

Now & Then in Ripon ...

Looking back with the Ripon Historical Society

Fallen Ripon soldier will be inducted into U.S. Army Hall of Fame later this year

Recently, the Schultz family of Ripon recalled memories of their late uncle, U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Victor Walter Schultz, when they received word that he will be inducted into the U.S. Army Hall of Fame in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in September 2024.

The U.S. Army Hall of Fame was established in 1969, has honored 118 inductees and is co-sponsored by the Memorial Hall Association, Henry Leavenworth Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and the Command of Fort Leavenworth.

Its purpose is to honor outstanding military members (who after being stationed at Fort Leavenworth) significantly contributed to the history, heritage and traditions of the Army.

Nominations for the hall of fame are proposed each year by various parties and are voted on by a committee of scholars. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes are inducted into the U.S. Army Hall of Fame in a ceremony traditionally held in April or May.

The inductees are memorialized by a shadow box containing a portrait and an inscription. The original U.S. Army Hall of Fame space was relocated from Bell Hall to the new Lewis & Clark Center at Fort Leavenworth.

According to fellow World War II soldier Ken Faulkner, “Schultz was killed in action by a sniper’s bullet while leading 12 men who were attempting to capture Jallacourt, France from enemy soldiers on Nov. 8, 1944.”

Schultz was nominated for hall of fame status at the 35th Division Association Annual Conference at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023. He will become one of three military personnel bestowed with this honor in 2024. An 8x10 photo of Schultz including his story will be exhibited. In addition, photos showing his youth to young adulthood in Ripon, along with military service contributions will be part of the presentation during the induction ceremony.

Family, friends and other relatives are invited to attend.

Military burial on foreign soil

Schultz is buried in a foreign United States-owned grave on



U.S. ARMY 2ND Lt. Victor Walter Schultz’s military headstone in Saint-Avold France stands in an American Veteran’s Cemetery among other white marble military crosses. The fallen Ripon soldier will be inducted into the U.S. Army Hall of Fame later this year.



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military soil — the Lorraine American Cemetery located in Saint-Avold, France. The 48-star U.S. flag which was used during his interment there was shipped home to his wife in Ripon, and was used during a Ripon Memorial Day Ceremony in 1996 honoring the 50th anniversary of the Ripon VFW.

Schultz was posthumously awarded military medals — a Silver Star with Silver Oak Leaves, and a Purple Heart with Silver Oak Leaves. Schultz also is recognized locally with a military memorial plaque in Hillside Cemetery in Ripon that reads his “U.S. Military Grave is on foreign soil and that he was a member of the U.S. Army 137th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division.”

Family life in Ripon

Schultz’s military enlistment card is dated 1940. He attended Ripon schools including Ripon High School, graduating in 1937. Ripon Tiger yearbooks include photos of Schultz as a three-year high school football player and team member.

The Schultz family lived at 728 Fond du Lac St. Following Schultz’s high school graduation, the U.S. Federal Census lists his job was superintendent’s assistant at the Ripon Cemetery Association before he enlisted in the Army going into World War II.

Schultz married his wife, Pearl E. Dudzinski of Ripon, Sept. 3, 1941 in Weathersfield, Texas when he was 21 years old and in military training at Camp Wolters.

The telegram and military

funeral card dated 1944 announcing Schultz had been killed in action in France was delivered to Pearl at their newlywed home at 212 Eureka St. in Ripon. Later, on Jan. 27, 1946, Ripon received charter approval to build a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) hall.

This building became the Schultz-Klemp-Wentland Post 5278, and was named for Schultz along with two other veterans who died in service.

Today there are still domestic U.S. and foreign cemeteries for U.S. veterans

Four U.S. federal government agencies now are responsible for national cemeteries and other veterans’ burial grounds — and all began with the U.S. Army. In the United States and its territories, veterans and eligible family members receive burial benefits at national cemeteries. In addition, nearly 124,000 veterans of World War I and II are buried in American cemeteries on foreign soil. The four federal agencies share a mission to honor military service with perpetual care of veteran graves.

The Ripon Historical Society is the oldest continually operating historical society in Wisconsin. It is located at 508 Watson St. and is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information follow us at Facebook/riponhistory or www.riponhistory.org.

Ripon Area Community Theatre presents original comedy, ‘Blue Ribbons’

Ripon Area Community Theatre (RACT) will present the premiere of the original stage comedy “Blue Ribbons” Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2 in the Ripon High School auditorium, 850 Tiger Drive.

Performances of the play, which is about love, hate and pie, will take place Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 at 7 p.m., as well as Sunday, June 2 at 2 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance.

Pies, family and more pies. What could be better than that? Why, winning the coveted blue ribbon at the annual town fair. For the last 20 years, Anne Cross and Deloris Doyle have done exactly that.

It is now the 21st year of their not-so-friendly competition and the two women stand tied with 10 wins apiece. Their feud has become the stuff of town legend. Yet, their antics continue to take a toll on their families and community at large.

Now, as Anne and Deloris square off for this year’s contest, the eccentric pie judges, scheming town board members and hapless families all become entangled in one last battle for the blue ribbon.

A bake sale and 50/50 raffle will be held during intermission to support RACT. General admission is \$10, ages 6-12 is \$5 and ages 5 and under are free. Tickets may be purchased online and at the door. To order online, visit: www.hometowntickets.com/events/blue-ribbons.

RACT is a sponsored program of the Ripon Noon Kiwanis.

RCH orthopedic nurse practitioner to share safe joint exercises

Paula Kasuboski, a nurse practitioner with SSM Health Ripon Community Hospital Orthopedics, will lead a “Joint Safe Exercise Class” Wednesday, June 5 at 10 a.m. at 388 Murray Park Drive.

Kasuboski will discuss and demonstrate joint-safe exercises. Joint-friendly exercises are low impact, which means they put less stress on the body, reducing the risk of injury.

Participants will be able to use strength bands and light weights during the class to practice the exercises.

Kasuboski provides orthopedic care to patients of all ages. She will provide pre-operative and post-operative care to patients undergoing orthopedic surgery.

A graduate of Marian University with a master of science-



Paula Kasuboski

nurse practitioner degree, Kasuboski is board certified through the American Nurses Credentialing Center and a member of the Wisconsin Nurses Association.

For reservations, call the Ripon Senior Center at 920-471-1636 or register online at www.ripon.recdesk.com.

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