

Remembering Those Who Gave All

WW II

Name	Pay-Grade	Unit
Herbert B. Castle	Private	Co. F, 347 INF, 87th INF DIV
Albert H. Davis	PFC	307 INF Reg., 77 th Division
Thornton R. Gillett	2LT	Army Air Forces, 8AF, B-24
Theodore B. Hannigan	CPL	CT NG, 169 INF, 43rd INF DIV
Melvin A. Johnson	PFC	Co. L, 377 INF Reg, 95 Reg DIV
Romano C. Massoni	SGT	307 INF, 77th DIV
Raymond L. Rising	CPL	CT NG, 169 INF Reg, 43 INF DIV
Robert L. Sylvernale	2LT	490 Bomb Sq., 341 Bomb GP

Vietnam

William R. Alamed Jr.	PFC	1 st Battalion, 506 th INF Hhc
Richard W. Power	PFC	A CO, 1ST BN, 7TH CAV, 1st Cavalry Division

Lebanon

Steven B. Wentworth	CPL	1 st Battalion, 8 th Marines
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Iraq

Travis J. Fuller	1LT	3rd Platoon Commander for Co.C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine REG, III
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Robert L. Sylvernale
2LT, U.S. Army Air Corps
490 Bomb Squadron, 341 Bomb Group

Southwick, Feb 29, 1944 - Second Lieutenant Robert L. Sylvernale received his wings in the air corps and was commissioned when he graduated last week at Selman field, La. Following his furlough he will go to New Mexico, where he will undergo a nine week course to become a bombardier. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Robert Sylvernale of College Highway.

LIEUT SYLVERNALE OF SOUTHWICK MISSING

Southwick, Feb 3, 1945 - Mr and Mrs Robert F. Sylvernale received a telegram from the war department today notifying them that their son, Lieut Robert L. Sylvernale, navigator, was missing since January 17 on a mission over the Burma-India area. The Lieutenant was a member of the 490th Bombardment Squadron known as the Burma Bridgebusters and had only been in that area for about six weeks. He enlisted in the air force January 28, 1943, and received his bombardier training at Roswell, N.M., navigation at Feimar field, La., aerial-gunnery training at Tyndall field, Fla., and his final training at the Columbia base at South Carolina. (courtesy of the Springfield Republican, Springfield, Massachusetts)

Lt Sylvernale's remains have never been recovered



Purple Heart Trail

Memorial Day 2017

*"The sign shall provide a visual reminder,
To all those who travel past it that..."*



"Freedom is Not Free"



The Purple Heart

The Purple Heart is specifically a combat decoration and it is our nation's oldest military medal. It was first created by General George Washington in 1782 and was known as the Badge of Military Merit. It was first awarded to three soldiers in Newburgh, N.Y. The Badge of Military Merit was made of cloth and it is the predecessor of the Purple Heart medal.



The current Purple Heart medal was developed by General Douglas MacArthur in 1932. The new design was created by Miss Elisabeth Will, an Army heraldic specialist in the Office of the Quartermaster General. The revived form is of metal, instead of perishable cloth, made in the shape of a rich purple heart bordered with gold, with a bust of Washington in the center and the Washington coat-of-arms at the top.



The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. The heritage it represents is sacred to those who understand the price paid to wear it.

What is the Purpose of the Purple Heart Trail

The purpose of the Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. The Purple Heart Trail accomplishes this honorary goal by creating a visual reminder to those who use the road system that others have paid a high price for their freedom to travel and live in a free society.

Signs are placed at various locations to annotate those roads and highways where legislation has been passed to designate parts of the national road system as The Purple Heart Trail. The actual format and design of the signs varies from state to state. There are currently designated sections in 45 states as well as Guam.

In honor of those who have sacrificed their lives or well being in the service of their country.

All Gave Some... Some Gave All...



Memorial at Southwick-Tolland Granville Regional High School Left to Right:

1. William R. Alamed Jr., PFC U.S. Army, KIA, Vietnam, 10 Mar 1970
2. Steven B. Wentworth, Corporal, U.S.M.C., 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, Lebanon, 23 Oct 1983
3. Travis J. Fuller, 1LT, U.S.M.C., 3rd Platoon Commander for Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Iraq, 26 Jan 2005.

The three wreaths for the Southwick-Tolland Regional High School graduates are displayed in the north eastern hallway of the high school.

Total Number of Southwick Veterans by War

	# Veterans	KIA
Revolutionary War (1775-1883):	84	
War of 1812:	8	
Mexican-American War of 1848:	0	
American Civil War:	110	
Spanish American War (1898)	1	
WW I (1917-1919):	46	
WW II	244	8
Korea	48	
Vietnam	330	2
Lebanon	1	1
Gulf War	1	
Iraq War	21	
Afghanistan	6	
Grand Total:	800	11

Source: Southwick War Memorial

Those identified with "Star" which indicates that the veteran died in the war were verified and validated for accuracy.