DEDICATION
MIDDLETOWN
HONOR ROLL
WORLD WAR II

Thursday, November Eleventh
nineteen hundred and forty-three
We are gathered here to-day to dedicate this Honor Roll, with approximately 3,000 names, erected to symbolize and memorialize the sacrifice and courage of the men now engaged in preserving an ideal of life against infringement. Opposed to them are the forces of ruthlessness and frightfulness, barbarism and militarism; while on our side are good will, brotherhood and freedom, equality and education, opportunity and democracy.

Our boys and girls are proving that they stand ready not only to protect the American nations, but also to defend and give their lives wherever any people is suffering because of the aggression and injustice of other nations.

A Pledge in Memoriam

We are asked here to put into words a tribute to those who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country, and an expression of sympathy that may assuage, in part, the sorrow of those who survive them. No words alone can adequately serve such purposes!

These men, cut down in the prime of their youth, died for a cause. They loved life, even as you and I; yet greater than that was the love they bore those at home who trusted in their courage and strength for protection.

It remains now for us, the living, to carry on, and to match with deeds of loyal service their courage and devotion, to the end that that cause for which they died may triumph, and that country, which was their richest heritage and is ours, may be preserved.

You Who Are in the Armed Forces

"I wish I had the words at my command ready to inspire you with a message of hope and courage. If I could only tell you how eagerly we await any word from you, telling us how you are, and what you are doing, and how we pray and long for that day when you will be with us again. I look forward to the day when I may shake your hand, pat you on the back and welcome you home and thank the good Lord for returning you to us. I know you won't forget your loved ones who are thinking of you every minute of the day and night. I feel sure that memory will prevent you from doing anything that would change you from the same fine person you were when you left home.

May God keep you safe and sound, is our silent prayer."

Sincerely yours,
Salvatore T. Cubeta, Mayor
DEDICATORY PROGRAM

Rev. Joseph W. Kakuc, Master of Ceremonies

1. Invocation - - - - - - Rev. Robert Del Russo
   Assistant Pastor of St. Sebastian's Church

2. National Anthem - - - - - - Coast Artillery Band,
   Fort Wright, New York

3. Address - - - - - - Hon. Salvatore T. Cubeta
   Mayor of Middletown, Conn.

4. Address - - - - - - Lieut. Commander Thomas B.キーリー
   U. S. N. R.

5. Prayer for Members of the
   Armed Forces - - - - - - Rev. George L. Withey,
   Pastor of First Methodist Church

6. Address - - - - - - Hon. Francis T. Maloney
   U. S. Senator of Connecticut

7. Musical Selection - - - - - - Coast Artillery Band
   Fort Wright, New York

8. Address - - - - - - His Excellency Raymond E. Baldwin
   Governor, State of Connecticut

9. Musical Selection - - - - - - Coast Artillery Band
   Fort Wright, New York

10. Benediction - - - - - - Rev. George F. Green
    Pastor of African Methodist Zion Church

11. Prayer for Our Heroes - - - - Rabbi David T. Finkestein
    Congregation Adath Israel, Middletown

—We here highly resolve
that these dead shall not have died in vain—

Sgt. Emanuel Cannata
Killed in South Pacific July 30, 1943

Capt. Harold R. Pruckleton
Killed in Plane Accident, at Portland,
Newfoundland, October 3, 1942

MAYOR'S VICTORY COMMITTEE
Mayor Salvatore T. Cubeta, Ex-Officio
Samuel S. Matteo, Chairman
Alfred L. W. Lehr, Secretary
Rev. Joseph W. Kakuc, Treasurer
Arthur Carlson
Bennie O'Keefe

The above-named Mayor's Victory Committee takes this opportunity to extend to the public of the community its sincere appreciation and a word of thanks for the splendid cooperation and generosity shown in realizing the Service Flag now flying above the portals of the Municipal Building; to purchase and send cigarettes to the men and women serving in the various branches of our Armed Forces, and to construct the Honor Roll as a tribute to those who are doing so much in preserving the American Way of Life.
PVTO. HENRY MIZUSKI

Bud May 1941
in North Africa

Sgt. SEBASTIAN SANTOSPEANO
Killed in Southwest Pacific
July 14, 1944

HOWARD A. SANDERS

Navy—Lost at sea
Had served 4 years in U.S. Navy

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