

# JUST SIX NAMES

LOUISE VEST



After graduation, most of the Class of 1945 went on to have careers and families; they went on to live life.

There were 407,316 reasons they were able to continue on with everyday lives. Six of those reasons were:

- John Owings**
- H. Eugene Phelps**
- Robert Redd**
- Charles White**
- Samuel Wilderson**
- John Young**

In World War II, 407,316 Americans lost their lives serving their country. The 1945 Elkridge High School class didn't know most, but they did know the six named above, they were kids that attended their school.

These six, just before they left for war, were taking tests, not hills, brandishing pencils, not rifles, asking girls on dates, not asking for water from guards, and were flying paper airplanes across classrooms, not flying planes over a hail of bullets.

World War II was winding down by the time the graduating class of '45 received their diplomas, and the war in Japan ended a

couple months later. Although, that class had World War II looming large over their teen years, most were spared from experiencing that particular war.

But they weren't spared the grief of losing family members and friends to war, so as high-schoolers, the Class of 1945 collected pennies, nickels and dimes to purchase a plaque that was dedicated to the six older school mates that had perished because of the war.

The plaque, that hung in the high school and then was moved around in the post-Elkridge High School years, was recently returned, restored, and rededicat-

ed at a ceremony on a beautiful Sunday in May, at the Brumbaugh House, home of the Elkridge Heritage Society.

On the grounds of the Heritage Society, members of VFW Post 8097 conducted a flag ceremony and dedication of an American flag in honor of the six men.

The rededication is a part of the Veterans program at the Heritage Society that was funded by the Elkridge Rotary.

Inside the Heritage Society, there was standing room only for the unveiling of the plaque, which will now reside at the Society to be viewed by friends, family and the public.



B, B, f, f, f, f, f

Histories of the six men were also read by Polly Thorton, Mary Snodgrass, members of the mens' families and class members. A synopsis follows:

**John Owens** - Army Air Corps: Died in a Japanese POW camp in the Philippines under atrocious conditions. He had been studying to become a lawyer.

**Robert Redd** - USMC: Was on the ill-fated U.S.S. Indianapolis on July 1945 when the vessel was torpedoed. He went down with the ship. Only 300 of the 1100 on board survived both the sinking and shark attacks.

**John Young** - Army infantry: Killed on Mindanao, Philippines, in May 1945, just a few months before the war's end. He was 27 years old.

**Samuel Wilderson** - 8th Air Corps: A lieutenant stationed in England who volunteered for flying missions. His plane went down on his 5th mission.

**Charles White** - Army 45th Div - He was an army scout and was hit by a sniper's bullet at Nuremberg, in April 1945, a month before the war in Europe ended.

**Horace (Eugene) Phelps:** Merchant Marines - Killed after the war, in January 1946, when his ship struck a stray mine while leaving European waters. He was the only casualty.

There are just six names on the plaque.

And while 407,316 is a large number, a named six is larger.



# one hour photo

2. May 6, 2001

Re-dedication of World War 11 Plaque, Heritage Society

2 garden photos, spring

Enjoy Your Pictures Right Away,

## In Just One Hour!



RECYCLABLE

76266.2

Kodak is a trademark.

