



**Springfield American Legion Post 227  
Springfield, Delaware County, Pennsylvania 19064**

Springfield Hero Banner: **Domenico Basile**

Location: Springfield Road next to Veterans Memorial Park

Date Installed: April 25, 2022



**Springfield Resident Domenico Basile** Proudly Served 1946-1947 United States Army Security Agency and Occupation of Japan World War II Veteran. His assignment was with the Army Security Agency. Mr. Basile is a long time member of Springfield American Legion Post 227.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Sergeant William H. Bathgate**

Location: Church Road by Life of Tree Church

Date Installed: April 27, 2022



**United States Army Staff Sergeant William Hugh Bathgate** lived at 235 Ballymore Road and was in the Springfield High School Class of 1938. He played football for three years and was elected captain of both the track team and the basketball teams in his senior year. William set numerous school records and went to the Pennsylvania State Championships in track. He performed in the school musical and both the junior and senior play. Tank Crew Chief Bathgate was killed in action on the island of Sicily on August 23, 1943. He was the first Springfield High School student killed in action in World War II.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Sp4 Barry T. Burnite**

Location: Woodland Avenue (in front of E.T.Richardson Middle School)

Date Installed: October 31, 2021



1961 Graduate of Springfield High School and Springfield Resident United States Army Spec.4 Barry T. Burnite, "On November 17, 1965: 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, A Company 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry (in the battle of Ia Drang) began a tactical march...in chest-high elephant grass where visibility was limited...North Vietnamese soldiers attacked by the hundreds...the intense battle lasted for 16 hours.... **Sp4 Barry T. Burnite**, during the battle was wounded, continued to man his machine gun and fight the overwhelming enemy forces. As he attempted to outflank a North Vietnamese Army position he was mortally wounded. For his actions in battle, he was awarded the Silver Star."





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Springfield Hero Banner: **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Theodore N. Burton**

Location: Sproul Road (Rte. 320) and Gleaves Road

Date Installed: October 31, 2021 Relocated April 27, 2022



1964 Springfield High School Graduate and Springfield Resident, **United States Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Theodore H. Burton**, “on April 26, 1969 received a Silver Star distinguished himself by valorous actions while serving as a Platoon Leader with Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (Mechanized), 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, on a reconnaissance in force mission in Long An Province, South Vietnam. After his platoon came under intense hostile fire, he courageously left a secure position to move across a bullet swept area and administer aid to a wounded member of his element. Upon reaching the man, he began to administer treatment, but was mortally wounded.”



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Captain William G. Chandler**

Location: Saxer Avenue across from Covenant Church

Date Installed: October 30, 2021- Relocated April 27, 2022



1965 Springfield High School graduate and Springfield Resident, **Captain William G. Chandler** “was part of the Military Advisor Command Vietnam (MACV) Advisor Team 88 to advise units of the South Vietnamese army to confront the North Vietnam Army (NVA) in a contested area of South Vietnam. The following is a brief account of what took place on August 11, 1972. “In August 1972...CPT Bill Chandler, the province S-2 advisor, was sent out...and immediately killed in an ambush just west of the Tre Bong Bridge.”



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Chief Petty Officer Phillip J. Corbett**

Location: Saxer Avenue near Intersection of Orchard Road

Date Installed: April 25, 2022



**United States Navy Chief Petty Officer Phillip J. Corbett**; Long Time Springfield Resident Proudly Served 21 years in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1963, World War II Veteran and Plank Owner for USS Coral Sea. (Plank Owner means he was a crew member when a ship is Commissioned)

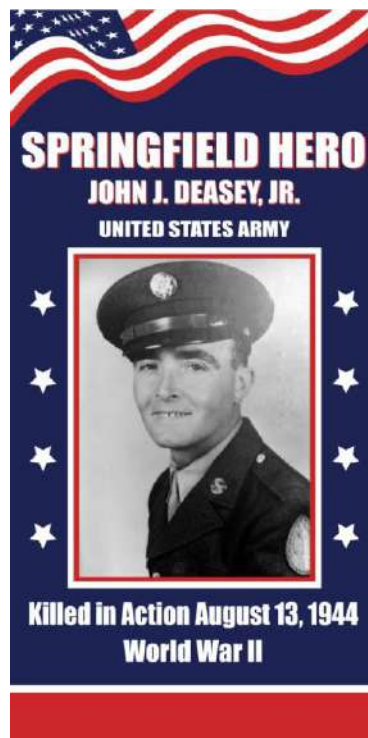


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Springfield Hero Banner: **Private First Class John J. Deasey, Jr**

