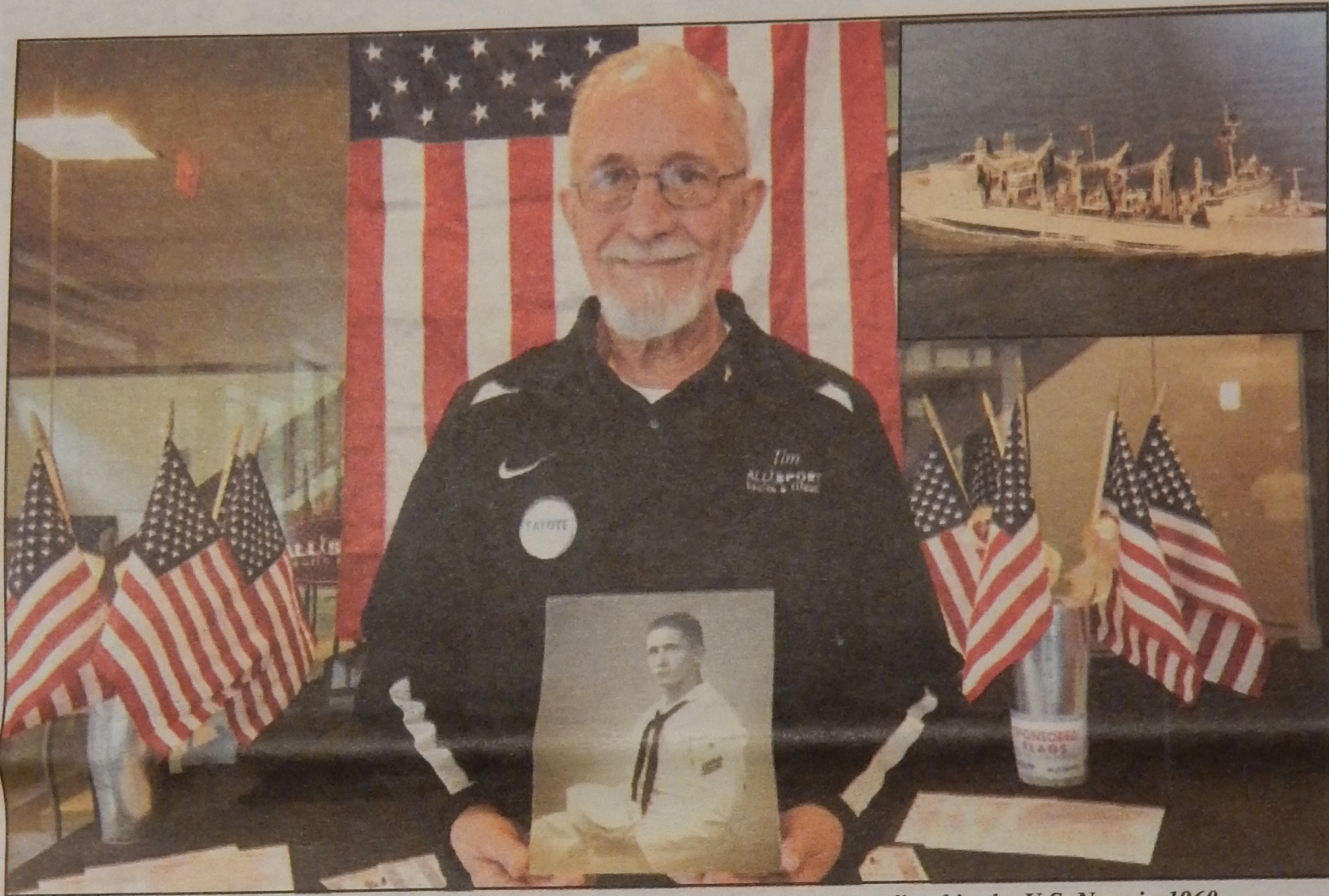


Navy veteran learned 'honor, courage' in the service



U.S. Navy veteran Timothy Winters holds a photo of what he looked like when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1960. Inset is of the USS Kalamazoo,

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

By Kristine Coulter

Timothy Winters, a resident of LaGrange, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1960. He was 17 years old at the time.

"I didn't have enough money to go to college. I didn't have good enough grades either," remarked Winters. He had to have his father sign the enlistment papers because of his age.

He lived near Albany back then. He was working on a farm about 23 miles outside of Albany. He recalled "making \$7 a week, plus room and board."

"I learned a lot from that guy (the farmer), how to work and responsibility," he noted.

He decided to enlist. "There were four guys ahead of me. I hate waiting on line,"

he acknowledged, when he went to see a recruiter. So, he looked around, saw the Navy recruiter didn't have a line. Winters went over and joined the Navy.