Printed in US





















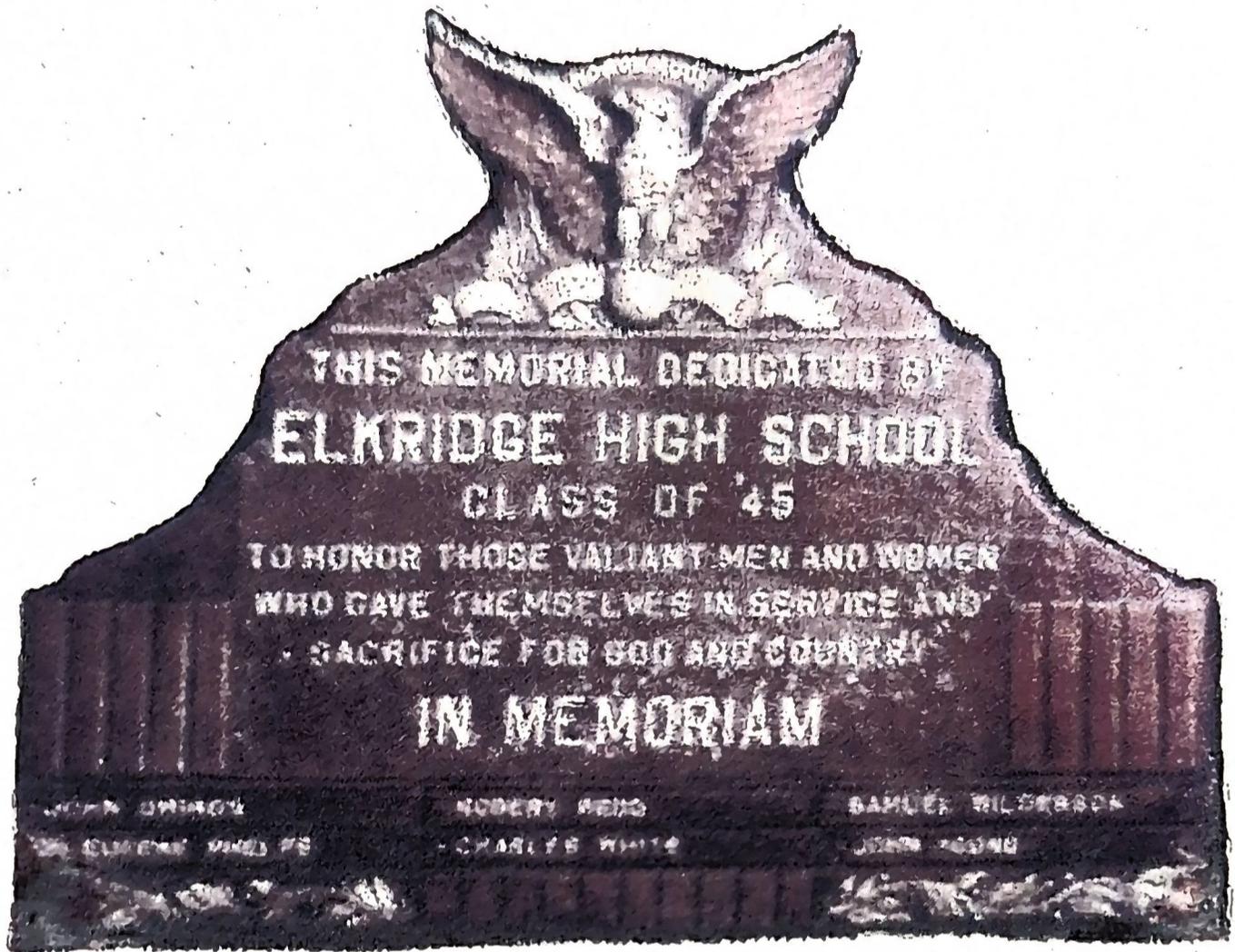


Celebrating the bravery  
of the fallen men during  
WWII, a 56-year-old  
plaque is restored.  
Page 6



### REDEDICATION ELKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIAL

*On May 6, 2001 the Elkridge Heritage Society rededicated a WWII plaque for the Elkridge High School Class of 1944. Six men, graduates of this class, gave their lives for their country during WWII. The class of 1945 wanted to honor these men and gathered funds to have the plaque made. In subsequent years, when the school was not in use, the plaque was removed and stored for a number of years. The Highway Department has graciously restored the plaque to its original condition and it was rededicated to the fallen Elkridge youth at the Heritage Society on Main Street. Standing in front of the plaque are, left to right, Mary Snodgrass, Gene Boritz, and Sam Merson.*



*Re-dedication  
Elkridge High School  
Memorial*

*Elk Ridge Heritage Society  
May 6, 2007*

*This memorial plaque was donated by  
the  
Elkridge High School Class of 1945  
in memory of the three servicemen  
from the Class of 1944  
and three other local servicemen  
who died in World War 11.*

*John Owings  
H. Eugene Phelps  
Robert Redd  
Charles White  
Samuel Wilderson  
John Young*

# *Program*

*Welcome by Paul Bush,  
Elk Ridge Heritage Society President*

*Raising of the Flag,  
Representatives From Elkridge VFW*

*Post #8097*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*\*Introductions\**

*Special Guests*

*Elkridge Heritage Society Officers  
Chairpersons from the Class of 1945,*

*Corinne Tongue Fritz*

*and*

*Grace Taylor Schutt*

# *Program*

*Introductions  
(continued)*

*Members of the Class of 1945,  
Elkridge High School*

*History of the Plaque, Grace Schutt  
Unweiling the Plaque,  
by Mrs. Fritz and Mrs. Schutt*

*Recognition of the Families of the Men  
Commemorated on the Plaque  
Histories of the Six Servicemen*

