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Newsletter of the Atlantic County Historical Society

WINTER 2018

EAGERLY ANTICIPATED 2018 MEET 'N GREET

By Sheryl Collins

It was finally here – the day the Veterans History Project Team looks forward to every year - the Annual Meet 'n Greet for the Veterans we have interviewed during the year. By now we all know our role toward making this event a successful day for our Veterans.

First come the invitations produced by our Administrative Assistant, Lori Jo Jamieson; followed up by the chair who keeps track of all the RSVP's. At the next meeting of the VHP Team duties are assigned for the program, the decorations and the refreshments. Our excitement increases as the Veterans' responses come in and today – it is game time.

Our Veterans trickle in with their guests and Zion Church Hall begins to fill with people greeting each other as old friends and meeting new friends. Three o'clock arrives and our new emcee, Tom Born, announces that the program will begin in five minutes so please take your seats or, if need be, make your final pit stop. On cue, Tom welcomes the audience and introduces Steve Jasiocki to lead in the Flag Salute immediately followed by the Star-Spangled Singers who lead us in the singing of our National Anthem under the leadership of Joanne Gabriel. At this point Tom announces the retirement of Sheryl Collins, Chair of the Veterans History Project in Atlantic County for the last eleven years who is handing over the baton to Dana Shupp who has been training over the last couple months and learning all the ins and outs of the Veterans History Project. Tom also praised all the contributions that Helen Walsh has made to the VHP since the Atlantic County Historical Society's participation in the VHP in 2007.

Steve Jasiocki, who made his inauguration to the Veterans History Project by following his curiosity to a Meet 'n Greet already in progress many years ago, gave the history of the Atlantic County Historical Society's backing of the Veterans History Project. Together, Tom Born and Sheryl Collins recognized the 2018 Class of Veterans interviewed with the presentation of jackets containing the Veteran's recorded CD of his interview, the new VHP brochure containing the names of all Veterans interviewed since 2007; approximately 390. Veterans present were Peter Bunting, Louis Cannizzaro, Patrick Creegan, Ronald Cefalone, Louis Hodac, Gary Levitz, Timothy O'Donnell, Ralph Scott, Dr. David Smith, Arthur Voorhees, and William Voorhis. The drawing offered was won by Peter Bunting.

At this point The Star-Spangled Singers sang a medley of anthems from all the military branches followed by "Let There be Peace on Earth" in which the audience spontaneously joined in.

Refreshments prepared by Babs Perry-Silva were enjoyed over bonding time among all branches of the military services and was a sweet sight to observe. The Veterans History Project members are eagerly anticipating meeting at the same time and same place next year.

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**The Atlantic County
Historical Society**

will be closed:

December 21st

through January 2nd

We will reopen January 3rd.



**Happy
Holidays!**

Events and Happenings

Program Logistics

RISLEY HOMESTEAD

8 Virginia Avenue
(near 400 block of Shore Rd)
Northfield, NJ



Program Description

The Risley Homestead is one of two 18th century houses in Atlantic County individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was home to many generations of Risley oystermen. The ACHS received the Homestead and its furnishings by bequest from Virginia Risley Stout in 1989. The Homestead is open for individual and small group guided tours. Contact ACHS for details.

Holiday Sweet Sale

To Be Held At
The Atlantic County Historical Society
907 Shore Road
Somers Point, NJ 08244

Monday, December 17th, 2018
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Featuring
Home Baked Cookies



Candy



Brownies



Fudge

Holiday Breads
Sold by the Pound, Tin, Box, or Plate
\$8.00 per Pound
Feel Free to bring your own Container or Tin

All Proceeds to Benefit the
Atlantic County Historical Society
(A Nonprofit All Volunteer Organization)



Top L: Sid Parker with Mark Damitroff at the Program on Old Indian Trails.
Bottom L: Babs Perry-Silva & Sid Parker checking out the merchandise at Ye Olde Flea Market.
Top R: Local history buff Greg Gregory speaking at the Annual Luncheon.
Bottom R: The remains of a still found on a local farm – the visuals for Greg’s talk on Prohibition in Atlantic County.

