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JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP EARN THEIR BRONZE AWARD

Submitted by Cranford Junior Girl Scout Troop 40071

Cranford Junior Girl Scout Troop 40071, based out of Orange Avenue School, made their Bronze Award presentation to the residents of Cranford Senior Housing in June. The program was called "Be Happy! Be Healthy! A Way for Juniors to Help Seniors!" The goal was to have fun educating our local seniors on three topics: Healthy eating, which included delicious samples of healthy snacks like hummus, fruit kebobs, and guacamole; a fun skit on keeping the mind sharp by exercising the brain, getting enough sleep, and keeping up an active social life; and finally, a presentation on the benefits of exercise which included a fantastic Chair Yoga Class taught by Rachel Cavanna.

In addition to the presentations, the Troop handed out recipe cards, a list of "10 Tips for Keeping Your Mind Fit", and a hand out sheet of yoga poses for the seniors to practice at home. Finally, everyone played Bingo for "healthy" prizes of word and number puzzle

books. Prizes included fresh flower arrangements from Flowers by Maggie, and locally donated gift certificates from Back to Nature Health Foods and Alluem Yoga.

Without doubt, both the Juniors and seniors had a fabulous afternoon.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BENEFITS CENTENNIAL AVE POOL

In August Centennial Avenue pool became the beneficiary of an Eagle Scout project by Nicholas Riggins of Boy Scout Troop 80, which is sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford. Nicholas, who is an incoming junior at Cranford High School, chose the pool for his project because he spends countless hours there swimming with the Jersey Gators, Cranford Gators, and his school varsity swim teams.



Ken Van Liew, Nick's Eagle coach guided him through the very detailed and involved process of writing the proposal, which had to be approved by the Patriots Path Council. His plan included rejuvenating a large flower bed and building four sets of picnic tables and benches to be placed in the shade at the back of the pool.

Nicholas reached out to Williams Nursery of Westfield for donations of flowers and plants. Plant supervisor Matthew Mitchell, who is also an Eagle Scout, helped him with plant selection and gave useful tips. To raise the money needed for supplies and materials, Nick reached out to his friends, family, neighbors, swim teammates, church community and many other people who knew and supported him for years during his scouting journey.

Nick guided and supervised his crew including scouts from troop 80, his friends from Cranford High School and his family members during several hot days in July and August. This achievement would not be possible without great leadership and guidance from all of Troop 80's leaders, parents and volunteers.

These are the remarkable young people who helped Nick to achieve his goal: Mario Lancilotti, John Rato, Jared Wilson, Todd Sweeney, Jimmy Sweeney, Jin Ko, Timothy Romero, Miles Hall, Dan Stryker, Dylan Cuprewich, Kevin McCarthy, Andrew Noesner, Zach Kornberger, and Katherine Riggins.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING FRI, SEPT 18

The Cranford Knights of Columbus Council 6226 will be holding its Seventh Annual Golf Outing on Friday, September 18th at Galloping Hill Golf Club in Kenilworth NJ. The main benefactors of the outing this year will be Contact We Care who is working with the Cranford Police Department to prevent teen suicide and the Gary Sinise Foundation who works closely with the Knights of Columbus nationally to help and

assist veterans and first responders in need.

There will be a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The cost per golfer is \$135.00 which includes 18 holes of golf, all cart and green fees, prizes, lunch at Galloping Hill and dinner at the Kenilworth Knights of Columbus Hall. For additional information, please contact John Doolan, at 908-451-8947 or via E-mail at jdoolan@verizon.net or visit www.cranfordknights.org.

CHAMBER GOLF OUTING WED, SEPT 16

On Wednesday, September 16, 2015 the Cranford Chamber of Commerce will host a golf outing which will be held at Beaver Brook Country Club in Annandale, New Jersey. This outing will benefit the Cranford High School Seniors Scholarship Fund.

The Chamber of Commerce is committed to provide Cranford Seniors graduating from high school with scholarships to help further their education. It is the Chamber's firm belief that by helping Cranford students achieve their educational goals, it will not only help the students and their families, but continue to benefit the town of Cranford as well.