*Refreshments Served*

*Elkridge High School  
Class of 1945*

*Richard Atwell  
Dorothy Bauman Phipps  
Celeste Boswell Stalmaker  
Perry Brown  
Norris Bush  
Edna Butler Bangs  
Raymond Case  
Peggy Chalk  
Catherine Clokey  
Lester Cooper  
Eleanor Dietz  
Clark Duwall  
Robert Grady  
Lorraine Haase  
Francis Harman  
Jane Harman Weigandt  
Margaret Herzog Hellman  
Richard 'Jack' Ingles  
Elmer Jess  
Augusta Koffman Neff*

*Elkridge High School  
Class of 1945  
(continued)*

*Mary Layman  
Russell Lerch  
David Lewis  
William 'Bill' Long  
Louis Luber  
Charles Marshall  
Jesse Michael Siebert  
Fred Pryor  
Richard Packwood  
Velma Reeley Hudgins  
Josephine Sacker Falls  
Alice Sergent Harding  
Betty Lee Shirley  
Norman Slater  
Helen Stamer Lewis  
Grace Taylor Schutt  
Corinne Tongue Fritz  
Robert Watson  
William Watson  
Mary Lou Woods Fines*

May 12, 2001

Paul Bush  
Rosemary Ford  
Grace Schutt

Dear Paul, Peggy and Grace,

I felt so badly about the mistakes in the Plaque Program booklet that I gave my copier and my purse ulcers and ran off a very limited number of revised programs.

You can see, there is an explanatory note inside the booklet. I will send a copy to Corinne, of course, and especially to the families of the men named on the plaque.

I know I should run this by all of you, and you are the first ones to see it, but I am swamped with work and on top of it all, I have to get started on *The Viaduct* for this month. I have to get one project out of the way before I start on another.

