Alan Olmstead** – 1967-1971, Maryland and DC, MP & Medical Corpsman, E-5  
**Erwin Persons** – 1955-1959, A/2C  
**Norman M. Persons** –1963-1967, Served in Pakistan, Communications Operations Spec, E-4  
**Melvin F. Provoncha** –1950-1973, 1965 APO Staff Sergeant, 1966 Tech Sergeant in Colorado  
**Wayne B. Smith** – 1974-1994, Flight Mechanic, 2 Tours Vietnam (see Marines, Post Vietnam)  
**John C. Torborg** –1964-1992, Sr. Weapons Instructor, NCO Weapons Training, Master Sergeant

**Edgar J. Venner** – Pacific Air Forces, Vietnam, Automotive Repairman, Sergeant  
**Stanley E. Wildes** – 1961-1967, Carpentry Specialist, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class, E-4  
**Vernon O. Winch, Jr.** –1957-1960, Served Overseas, including Germany, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, E-3

## **Army**

**Thomas L. Aleksejczyk** – Reserves, 1970-1976, Sergeant  
**Dr. C. Richard Barber** – 1968, Bac Lieu, Vietnam, Medical Corps, Lt. Colonel  
**Daniel Berggren** – 1971-1975, Germany and Belgium, Broadcast Specialist, SP 5  
**Richard W. Blackburn** –1964-66, Alaska, 56<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion, Light Vehicle Driver, Private  
**Robert Blackburn** – 1958-1961, Stateside and Germany (see also Korean Era)  
**William Edward Brannon** –1963-1965; Germany, VA.; Topographer Computer Specialist, SP4(T)  
**Carl Raymond Campbell, Sr.** – Vietnam, SSG  
**Edward M. Cochrane, III**– 1969-1975 Reserves, Florida, MP & Cook  
**Geoffrey Crouse** –1968-1970, Vietnam as a Ranger, Active Reserves for one year, E-4  
**Francis Daniels** – 1959+ Career Army, Vietnam and Japan  
**David G. Dunbar** – 1972-1978, Medic, Germany and Stateside, E-5; 1978-1990 Nat'l Guard  
**Jeffrey Eager** - 1971-1973, Dental Corps, Captain  
**Gene R. Eckert** – SR4  
**Paul Frettoloso** –1967-1971 & in National Guard Reserves, Medic, E-5  
**Dale Gonyea** - Vietnam  
**Gregory A. Gorges** – 1966-1968, Germany, Supply Sergeant, E-5  
**Randy Green** –1971-1978, 8 months service in Vietnam in 1972, E-4  
**David M. Gregory** – 1966-1968, Medic, SGG E-6, Staff Sergeant  
**Eugene Grimard** – 1962-1964, Fort Benning, Ga., Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
**Brian J. Hammond** – Vietnam, Private 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
**Michael Hammond** – 1967-1968, Wounded Vietnam, E-4  
**Frank R. Herbst** – 1969-1974 - NY Reserves, Active Duty during Mail Strike, Administrative, E-6  
**Peter Hornbeck** –1966-1968, Served Stateside, E4  
**Steven Howe, Sr.**  
**Keith Iversen** –1970-1972, Germany, Persian Missile Crewman, E-4  
**Leo Kellogg** –1958-1961, Special Agent in the U.S. Counterintelligence Corps, Sergeant  
**Joseph Kelly** – 1967-1969, Vietnam, Light Weapons Infantry, E-4  
**Gary Lanphear** - National Guard, 1963-1969, Draftsman for G-3 Intelligence, E-5  
**Larry Lanphear** –1962-1964, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Corporal, Spec-4.  
**Robert Lee** –1965-1991, Special Forces Vietnam; 1969-1970, Ranger Instructor, Navy Seal, Lt. Col.  
**Arthur Liberty** – 1963-1969, Vietnam, Dispersing Specialist (Payroll Clerk), E-4  
**Richard Lilleston** - 1969-1970, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant  
**Michael Lynn** – 1970-1973, MP at Fort Bragg, N.C., Spec 4  
**Terrance Arthur Lynn** – 1964-1969, Combat Medic, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Division, Spec 4  
**David Marshall** –Reserves, 1963-1969, E-5  
**Thomas Charles McNally** – 1965-1967, Vietnam, E-5  
**Thomas McNally** –1965-1967, Communications, Sergeant  
**James Mitchell** – Vietnam in 1965  
**Alvin Beverly Morrison**–1963-70, 91C, Vietnam, 10 (M) Infantry, Battalion Aid Station, NCOIC  
**Robert Morrison** – Reserves  
**Eduardo Munoz, Jr.** - 1966-1968, Germany, Company Clerk, SP5  
**Richard J. O'Connor** –1965-1968, Missile Technician, Germany - Ski Patrol at Berchtesgaden, SP5  
**\*Cosmo Francis Pacetta** – 1967, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Killed while serving in Quang Ngai, Vietnam  
**Paul Palmer** –1970-73, Vietnam; 1977-94, Morse Code Interceptor, retired 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, E-8  
**Donald Plumley** – 1960-1962, South Carolina and Georgia, E-5  
**Wesley R. Rose** – 1958-1960, Corporal  
**Ronald Sanalitra** – 1966, New York, Private

