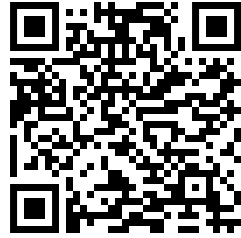


# American Legion Post 372



THANK YOU to all our Community Partners that have assisted the American Legion Members with Flagging the Veterans Graves at Locustwood Cemetery over the years.

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89th Annual

## FLAGGING of our VETERANS

*Graves*

# LOCUSTWOOD CEMETERY

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 10am

1500 Marlton Pike W, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002



Established in 1903, Locustwood Cemetery in Cherry Hill, New Jersey is located 10 minutes from the Cherry Hill Mall and down the street from what was once the Garden State Racetrack. The grounds are nestled in a serene setting of beautifully landscaped lawns and stately trees, with four stately Doric columns which once overlooked a reflection pond that was part of an exhibit at the 1939 World's Fair in New York.

Locustwood is a non-sectarian cemetery serving all faiths. Facilities include Estate Sections, Garden, Chapel, and Sheltered Mausoleum crypts and Columbarium Niches. A consecrated Jewish section and Garden of Jacob mausoleum is offered for those of the Jewish Faith, and there is a Veteran's Section as well as an American Legion Section.

Flagging the graves of our veterans at Locustwood Cemetery is rich in our American Legion history and is now a tradition in its 87th year. It is done on the Sunday prior to Me-

**Killed in Action**  
**George A Henkel**  
 Feb 25, 1923 - July 11, 1944

**SERVICE TO BE HELD  
 FOR PRIVATE HENKEL**

Memorial services for Pfc. George A. Henkel, 21, U. S. Marine Corps, who was killed July 12 by a sniper on Saipan island, will be held at 10.45 a. m. Sunday in Bethany Lutheran church, Fourth and Powell streets, Gloucester.

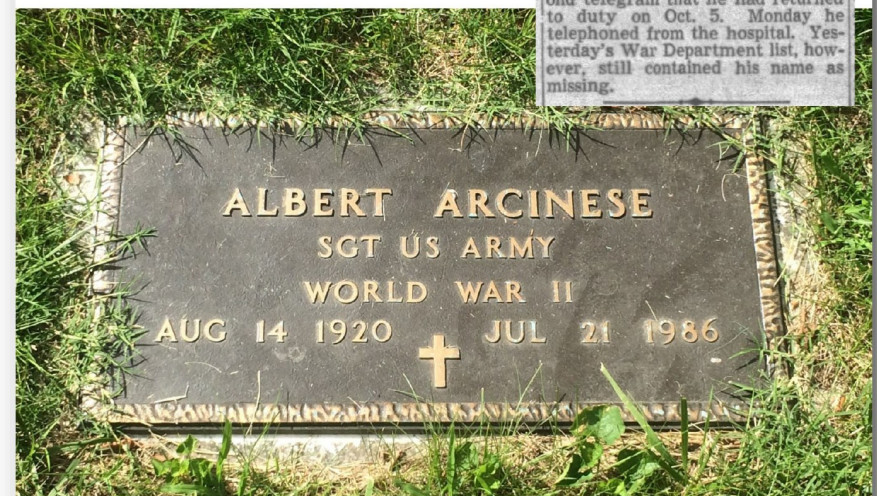
Private Henkel was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Henkel, of 220 Pennsylvania avenue, Brooklawn. Also surviving are two sisters.



**WWII Hero - Sgt Albert Arcinese**  
**Wounded in Action**

Sgt. Albert Arcinese, of 934 South Sixth street, who was reported missing in action, is recovering from wounds in a hospital in West Virginia, his wife, Lillian May, reported yesterday.

Arcinese had been reported missing in a telegram received Oct. 28. On Nov. 3, his wife received a second telegram that he had returned to duty on Oct. 5. Monday he telephoned from the hospital. Yesterday's War Department list, however, still contained his name as missing.



## KILLED IN ACTION

Harry D. Strunk

April 11, 1925 - July 5, 1944



## Killed in Action

Joseph A Benshetler

Jan 22, 1916 - Nov 10, 1944



Memorial Day Weekend - rain or shine. It began in 1935 when Locustwood Cemetery deeded 400 free grave sites to the American Legion for use by Legionnaires and their spouses, and erected a monument memorializing their service. As part of the transfer of grave sites, the American Legion members began their tradition of flagging the veterans graves in the cemetery, along with an annual Memorial Day Service at the monument and the NJ American Legion Statewide Services and Parade, which is held the Sunday after Memorial Day.

Today, there are over 2,400 graves of veterans in the cemetery, some in the dedicated American Legion section and others in the Jewish Veterans section, where Jewish War Veterans began flagging Jewish graves in 1998.



**Flags:** Jack Huhn of Cherry Hill places flags on veterans' World War II, has been placing the flags at the Cherry Hill cemetery every Memorial Day weekend since 1947.