The event will be a fun-filled day which will include lunch on the patio with cocktails and dinner to follow. There will also be many exciting raffle prizes and golf contest awards. The cost for golfers is \$175.00, or just come and join us for dinner \$50.00 per person.

This is your opportunity to enjoy a wonderful day with friends, while supporting the Scholarship Fund. The co-sponsor of this event is Two River Community Bank.

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This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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The Cranford Shark Finns were honored on the field by the New York Giants during the August 29, 2015 Jets-Giants preseason game for being the top fundraising team in this year's NY Giants Snow Bowl flag football tournament, raising \$20,036 to benefit the Special Olympics

New Jersey (SONJ). The team is named after Finn Morin, who was born in 2011 with Down syndrome and participates in the SONJ Young Athletes program in Cranford. The Shark Finns have raised over \$70,000 since 2012 on behalf of SONJ.



(above, front row, l-r) First row: Ted Burke, Matt Cannizzo, Finn Morin, Dermot McLeer (second row, l-r) Phil Morin, Ron Jones, Paul Zissler, Joe Agnone, John Theophilakos, Bob Tighe, Joe Asaro, Joe Buffalano. (not pictured) Chuck Walter, John Passaro, Tom Rizzuto, Joe Falso, Bob Clausen.



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Join us for the 2nd Annual Halloween Costume Extravaganza at The Jumble Store, 110 Walnut Ave in Cranford. The sale will run Friday, September 25th from 4pm-8pm and September 26th from 10am-5pm. Look great while doing good in your community!

Thanks to a very generous donation from a local costume distributor, we have over 500

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All proceeds support the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield's Career Closet, which

provides FREE business wear and accessories for women re-entering the workforce; Teen Closet, which provides FREE resume and college essay editing and FREE career wear for underserved HS seniors; and JLEP College Scholarships.

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The 42nd edition of the Cranford Community Calendar is now available for purchase. Published by the Cranford College Women's Club the calendar runs from September 2015 through September 2016. Over the years, the calendar sales have enabled the College Women's Club to award thousands of dollars in scholarships to Cranford's graduating seniors who are pursuing higher education. In June 2015 the Club awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Cranford seniors.

The community calendar is available for \$8 and may be purchased from any club member or from the following Cranford businesses: Bell's Pharmacy, Perrotti's Quality Meats and Groceries, Periwinkle's, Just 4 Pooches, and the Cranford Public Library.

Cranford women with a degree from a four year college or university are invited to join the club which meets the second Monday of the month from October through May at the First Presbyterian Church on Springfield Avenue in Cranford at 7 PM with refreshments followed by

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY RE-ELECTS GERLACH



At their June 22, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting, the Cranford Historical Society elected to change its bylaws so they could re-elect Margaret Gerlach as President of the Cranford Historical Society for the third consecutive 2-year

term. Gerlach, a life-long resident of Cranford joined the Society in 1996 and helped along with many members and volunteers for the "Lantern Light Ball" fundraiser. She was elected at that time to be the chairperson for volunteers and chaired many fundraising events. Some of the fundraising events she has been the chairperson of are: Annual Garage Sale, Holiday Boutique, Art Show, 50's & 60's...At the Hop Dance and the Wine and Cheese fundraiser. She will continue her efforts to raise money along with members and volunteers for the Society.

CRANFORD'S ANNUAL DUCKY DERBY RETURNS IN OCTOBER

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CRANFORD POLICE MARK ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF NARCAN PROGRAM

One year into a cutting edge program aimed at preventing overdose deaths, the Cranford Police Department reports that the program has been 100 percent successful in preventing overdose deaths in the township.

On July 1, 2014, as part of a county-wide program, all Cranford police officers were trained on the usage and administration of Narcan (generic name: naloxone). Front line police vehicles were equipped with naloxone dose packs used to reverse the effects of an extreme opioid overdose. Opioids include drugs such as heroin and many prescription pain killers.

Since the inception of the program, Cranford police officers have administered naloxone on nine separate occasions involving four different victims. All nine deployments resulted in successful reversal of the overdose symptoms, including one victim that was in cardiac arrest.

Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak believes that the Narcan program is a key resource in the community. "Unfortunately, Cranford is not immune to the statewide problem of drug use and addiction," he stated, "and coupled with aggressive enforcement and education, we now have another way to intercede and give someone a second chance at beating the addiction."

Cranford Family Care is heading into their 80th year of service to the community. They offer temporary emergency assistance to qualified residents. The organization was incorporated in 1936 by local residents, houses of worship, organizations and clubs. Their mission is to assist individuals and families to become self sufficient, there is true concern for the dignity of the individual. They are a non-profit 501(c) 3 run by a Board of Directors.

They are grateful for the support of the community and most recently they received a \$10,000 donation from Cranford Rotary Club. Since January of this year Cranford Family Care was able to assist twenty-eight families in need.

Summertime is a challenging time to keep a food pantry stocked and at this time their food pantry is very low-- main needs are mac and cheese, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, sugar, canned milk, canned vegetables, baked beans, rice, instant mashed potatoes, tuna, mayo, ketchup, mustard, pickles, relish, cereal, cereal bars, snacks, juices, juice boxes, cake mixes, oil, paper products, detergents and personal

products. They have two freezers and a refrigerator.

They are happy to accept super market gift cards and monetary donations. And also offer "In Memory Cards" and "In Honor Cards" for people to remember their loved ones.

Kathleen Willis, Director of Cranford Family Care stated "Cranford Family Care is unique as we are the only agency of this type in Union County. We are able to offer these services with the help of donors. We hope you will consider our agency when thinking of donating to a charity."

They are located at 61 Myrtle Street, Cranford, NJ 07016. Hours are Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm.

No appointment is necessary to make a donation, however it's advisable to call ahead to make sure someone is there. Nonperishable goods and gift cards to any supermarket can be dropped off during operating hours only. No items may be left in front of the building. Supermarket gift cards and checks made payable Cranford Family Care can be mailed. For more information please call 908-276-3530.

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RENNA MEDIA LAUNCHES 7 NEW NEWSPAPERS

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Beginning in October 2015 Renna Media's family of monthly newspapers will grow from 12 to 18 publications. The towns of Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, and Mountainside will join Renna Media's existing newspapers and will deliver important information from the departments in town hall, along with news from the schools and libraries. Community service organizations are encouraged to promote their events and celebrate their accomplishments free of charge. The goal of all our community newspapers is to

have a positive influence on the economic development and overall well-being of the towns they serve.

Renna Media is a Cranford based business owned and operated by husband and wife team Joe and Tina Renna. Renna Media's family of 18 community newspapers are published in and around Union and Somerset counties with a total circulation of 100,000 newspapers mailed monthly. The publications are "hyper-local" in nature in that they contain information focused on each individual town and are direct mailed within those towns.

The concept of being hyper-local is to give local businesses a venue to promote events and services. Reaching local customers gives you the highest return for your advertising dollars. The newspapers are designed (black ink on newsprint) to keep the cost of an advertisement to as low as \$60. Inserts are also available. Regional businesses can take advantage of one low rate for advertising in multi publications.

Joe and Tina Renna, owners of Renna Media, LLC, have been publishing community newspapers since 1998 with the launch of Around About Peterstown, a regional newspaper about the Italian-American neighborhood in Elizabeth, NJ.

Renna Media sought to fill what they saw as a void in other communities and created newspapers that would give a venue to town administrations and non-profit organizations to promote upcoming events as well as to showcase the accomplishments of local residents and businesses.

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Now the bus is pulling up, and I think of this thought,
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As I wait outside the door with all my classmates right beside me,
I realize that beginnings are like this, and now I see!
Everything in life can be intimidating now and then,
but every fear does have a cure, and who can find it? You can!

LEE ROSENTHA WINS WRITING COMPETITION



(above) Lee Rosenthal

(left) Lee Rosenthal state winning poem *Intimidation*

Lee Rosenthal, who is a middle schooler at Orange Ave School in Cranford won the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club (NJSFWC) Youth Writing Contest in the Poetry category (middle school category 6-8th grade) for his poem entitled *Intimidation*. Lee had

previously won the contest at the local level and then was submitted for the state level.