**Harold Ernest Shaw** –1970-1972, Korea, E-4; Six years in the Reserves  
**Ronald Shaw** –Nat'l Guard, 1968-1974, Activated Elmira Flooding, NY, E-5 Sergeant  
**William Michael Sheehan** –1962-1984, Clerical, Okinawa, Vietnam, Korea, Germany, Master Sgt.  
**\*Hugh John Shevlin** –1969-1970, Vietnam War, Spec. E-4 - killed Nov. 8, 1970  
**Thomas Farrell Shevlin** – 1966-1971, Vietnam, SP4  
**Dolores Marie Lopez Smith** - 1970-1973, Transportation, Supply, PFC  
**Vernon H. Smith, Sr.** - 1966-1968, Germany & Vietnam, E-4  
**James Patrick Vaughan** –Vietnam  
**Neil T. West** – 1964-1966, Seneca, NY, Specialist 5  
**Richard C. West** –1960-1981 Retired, Wounded Vietnam War, Major 04,  
**Wayne Evans West** –37-1/2 Years Retired, Vietnam War, Chief Warrant Officer 5

## **Coast Guard**

**Robert Mueller** – 1962-1968, Electrician's Mate, EM-3  
**David Murphy** – 1963  
**Roger A. Pratt** – 1969-1974, E-5

## **Marines**

**Daniel R. Barber** – 1968-1970, 2 Deployments, Mobile Construction Battalion, E-5  
**Kurt Brunn** – 1969-1970, Infantry, Coast of Vietnam, Corporal (E-4)  
**Gary M. Foote** –1960-1963, Helicopter Mechanic, Camp Lejeune, NC, Private First Class  
**Keith D. Gallagher** – 1967-1970, California, First Marines in Vietnam, Sergeant  
**Robert William Giardino** – 1970-1976, Overseas, Combat Engineer, Staff Sergeant  
**James Hayes** – 1968-1969, Mechanic, Camp Lejeune, NC, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
**Kenneth Hayes** – 1965, Killed in auto accident while on leave Nov. 1965, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
**Walter Alfred Iversen** – 1967-71, 1978-94, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing NC, Gunnery Sergeant  
**Richard F. Kenny** – 1960-1963+, Vietnam, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
**Charles H. Mitchell** – 1955-65, Parris Island & Vietnam, Crew Chief in Helicopter  
**Jerry Mitchell** –1960-1963  
**John Palmer** – Vietnam  
**Larry Pratt, Jr.** – 1972-1976, ABC (Atomic, Biological, Chemical), E-5  
**William John Reid** –1967, Da Nang, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Air Wing, Fuel Specialist, E-4  
**Keith Rose** – 1964, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Private  
**Kenneth Salamon** –1967-1970, 2 Tours Vietnam, Europe, Lebanon and Middle East, Captain  
**Wayne B. Smith** –1965-1969, 2 Tours Vietnam, Tank Unit, Corporal  
**Jack Vanderwarker** –1963-1973, Vietnam, Staff Sergeant  
**Elmer Whipple** – 1966-1972, Rifleman, Corporal E-4