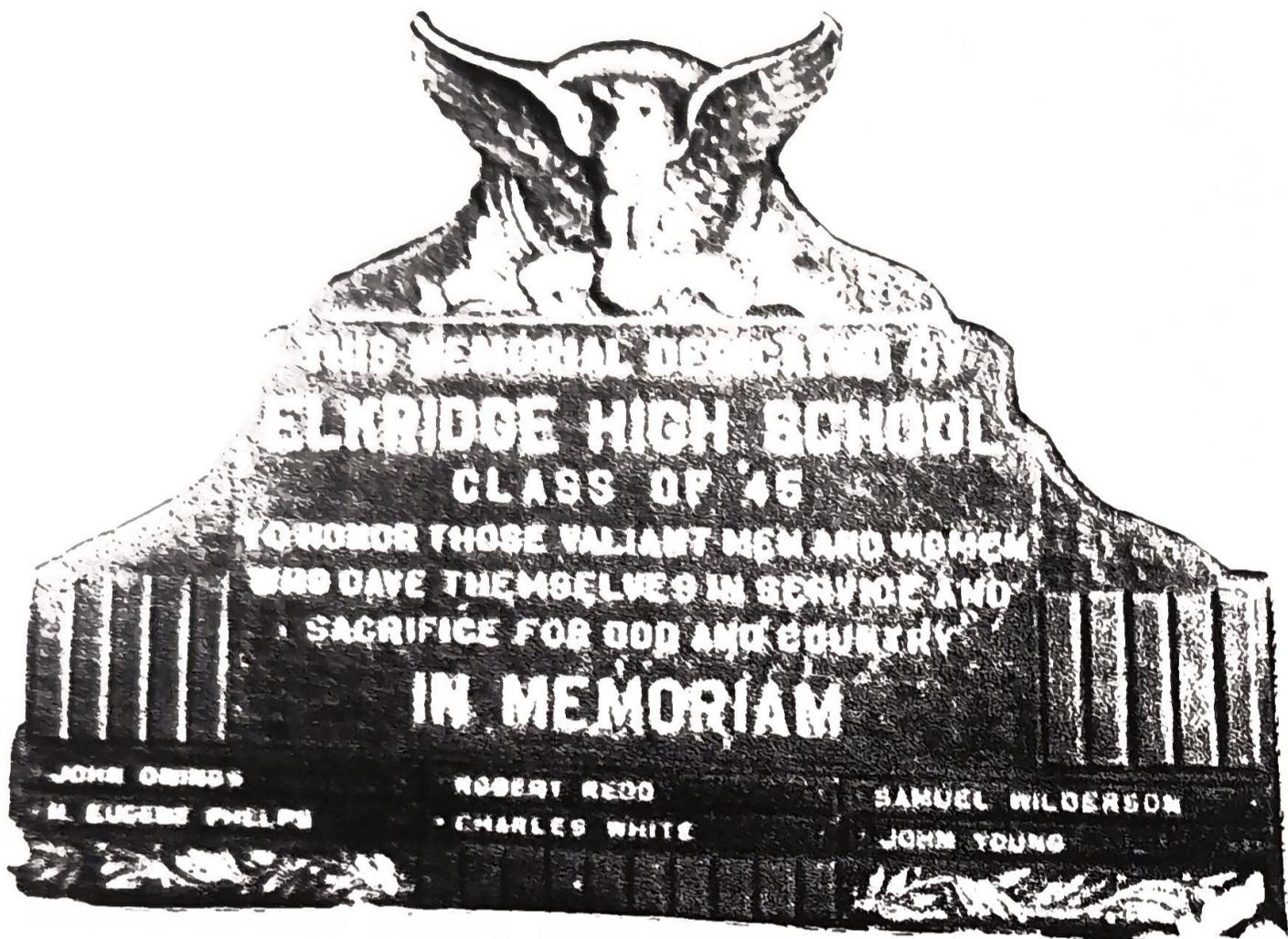
Sincerely,  
Polly Thornton

We are aware that many of the attendees at the re-dedication of the World War 11 plaque on May 6 intend to keep their programs as a reminder of that day. However, there was a mistake within its pages. Please accept this corrected program with our apologies.

Sincerely,

Polly Thornton

on behalf of  
the Elk Ridge Heritage Society



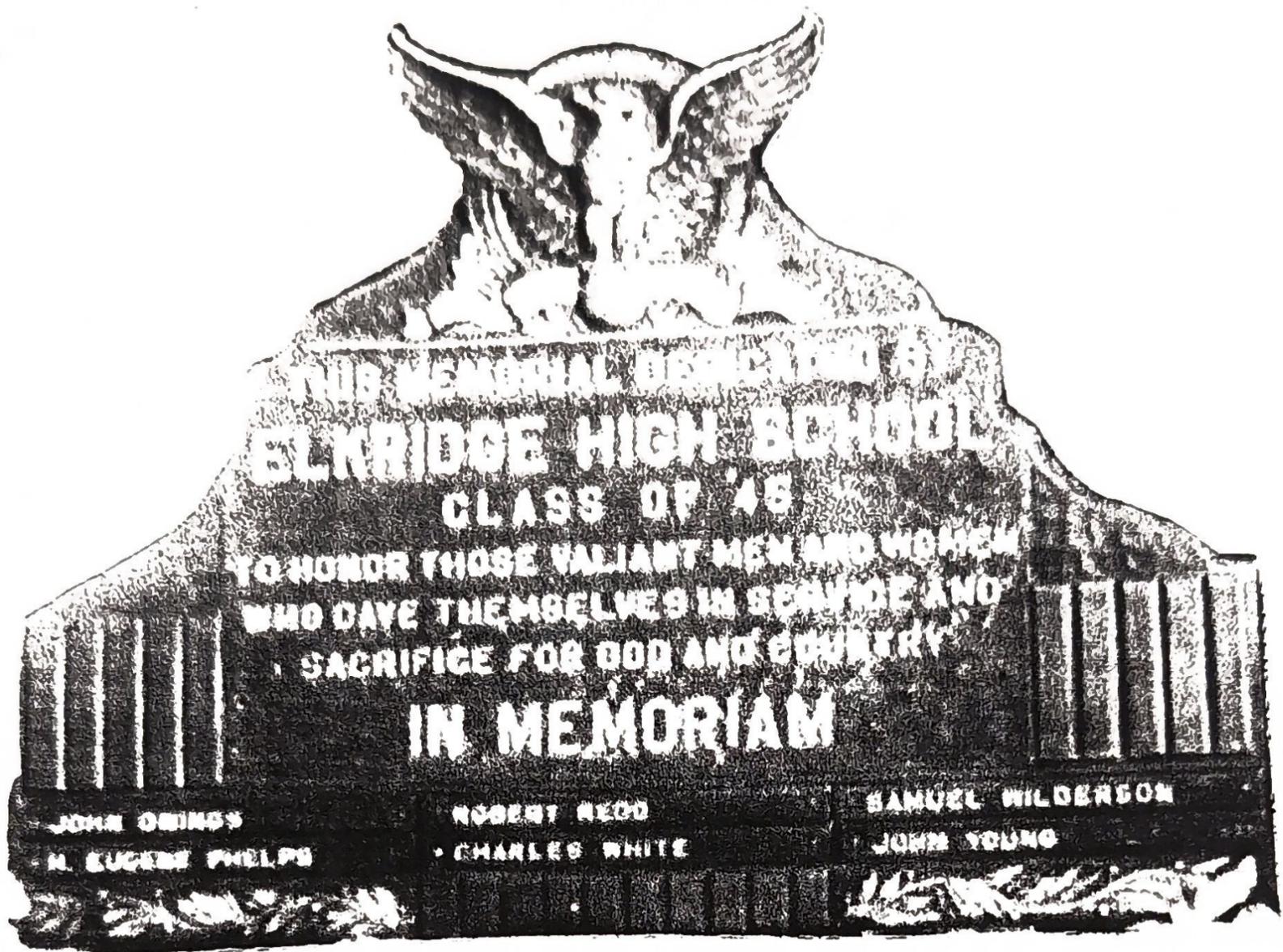
*Re-dedication  
Elkridge High School Memorial*