Location: To be Installed Memorial Day, May 30, 2022 replacing the George Talbot banner on Saxer Avenue in front of Saint Francis Church

Date Installed: May 30, 2022



**United States Army Private First Class John J. Deasey, Jr** Killed in Action August 13, 1944. He and his family lived at 125 Wayne Ave, Springfield. He was drafted into the army at the age of 36, "On August 7, 1944 his Unit Co.K, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn., 134<sup>th</sup> Inf.Regt. 35<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. was ordered to advance east to the vicinity of Mortain, France. Enemy resistance was encountered at 2200 on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Fighting continued from 8 August 1944 to 12 August 1944. The attack halted at 2100, 12 August 44, and positions were organized preparatory to relief by units of the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment". The relief was performed in darkness under enemy fire. Two days later the unit was reformed in Le Mans, France where on August 16, 1944 he was reported as Missing in Action. His remains were found, buried in France and returned to USA and interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Montgomery County. PFC Deasey was a parishioner of St. Francis Church. He was married and had 2 yr old son at time of death.





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Springfield Hero Banner: **Robert Delaurentiis**

Location: Thomson Avenue between Thatcher Road and Maplewood Road

Date Installed: April 29, 2022



Springfield Resident **Robert Delaurentiis United States Army** Proudly Served 1966 to 1968  
Vietnam War Veteran





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Springfield Hero Banner: **Robert Dobie**

Location: Sproul Road (Rte 320) in front of Springfield Country Club

Date Installed: April 25, 2022



Springfield Resident **Robert Dobie United States Army** Proudly Served from 1957 to 1963 and during the Berlin Crisis 1961 to 1962. Mr. Dobie is a long time member of Springfield American Legion Post 227.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Norm Douglas**

Location: Saxer Avenue (next to Saxer Avenue Trolley Stop)

Date Installed: July 22, 2021



Springfield Resident **Norman Douglas United States Navy**. Proudly Served 1945 to 1947. He was a World War II Veteran. Mr. Douglas passed away just weeks after his banner was installed. His funeral was at St. Francis church. The banner was taken down briefly that day and displayed next to his coffin inside the church.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **John J. Fitzgerald**

Location: Thomson Avenue between Thatcher Road and Marple Road

Date Installed: April 27, 2022



Springfield Resident **John J. Fitzgerald United States Army** Proudly Served from 1972 to 1975 in the Army Security Agency.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Seaman Joseph Grisafi**

Location: Springfield Road next to Halderman Field

Date Installed: October 31, 2021; Relocated April 28, 2022



1969 Springfield High School Graduate **Seaman Joseph Grisafi** United States Navy, on October 1, 1972, at about 01:00 hrs (1 AM) the heavy cruiser USS Newport News CA-148, was on a fire support mission off the coast of North Vietnam. During the loading process of 8 inch Gun Turret # 2, an explosion occurred, tearing through the center barrel...many died in the explosion...Seaman Grisafi had survived the explosion and exited the damaged gun turret. However, he believed there were others still in the damaged area. He returned to the smoke filled turret in an effort to save his shipmates and in doing so, experienced severe smoke inhalation. Seaman Joseph Grisafi died 2 days later from that injury on October 3, 1972.





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Springfield Hero Banner: **Private Frank O. Holloway**

Location: Woodland Avenue (Rte. 420) in front of E.T. Richardson Middle School  
(across the street from his childhood residence)

Date Installed: October 31, 2021



Springfield High School Student, **United States Marine Private Frank Holloway** in the Korean Conflict "On 1 January 1953.....served with a raiding party engaged in an enemy fire fight. At approximately 10:30 PM, the enemy attacked with small arms, hand grenades and mortar fire. Corporal Donald Clayton was operating a machine gun next to the enemy trench line and Pvt. Holloway assisted him in keeping the gun firing until a mortar round exploded near them rendering the gun useless. Observers reported that they believed Private Holloway and Corporal Clayton were struck....due to the enemy activity no positive check could be made... When the patrol reorganized it was learned that Frank was missing" C.H.West, Jr. Captain, U.S. Pvt. Holloway's only son was born 4 months after he was Killed in Action.