## **Navy**

**Vernon Arnold** –1960-1964, *USS Enterprise*, Electrician's Mate Fireman Apprentice 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
**Michael Barber** – 1968-1970, Seabees  
**Charles Barnes** – 1958-1964, Seaman aboard *USS Ticonderoga*, AA  
**Richard Clifford** –1960  
**John Cummins** - 1960-1966, E-5  
**Stephen Cuzzacrea** –1957-1960, Radio Man. Tracked Russian *Sputnik*. Reserves 3 years, E-3  
**Jack Demers** – 1960-1966, Boatswain's Mate on the *Intrepid*, E-4.  
**Walter Jenkins** –1968-1970, Vietnam, Combat Construction, Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
**Michael Kelly** –1960-1966, Missile Fundamentals, E-5  
**Leroy Mather** – 1963-1969, Hawaii, Western Pacific, Seaman  
**Allen Wade Mitchell** – 1958, Parris Island  
**Donald L. Murphy** – 1963-1968, *USS Ticonderoga*, QM-3

**Douglas Murphy** –1959-1962, *USS Pocono*, Mediterranean, Caribbean, Shipfitter, 3C  
**John L. Murphy** – 1961-1962, *USS Homme Richard*, Airman Apprentice  
**Thomas O'Malley** – 1971-1974, Hospital Corpsman, E-5  
**Norman John Sullivan**, 1955-1959, Vietnam War, Pacific Duty, AT2  
**Richard B. Ten Eyck** –1960-1964, Assigned to the *US KID DD661*, SN (E-3)  
**William H. West** –1958-1962, Vietnam, Navy Seal  
**Gary E. Wheeler, Sr.** – Vietnam, SN

Unclassified:

**Robert Lilleston**  
**C.W. Wickersham**

## Post Vietnam

### Air Force

**Edward W. Brannon** –1992-2013, Retired, Alaska; Instructor/Airplane Mechanic, Master Sergeant  
**Jennifer K. Fountain** – 1992-1993, Oklahoma  
**Mr. Kim Hier** - 1978-1982, New Mexico, Aircraft Maintenance Support, Sergeant  
**Amy Kotula** – 1979-1995 Reserves, PA and Frankfurt, Germany, Security Police, E-6  
**Robert Kotula, Jr.** –1980-2012 Air Nat'l Guard, Navigator School, Flew All Over World, Lt. Colonel  
**Susan Kotula** – 1988-1992, SP duties, Rhein-Main, Germany, E-5  
**Gerald Joseph LaRocque** - 1991-1996, Aircraft Electrician for U-2s & KC-135, Senior Airman  
**Eric Peter Loiseau** – U.S. Air Force, 1992-1996, Persian Gulf War, E-4  
**Kyle Wade Mason** – 2005-2013, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, Cyber Transport Specialist, Staff Sergeant E-5  
**Jason Mather** – 1992-1996; Security; Texas, Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia; Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
**Ronald McDonald** – 8 years  
**John Mark McNally** – 1999-2008, Staff Sergeant (E-5)  
**Stephen R. McNally** –1979-1982, E-2  
**John T. Meehan, Jr.** – 1983-1984, England, Security Police, Sergeant  
**Wayne T. Morse** – 1974-1992, Japan & Stateside, Aircraft Maintenance, Master Sergeant Retired  
**William Morse** – 1993-2004, First in Air Force, Then in Army to Present, Italy-Bosnia-Others, Major  
**Keith R. Palmer** – 1978-1995, Overseas, Munitions Systems, Tech Sergeant  
**Barbara Smith** – 1991-2007, Engineering, Japan, Germany & Persian Gulf, Tech Sergeant

