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The plan was to carry the Prayer Box in the Absecon Memorial Day parade and then march it to the boat ramp a few miles away. Once at the waters edge, we got "feet wet" and floated our combat rubber raiding craft for the long ten mile row across the bay.

Against our wishes, mother nature opened up on us few times with hard rain and then some hail. Also throwing a wrench into the works was the fact that a large amount of dredging equipment had been placed in our way in the days just prior to our event requiring us to paddle even farther to go around.

The storm carried strong winds which fought us the whole way. The tide also refused to change and at some points we just paddled intensely without any forward movement for quite some time.

We had planned for the trip across the bay to take three hours but it ended up taking five and a half.

At one point the storm drove us into the marsh at the center of the bay were we had to improvise a way to get the boat clear and some of us had to be pulled from deep mud that trapped us.

It was a tough and extremely challenging event but it means more to us that way. The fallen heroes we honor deserve it.



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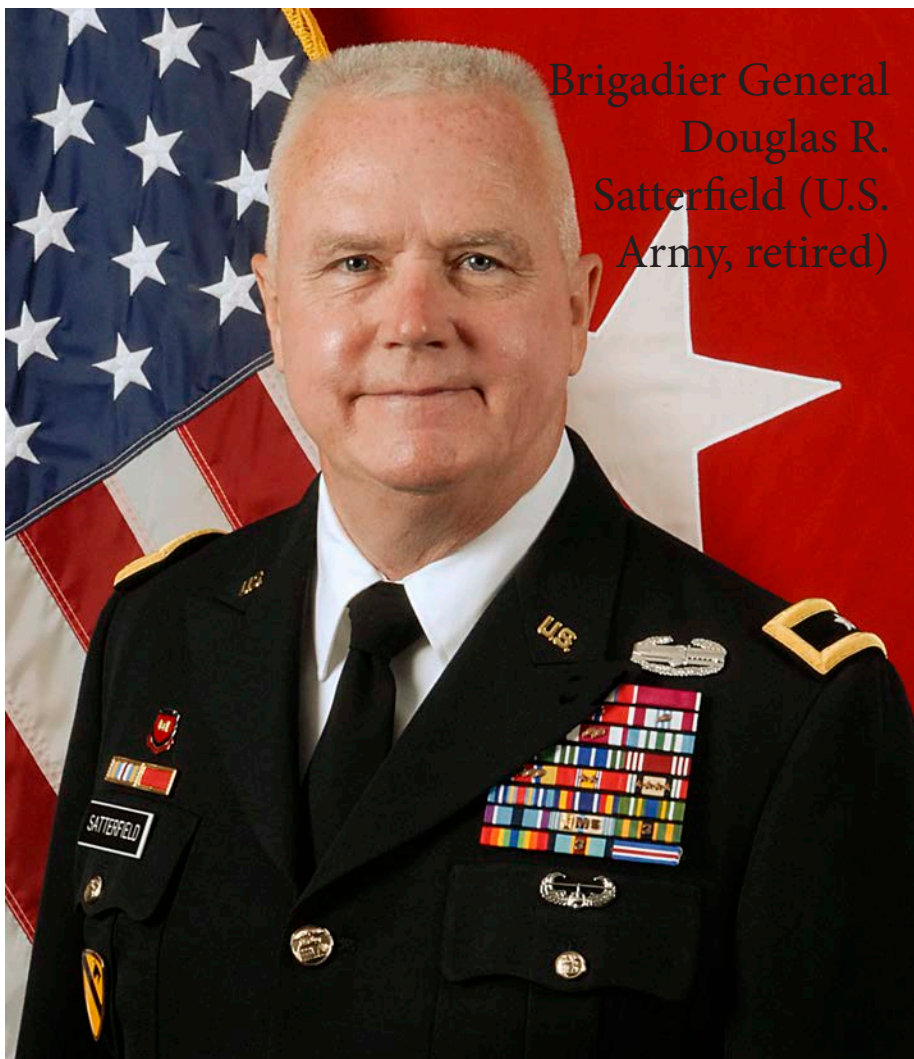
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**Why Non-Slaveholding Southerners Fought**  
by  
**Brigadier General Douglas R. Satterfield**  
(U.S. Army, retired)


Why did non-slaveholding Southerners fight in the Civil War? Like so many Americans, I had relatives who fought and died on both sides of the war, many brother against brother opposing each other on the same battlefield. But the question is rarely discussed. The short answer to this question is the election of Abraham Lincoln, a Republican who strongly opposed slavery.

Lincoln's position was both clear and a direct threat to the culture of the South. It is easy to see why slave owners saw Lincoln as a threat. But what about Southerners who did not own slaves?

Why risk their livelihoods by pledging to a new nation grounded in promoting slavery? We need to understand that slaves did not just work on the plantations. They touched every aspect of the South's social, political, and economic life. Slaves cleaned the streets, toiled as bricklayers, carpenters, blacksmiths, bakers, dockhands, and laborers, and they cooked the meals, cleaned, raised the children, and tended to the daily chores. As well, Southerners were increasingly isolated as Northern states demanded an immediate end to slavery. By the late 1850s, most white Southerners viewed themselves as condemned by what they saw as a hysterical slavery abolition movement. The message to all Southerners, including those who were non-slaveholders, was that the entire South was in danger. This clash of cultures came to a head in 1861 when, on April 14, Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard's forces forced the surrender of Fort Sumpter's Union garrison. By this time, several states had already seceded from the Union, and Confederate militias had begun seizing United States forts and property.

**Louis E. Carr**, 81, of Pleasantville, passed away after a brief illness on Monday, May 13th. Lou was a graduate of Atlantic City High School. He honorably served in the US Navy in Nam and after a 20 year hiatus, returned to continue and finish his service of 20 years. Lou worked for over 20 years for Mac Equipment and Machine Shop of Atlantic City. He finished his work history with the Egg Harbor Township School System. Lou was a member of the Odd Fellows for over 30 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Elda Carr; four sisters and one brother. Lou is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Eckert Carr; daughter, Deborah Davis; grandchildren, Christian and Concetta Davis; and many nieces and nephews. He was affectionally known as Screw Louis with the meatball eyes.





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Born in Chambersburg, PA, to the late Rose (DuVall) Snyder and Raymond T. Yeager, he graduated from Chambersburg High School in 1964. After high school, Ray started his military career. He served 2 tours in Vietnam in the US Air Force from 1965-1969, then came back to the states to finish out his career with the Air National Guard. Ray was an avid sharpshooter. He won many medals and awards throughout his military career including the Distinguished Rifleman Badge. The Distinguished Rifleman Badge and the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge were created by the War Department in 1884 and 1891 to recognize and reward members of the US Army for Excellence-in-Competition (EIC) with the service rifle and service pistol. The Armed Forces adopted this program around the same time. Once fully retired from the military, Ray enjoyed being outside, fixing cars, and being a handyman. He loved to build things. Ray truly enjoyed helping people. On nice days, Ray loved to take his Honda motorcycle out for a ride.

Ray also enjoyed spending time with his family. He survived and will be sadly missed by his two children, Kevin R. Yeager of Millville and Michael A. Yeager; and four grandchildren Trevor and Brysen Yeager, Josh Yeager, and Mason Shaffer.



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**Salvatore C. Armenia**, 74 of Egg Harbor Township passed away peacefully at home, with family at his side on Sunday, May 19, 2024. He was born on January 21, 1950 in Brooklyn NY to the late Charles and Louise Armenia (Campanella). Salvatore (Sal) graduated from Ocean City High School and shortly after joined the United States Marine Corp. Sal proudly served his country from 1969 to 1971 as a radio telegrapher. Upon discharge from the Marine Corp, Sal joined the Sea Isle Police Department for a brief period before joining the Somers Point Police Department for over 35 years. SPPD is where he spent the remainder of his career rising through the ranks to achieve the prestigious position of Police Chief. Sal retired in 2011 as Police Chief to spend more time with his beloved family and friends. His new chapter included long rides on his custom 1970 Shovelhead Harley and vacationing in his favorite place Colonial Williamsburg Virginia, where he indulged his deep love of American history. Sal had many other hobbies and talents, which included restoring and showing his 1971 Oldsmobile Cutless SX, building, painting and landscaping around the property and enjoying music with his wife on their deck. His greatest enjoyment was time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren. Sal is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 44 years Gemma, their 5 children Daniel (Ashley), Anthony (Susan), Nina (Kenneth), Adrienne (Thomas), Salvatore Jr. (Julia); twelve grandchildren (Julia, Gianna, Anthony, Carly, Dominick, Luna Rae, Sarah, Lillian, Gabriella, Aubriella, Salvatore, Remy). Sal is also survived by his sister Angela Mormina and brother in law Giovanni, nephews (Michael, Salvatore, Vittorio, John and Joseph, one niece Deanna. Sal is predeceased by his sister Bessie, mother (Louise) and father (Charles).