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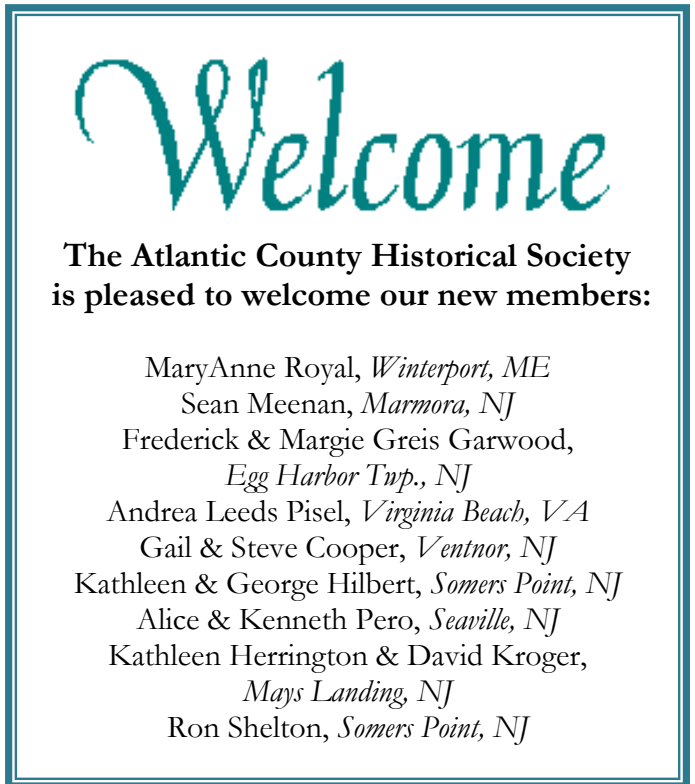
Phyllis Morris, MaryAnne Royal, Donald Shupp,
Charles & Maria Dupras,
Joyce Poley, Jean Campbell, Charles Birnstiel
MaryLou & William Crimbring,
Margie & Fred Garwood,
Joan Berkey & Scott Smith,
James Foreman, Elinor Veit, Carol Heinisch,
Frances Brewin, Lorraine Merryman,
Bob & Lynne Warner,
Walt & Lois Gregory

Patron: \$50 - \$249

Bill & Cindy Mason-Purdie,
IMO Dr. James H. Mason, IV
Past President of the Society,
Carolyn Patterson, Linwood Historical Society,
Diana Korte, Judith Schwartz, Dr. Donald Perry,
Deborah & Lewis Barrett III,
Anne-Marie Glenn, Steve Jasiocki

In Memory of Marjory C. Standiford:

Russell & Susan Davis, Susan Schwegel ,
Dave & Cathy Neder, Jane Johnston,
Anna Daly, Greg & Alice Mokrynski, Luella Dreyer,
Marion Mokrynski, Betty Cossaboon,
Joseph Hanlon, James Standiford



ANNUAL ELECTIONS

At the October 20th Annual Luncheon at Greate Bay Country Club new board members were installed for terms for *OCTOBER 2018 TO OCTOBER 2020*. The Bringing History to Life award was bestowed on Trustee Ben Brenner.

OFFICERS

Cindy Mason-Purdie
Vice President
Charlene Canale - Treasurer
Ellen Hyatt - Financial Secretary
Joan Frankel - Curator

TRUSTEES

Diane Bassetti - Historian
Benjamin Brenner
William Rozell
Ruth Taylor
Lynn Wood



ACHS President Sid Parker presents Ben Brenner with the "Bringing History to Life" award.



Officers & Trustees are sworn in by Anthony Marino. L-R: Sheryl Collins, Lynn Wood, Joan Frankel, Kevin Little, Charlene Canale, Ben Brenner, Cindy Mason-Purdie and Ellen Hyatt.

