

"Every good citizen makes his country's honor his own and cherishes it not only as precious but sacred. He is willing to risk his life in its defense and is conscious that he gains protection while he gives it."

—Andrew Jackson

The
PARENTS of
Sgt. David M. Caruso
USMC RECON-Ranger

"He gave all his tomorrows for our todays."

The
PARENTS of
Sgt. Jack Taft Hennessy
US Army

"Jack served as a Squad Leader and was the designated Platoon Marksman with 1st Cavalry in Baghdad, Iraq. He was killed in action on October 1, 2004 at a traffic checkpoint. He was considered an excellent soldier and leader by his peers and superiors."

The
STORY of
Corporal A. George Pradel
USMC

"Mayor George Pradel enlisted in the Marines in 1956 with three of his high school friends from Naperville. They all went to boot camp together under what they called the 'Buddy Plan.' Mayor Pradel said 'The Marine Corp made men out of us.'"

KEEPING Freedom Alive

In 2005, a group of Naperville residents met to discuss a way in which veterans and service men and women from Naperville who had lost their lives in the Iraq War could be honored. After much discussion it was decided that all Naperville military needed to be honored for their service. With that in mind, a committee was formed...

Freedom Heroes of Naperville

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Naperville Military Memorials

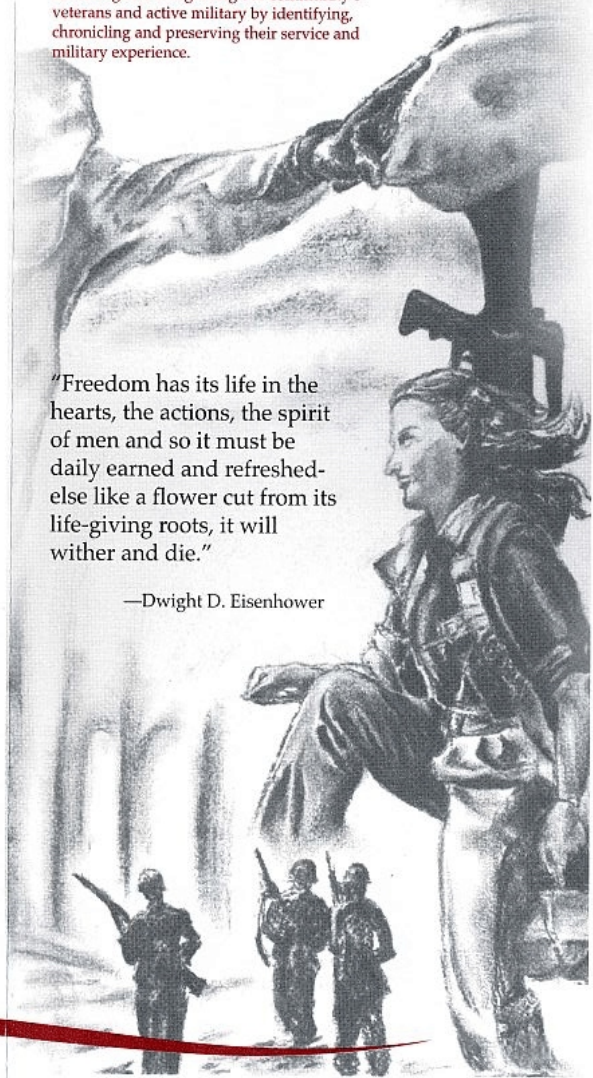
Comdr. Shanower
Veterans' Park
WWI
WWII
Blackhawk / Civil War

For additional information, visit:
www.freedomheroesofnaperville.org



Freedom Heroes of Naperville

Honoring and recognizing our community's veterans and active military by identifying, chronicling and preserving their service and military experience.



"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed—else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

www.freedomheroesofnaperville.org

The Freedom Heroes website is a dynamic and ever-evolving memorial to this community's Freedom Heroes.

The website documents and preserves the stories of brave people who have served in the military from the time that Naperville was founded in 1831 to the present.

This site serves to educate students about history, patriotism and sacrifice. The personal stories keep freedom alive.

We encourage everyone to mark and commemorate those who have served in the military or are currently serving. This is a small way of thanking them for their dedication and service to freedom.

The STORY of

Corporal Jack C. Shiffler
USMC

"He enlisted in the Marines because 'he wanted to be with the best.' He went to Boot Camp in San Diego and considered it a 'shock.' It took a while for the Marines to 'break him down' but then they built him up to be a 'real Marine.' He is proud of his service as a Marine."



HONOR Your Hero

Who is a hero? A family member, friend or acquaintance who has served in the military and has a connection to Naperville.

It is important for future generations to know that *Freedom is Not Free*. Most youth today do not know anyone who is currently in the armed services. By telling heroes' stories, we will be creating *real* heroes in our children's minds and a lasting legacy.

This is the information you will need:

Name
Hometown
Branch of Service
Military tour of duty
Hero's Story

These stories will appear on our website and will also be used to educate our community. By documenting our heroes, we will never forget their dedication and their service for freedom.

To recognize your hero you will need to complete a biographical data form. To obtain the form, please contact:
Freedom Heroes Committee:
P.O. Box 5126
Naperville, IL 60567

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stories@freedomheroes.org

PRESERVING Freedom

Freedom Heroes of Naperville is an all volunteer, not-for-profit organization. In order to continue to honor our military and educate our community, funding is needed to maintain the website. Please consider contributing to this cause by filling out the following form and mailing in a donation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Make Checks payable to:
Freedom Heroes of Naperville
and mail this form and check to:

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Freedom Heroes is a 501(c)(3).

In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