He was assigned to the USS Valley Forge, from 1961-April 1962 in Norfolk, VA. He fixed radar and masts, sometimes in the middle of hurricanes,

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Wappinger to remember WW I, WW II veterans Sunday

By Anna Barton

"Our veterans deserve our gratitude and thanks, not just this day, but every day. Let us thank them now." This is what Ralph Holt, the 89-year-old veteran of Wappinger, plans to say during his speech at the Town of Wappinger Veterans Day Ceremony on Sunday. The ceremony, beginning at 1 p.m., will be held at the recently renovated Memorial Plaza directly in front of Town Hall.

Holt is "deeply involved" with the planning for the Veterans Day Ceremony, he said, and has his speech all written out ahead of time. He seems to forget that he's a veteran in need of thanking himself. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1949-1952, during a peaceful time for the U.S. "I had a wonderful time," he remembers. Holt was moved from his initial base in Rhode Island, to Virginia where he'd serve in Squadron VS-801. There Holt trained as a bombardier. "It was fun because at the time I'm doing this, I'm a kid," Holt said. He was only 19 or 20 at the time. "At that age, you don't fear anything."

After leaving the Navy in 1952, Holt would go back to college, get married and have five sons, and



Veteran Ralph Holt, right, and Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston stand in front of the WWI memorial in front of Town Hall, where the town's Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Nov. 11. The ceremony will include a wreath presentation for the Centennial of the end of WWI.

-Photo by Anna Barton

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Faith leaders, community promote courage and solidarity

By Kristine Coulter

Members of the different communities, local resident leaders came together for Beacon: Light in the Dark: Racism and Anti-Semitism Thursday, Nov. 1 at Salem Tabernacle Church in Beacon.

Ben Larson-Wolbrink, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Beacon said he hoped the event would bring "a sense of courage, unity and solidarity."

He said "the circumstances of the fliers that went up make it very urgent."

Last month, anti-Semitic signs were put up at the First Presbyterian Church and Salem Tabernacle in Beacon and at Dutchess Community College, Marist College and Vassar College. The fliers promoted a neo-Nazi website. Poughkeepsie Police Department caught a suspect who admitted placing the fliers up at the colleges, although, according to reports, the suspect was not arrested. He was told to keep off of the campuses.

Salem Tabernacle Pastor Dandreaano said, "We just want to show the community that faith can have some differences can be used against hate and anti-Semitism."

He said it's a message of "showing the image of God in all humanity."

"It actually is showing what we're making Beacon a strong community," he noted.

Imam Abdullah Abdul Wahid Masjid Ar-Rashid in Beacon, said the event was to "Let the people of Beacon be unified with and support the Jewish community." He said the event was united and the faith community need to stand as one.

Beacon resident Roberta Spodek stated, "I am so sad about what is happening. I want to be part of the change and stand up." Beacon Mayor Randy Casale and City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero attended.

Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek said "I'm so glad there's so many people of good conscience that care about the world and stand up for what's right in the world."

During the program, Dandreaano told those in attendance, "This is what God is like."

Spodek said the sense of community standing with one another is appreciated. He thanked all the Beacon clergy who stood up in the past and now.

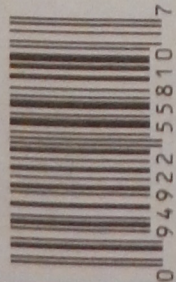
He said the evening was about love and it was rebuilding the community on love.

Spodek read the name of the people who were murdered in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Parkersburg, West Virginia on Oct. 27. They were Rabbi Fienberg, Richard Gottfried, Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz and Dr. Mallinger.

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remembered Winters.

He then went to the Far East, via Panama. As a result he got to see the Panama Canal. His future wife, Cortney, was in the Philippines doing missionary work with her parents. He went to the Philippines and Cortney was there.

From the Far East, he got orders to go to the Naval Academy Prep School in Bainbridge, MD. He then started at the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), in Annapolis, MD.

In 1967, Winters graduated from the Naval Academy and soon thereafter married Cortney.

"She was with me as a Navy wife," said Winters. "They say the Navy wife is the toughest job in the Navy."

Cortney Winters said, "It's not an easy road, but it is a rewarding road knowing the one you love is protecting us." She said it was a good experience and that it was "great being a Navy wife."

Winters was a Commissioned US Navy Ensign in Annapolis, MD in the summer of 1967, he was a Sailing Instructor, for the USNA. From Sept. 1967 to the beginning of 1969, he attended flight school in Pensacola, FL.

"I was there until I got my wings," explained Winters. He then was a flight instructor for two years in Corpus Christi, TX.