*Elk Ridge Heritage Society  
March 6, 2001*

*May*

*This memorial plaque was donated by the Elkridge  
High School Class of 1945 in memory of the six  
servicemen from the class of 1944 who died in  
World War II.*

*John Owings  
Robert Redd  
Samuel Wilderson  
H. Eugene Phelps  
Charles White  
John Young*



*Re-dedication  
Elkridge High School Memorial*

*Elk Ridge Heritage Society*

*March 6, 2001*

*May*

*This memorial plaque was donated by the Elkridge  
High School Class of 1945 in memory of the six  
servicemen from the class of 1944 who died in  
World War 11.*

*John Owings  
Robert Redd  
Samuel Wilderson  
H. Eugene Phelps  
Charles White  
John Young*

## *Program*

*Welcome by Paul Bush,  
Elk Ridge Heritage Society President  
Raising of the Flag,  
Representatives From Elkridge VFW Post #2697  
Pledge of Allegiance*

### *\*Introductions\**

*Special Guests  
EHS Officers  
Chairpersons from the Class of 1945,  
Corrine Tongue Fritz  
and  
Grace Schull  
and  
Members of the Class of 1945,  
Elkridge High School*

*History of the Plaque, Grace Schull  
Unveiling the Plaque,  
by Mrs. Fritz and Mrs. Schull  
Recognition of the Families of the Men  
Commemorated on the Plaque  
Histories of the Six Servicemen  
Refreshments Served*

*For Paul's use*

## Program

Welcome by Paul Bush,  
Elk Ridge Heritage Society President  
Raising of the Flag,  
Representatives From Elkridge VFW Post #8097  
Pledge of Allegiance

### \*Introductions\*

Special Guests  
Jane Schuchardt?  
Ned Eakle?

Cecil Boblitz-person responsible for having the plaque restored)  
Representative(s) from the Rotary Club (they paid for the Honor  
Our Veterans Project expenses

Elk Ridge Heritage Society Officers  
Neill Sybert? Sally Jarrett, Mary Snodgrass, Ginny Stickles, also  
mention Peggy Ford for all her work with this project)

Chairpersons from the Class of 1945,  
Corrine Tongue Fritz  
and  
Grace Schutt  
and other

Members of the Class of 1945,  
Elkridge High School

History of the Plaque, Grace Schutt  
Unveiling the Plaque,  
by Mrs. Fritz and Mrs. Schutt  
Recognition of the Families of the Men  
Commemorated on the Plaque  
Histories of the Six Servicemen

*For Paul's use*

## Program

Welcome by Paul Bush,  
Elk Ridge Heritage Society President  
Raising of the Flag,  
Representatives From Elkridge VFW Post #8097  
Pledge of Allegiance

### \*Introductions\*

Special Guests  
Jane Schuchardt?  
Ned Eakle?

Cecil Boblitz-person responsible for having the plaque restored)  
Representative(s) from the Rotary Club (they paid for the Honor  
Our Veterans Project expenses

Elk Ridge Heritage Society Officers  
Neill Sybert? Sally Jarrett, Mary Snodgrass, Ginny Stickles, also  
mention Peggy Ford for all her work with this project)

Chairpersons from the Class of 1945,  
Corrine Tongue Fritz  
and  
Grace Schutt  
and other

Members of the Class of 1945,  
Elkridge High School

History of the Plaque, Grace Schutt  
Unveiling the Plaque,  
by Mrs. Fritz and Mrs. Schutt  
Recognition of the Families of the Men  
Commemorated on the Plaque  
Histories of the Six Servicemen

Bring to attention:  
the six photographs of the men and  
the histories kept for permanent display in the waiting room