Lee was encouraged to enter the contest by his 6th grade teacher, Elizabeth Chandler, who has her students submit poetry and short stories for the competition each year.

Lee has a love of writing. In fourth grade he received an honorable mention for a short play he wrote for Child's Play. He also writes comedy skits with his twin brother, Ryan. A performer by nature, Lee participated this summer in the Paper Mill Playhouse's Summer Conservatory and performed in the Paper Mill's New Voices Hooray for Hollywood concert.

PHILIP ENGEL, 2010 CHS GRAD ACCEPTS POSITION AT EMORY UNIVERSITY

Philip Engel, a 2010 graduate of Cranford High School and a 2014 graduate of DeSales University has been selected to the position of Assistant Sports Information Director at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. His duties will include being the primary media contact for the Men's and Women's Soccer teams, the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving teams, and the Emory Baseball team.

Prior to this assignment, Philip worked at Union College in Schenectady, NY as the liaison for the Women's Hockey program, the Men's and Women's Lacrosse programs and the school's Baseball team. While in upstate New York, Philip also worked as a media consultant for the NCAA

Women's Basketball Regional Finals in Albany.

As an undergraduate, he worked as an intern at Lafayette College for their football, basketball and lacrosse teams. He also spent his summers with the Quakertown Blazers baseball team of the ACBL as their statistician.

After undergoing back surgery in the 8th grade, Philip was unable to play organized sports again but was afforded the opportunity to work with both the CHS football and basketball programs during his four years in high school. This provided him with a chance to be part of the sports he loves and also led to his choice of study in college and the career path which he is now following.

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SEPTEMBER FAMILY PROGRAMS

Therapy Dogs to Visit Library

Tuesday, September 8th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Young readers are invited to hone their skills by reading to therapy dogs at the Cranford Public Library! The dogs make a perfect, non-judgmental audience for children learning to read independently.

We're visited by the Therapy Dogs on the second Tuesday of each month between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Registration is required, call or stop by the Children's Department to reserve a spot.

Dinosaur Parade

Saturday, September 12 at 10:15 a.m.

Join the Dinosaur Parade! The Friends of the Cranford Public Library will be hosting a special Saturday morning Story Time, presented by seasoned storytellers Mary Ann Malloy and Carolyn Geeding.

Children ages 2-5 are invited to learn silly rhymes, sing fun songs, and hear some wild dinosaur stories!

This is a free program happening in the Cranford Community Center's A/V Room. Registration is not required, just drop in!

Sensory Story Time

Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

The Cranford Public Library will be holding its first ever Sensory Story Time.

The interactive story time is for all children ages 5-7;

we'll be sharing some stories and rhymes, followed by free play at sensory activity stations.

This inclusive story time is happening in the Library's Raddin Room.

Registration is required and begins on September 8. Reserve a spot by phone (908-709-7272) or in person in the Children's Department.

For a list of other upcoming programs, visit the library Web page at cranford.com/library and click on the Children's Department tab near the top of the page.

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 2015-2016 READERS' FORUM SESSIONS

The Readers' Forum, the lively book discussion group of the Cranford Public Library, will begin its 23rd year with a discussion of *Great Expectations* (1861) by Charles Dickens on Monday, September 28. Subsequent titles and dates are: *Family Life* (2014) by Akhil Sharma, October 26, 2015; *The Invention of Wings* (2014) by Sue Monk Kidd, November 23, 2015; *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* (2014) by Gabrielle Zevin, December 28, 2015; *Everything I Never Told You* (2014) by Celeste Ng, January 25, 2016; *Lila* (2014) by Marilynne Robinson, February 22, 2016; *The Measure of a Man* (2000) by Sidney Poitier, March 28, 2016; *All the Light We Cannot See* (2014) by Anthony Doerr, April 25, 2016; and *In the Unlikely Event* (2015) by Judy Blume, May 23, 2016.

All dates are Mondays. Sessions start at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the library's Fridlington Room. New members are welcome at any time. For more information, please call the library Reference Desk at 908-709-7272, extension 2102, or e-mail the library at library@cranfordnj.org. The Readers' Forum schedule is also listed under "Events & Programs" on the library's Web page at cranford.com/library.