It was then to Rhode Island, where he was a Junior Officer.

He went to Monterey, CA and post graduate school. Then, he made his way back to Norfolk.

He was on the USS John F. Kennedy, for 11 years.

"After my change of command I didn't know what I was going to do," said Winters. This was in early 1984. His wife was waiting for him in Italy. But, he got a call to be a navigator, which his wife was not too pleased about, he said.

Winters commented, "I was out at sea so much, my son (Derrick), didn't know he had a father."

He stayed on the USS John F. Kennedy for more than two years. He then was the Executive Officer of the John F. Kennedy.

He next worked as an Executive Administrator for the US Air Force in Norfolk.

He was the Commanding Officer for the USS Kalamazoo during Desert Storm. He could not talk to his wife for 90 days during that time.

He and his family moved to Worcester, MA, his wife's choice, where he was the Commanding Officer for the NROTC Unit. In July of 1994, he retired from the Navy. He went on to teach NJROTC at Brewster High School in Putnam County.

Through it all, Winters said he always knew "the Lord had a plan."

As for Veterans Day, Winters said, "It's great to recognize the veterans on Veterans Day.... to honor them for what they've done."

He said he talks with the younger veterans coming back now. He thanks them for their service. He encourages them.

Winters remarked the service taught him "everything - - honor, courage, getting along with people. And doing the job to the best of your ability."



Above, U.S. Navy veteran Tim Winters when he enlisted in the Navy. Top right, Winters when he was the Commanding Officer of the USS Kalamazoo.



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Tim Winters, right, with his wife Cortney Winters, second from right, meet former President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan.

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Tim Winters, right, with his wife Cortney Winters, second from right, meet former President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan.

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spend 35 years working for IBM. He has served the Town of Wappinger selflessly for most of his life: with involvement in Little League for more than 25 years, serving with the Recreation Department for more than 35 years, and having his very own road named after him in the Town.

"Ralph still has 30 years before he's retiring," Supervisor Richard Thurston said, which makes Holt laugh. It seems it could be true, as Holt is in the middle of planning a Christmas Dinner for 170 Wappinger seniors. He says he's been doing it for 27 years, and doesn't show signs of stopping now.

Joey Cavaccini, Town of Wappinger Historian, will be telling the history behind the first WWII veteran killed in action from the Town of Wappinger. Ensign Butsko was only 21 when he was killed in August of 1942. A statue will be dedicated in his honor and will become a permanent fixture in the Memorial Plaza outside of Town Hall.

"Unfortunately, Ensign Butsko's remains were never recovered following the sinking of the USS Vincennes during the Battle of Savo Island, so it is the intent of the Town to dedicate this statue to him

as a memorial to the first WWII soldier from Wappinger to give the ultimate sacrifice," said Cavaccini.

Randy Ross on the Town of Wappinger Recreation Committee is co-spearheading the ceremony with Holt. "Hopefully a big contingency of veterans will come," he said of the event.

After years of neglect and disrepair, the Town Board endorsed the renovations of Memorial Plaza in front of Town Hall, and an official re-dedication will be included in the Veterans Day ceremony.

Holt will perform a WWI wreath presentation as the country commemorates the Centennial end of WWI on Nov. 11, 1918.

Guest speakers will include Assemblyman Kieran Michael Lalor, who served in the Marine Corps, and Civil Air Patrol Cadet Gregory Bolner II. Town Councilwoman Angela Bettina will be speaking on her volunteer work at Castle Point, where she works closely with WWII veterans.

Giovanni's of Wappingers Falls will be providing free pizza for the event, and there will also be hot cider and donuts. The Town Hall is located at 20 Middlebush Road in Wappingers Falls.

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Veterans Day community observances set throughout Dutchess County

Veterans Day is a national holiday intended to be a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Local municipalities throughout the county will also be hosting Veterans Day ceremonies to honor and remember.

The Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services reached out to local municipalities and community organizations and has compiled a listing of events taking place on or around Veterans Day. The event listing follows below with contact information provided for additional inquiries.

The 2018 Veterans Day Community Observances is based on information provided by municipalities and community organizations.

Ceremonies are listed by date, then alphabetically by municipality

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

Castle Point VA Hospital

Ceremony, 2 p.m.

Location: Castle Point Campus, Multi-Purpose Room #100

Point of Contact: Yvette Rodriguez, (845) 831-2000, ext. 5135

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

East Fishkill:

Ceremony, 7:15 a.m.

Location: John Jay High School, 2012 Route 52, Hopewell Junction

Hosted by: John Jay High School and American Legion Post 1758

Point of Contact: Jim Reynolds, (845) 221-7273

East Fishkill/Wappinger:

Ceremony, 9:15 a.m.