Library & Museum Accessions

Norman Goos, Librarian ~ Kathy Monroe Fritz, Assistant Librarian

Accession#	Source / Description
2018.027	Gift of David Doss: 2 Postcards - Atlantic City Steel Pier & couple posing in bathing suits taken at Palace Studios, Atlantic City, c.1900
2018.028	Gift of Mary Beth Ortzman: Periodical - SoJourn, Winter 2017/18
2018.029	Gift of Atlantic County League of Municipalities: 6 books containing the League's minutes 1954 through 2009
2018.030	Gift of Thomas J. Champion: Photo - Thelma & Pete, Walkathon Contest, Somers Point; Items related to Anchorage Restaurant: license to sell alcohol, 1936; Mortgage, 1939; Mercantile license, 1943
2018.031	Gift of Kathleen Fritz: 1937 letter from Atlantic City Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association, related to oil fire on July 16, 1937.
2018.032	Gift of Brittani Mazzone: newspapers - Atlantic City Press, various dates
2018.033	Gift of Bernadette Ayre: Family Record for Mason; Map - Colonial NJ, N.S. Skinner; Books - History of Delaware Co., Salem Quarter 1675-1990, Burlington: A Provincial Capital, The Delaware Colony, History of Little Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic Co. Revisited, Atlantic Co. Marriages, Burlington Co. Marriages, Cape May Co. Marriages, Cumberland Co. Marriages, NJ Marriages 1665-1800, South Jersey Marriages, Salem Co. Genealogical Data, Vol. II, The NJ Proprietors and Their Lands, The Early Dutch and Swedish Settlers of NJ, South Jersey Magazine, Fall 2001, Absegami Yesteryear, Sketches of Egg Harbor Twp., Officers and Men of NJ in Wars 1791-1815
2018.034	Gift of Judith W. Reynolds: Newspaper - Atlantic City Press Sept 20, 1952; Magazines - Miss America 1959, 1960, 1965, 1967; Seed catalog 1946; Booklet - Somers Point, Paradise of South Jersey 1914; Yearbook - The ACHS Herald 1928; Brochure - Nixon's Apollo Theatre, Atlantic City; Photos - ship grounded off Atlantic City 1920s
2018.035	Gift of Michael C. Dooling: Program - concert, Hotel Dennis, Atlantic City, May 2, 1929, Hotel Dennis Orchestra, J. Leonard Lewis, Director
2018.036	Gift of Andrea Rickett: White feeding cup, used to feed invalids, belonged to Leeds family; Limoges cup & saucer; porcelain dinner set; Porcelain plate with image of Theodore Roosevelt plate, belonged to Chalkley S. Leeds; Plate, cup and saucer - salvaged from battle of Antietam during Civil War by burying in ground, belonged to Henry P Miller's mother Susan; Cotton dress worn by Mrs Chalkley Leeds, wife of first Mayor of Atlantic City; Tea Set - Middleton Silver Co. 5 piece; Havilland Cup & saucer; 2 Quilts; Portrait, charcoal - Maria Sprague Leeds, 1893; Portrait, pastel - John Estell Evans, 1893; Photo - John Estell Evans; Bibles - 1758, 1831, 1836, 1895; Late 19th and early 20th century clothing belonged to Margaret Leeds Evans Tilton.
2018.037	Gift of American Association of University Women: Journals, documents and binders pertaining to association's records 1917-2017
2018.038	Gift of Mary Beth Ortzman: Book - Belange, Cresson, Delaplaine, Diament & Smith.
2018.039	Gift of Bruce Sauerwine: Book - PSFS: Two Centuries of History 1816-2016,
2018.040	Gift of Bill Dotts: WW2 food & gasoline ration books; Ephemera related to William & Mabel Dotts; Photo scrapbook - 1920 Atlantic City HS graduate Mabel Sooy
2018.041	Gift of Donald Nyce: DVD - 1962 Storm
2018.042	Gift of Alexander Marino: Book - Larry Steele, Smart Affairs; Letters - World War II letters, Walton, Caldwell & Eble families; Photos and ephemera
2018.043	Gift of Martin C. Watson: Photo Album - Photographic Views of Pleasantville 1890.
2018.044	Gift of William Workman: Commemorative mug, Somers Point Fire Company #1
2018.045	Gift of Lynn Wood: 11 Photos - Atlantic City 2.5 x 3.5; 10 Photos - Somers Point 2011; Plate - Marlborough Blenheim .
2018.046	Gift of Diane Faust: Book - Every American Has A Story To Tell, by Sam Higbee.
2018.047	Gift of Stan Ciurczak: Book - 40th Anniversary Federal Aviation Administration; 2 Photos - NASAC Bldg 14
2018.048	Gift of Anne Ronne: Book - Reflections of the World, A History of Our Family 1865-2005; Photos - Plane on beach, Pennsylvania Ave. Atlantic City 1915; Group of 18 Atlantic City doctors, some autographed 1962.
2018.049	Gift of Bette Eldridge: Daguerreotype of two women; Dress-lace-two piece
2018.050	Gift of Carolyn Patterson: 3 Postcards - Clarendon Hotel
2018.051	Gift of Lynne Heritage: 43 binders with research relating to Elwell and Johnson families in South Jersey.
2018.052	Gift of Diane Miller: Book - Growing Up in the Other Atlantic City by Turiya S.A. Raheem.
2018.053	Gift of Dale Lonkart: Book - Sears, Roebuck Catalog of Houses 1926, reprint
2018.054	Gift of David Joseph: Commemorative coin from Shore Memorial Hospital given to Margie Williams of Ocean City N.J.
2018.055	Gift of Child Federation Association: Framed photo of Isadora Somers and a medal from The Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame
2018.056	Gift of Douglas County Historical: Postcard - Hotel Dennis, Atlantic City
2018.057	Gift of Dale Lonkart: Yearbook - Herald 1958-2018 Class of 1958 Reunion
2018.058	Gift of K. McFate: 3 Deeds - Atlantic County.
2018.059	Gift of Carolyn Patterson: CDs - Sanborn Maps - Somers Point, Linwood, Northfield, Pleasantville (2); Map - 1896 Atlantic City
2018.060	Gift of Christine Somers Waters: Dollhouse made by millworkers at the Somers Lumber Co. Atlantic City, NJ; Made for Mary Suzanne Somers (late 20s); dollhouse furnishings/accessories included