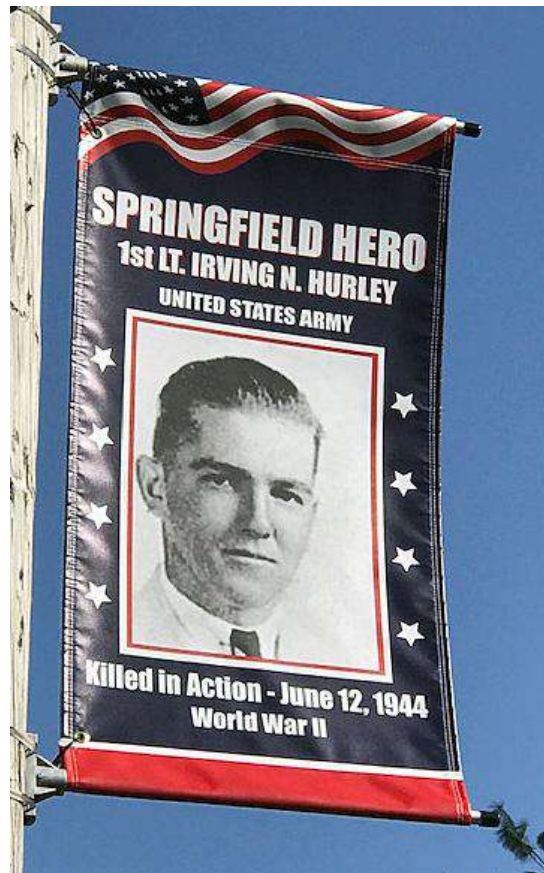


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Springfield Hero Banner: **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Irving N. Hurley**

Location: Church Road (next to entrance of Life of Tree church)

Date Installed: April 27, 2022

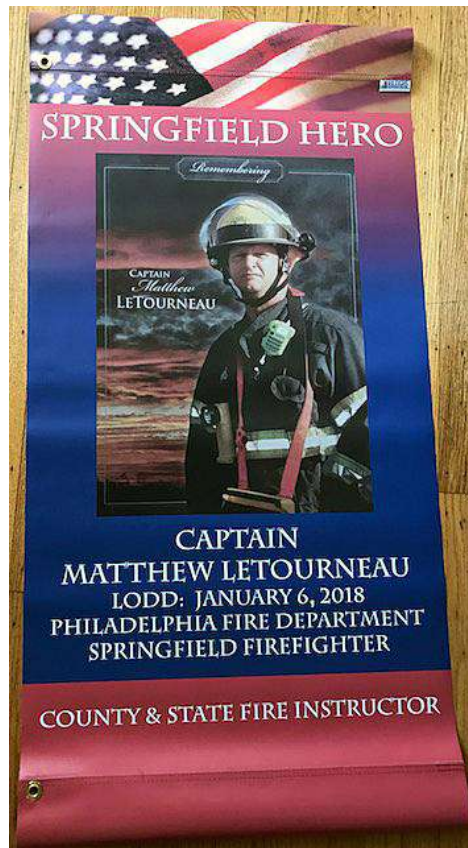


**United States Army First Lieutenant Irving N. Hurley**, 24 of 451 Prospect Road was in the Springfield High School Class of 1937. He was called 'Ive' and played football, basketball and baseball. He sang in the glee club and school musical, besides acting the in the senior play. He joined the army before the attack on Pearly Harbor in 1941. In January 1944 he was sent overseas. Lt. Hurley commanded an American tank that knocked out the first German tank on D-Day. He was severely wounded and died as a result of his wounds on June 12, 1944. He was survived by his parents...., his wife and 10 months old son.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Captain Matthew LaTourneau**  
Location: Saxer Avenue in front of Springfield Fire House  
Date Installed: May 8, 2021



Cardinal O’Hara High School Graduate and Springfield Resident, **Philadelphia Fire Department Captain Matthew LeTourneau** died in the line of duty on January 6, 2018. Captain LeTourneau was a long time Springfield Fire Department Firefighter. “On the frigid morning of January 6, 2018, at 8:51 a.m. Engine 45 responded to a fire call at Colorado Street in North Philadelphia...The crew of Engine 45 went into service attempting to rescue the occupants. During the attempt, an interior structural collapse occurred injuring Matt and other members of Engine 45. Matthew LeTourneau passed away due to injuries he sustained. He was posthumously promoted the rank of captain. “ \*National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Wall of Honor.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **William Lewis**

Location: Saxer Avenue near Orchard Road Intersection

Date Installed: April 25, 2022



Springfield Resident **William Lewis served in the United States Navy and United States Army for a total of 35 years.** He is a Founding Charter member of the Delaware County Vietnam Veterans and long time member of the Springfield American Legion Post 227. Mr. Lewis initiated the recognition program honoring Springfield Residents who were Killed in Action during the Vietnam War on Memorial Day. That tradition continues to the present day.