Thank Mary Snodgrass for initiating the Honor Our Veterans  
Project which culminated in the restoration of the plaque

Give a pkug for the Heritage Society  
Invite people to have refreshments

World War II 1941 - 1945 - In Freedom's Cause -

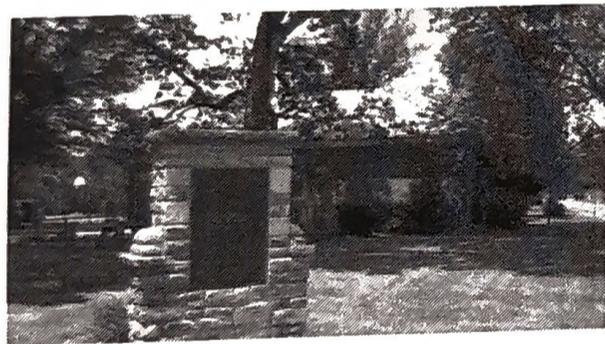
Inscription. To honor and commemorate those of us who served in the Armed Forces

Andersen, Alber T.; Andrews, Kenneth S.; Arnold, Lester e.; Bailey, Charles W.; Baker, Wilfred E.; Baquol, Calvin L.; Barbara, Joseph R.; Barnes, Beverly L.; Barnes, Richard A.; Benler, Frederick V., Jr.; Bennett, Grayson A.; Bennett, Louis G.; Benson, John B.; Berlin, T. Clark; Berrett, James N.; Blackburn, Ellsworth C.; Bodin, William K.; Bond, William R.; Burns, Edgar A.; Burton, William E.; Campion, Jerome; Carter, Robert L.; Cleary, Edward J., Jr.; Cleary Joseph E.; Cochrane, Donald E.; Coll, Edward L.; Cooper, R. Nelson; Cowden, Asbury; Crosbie, Howard K.; Crosbie, John H.; Damast, Edward E.; Daqual, Walter H.; Dimmick, William H.; Dixon, John W.; Dixon, Wilbur C.; Eakin, James R.; Everly, John T., Jr.; Francis, Sumner, Jr.; Fulks, Moir M.; Gallagher, Harry G.; Gaver, Leo J.; Getz, Frank M.; Gibbons, Samuel C.; Gloth, Frederick; Golding, Warren L., Jr.; Groom, John N.; Gottschalk, Robert R.; Graves, Claud; Gundry, Lewis P.; Hanson, H. Turlton; Hanson, John F.; Heron, Frederick L.; Hershfeld, Robert R.; Hoffman, James L.; Holly, David C.; Hommerbocker, Howard S.; Hughes, Clayton E.; Jacober, H. Crawford; Johnson, Bradley T., Jr.; Johnson, Charles F., Jr.; Johnson Edward T.; Johnson, Raymond J.; Johnson, Walter E.; Johnston, Robert A.; Johnston William A.; Kelley, Frederick P.; Kemp, Noval F.; Kroll, Janet K.; Kroll, F. Woodrow; Kummer, Stanley T.; Lee, Paul P.; Luber, Eugene W.; Marlin, Eugene C.; Mayer, August E.; McCurley, J. Webb, Jr.; McManus, George W., Jr.; McManus John J.; Meese, M. Charles, Meikle, Paul M.; Miller, Daniel L.; Miller, Gerard I.; Miller, Gregory H.; Miller, John F. X.; Miller, Lawrence G., Jr.; Morningstar, Irving T.; Morrison, Earl R.; Morrison, Robert J.; Mullikin, Burton H.; Mullikin, Glenn L.; Mullikin, Stanley e.; Mullikin, Vernon A.; Mundell, Asbury D.; Nelson, Alfred T.; Nelson, Wilbur O., Jr.; O'Malley, V. Jerome; Owens, George W.; Pennell, Wilgar A.; Phillips, C. Everett; Phillips, John F.; Polan, Carroll A.; Prince, John I.; Pullen, John T. D.; Pullen, William E.; Raines, James S.;



1. World War II Marker

By F. Robby, July 1, 2008



2. World War II Marker

Another marker for World War I is located on the building behind the World War II marker.