### Army

**Michael T. Brannon** – 1992-1996, Reserves, E-4  
**David E. Clark** – 2006-Present, Iraq  
**Joseph Donaldson** – 2001-2009, 3 Tours Iraq, Reserves 2009-Present, Generator Mechanic, Corporal  
**Andrew T. Dunbar** – 2007-2017, Reserves, E-3  
**Ian Dunbar** – 1998–2008, National Guard, Counter Drug Unit, Staff Sergeant E-6  
**Jeremy Eager** – 2003-2010, Iraq, Anesthesiologist with Medical Corps, Retired  
**Aaron Joseph Farley** – 1990  
**Richard Galusha** – 1981-2003, Army National Reserves, Lieutenant  
**Randy L. Goodspeed** –1977-1982, Stationed in Korea and Germany  
**Matthew Gregory** – 1996-2010, Satellite Communications, Sergeant First Class E-7  
**Spencer C. Hier**, 2009-2013, Germany & Afghanistan, Engineer/Route Clearance, Sergeant  
**Zachary J. Hier**, 2008-2011, Texas & Iraq, Lt.-Wheeled Vehicle Maint./Convoy Escort, Specialist  
**Christopher Kellogg** – 2009  
**Anne Kotula** – 1981-1984, Colorado & Alaska, E-4  
**Lynne Kotula** – 1987-1990, MP in Frankfurt, Germany, E-4  
**Shane Kotula** – 1984-1986, Reserves 1986-1988, Germany, Anesthetist, Major  
**Diane LaRocque** – 1981-1982, Ft. Eustis, Va., E-4

**Thomas LaRocque** – 1993-1998, 2001; Reserves 1998-2003, Qatar Embassy, Intelligence, Captain  
**Neil A. Mason** – 1996-2002, Korea & Bosnia, Aircraft Pneudraulic Systems, E-4  
**Brad J. Olden** –1991-2010, 2 Tours in Iraq, 2 Tours in Korea and 1 in Germany  
**Charles Pace** – National Guard, 2007-Present, Sergeant  
**\*Spc. Mark C. Palmateer** – Killed in Afghanistan, June 26, 2008 as a result of combat, Sergeant  
**Andrew J. Palmatier** –2009-2012, Operation Enduring Freedom XI-XII, Afghanistan, RC East.  
**Theodore L. Ricketson** – Private 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
**Jeremy S. Viele**  
**Mark Warnecke** – Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Middle East, infantry officer, Lt. Colonel retired  
**Jonathan Wildes** - 1998-2006, Specialist E-4  
**John Williams, Jr.** – Reserves 1987-1991, Welder, E-2

## **Coast Guard**

**John Thomas Gross** – 1998+, Boatswain's Mate

## **Marines**

**John J. Cummings** – 1987-1993, Desert Storm, Journeyman Hygiene Equipment Operator, E-5  
**Barry Foote** - 1984-1988, Sea Duty *USS Guadalcanal*, Crew Chief Huey Helicopters, Sergeant  
**Robert W. Giordano** – 2001-2016, Embassy Guard Duty at Helsinki, Staff Sergeant  
**Mark A. Goodspeed**  
**Daniel Raymond** – 1976-1980, Communications Radio Operations, Japan/Korea  
**Gerald Andrew Raymond** – 1990-1991, Desert Storm, Mechanic  
**Wayne B. Smith** –Small Arms Repair Specialist, 1994 (see Vietnam Era)

## **Navy**

**Paul E. Archambeau** – 1977-Career Military, Iceland 1980, HT3  
**James William Bell, III** –4 years in Libya.  
**Robert Busick** – 1987-1997, SC, GA & NY, Machinist Mate Sub Service, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officer, E-6  
**James Andrew Halloran**, 1992-1996, Aviation Electrician's Mate, E-4  
**Jeremy "Jake" Hitchcock** – 1990-1992, Boatswain's Mate, NJ & Mediterranean Persian Gulf, E-3  
**Lawrence Jordon** –1975-1980, Relocating Refugees from Vietnam to Guam, Ship's Quartermaster  
**Paul Kelly** – 1991-1997, Seaman, E-3  
**Jeffrey Mather** – 1992-2016, Instructor, Japan, Behran, Virginia, Senior Chief  
**Justin Mather** – 1992-1994, Seaman Apprentice, *USS George Washington*, Seaman  
**Kathleen O'Malley** – 1979-1984, Hospital Corpsman, E-6  
**Kellylee W. Taylor** – 2001-2017, Ordinance  
**Joseph Volpe** – 1992-1996, San Diego, Electrician's Mate, EM4