**Springfield American Legion Post 227  
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Springfield Hero Banner: **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant John C. Martin**

Location: Intersection of West Springfield Road and Duncan Lane

Date Installed: October 31, 2021 Relocated April 25, 2022



1963 Monsignor Bonner Graduate and Springfield resident **United States Army First Lieutenant John C. Martin**, on "February 24, 1968, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John C. Martin, of Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 14<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt, 4<sup>th</sup> Inf Div. conducted search and destroy operations in dense jungle, northwest of Hoi An.

Encountering a large enemy force, Lt. Martin effectively and despite heavy hostile fire..assaulted and called in artillery support onto the enemy positions, eliminating several enemy emplacements..two members of his unit were wounded..he carried one man to safety, himself getting wounded in the process..refusing medical attention, he returned to rescue the second man. Despite additional wounds, he again refused medical attention, rallied his men, leading them in another assault. As he neared an enemy emplacement, Lt. Martin was mortally wounded by hostile fire."



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Marine Lance Corporal Charles F. McGrath**

Location: Springfield Road next to Holy Cross Church

Date Installed: October 30, 2021 - Moved April 29, 2022



1966 Cardinal O'Hara graduate and Springfield resident **United States Lance Corporal Charles F. McGrath** on "February 15, 1968, while participating "Operation Hue City" during the TET Offensive, Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 1<sup>st</sup> Regt, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Div..advanced on hamlet Thon Van Duong. First Platoon was under intense enemy automatic weapons fire..Lance Corporal McGrath rushed across fire-swept terrain with his machine gun..to bring fire upon the enemy..in an exposed position, he commenced nonstop suppressive firing..enabling the pinned down squad to advance forward..the enemy shifted their fire to his position. Disregarding the rounds exploding near him, Lcpl. McGrath continued to fire his weapon until he was mortally wounded.. His bold initiative..was instrumental in saving fellow marines."



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Marine Private First Class Timothy McHugh**

Location: Springfield Road next to Hold Cross Church)

Date Installed: October 30, 2021 - Moved April 29, 2022



1966 Monsignor Bonner graduate and Springfield Resident **United States Marine Private First Class Timothy David McHugh** “served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines, S&H Company. He was Killed in Action during the 1968 TET Offensive when M Co. 3/5 ran into an ambush in Thanng Quit village, Quang Nam Province. South Vietnam on February 7, 1968. Excerpt from military report February 1968: “During the month the enemy moved in large well-armed groups..sniping along Highway 1 increased a great deal..booby traps and command detonated mines were encountered in greater quantity than in any previous month.”



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Navy Lieutenant (j.g.) Joe Russell Mossman**

Location: Springfield Road near Halderman Field

Date Installed: October 30, 2021 - Moved April 27, 2022



1957 Springfield High School graduate and Springfield Resident **United States Navy Lieutenant (jg)**, “On September 13, 1965, LT(jg) Joe Russell Mossman, assigned to Attack Squadron 72 onboard the aircraft carrier USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA-62), launched in his A4E Skyhawk on an armed reconnaissance mission near the city of Dong Hoi in Quang Binh Province, Vietnam...The flight was over the target area when his aircraft was his by enemy fire. No ejection was observed by his wingman. Search and rescue was initiated..however, no signs of survival were spotted. LT(jg) Joe Mossman was initially placed ‘Missing in Action’ status, later changed to ‘Killed in Action’. A native of Springfield, PA, he was the first county resident to die in the War in Vietnam.





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Springfield Hero Banner: **Staff Sergeant Donald J. Murray**

Location: Saxer Road next to Wagner Wayside Park (across from his childhood home)

Date Installed: October 31, 2021



1941 Springfield High School graduate and Springfield resident **United States Army Air Corps Staff Sgt Donald J. Murray**, 21 of 224 Sunnybrook Road, Springfield, was reported as ‘missing in action’ after an operational mission over Austria on December 11, 1944. Staff Sergeant Murray was a radio operator and gunner aboard a (B24) Liberator Bomber. He had completed an unknown number of missions since he had been overseas early in September. Sgt. Murray had one brother Lt. William Murray, was one of the first Americans to lose his life in the invasion of Sicily, and two brothers who were in the service at the time of his passing. Corporal Bruce Murray, Jr with the Third Army in France and Private First Class James Murray, a patient at an Army hospital after receiving injuries during maneuvers.” Sgt. Murray was later listed as Killed in Action. So, in the Murray family two brothers were Killed in Action, one brother was serving with General George Patton in the Third Army in Europe and one brother was in the hospital with injuries.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **William Myers**

Location: Saxer Road across from Springfield Firehouse and Ambulance Corps building