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CRANFORD ROTARY GOLF OUTING BENEFITS CRANFORD FAMILY CARE

Close to one hundred golfers teed off at the 25th Annual Cranford Rotary Golf Tournament on July 27th at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. The Cranford Rotary presented a donation of \$10,000 to Cranford Family Care, the prime beneficiary of the event. Additional funds raised at the outing will support Rotary scholarships and other giving by the Cranford Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc.

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(above l-r) Gene Matics, Treasurer of Cranford Rotary and Kathy Willis, Cranford Family Care

corporate sponsors, there were 20 other major sponsors, led by the Garlic Rose Bistro, sponsor of the \$100,000 Hole-in-One Shootout; Martin Jewelers, sponsor of the Rolex Watch hole-in-one prize; and JEC Consultants, sponsor of the \$10,000 hole-in-one prize. Additionally, over 110 other organizations and individuals sponsored holes or donated raffle prizes.

Golf prizes were presented at the after-golf reception that evening, including to Gary Soldo for the low gross score, Ed Hagen for low net score, and to 10 others for other low scores, closest to the pin and longest drives. There was also a putting contest for a \$5,000 prize and five golfers shot for a hole-in-one to win \$100,000.

Cranford Family Care Association was founded in 1936 and is a private, non-profit organization supported by the United Way, service organizations, religious institutions, professional groups and concerned citizens from the community. The mission of Cranford Family Care is to offer temporary, emergency assistance to qualified Cranford residents. The Association's aim is to return individuals and families to self-

sufficiency with services offered without charge to the residents of Cranford.

The Cranford Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc. was created in 1996 with a focus on supporting education and to support the many other charitable efforts and projects of the Cranford Rotary Club, both locally, nationally and internationally.

The Rotary Club of Cranford, affiliated with Rotary International, was established in 1923 and serves the Cranford community through service projects, sponsorships and scholarships. Past beneficiaries of Rotary support include Cranford First Aid Squad, Cranford PAL, Cerebral Palsy League, Project Home, Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence, Children's Specialized Hospital, and Cranford United Way. The Cranford Rotary Club meets every Thursday morning at 7:45 am at the Cranford Community Center. Any businessperson or professional, active or retired, is cordially invited to attend a meeting to learn more about the club. For additional information, please contact Membership Chair Rich Feder at 908-500-4318.

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TROOP 80 HAS AN ADVENTURE IN FLORIDA KEYS

Boy Scout Troop 80 in Cranford sent a crew of eighteen scouts and two adults on the adventure of a lifetime to Florida Sea Base, the Boy Scouts' national high adventure facility in the Florida Keys.

The crew flew down to Florida in late July, starting their activities with an airboat ride in the Everglades before checking into Sea Base in Islamorada. After a day of preparation on base, including learning how to snorkel, they were transported down to Key West to board the Jolly II Rover, their home for the next week. The Jolly II Rover is an 80-foot schooner, complete with sleeping quarters, fishing gear, and a rope for swinging off the bow. The ship was crewed by Captain Rio, Chris "Cutthroat" Martin, and two staff members from Sea Base, Sabrina and Nate.

The crew set sail into the beautiful waters of the Keys, spending the week sailing, snorkeling, fishing, and swimming. Mid-week, the crew had shore leave in Key West where they toured the historic sites and visited the southernmost point in the continental US. It wasn't all fun and games, though. The scouts were also responsible for

keeping the schooner ship-shape and preparing all of the meals. Fortunately, they had lots of oranges aboard to stave off the dreaded scurvy.


There were many highlights of the trip, including spotting sharks, huge conchs, and an amazing variety of spectacularly colored fish while snorkeling. Pods of dolphins swam around the bow of the boat on two occasions, and the crew enjoyed beautiful sunrises and sunsets and slept under the stars on the deck of the ship. They returned tanned and ready to start another exciting year of scouting.

The crew was led by Shamus Garcia, and the other crew members were Trevor Aschmies, Brendan Aszklar, Frank Caldwell, Logan DesRochers, Jack Garcia, Tim Garcia, Garrett Kennedy, Zach Kornberger, Mark Lynch, Kevin McCarthy, Will O'Connor, Tim Romero, John Santulli, Rob Scheurer, Dan Stryker, Nick Stryker, and Roy James Walton.