By F. Robby, July 1, 2008

Rappold, Daniel A.; Reynolds, N. Edmundson, 2nd; Reynolds, N. Edmundson, 3rd; Riley, George M.; Riley, Howard T.; Riley, Jesse L., Jr.; Rinehart, Elijah, Jr.; Rinehart, John W.; Rine, Harry L., Jr.; Rust, L. Oscar; Sautter, Robert G.; Sautter, W. Henry; Seabrease, Henry, D., Jr.; Sexton, Nathaniel G., 3rd; Sexton, T. Barder; Schlessinger, George G.; Smith, G. Newton; Smith, Milford R.; Stapf, Albert J.; Stapf, Austin M.; Taggart, Elmore J.; Taggart, Howard H., Jr.; Taylor, Donald; Thompson, Bernard L.; Thompson, Frans R.; Thompson, Wallace G.; Thompson, William H.; Thurston, James P.; Thurston, William B., 3rd; Torrence, W. Clayton; Tucker, William M.; Van Sant, Robert M., Jr.; Wade, Earl S.; Wade, John W.; Wade, Thurman C.; Wade, Walter E.; Wareheim, Robert O., Jr.; Wapgn, Frnak O.; Wheller, Arthur L.; Wheeler, Ralph D., Jr.; White, Joseph C.; White, J. Stratton; Wilkinson, John S.; Willett, William A.; Williams, Cornelius S.; Williams, Jesse E.; Willis, Richard H.; Woodard, Glenn G.; Young, Russell D.; Dobson, Roy P.; Coates, Henry C.; Jones, Hilary E.; McManus, David; Reese, Harry M., Jr.; Smith, Williams C., Jr.; Zink, Charles E.



3. Intersection of S. Rolling Road and Arlington Avenue

By F. Robby, July 3, 2008

Those who made the supreme sacrifice

Berrett, John J.; Bond, Richard W.; Dodson, John W. R.; Elliott, William H., Jr.; Foss, Kenneth E.;

Search

...

Home

Markers

Series

Links & Books

Forum

About Us

Privacy

Abolition & Underground RR

African Americans

Agriculture

Air & Space

Animals

Antebellum South, US

Anthropology

Arts, Letters, Music

Asian Americans

Bridges & Viaducts

Cemeteries & Burial Sites

Charity & Public Work

Churches, Etc.

Civil Rights

Colonial Era

Communications

Disasters

Education

Entertainment

Environment

Exploration

Forts, Castles

Fraternal or Sororal Organizations

Government

Heroes

Hispanic Americans

Horticulture & Forestry

Industry & Commerce

Labor Unions

Landmarks

Man-Made Features

Native Americans

Natural Features

Natural Resources

Notable Buildings

Notable Events

Notable Persons

Notable Places

Paleontology

Patriots & Patriotism

Peace

Political Subdivisions

Politics

Railroads & Streetcars

Roads & Vehicles

Science & Medicine

Settlements & Settlers

Sports

War of 1812

War, 1st Iraq & Desert Storm

War, 2nd Iraq

War, Afghanistan

Google

Web HMdb.org

Search

To search within this page, hold down the Ctrl key and press F. On an Apple computer, hold down the Apple key and press F.

Kindle Fire HD 8.9" New Lower Price From \$269 Order now Privacy

## Marker

Morrissey, William T.

The World War II marker is on the right.

**Erected by the citizens of this community, sponsored by the Grandfather's Club**

**Location.** 39° 13.636' N, 76° 42.382' W. Marker is in Relay, Maryland, in Baltimore County. Marker is at the intersection of S. Rolling Road and Arlington Avenue, on the right when traveling south on S. Rolling Road. [Click for map](#). Marker is in this post office area: Halethorpe MD 21227, United States of America.

**Other nearby markers.** At least 8 other markers are within walking distance of this marker. [Great War](#) (within shouting distance of this marker); [Relay](#) (about 300 feet away, in a direct line); [During the Civil War](#) (approx. 0.4 miles away); [A Rural Vacation Spot](#) (approx. 0.4 miles away); [Masterpiece of the Early B&O Railroad](#) (approx. 0.4 miles away); [Site of Old Relay Station and Hotel](#) (approx. half a mile away); [The Thomas Viaduct](#) (approx. half a mile away); [Elk Ridge Landing](#) (approx. 0.7 miles away). [Click for a list of all markers in Relay.](#)

**Credits.** This page originally submitted on July 3, 2008, by F. Robby of Baltimore, Maryland. This page has been viewed 2,529 times since then. **Photos:** 1, 2, 3. submitted on July 3, 2008, by F. Robby of Baltimore, Maryland.

Recommend or Share This Page.



submit

[Add Photo](#) — [Add Link](#) — [Add Commentary](#) — [Correct this page](#) — [Print](#)

B.S. f.ii.1.

