Hicksville High School Newsletter

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Enjoy & Be Safe!

Letters

Hi

Add me to your mailing list. Thanks

Mark Walling, DDS 1968



Editor Note:

Mark—There's no photo of you in the 1968 year-book. Were you absent? Do you have a picture that we can use in the newsletter?

Thanks!

buffalo bob casale

Hi Bob:

A little late. I was in the Class of 1967. One photo is a wrestling picture. Do you still want a picture? From then or now?

Thanks. Mark



Editors

Two observations regarding the December 2013 Issue.

I noticed that John Dounelis, Class of 1957, is listed in the "HixNews Subscribers" list as well as in the "In Memoriam" list for 1957. I went through almost all of my school years as a fellow classmate of John and it is nice to know that he is keeping in touch from heaven.

I went to Ancestry.com and found the following:

U.S., Social Security Death Index

Name: John Dounelis Born: 29 Jun 1939

Died: 13 Oct 2009

And the entry of:

Mary and Edward Osborne into the "Hall of Fame" is nice to see. Mary, also class of 1957, was a fellow classmate and a pleasure to know and be around. Mary was very active in High School and obviously continued afterward.

Pete Foster, St. Augustine, Florida, Class of "57

Editor Note:

I've corrected the entry for John Dounelis. Thanks for the feedback.

FYI, we have some members keeping in touch from hell, too!

Henry

Looking for

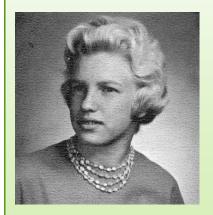


Looking for Ginny Urchel and Nancy Urchel (twins) and Carol Kistinger both from the class of 1963.

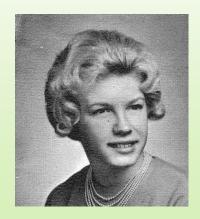
Thanks

Sister Maureen Schrimpe IHM

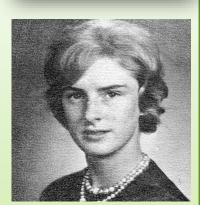




Nancy Urchel



Ginny Urchel



Carol Kistinger









International Pictures of the Year

Here are three very touching photos honored this year.

First Place: Todd Heisler, The Rocky Mountain News



When 2nd Lt. James Cathey's body arrived at the Reno Airport, Marines climbed into the cargo hold of the plane and draped the flag over his casket as passengers watched the family gather on the tarmac. During the arrival of another Marine's casket last year at Denver International Airport, Major Steve Beck described the scene as so powerful: 'See the people in the windows? They sat right there in the plane, watching those Marines. You gotta wonder what's going through their minds, knowing that they're on the plane that brought him home,' he said. 'They will remember being on that plane for the rest of their lives. They're going to remember bringing that Marine home. And they should.'

Second Place: Todd Heisler, The Rocky Mountain News



The night before the burial of her husband's body, Katherine Cathey refused to leave the casket, asking to sleep next to his body for the last time. The Marines made a bed for her, tucking in the sheets below the flag. Before she fell asleep, she opened her laptop computer and played songs that reminded her of 'Cat,' and one of the Marines asked if she wanted them to continue standing watch as she slept. 'I think it would be kind of nice if you kept doing it,' she said. 'I think that's what he would have wanted'.

Third Place:



And the one that really tightens MY throat:

"Son, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I present to you the flag of the United States of America, symbolizing your father's service."



Updates



Hello,

My current name is Karen Keys. My maiden name was Horan (class of 1969).

Sorry for the confusion.

Thanks for making this adjustment.

Karen

A note from Ed Menghi:

Please update my email address (concealed). Anyone wanting to contact Ed, please send a note to editors@hixnews.com and we will initiate contact!



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Thanks to Kathy McDonald Corey, class of 1960 for this "walk down Memory Lane" - Enjoy!

This will take you on a walk down a long forgotten lane... memory lane - fun memories. One of the best compilations.

http://pinterest.com/SallyBalm/back-in-the-day/

See how many of these you remember!!! A wonderful trip down memory lane.

Blue Fridays.

Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing blue every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the 'silent majority.' We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country and home in record breaking numbers. We are not organized, boisterous or overbearing





This is a follow up note regarding James Wright from the class of 1963

I am sorry but I don't remember him. Leona O'Hanley Schilling 1963



Thanks for the feedback.

Had some good answers. One seems to rule out James from your class being the one killed in Vietnam. Here's the one:

Hi Bob,

Jim Wright was our Best Man in 1970. We haven't had contact with him for many years, but he was living in Del Ray Beach, Florida as of the late 70's. Hope that helps!