Location: Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls

Hosted by: Roy C. Ketcham High School and American Legion Post 1758

Point of Contact: Jim Reynolds, (845) 221-7273

LaGrange:

Ceremony, 7:30 a.m.

Location: Union Vale Middle School, 1657 East Noxon Road, Lagrangeville

Hosted by: Union Vale Middle School

Point of Contact: Principal Scott Wood,

(845) 223-8624

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

Beacon:

Ceremony, 11 a.m.

Location: Memorial Building, 413 Main St., Beacon

Hosted by: VFW Post # 666

Guest Speaker: Lt. Col. Caroline Pogge

Point of Contact: Harold Delamater, (845) 337-6509 or 297-8865

East Fishkill:

Field of Flags display, 7 a.m.

Location: McHoul's Funeral Home

Hosted by: American Legion Manny Beacon Post #1758

Point of Contact: Jim Reynold, (845) 221-7273

Town of Fishkill:

Ceremony, 12:30 p.m.

Location: Town of Fishkill War Veterans Park

Hosted by: Town of Fishkill

Point of Contact: Robert P. LaColla, (845) 831-7800

Village of Fishkill:

Ceremony, 11 a.m.

Location: Veterans Monument - corner of Main Street & Broad Street

Hosted by: Village of Fishkill

Point of Contact: Angela Arasim, Village Clerk, (845) 897-4430

Hyde Park:

Ceremony, 10:45 a.m.

Location: Veterans' Memorial, 4383 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park

Hosted by: Hyde Park American Legion Post #1303

Guest Speaker: Congressman John Faso

Point of Contact: Michael Athanas, (845) 233-5999

City of Poughkeepsie:

Ceremony, 3 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 3rd Floor

Hosted by: City of Poughkeepsie & Lafayette American Legion Post #37

Point of Contact: Jacquemae Perrotta, (845) 452-5960

Town of Poughkeepsie:

Ceremony, 11 a.m.

Location: Dutchess County War Memorial, Raymond Avenue & Main Street

Hosted by: Dutchess County Veterans' Services

Point of Contact: Marc Coviello, (845) 486-2060

Town of Wappinger:

Ceremony, 1 p.m.

Location: Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls

Hosted by: Town of Wappinger Recreation Department

Point of Contact: Jessica Fulton, (845) 297-0720

Village of Wappingers Falls:

Ceremony, 11 a.m.

Location: Major Joseph McDonald MIA/POW Park, East Main Street, Wappingers Falls

Hosted by: J.M. Goring - WM. Hertz American Legion Post #427 & VFW Post #5913

Point of Contact: Raymond C. Chase Jr., (845) 297-2943 or 297-6777

MONDAY, NOV. 12

Town of Fishkill:

Ceremony, 11 a.m.

Location: All Sport, 17 Old Main St., Fishkill

Hosted by: All Sport Health and Fitness
Point of Contact: Barbara Dell'Orso and Tim Winters, (845) 896-5678.

Plaque to honor 'Mt. Beacon Eight'

By Kristine Coulter

A ceremony will be held on Veterans Day to remember those who died in two plane crashes, 10 years apart, on Mount Beacon.

"The purpose of the ceremony, scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 11, is to unveil and dedicate a wall plaque that will honor the eight U.S. Navy servicemen men who lost their lives in two plane crashes on Mount Beacon," said Dave Rocco, co-author of "The Indestructible Man," about U.S. Navy pilot Dixie Kiefer. The ceremony will be at the Town of Fishkill's Veterans Memorial Park, 793 Route 52, between the Town of Fishkill Police Department and Town of Fishkill Recreation Department, at 12:30 p.m.

"I will be one of the scheduled speakers during the ceremony. I will introduce each man's name and background, so whoever is in attendance will have a better idea who these men are."

Kiefer was a World War II hero. He was on his way to a football game in 1945 on Armistice Day (Nov. 11) with five others. The six who were on the doomed flight from Curtiss Wright Airport in Caldwell, NJ (now called Essex County Airport) to the U.S. Naval Air Station (NAS) in Quonset Point Rhode Island were: Commodore Kiefer, Commander Dr. Ignatious Zeilinski, Lt. Lloyd Heinzen, Lt. Jr. Hugo "Hans" Kohler - Co -pilot, Aviation Machinist Clarence Hooper and Seaman 1st Class David Wood. Two other servicemen died in a 1935 crash. All eight are called "The Mt. Beacon Eight."

"Telling the story of the "Mt. Beacon Eight" has changed my life in many ways. [It has] introduced me to many people in many different walks of life," said Rocco.

"People young and old should be made aware of the sacrifice these eight men made while serving our country," he said.

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