THE VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT BEGINNINGS



As Presented by Steve JasiECKi
At the Annual Meet 'n Greet
Saturday, November 3, 2018

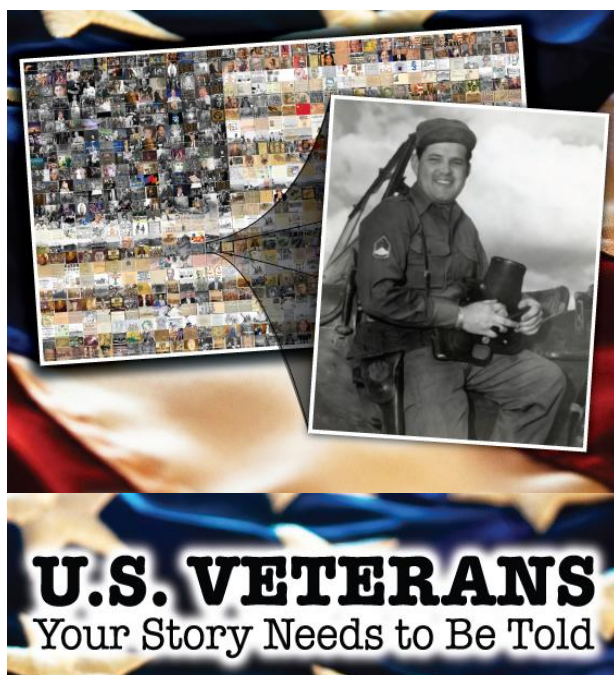
The Veterans History Project (VHP) was created by the United States Congress by unanimous support and was signed into law by President Clinton on October 27, 2000.