## REDEDICATION OF PLAQUE TO WAR VETERANS

JUST SIX  
NAMES

LOUISE VEST

After graduation, most of the Class of 1945 went on to have careers and families; they went on to live life.

There were 407,316 reasons they were able to continue on with everyday lives. Six of those reasons were:

**John Owings**  
**H. Eugene Phelps**  
**Robert Redd**  
**Charles White**  
**Samuel Wilderson**  
**John Young**

In World War II, 407,316 Americans lost their lives serving their country. The 1945 Elkridge High School class didn't know most, but they did know the six named above, they were kids that attended their school.

These six, just before they left for war, were taking tests, not hills, brandishing pencils, not rifles, asking girls on dates, not asking for water from guards, and were flying paper airplanes across classrooms, not flying planes over a hail of bullets.

World War II was winding down by the time the graduating class of '45 received their diplomas, and the war in Japan ended a

couple months later. Although, that class had World War II looming large over their teen years, most were spared from experiencing that particular war.

But they weren't spared the grief of losing family members and friends to war, so as high-schoolers, the Class of 1945 collected pennies, nickels and dimes to purchase a plaque that was dedicated to the six older school mates that had perished because of the war.

The plaque, that hung in the high school and then was moved around in the post-Elkridge High School years, was recently returned, restored, and rededicat-

ed at a ceremony on a beautiful Sunday in May, at the Brumbaugh House, home of the Elkridge Heritage Society.

On the grounds of the Heritage Society, members of VFW Post 8097 conducted a flag ceremony and dedication of an American flag in honor of the six men.

The rededication is a part of the Veterans program at the Heritage Society that was funded by the Elkridge Rotary.

Inside the Heritage Society, there was standing room only for the unveiling of the plaque, which will now reside at the Society to be viewed by friends, family and the public.



Histories of the six men were also read by Polly Thorton, Mary Snodgrass, members of the mens' families and class members. A synopsis follows:

**John Owens** - Army Air Corps: Died in a Japanese POW camp in the Philippines under atrocious conditions. He had been studying to become a lawyer.

**Robert Redd** - USMC: Was on the ill-fated U.S.S. Indianapolis on July 1945 when the vessel was torpedoed. He went down with the ship. Only 300 of the 1100 on board survived both the sinking and shark attacks.

**John Young** - Army infantry: Killed on Mindanao, Philippines, in May 1945, just a few months before the war's end. He was 27 years old.

**Samuel Wilderson** - 8th Air Corps: A lieutenant stationed in England who volunteered for flying missions. His plane went down on his 5th mission.

**Charles White** - Army 45th Div - He was an army scout and was hit by a sniper's bullet at Nuremberg, in April 1945, a month before the war in Europe ended.

**Horace (Eugene) Phelps:** Merchant Marines - Killed after the war, in January 1946, when his ship struck a stray mine while leaving European waters. He was the only casualty.

There are just six names on the plaque.

And while 407,316 is a large number, a named six is larger.



**FRED C. JOHNSON CO.**

**GARAGE DOORS**

**RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION**

**"SPECIALIZING IN UNUSUAL & ODD SIZE"**

BROKEN SPRINGS & CABLES REPLACED 

**FREE ESTIMATES**

**LARGE SHOWROOM** **WHOLESALE TO THE PUBLIC**

 **RADIO DISPATCHED TRUCKS**

 **LARGE PARTS INVENTORY**  
**1-800-564-2091**  
**410-799-2126**

**KIT KAT ROAD ELKRIDGE**

**SAVE \$10 OFF ANY SERVICE** With This Coupon

**\$25 OFF NEW PURCHASE INSTALLATION** With This Coupon

**FREE ESTIMATES**

**COLEMAN'S FLOORING SERVICES INCORPORATED**  
**410-379-0441**

No Payment, No Interest For 6 Months\*

**5820 Washington Blvd., Ste. A Elkridge, Md. 21075**

**Professional Sales and Installation**  
Carpet + Vinyl + Hardwood + Ceramic  
+ Laminates + Custom Made Border Rugs + Service

**Bruce Hardwood Flooring on sale \$3.59 sq. ft.**

**Berber Carpet Installed as low as \$18.00 yd. (Expires 6/30/91)**

Now Offering Contractor Sales and Services such as Kitchen and Bath Remodels.  
Very Flexible Hours including evenings and weekends.  
Please call for Appointment.

**10% OFF CONGOLEUM FLOORING** THROUGH JUNE 30TH!

MHIC #120325 • MHIC #76160  
All Major Credit Cards Accepted

\*See Store For Details

We Carry Products By **Shaw Industries, Inc.**