Jack Huhn, Past Commander of American Legion Post 372 and a WWII Navy Veteran, participated in flagging of the graves at Locustwood for over 50 years before his passing

There are numerous veterans in this cemetery that paid the ultimate sacrifice during the wars - from WWII to GWOT – some of which are highlighted in this brochure and last years video. While flagging their graves in preparation for Memorial Day, we also flag the graves of veterans that passed away after serving our country – a show of respect and remembrance for their service.

In addition to our veterans, we also flag our first responders graves, who have protected and kept us safe at home. One such hero is Cherry Hill Police Officer Louis Duffy, who was killed in the line of duty in 1947.

Locustwood is also the resting of place of several young veterans and first responders that passed away recently and unexpectedly, not in the line of duty, but while serving our great nation. They include Anthony Evans (2017), Justin Major (2021) and most recently, one of Camden County Police Departments finest – Police Officer Daniel Adler, who was interred here on Friday, May 20th, 2022.

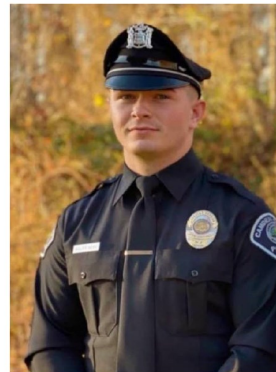
May we be eternally grateful for our servicemen and women who put their lives on the line and make the ultimate sacrifice.



Anthony Evans Jr.



Justin Major



Daniel Adler



**Killed in Action**  
Pvt Allen B. Eadline  
1924 - 1945

**BROTHERS BOTH KILLED in WWII**

**Killed in Action**  
Lt Lloyd L. Eadline  
1922 - 1945



**Killed in Action**  
Sgt Howard L. Chatelain  
Nov 24, 1923 - Jan 11, 1944



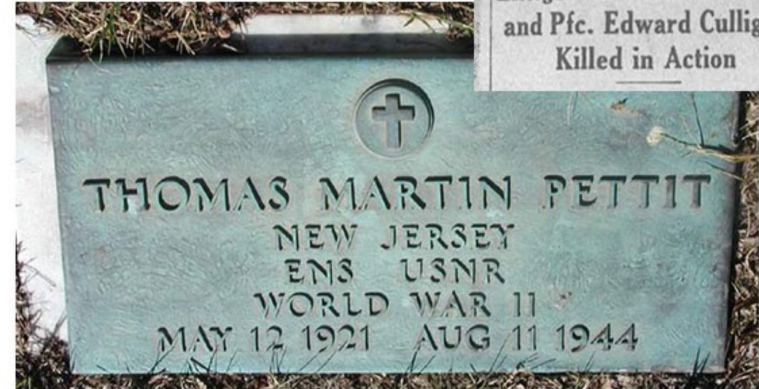
Killed in Action  
 LCpl Jeremy Kane  
 August 25, 1987 - Jan 23, 2010



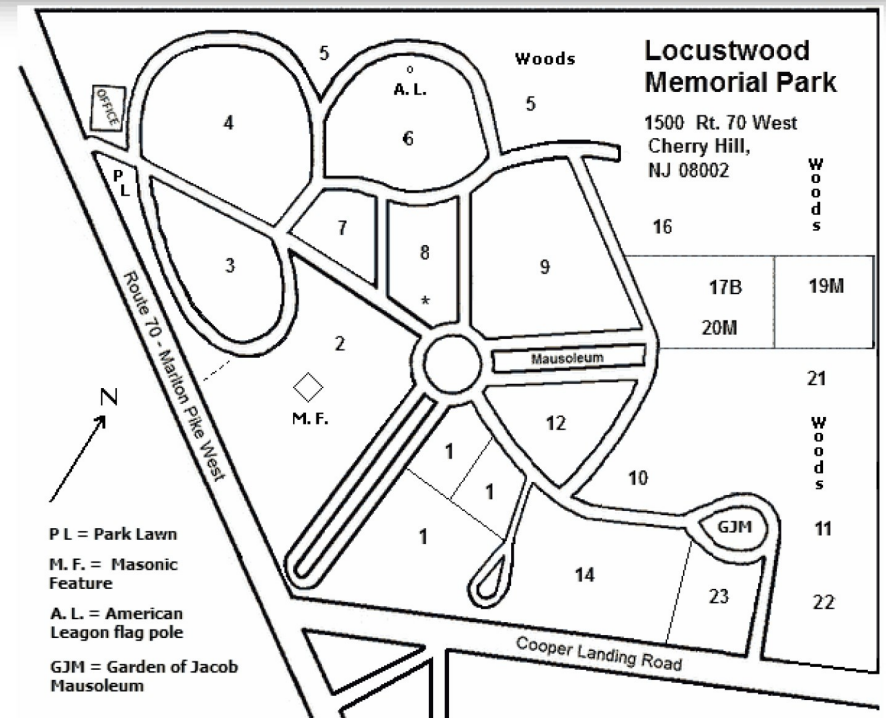
LCpl Jeremy Kane

KILLED IN ACTION  
 Thomas M. Pettit  
 May 12, 1921 - August 11, 1944

2 FROM SO. JERSEY  
 LISTED IN WAR DEAD  
 Ensign Thomas M. Pettitt  
 and Pfc. Edward Culligan  
 Killed in Action



Killed in Action  
 David M. Kelchner  
 June 14, 1925 - February 2, 1945



**Killed in Action**

**Wilbur C. Keckhut**

January 17, 1920 - May 4, 1945



**Killed in Action**

**Edward R. Grossmann, Jr**

February 14, 1908 - May 23, 1944



pose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."