Date Installed: October 30, 2021



Longtime Springfield Resident **William Myers Proudly Served in the United States Army** in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was a 35 year member of the Springfield Ambulance Corps. His name is on the Springfield Volunteer Wall of Honor.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Officer Joseph O'Berg**

Location: To be installed Saxer Road across from Springfield Firehouse and Ambulance Corps building

Date Installed: October 30, 2021 Moving date undetermined due to construction



**Springfield Police Officer Joseph O'Berg** continues to Proudly Serve the Springfield Community and was name the 2021 Springfield Police Office of the Year.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **John Roselli (To Honor his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday)**

Location: Springfield Road near entrance of Veterans Memorial Park

Date Installed: April 25, 2022



**United States Army Air Forces and World War II Veteran John Roselli** Proudly Served from 1942 to 1945. Mr. Roselli's duties included maintaining and servicing Heavy bombers during the long and arduous air campaign in Europe. He was stationed in England from 1943 until the end of World War II in 1945. Mr. Roselli recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. He is a very long time member of the Springfield American Legion Post 227.





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Springfield Hero Banner: **Specialist Michael Smith**

Location: Saxer Avenue (in front of Saint Francis Church Rectory)

Date Installed: August 22, 2021



**Springfield High School Student and Springfield Resident, United State Army Specialist Michael J. Smith**, was “conducting security and stability operations” in Ar Ramadi, An Anbar Province, Iraq, a city located about 70 miles from Baghdad, when his military vehicle, a Humvee was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG). Specialist Smith died from injuries received in that attack. Specialist Smith was assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division, in Camp Casey, Korea when their unit was assigned to Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq for a 12 month deployment. “He thought it was important that we be there and help these people,” said his father, James H. Smith. “He was all about helping and doing what he could to help liberate these people, politics aside.”

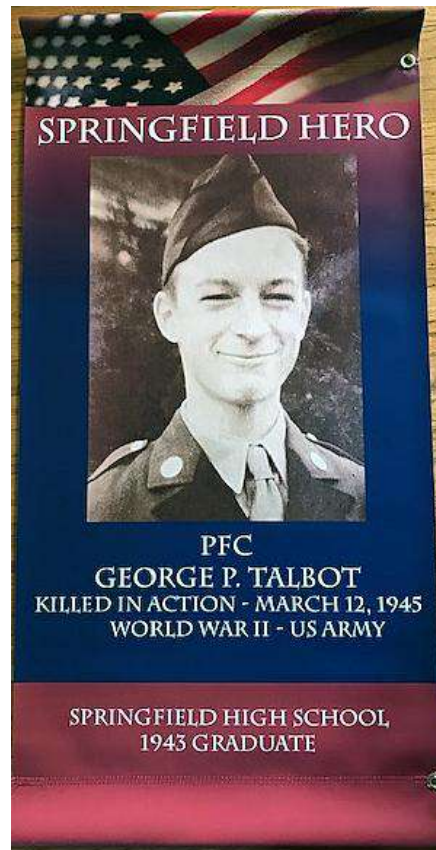


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Springfield Hero Banner: **Private First Class George P. Talbot**

Location: Saxer Avenue in front of St. Francis Church

Date Installed: May 29, 2021



1943 Springfield High School graduate and Springfield Resident, **United States Army Private First Class George P. Talbot**, “On March 12, 1945, while acting as a rifleman with Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 253<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 63<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, on a platoon raid in the vicinity of the town of Fechingen, Germany, (South of Saarbrucken, Germany) PFC George P. Talbot was reported “missing in action”. He was one of three soldiers who were presumed killed instantly that morning. Their bodies were left behind when the American unit withdrew to their original positions. These three were thought to have been buried by the Germans where the action occurred. It took four years before the remains of PFC Talbot were found, verified and returned to the United States for burial in Calvary Cemetery, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.



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Springfield Hero Banner: **Private First Class William Turner**

Location: Saxer Avenue in front of Wagner Wayside Park

Date Installed: October 31, 2021



1942 Springfield High School Graduate and Springfield Resident **United States Army Private First Class William Turner**, “of Saxer Avenue Springfield was killed in action Dec 2 (1944) in Germany, according to word received this week by his mother, Mrs Florentine Turner. At that time, his father Lt. Col. William Turner also is serving overseas and the father and son met for a week-end in France. PFC Turner was serving with the Infantry of the Ninth Army. He then was sent to Camp Swift Tex for Infantry training and in August was sent to Fort Dix N J for embarkation. The 20 year old soldier left in September (1944) for overseas duty. His last letter received by his mother was written on Thanksgiving Day (1944).”