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Beeline Publisher "Bernie"

First dates are a lot more festive now that duct tape comes in a variety of colors and patterns



Notes from Ralph

1. Looking to Host a Columbus, GA Reunion!
"Anyone interested in hosting a future reunion in Columbus, GA? If so Ralph Storti received an e-mail, containing a Reunion Profile Sheet and Reunion Tour Options, that will help from the Sr. Vice President, Sales at the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau. If interested in hosting a reunion here, please contact Ralph directly (215-518-0954 or mcb53aa@verizon.net) so he can put you in touch with Ashley."

2. All individuals that have not received any recent e-mail updates from Ralph please send Ralph and Bernie their current e-mail address at mcb53aa@verizon.net and gregory_bernard@sbcglobal.net

3. Ralph has available key fobs for \$10.00 per key fob, includes packaging and postage. Order by contacting Ralph. (note)Picture shows one on top of the other to show front and back sides.

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Fourteen years in the making, a retired Navy Seabee finishes a veteran's memorial in Pa.



Willow Grove, PA...For the last 14 years, everyone saw the gradual transformation of Willow Grove's Veterans Memorial Park. Ralph Storti saw the future site of remarkable monument honoring those who have served in the military. Fourteen years later, on July 12, 2018, his vision became a reality and the monument finally took its place in the sky. Inside the helicopter are life-size photos of the committee members who made it their mission to see it hover above the park just like Storti dreamed.

"My initial vision was a pole and a helicopter on the top. That was it," he said. "You can see today it's much nicer than that." "There aren't enough words to describe how excited I was," said Storti. "We're talking about 14 years in the making."

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/uppermoreland/willow-grove-veterans-memorial-park-helicopter-monument-reality>

<https://kywnsradio.radio.com/articles/news/14-year-dream-willow-groves-newest-monument-honors-all-us-military-members>

<http://www.philly.com/philly/news/pennsylvania/veterans-memorial-seabee-montgomery-county-willow-grove-20180729.html?mobi=true>



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Americans Missing In Vietnam Finally Welcomed Home In Emotional Ceremony

A formal [repatriation of remains ceremony](#) was held on July 8, 2018 at the Da Nang International Airport in Vietnam. It was attended by military representatives from both the United States and Vietnam. Those remains will now go to Hawaii where DNA analysis and other scientific determinations will be used to identify those remains and to then notify the families so that arrangements can be made to repatriate them to their hometowns. This will help bring closure to the long suffering those families have endured for so long.



<http://blog.theveteranssite.com/danang-repatriation/>

Bert D Cupp Ret. CMC



[Condolences](#) 8/10/39 - 05/02/18

Bert was born in Bath, NY and graduated from Campbell central in 1957. He worked a local factory after graduation. He also served in the [Army](#) reserves, the US Air Force, and 20 yrs in the [US Navy](#) SeaBees retiring in 1986 as a Chief Petty Officer. He served three tours in Viet Nam and other tours around the world. In 1984 he married June Van Gelder of Bath NY and after he retired in 1986 they moved to Jax. FL He worked for [US Marine Corp](#) at Blount Island. He and June went to St Croix USVI for 2 yrs. He served in Diego Garcia for 1 yr. tour with BOSS, they went to GITMO Cuba for 3 yrs. they returned to settle in Five Points, AL. Bert leaves his best friend and love of his life June He also served by his brothers Fay, Dale, Garry, Barry and sisters Bonalyn, RoseMarie, Kay, Betty and Roberta. He was predeceased in death by his mother Eugenia, father Fay, brother Maylon, sister Carolyn, and Wayne, and Eugene as infants. It is Bert's wishes that there be no viewing or services. He will be cremated and ashes given to his wife for disposal.

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CAMP LEE-STEPHENSON MONUMENT AT QUODDY VILLAGE, EASTPORT, MAINE



Lee and Stephenson were killed in a Japanese air raid on July 2, 1943 at Rendova Island in the Solomons along with 23 enlisted men of the 24th Battalion. They were the first Civil Engineer Corps officers to die in combat while leading their men in the U. S. Navy's newest branch, the Seabees, that was established in 1942. Most of the thirty streets at Camp Lee-Stephenson were named for enlisted Seabees that also died with Lee and Stephenson on Rendova. The other streets were named for Seabees killed elsewhere in the war. <http://seabeehf.org/resources/memorials-monuments/camp-lee-stephenson-monument-at-quoddy-village-eastport-maine/>

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