Despite what the day has transitioned to in American culture, it was established to honor and remember America's fallen.

**Don't thank the current troops**

At least, don't thank them just because it's Memorial Day. They deserve respect and gratitude every day of the year, but Memorial Day is set aside specifically for America's fallen warriors.

America's living veterans are honored during November on Veteran's Day when we aim to remember and appreciate the service of all veterans. But, Memorial Day allows the country to focus on those service members who are no longer with us – an important distinction.

**Don't disregard its importance**

Though discounts abound for nearly everything from cars to furniture to pool supplies, that's not what Memorial Day is about. Allowing the day to become synonymous with deep discounts and potato salad, is letting it slip from the public's mind completely. When it becomes simply a highly-anticipated extra morning of sleeping in, instead of the day of reflection and appreciation it was meant to be, we disrespect our fallen troops.

REMEMBER AND HONOR

# MEMORIAL DAY

## Cherry Hill MEMORIAL DAY Services



*HONOR & REMEMBER - Join veterans and residents of the community in remembering those that made the ultimate sacrifice and those that have passed away since serving this great nation. Lest we Forget.*

**Monday, May 27, 2024**

**9:00am - American Legion Cherry Hill**  
(1532 Martin Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ)

**9:30am - Locustwood Cemetery @ Flagpole**  
**10:00am - Cherry Hill Township Bldg**

There are dozens of local Memorial Day Services in our area and many ways you can honor America's fallen on Memorial Day Please avoid the doing the following;

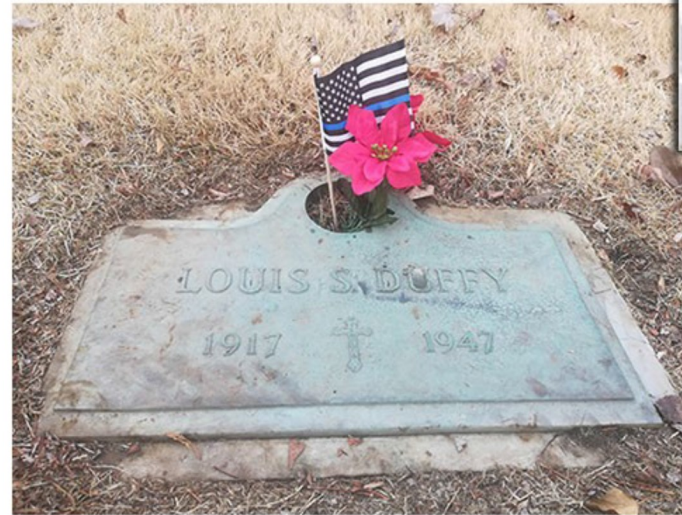
### Don't wish anyone a "Happy Memorial Day"

It is not Christmas – Memorial Day was not founded in joy with the promise of bringing glee each year. It was established as a way for the country to set aside time to honor our servicemen and women who had given their lives in service to America.

In 1868, Gen. John Logan declared the day for "the pur-

Cherry Hill Police Officer Louis S. Duffy

End of Watch  
March 19, 1947



Killed in Action

Richard L. Eberhard

January 6, 1923 - Oct 18, 1944

**BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT**

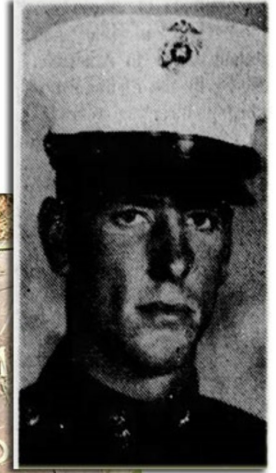
listed . . . Posthumous awards of the Bronze Star have been made for meritorious service on the Fifth Army front in Italy for Sgt. Richard L. Eberhard, son of Mrs. Ann E. Eberhard, 678 Bulson street, and S/Sgt. James Eineker, son of Mrs. Margaret Eineker, 90 Paine avenue, Barrington. Sergeant Eberhard was killed last Oct. 18 by a shell fragment. Sergeant Eineker was killed while delivering supplies to his unit . . .



Killed in Action  
Edgar S. Crouthamel  
Feb 23, 1920 - April 20, 1944



Killed in Action  
William A. Comly  
March 16, 1950 - March 11, 1970



KILLED IN ACTION  
Harry D. Strunk  
April 11, 1925 - July 5, 1944



Killed in Action  
Francis L. Rossell  
December 26, 1943 - Oct 28, 1968  
BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT