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**Dr. Peter Joseph Finley Sr.** (Colonel USMCR) passed away on March 31, 2024 at home surrounded by his family. Peter was born in Germantown Hospital and was the only child of John J. Finley Jr. and Margaret F. (Dunn) Finley. The Finley's resided in the Fairmount Section of Philadelphia in the 2200 block of Myrtle Street. Peter attended Saint Francis Xavier grammar school, LaSalle College High School and LaSalle College (University) where he attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Peter additionally obtained a Master's Degree in Psychology from the College of William & Mary and his Doctorate in Educational Psychology from Temple University. Peter enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in December of 1955. He was assigned to the Second Marine Regiment and did two overseas tours, including one in 1958 which included being part of the first Marines ashore during the Lebanon Crisis in July 1958. Peter received a citation for his personal performance during that Marine landing. In December 1958, Peter was released from active duty and joined the Marine Corps reserves as a member of the 69th Rifle Company. Peter remained in the Marine Corp for another 28 years, eventually retiring at the rank of Colonel in 1987. Peter remained as a civilian contractor for the Marines for an additional 12 years, eventually fully retiring in 1998 after 43 years of service to the Marine Corps. During his service some of the citations Peter received included the Legion of Merit, Combat Action Medal and the Presidential Service Badge. Peter was instrumental in the redesigning of the Marine Correctional system, development of 12 family support service centers and the design of a program for evaluation and assignment of Marines to protect the United States Embassies all around the World and the President of the United States. The program Peter developed is still in use today within the Marine Corps for those Marines assigned to the Embassies and President. Doctor Finley was a licensed psychologist and a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology. During his psychology career, Pete was on the staff of The Training School of Vineland, Oakcrest High School and the John S. Helmbold Education Center which was part of the Corbin City Board of Education, where he was the Superintendent. Under Peter's leadership, the John S. Helmbold Center became the Corbin City Regional Day School and eventually the Atlantic County Special Services School District. He was additionally the internship supervisor for Temple University and LaSalle University. Along with being an adjunct professor of psychology for Glassboro State College (now Rowan University), Stockton State University, Rutgers University and LaSalle University. He was an active member of the alumni associations for Saint Francis Xavier School, LaSalle College High School, Temple University and LaSalle University. As part of the LaSalle University Alumni Association and the alumni Board of Directors, Pete carried on his father's legacy to LaSalle University, where there is still a yearly alumni award and medal given to an outstanding alumnus in the name of John J. Finley Jr. Pete was rewarded for his work on the LaSalle Board of Directors and Alumni Association by being named a recipient of the Brother Dondero award and the John J. Finley Jr. outstanding alumnus award. Pete was also a member of the Irish American Cultural Society of South Jersey. Peter married, Anne "Nancy" Ryan in November of 1958. Pete and Nancy moved to Vineland New Jersey, where they raised their 5 children; son Peter Jr. (Coleen DiPietro), daughter Kathleen (Orlando "Nick" Rivera (deceased)), daughter Anne, son Patrick and son Matthew (Leigh Ann (Walker)). He has six grandchildren; Michelle (Jon Freeman), Danielle (Danny Opperman) and Colleen; Kylie, Brennan (Alex Bossi) and Meghan. He additionally has 2 great grandchildren Erin and Morgan. Peter was lovingly cared for by Solomon Sesay for the last 8 months of his life so he could remain at home in Sea Isle. Peter and Anne moved from Vineland in retirement to Townsend Inlet (Sea Isle) NJ, in 2007 where they enjoyed traveling, going to shows and hosting family gatherings at their house. Peter was preceded in death by his loving wife of 58 years in March 2017.







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**Russell Webster**, 93, passed away peacefully at his home in Galloway Township, NJ, on April 20, 2024. Born in 1930 in Totowa, NJ to the late Wesley and Jessie Webster, Russell graduated from Montclair State College after serving in the United States Army as a Lieutenant in Post-World War II occupied West Germany. He then studied at the University of Madrid (Spain) and received his Master's degree in Spanish. Russ taught high school Spanish at Hackensack High School, and then left the teaching profession first to work at a publishing company and then to the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, NJ. He and his wife, Jeanne, were residents of Hopewell Township, NJ for 45 years. He is predeceased by his loving wife of 56 years, Jeanne, his parents, his brother Wesley Webster, and his sister Evelyn Haycock. He is survived by his sons Marc (Wendy), and Keith (Laurie) Webster, as well as grandchildren Victoria (Benjamin) Morris, Sarah Webster, Madeleine (Sean) Lein, and Benjamin Webster, as well as many dearly beloved nieces and nephews. Russ loved languages, traveling, and being with family. The games of scrabble he played with his family became the stuff of legend. The family would like to thank all of those who helped care for Russ in his final years, including Holy Redeemer Hospice, Comfort Keepers, Contact Cape-Atlantic, and a special private care giver, Brenda Sampson.



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