

of the community as an Eagle Scout, a member of the York County Youth Orchestra, and a member of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company since 2001. Greg enlisted in the Navy and achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer prior to accepting a commission; Greg is now a highly decorated Lieutenant Commander.

Philip A. Piermatteo, Jr. - Philip served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War and Vietnam War eras. He lived in Shrewsbury Borough for over 55 years, is the past President of the Borough Library, and Borough Council. He served honorably for more than 40 years, both as an active duty service member and in the reserves, achieving the rank of Master Sergeant.

Michael W. Ridgely - Michael served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War Era. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. Michael is a prior Shrewsbury Borough Council President.

Gregory L. Seitz - Gregory served in the Navy as a Storekeeper from 1981 - 1985 on active duty, and from 1985 - 1987 in the Navy Reserves. He achieved the rank of Petty Officer Second Class, serving during the Grenada/Beirut, Lebanon Conflict. Gregory was born and raised in Shrewsbury, graduated from Susquehannock High School, and is one of several members of his family who proudly served both our nation and the community.

Larry E. Seitz - Larry served in the Army during the Vietnam War Era. Larry is Gregory's father, who undoubtedly instilled a strong sense of pride in service to our nation to his son and family. A light weapons infantryman, he was awarded a Good Conduct Medal upon honorable discharge and was granted an early release following his tour overseas.

Clark E. Seitz - Clark served in the Army during World War II. The grandfather to Gregory Seitz, he lived in Shrewsbury for the entirety of his life, and during his time in the Army he achieved the rank of Private First Class. Clark was an airplane and engine mechanic during his time in the service, and was awarded the Army Occupation Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Stephen A. Seitz - Stephen served in the Army during the Vietnam Era, from 1971 - 1975. A relative of the aforementioned Seitz service members, Stephen was a patriot whose love of country and desire to serve set another shining example for the Seitz family. During his years of service, Stephen achieved the rank of Sergeant, and was awarded various service medals and badges.

Merle L. Smith - Merle served in the Army during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War Eras. His service spanned 25 years, and he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the Army Occupation of Germany - Japan Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the European - Middle Eastern - Campaign Medal.

Warren L. Smith - Warren served in the Air Force for 28 years, from 1977 - 2005; a time frame spanning the Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, and Global War on Terrorism Eras. He achieved the rank of Master Sergeant and is highly decorated with various service and personal achievement awards and medals.

Daniel A. Yancoskie - Daniel served in the Army during both the Vietnam and Persian Gulf War Eras. He achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class during his time in service. He is fondly and proudly remembered by his family.



Editor's Note: This is the first of hopefully many future iterations of the banner program, which will be revolving on a biennial basis. Of note, future applications and installments of the banners will likely be extended to First Responders as well as U.S. Service Members and veterans. If you would like further information regarding the program, an application, or have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please reach out to the Shrewsbury Borough Council at shrewsburyborough.org, or via email at HometownHeroes@shrewsburyborough.org



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Shrewsbury's Own Hometown Heroes

Shrewsbury Borough is proud to honor our Veterans through the inaugural installation of the Hometown Heroes Banners located along Main Street! In addition, we would like to thank all Veterans and First Responders for their service to our country and community. The Borough Council and Shrewsbury Lion's Club are pleased to introduce the first iteration of heroes being honored:

Gregory Bearman - Gregory joined the Army in 2019 and is currently serving. Greg is the recipient of several service and personal awards, to include the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terror (GWOT), and GWOT-Expeditionary Medal, as well as the Army Service Overseas Medal. Gregory and his family take great pride in his service, and in particular the example he sets to today's youth that service to our country is an honorable goal.

Richard "Buck" Buchanan - Buck served in the Army from 1968 - 2001. He retired as a Brigadier General, serving for 33 years - 28 of which were as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War Era. Buck's service and personal awards include the Vietnam Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Flying Cross, and two Bronze Stars. Buck is also a prior Shrewsbury Borough Council President.