The adult advisors were John Aschmies and Roy Walton. A special thanks, as well, to Martha Garcia, who did a lot of the preparation and planning.




Cranford's Boy Scout Troop 80 visited Florida Sea Base, the Boy Scouts' national high adventure facility in the Florida Keys.



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SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Currently on average 18-22 recently discharged or active duty veterans feel that there is no further way to deal with the internal casualty of war except for suicide. These rates are even higher for female Veterans. These veterans either do not know that there are services out there to help or they feel that no one will understand how they feel. There is nothing further from the truth. Many of us have felt the same way when we returned from a combat zone. These signs may mean someone is at risk for suicide. Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change: Talking about wanting to die or to kill oneself; Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online or buying a gun; Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live; Talking about feeling trapped or unbearable pain; Talking about being a burden to others.

Suicide Is Preventable. Please call the number below if you know a Veteran who is in need of help. We need to stand together and help each other! Call the Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). With Help Comes Hope.

NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY

September 18th in the National POW/MIA day of Remembrance. Cranford VFW and VFW District 5 will be holding a Remembrance Service at Memorial Park in Cranford on Saturday September 19th at 10 am. An open house at the Post will follow. All are welcome. Some numbers are outlined below of our STILL MISSING Brothers and Sisters.

WORLD WAR II

Approximately 76,000 missing person cases remain from World War II. Of these, approximately 7,000 are MIA cases and approximately 69,000 are KIA-BNR. The number of World War II missing persons buried in graves marked as "Unknown" in U.S.

cemeteries at home or abroad is approximately 8,600. These unknowns represent approximately 11 percent of all missing persons from World War II.

KOREAN WAR

The remains of 8,177 U.S. Service Members were not recovered after the signing of the armistice in 1953. Approximately 5,960 are listed as MIA cases, while 2,217 are KIA-BNR or died in captivity. As of April 2012, 839 caskets of Korean War missing persons are buried in marked graves as "Unknown" in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. These unknowns represent 14 percent of all MIA cases from the Korean War.

VIETNAM WAR

As of April 2012, the remains of 1,681 missing persons have yet to be identified. There are no "unknown" missing persons from the Vietnam War.

COLD WAR

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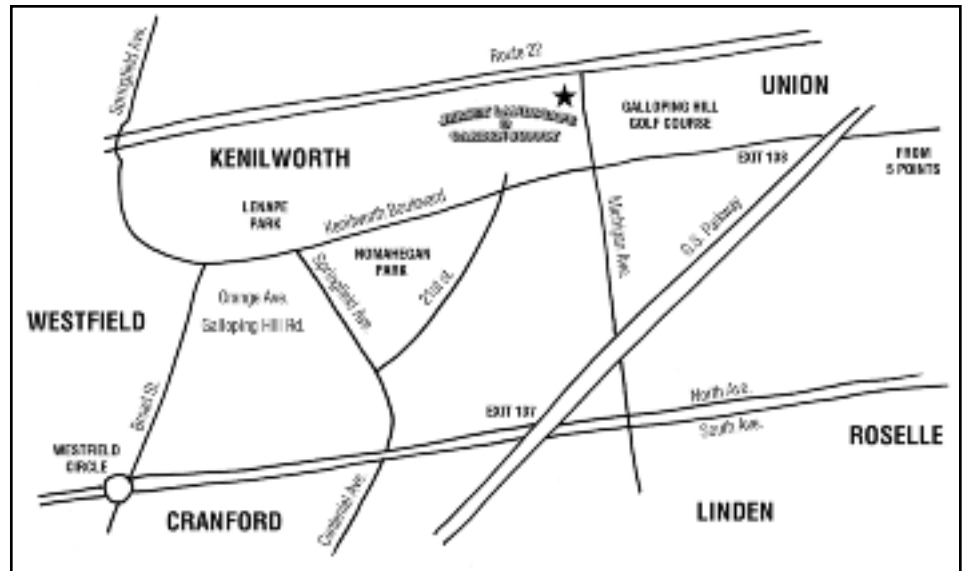
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