In 2007, the Atlantic County Historical Society, signed a contract with the Library of Congress to be a participant in the Veterans History Project. Part of the obligation is to interview a minimum of 25 veterans a year. Since that time, the Atlantic County Historical Society has interviewed over 390 Veterans. There are strict guidelines that need to be followed for an interview to be accepted by the Library of Congress. A minimum of 30 minutes per interview is necessary as well as filling out all the necessary paperwork.

The purpose of the Veterans History Project is to collect and preserve the personal accounts of veterans who have served in the United States military. Unlike most historical documents filled with dates, locations and technical data, the Veterans History Project presents the personal accounts of military personnel experienced as they served their time in the military.

The duties, friendships, thoughts and feelings of an individual are as varied as the amount of people who have served. This is the stuff that is not captured in the history books. This information can only be documented by talking to a Veteran and recording it for posterity. This is important because it preserves for future generations the multitude of experiences our veterans have endured.

The Veterans History Project collects first-hand accounts of U.S. Veterans from all branches of service and from all service duties. It spans all time frames whether through peacetime or war. The roles of the military are extremely varied as those of us who have interviewed have discovered.



The Atlantic County Historical Society goes beyond what the Library of Congress requires. We create three CD copies of each interview. One we send to the Library of Congress, one we give to each veteran and the third we keep in our files at the Atlantic County Historical building in Somers Point. The CD along with the biographical information is cataloged in binders that are accessible to anyone that wishes to review them. At the end of the interview year, we host a Meet 'n Greet program the Saturday before Veterans Day to thank our Veterans for their participation in this program.

Funding has been made possible in part by the NJ Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs within the Department of State, through funds administered by the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

MEET DANA SHUPP & THE VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT TEAM



DANA SHUPP will become the new Chairman of the Veterans History Project beginning January 1, 2019. He has accepted this position upon the retirement of Sheryl Collins, the Chair for the last eleven years.

Dana, a new resident in Egg Harbor Township, learned of the Veterans History Project a couple years ago and was immediately motivated to participate in the program. He has always been vitally interested in military history because his father served in the United States Air Force from 1949 to 1976 and his brother was in the US Army during Desert Storm. He also has an uncle who was in the US Navy serving in Korea.

Dana graduated from Cedar Crest High School in Lebanon, Pa in 1974. He worked for Rite Aid Corporation setting up new stores and remodeling old stores from 1977 until 1983 when he began his employment in 1983 as an electrician on passenger cars and locomotives for Amtrak until his retirement in 2016 after thirty-three years of service.

He was also a volunteer firefighter in Camden County for eighteen years and has been a volunteer at the Atlantic County Historical Society since 2016.

Dana has many interests and hobbies including reading about the European Theater of World War II and the Pacific Theater, NASCAR racing and classic muscle cars.

PATTY CHAPPINE

and her husband live in Hammonton. Patty is an adjunct professor at Stockton University and Atlantic Cape Community College and author of New Jersey Women in World War II. She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in Holocaust and Genocide Studies from Stockton University. Patty recently received her PHD in history from Drew University.

LORI JO JAMIESON

lives in Egg Harbor Township, where her husband is a pastor and where she works as a church secretary. Lori Jo is on the Boards of Cape Shore Chorale and the New Jersey Bluebird Society. She enjoys photography and fixing up an 18th century farmhouse they own in Warren County, NJ, to which she and her husband plan to retire in a few years. Lori Jo is a recently trained Veterans History Project interviewer and also serves as Administrative Assistant.

TOM BORN and his wife are residents of Little Egg Harbor. Tom worked for the Atlantic City Electric Company in various operational areas for thirty eight years until his retirement in 2015. He was also in Emergency Management as liaison with the Atlantic County Offices of Emergency Management, Board of Public Utilities and coordinating Mutual Assistance and Staging Areas for large storms. He is presently owner of Born Consulting, LLC, specializing in Emergency Management plans, exercises and training. Tom became a trained interviewer for the Veterans History Project in 2017.