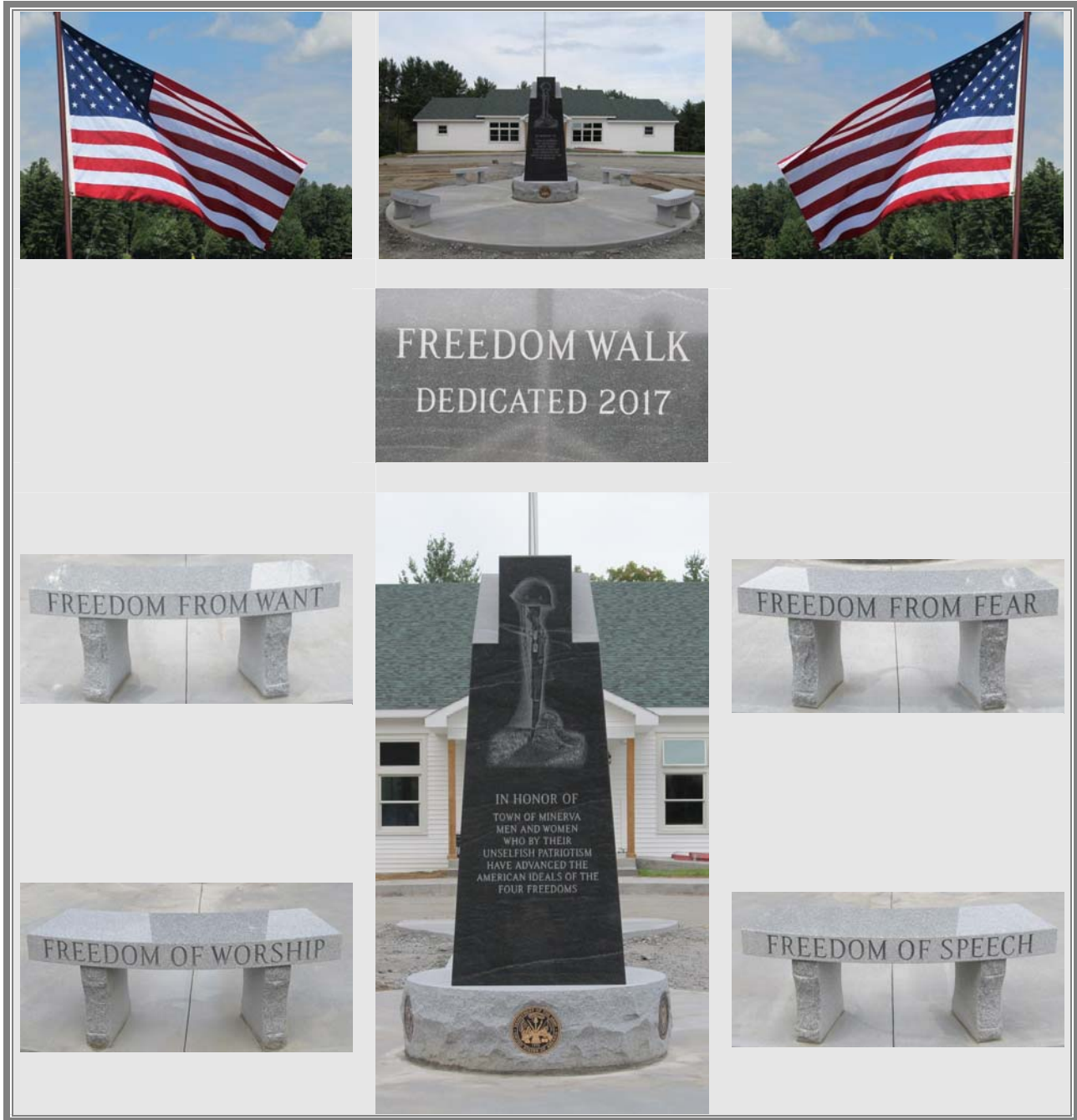
### **Unclassified:**

**James L. Higgins**  
**Edmund Murphy**  
**William H. West, Jr.**

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# Minerva Veterans Memorial

Erected on September 17, 2018



The memorial planning was organized by the Bicentennial Veterans Committee, made up of Anne Dunkley and Nancy Shaw, co-chairpersons, and Philip Johnson, John Torborg, Rob Lee, Keith Iverson, Geoff Crouse, Arthur Liberty, Dolores Smith and Andy Palmatier. The inscription was written by John Callihan.