William E. Colbert - William served in the Marine Corps from 1958 - 1963, and the Army from 1963 - 1979 during both the Vietnam and Korean War Eras. William was a true American hero, serving bravely as a long-range reconnaissance patrol member behind enemy lines, and was awarded numerous medals for his 23-and-a-half-years of service, to include the Purple Heart and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Nelson R. Daniel, Jr. - Nelson served in the Army from 1967 - 1973, in the Vietnam War Era. He achieved the rank of Sergeant. His family is immensely proud of him and his service to our Nation.

William Dunphy - William served in the Air Force from 1976 - 2001. He was deployed overseas numerous times in support of the Cold War, Gulf War, and Global War on Terror Eras. He is the recipient of numerous service and personal awards representative of his honorable service in many theaters of conflict and several wartime campaigns, humanitarian support, support to Maryland and Pennsylvania as a Guardsman, and various other personal achievement medals.

Latt Edwards - Latt served in the Army during the Vietnam Era and achieved the rank of Corporal during his time in service. He lived in Shrewsbury for 40 years, loved being a member of the community, and raised his children and grandchildren here.

Harry Floyd - Harry served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War Era. In addition to his military service, Harry has served Shrewsbury by co-founding and acting as the first President of the Southern York County Rotary Club. He has also invested in the community by owning and operating two small businesses.

Jeanne M. Floyd - Jeanne served in the Air Force Nurse Corps during the Vietnam War Era. Her military service was based on the gratitude and love of country and extended to her hometown of Shrewsbury through community service to the Borough, care and service to neighbors, and stewardship of the environment. Jeanne achieved the rank of First Lieutenant during her years of honorable service.

Ryan J. Gloeckner - Ryan is currently serving in the Space Force as a First Lieutenant. He is the first Penn State University graduate to commission into the Space Force. Prior to joining the military, Ryan served the community as an Eagle Scout. He is proud to serve his nation, and his family is exceptionally inspired by his hard work and dedication.

Julian Jackson - Julian served in the Marine Corps from 2001 - 2010, during the Global War on Terror Era. He achieved the rank of Lance Corporal and was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon. Julian continues to serve by acting as an active member of the community.

Robert C. Ketenheim II - Bob served in the Navy during the Vietnam and Gulf War Eras. He retired at the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Bob served aboard the USS SHANGRI LA (CV/CVA/CVS 38), and subsequently became the historian of this ship. Bob, a historian at heart and Shrewsbury resident since 1981, authored the book "Around Shrewsbury." He selflessly continues to serve his community by volunteering for countless organizations.

Zachary Lidie - Zach joined the Air Force in 2008 and is currently serving. He has served both at home and abroad, earning various personal and service awards such as being the honor graduate of his Basic Military Training School, the ACE award in his technical school, the Maryland Air Guardsman of the Year 2013, and the Jim Christy award. As a cyber security specialist, he has currently attained the rank of Master Sergeant and is the embodiment of a true hometown hero.

Nathan McGreal - Nathan joined the Air Force in 2008 and moved through the ranks to Master Sergeant; in 2021 he transitioned to the Space Force. Although he is currently stationed in California, he was raised in Shrewsbury and graduated from Susquehannock High School.

J. Larry Miller - Larry served in the Army during the Cold War Era. He lived in Shrewsbury during his time in the Army, and upon discharge, he opened a tool and die company in Railroad, where he employed several veterans. He was extremely proud of his service to our nation, and his family continues to be proud of his legacy as well.

Kenneth Leroy "Jack" Miller - Jack served in the Army during World War II, in the Pacific Theater. He lived his whole life in Shrewsbury, loved the community, and was a lifelong member of the Fire Company and the fire police.

Gregory S. Myers - Greg joined the Navy in 2005 and is currently serving. A resident of Shrewsbury from birth, he has always been an active member