RUTH NIERENBERG

was born in Washington, D.C and grew up in various cities in the east and attended schools in New York City from middle school through graduate school. She earned a Masters Degree in social work and spent the bulk of her career working with Veterans in Federal Veterans Administration Medical Centers and in a NJS employment rehabilitation facility. Ruth retired and became an active volunteer for the Veterans History Project and is the principle transcriptionist, playing an integral part on the VHP team. She is probably the only one who has listened to every one of the almost four hundred interviews conducted since 2007.

SHERYL COLLINS has resided in Egg Harbor Township for sixty-three years. She retired from Atlantic County government in 2000 after sixteen years of service; holding the position of Executive Secretary to the Atlantic County Executive. She joined the Atlantic County Historical Society in 2005 becoming a volunteer in the library and museum and was also appointed Chairman of their Program Committee. The ACHS was introduced to the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. in 2007. Subsequently Sheryl became a trained interviewer and has interviewed over one hundred Veterans. She's been integral in training other volunteers and has been the VHP Chairman over the last eleven years.

STEPHEN JASIECKI,

a resident of Margate, is a retired electrician and member of the IBEW. He is an active member of Sustainable Margate, an environmental group working on creating a healthier environment for citizens. Steve has a deep interest in history. As a member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania he researched his family genealogy and is considered their family historian. Steve feels that recorded personal experiences are an invaluable tool to the recording of history. He joined the Veterans History Project in 2011.

RUTH TAYLOR is a lifelong resident of South Jersey, graduating from Vineland High School in 1958. She had a myriad of careers since she first began work at Boardwalk National Bank. Then she became a clerk at Atlantic Medical Center before she moved on to a twenty-one year career as a cook at Harrah's Marina followed by the SLP Vending Machine Company. Ruth has been a volunteer at the Atlantic County Historical Society since the 1960's and became a board member in 2009. She also serves on the Mays Landing Historical Society Board. She is well known in Atlantic County as a researcher and genealogist. She serves with Veterans History Project Team as their main recruiter of Veterans to interview.

DAWN WIGHTON grew up in Haddonfield, NJ and moved to New Gretna in 2011. She worked in the healthcare industry for over twenty years before beginning a new endeavor; property management. Some of Dawn's community service includes; serving on the Board of Directors for Contact Cape Atlantic, being a trained interviewer for the Veterans History Project, and is a past member on the Board of the South Jersey Alzheimers Association. Dawn feels that her marketing experience helps promote the VHP in the community and recruit veterans for participation in the Project.

HELEN W. WALSH and her husband have been Atlantic County residents for almost 50 years. Since moving here in 1972 she has been active in many civic and community endeavors including the United Way, The American Conference on Diversity and Success by Six. She served as Atlantic County Administrator from 1988 until her retirement in 2005 when she became active in the Atlantic County Historical Society. She was an early participant in the Veterans History Project, completing over sixty interviews. Currently she serves on the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic Cape Community College and is on the Women's Leadership Initiative of the United Way of Atlantic County. Helen holds a BA from Webster College, St. Louis, MO and a MA from Tufts University in Medford, MA.

Past top-notch interviewers who found it necessary to discontinue their participation in the Veterans History Project program for various reasons are: Charlene Canale, Michael Garvin, John Horn and Susan Slaninka.

Thank You!!



L-R, Top to bottom: Lori Jo Jamieson, Steve Jasiecki, Vet. Gary Levitz, Sheryl Collins & Vet. Ralph Scott, VHP Recording Secy, Tom Born, VHP members: Dana Shupp, Helen Walsh, Sheryl Collins, & Tom Born, Dana Shupp & Vet. Peter Bunting, Tom Born & Vet. Louis Hodac, O.C. Sentinel reporter Kristin Kelleher & Marine Arthur Voorhees, and lastly, Ron Cefalone, a happy veteran!

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Our Mission:

- To collect and preserve historical materials exemplifying the events, places, and lifestyles of the people of Atlantic County and southern New Jersey.
- To encourage the study of history and genealogy.
- To provide historical and genealogical information to our membership and the general public.