Gail Cluxton & Tom Sneyd

Pretty good answer to our question. I was talking to Ed Delaney the other day...he lives outside Atlanta. We were laughing about us spending an extra year in school....I think the big three at the time was John O'Hanley, Ed Delaney and me.

It was the best thing that ever happened to me. I had a ball. Got to play Luther Billis in South Pacific.

Thanks again love yah bob

John O"Hanley was my brother miss him every day

Leona





This is a follow up note regarding James Wright from the class of 1963

And I think about John, a lot. We had some fun times. I'm not sure but I took typing. Not sure if your bro took typing. I think the typing teacher was Mrs. Plante. Anyhow, I used to bust balls every day with Ms. Plante. Turns out that when I joined the navy in 1961 after graduation, I would be sent to a Class "A" school in Pensacola. I learned how to copy Morse code using a typewriter.

Whoever would have thought that taking typing would allow me to advance in the navy. And I did, based on my ability to type and learn Morse code. Wow!!!

Quite an accomplishment for a teen who didn't try hard enough when in high school.

When I was stationed on the island of Cyprus, I was copying code from Iraq, Iran, Syria and Egypt.

We were very instrumental in solving the codes and cyphers back in the sixties from those very "slow to grow" countries.

love yah bob

Bob He did take typing. Every time my niece's children do something crazy, they blame it on my brother. He was a crazy soul but so much fun. My children miss him, too.

Leona

Posted to Photo Gallery:

I agree that those are very likely glass plate negative photos. Our library inherited the negative collections of a couple of long operating studios here in Springfield. The collections had many glass plate negatives that were taken into the 1940s.

I might disagree about the pin-hole part, though. Almost all cameras of that era, and especially professional ones, had fairly good lenses and timed shutters as well as adjustable apertures (f-stops). I am basing that on cameras that my great grandparents had from that time and some of the old professional cameras that the newspaper I worked for had in their collection.

Here's one example of a Kodak from that time. http://www.kodaksefke.nl/4a-folding-kodak.html

Note that professionals had available the Graflex single-lens reflex camera in 1910 http://file.vintageadbrowser.com/z6y1vlhinw30an.jpg I've played with one of these.

Just the historian in me coming out.

Roger

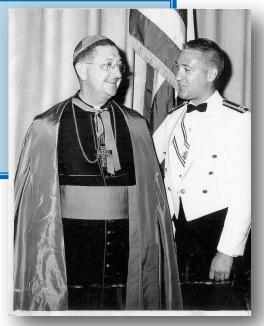
Birthdays & Anniversaries



Bob & the gang at HixNews

I have to change the canned reply. Thanks for the birthday card and special thanks for the effort you put in all year to produce the newsletter. Y'all are a great team (after 40 years in Texas, I'm getting a drawl.)

Jim Wise 1958



with Cardinal Terence James Cooke, Archbishop Of New York





Dear HixNews

Thanks for a chuckle. Like a phone call that I had today. Appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Bonnie Wilbur Connelly 1960



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This is a pretty good test. It indicates that the majority of Americans don't know what's going on. It's astonishing that so many people got less than half right. These results say that 80% of the (voting) public don't have a clue and that's pretty scary. There are no tricks here. Just a simple test to see if you are current on your information. Test your knowledge with 13 questions, and then be ready to shudder when you see how others did.

<u>Click here: Test Your News IQ - Pew Research</u> Center

GENERIC THANKS



Kathleen Donovan Agiesta 1958



Kathy "Cookie" Koziuk Hannaman 1960





Joy Watson Haller 1958

Noel Horowitz Heinz 1958

Linda Frimmer DiBlasi 1958





Larry Obracanik 1961







Myra Giansante Grist 1960

THANKS





Thank you for the card, and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. We are celebrating my husband's 70th in Paris -- visited the graves of Jim Morrison & Oscar Wilde among others today with husband & daughter.

XXX to all the Hixnews team Lois Chaber 1960

Thank you for my birthday card greeting. I was on a cruise when it was published. November 9th is also my anniversary 50 years

Always look forward to your newsletter. Thanks

Penny Creegan Lomas 1960







Thanks, Bob and HixNews for the birthday card. You're the best!!!

Sue Birosh Prete 1960



Thanks

We loved the card, but even more, the thought of sending it to us. Forty-five years...where did it go??? Thanks again.

With Love

Pat Bilancia 1962 and Joe Posillico 1961









Dear HixNews

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. Really cool card – loved the graphics.

Pat Appelman Levitin 1962



Dear HixNews:

Thank you for the birthday card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. How did you know I "LOVE" cake.

Elaine Grecz Libert 1962





More Thanks!

Dear HixNews

Your thoughtful card put a big smile on my "69 year old face"!!!!

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Patricia Stephenson Jordan 1962







COMETS



Muchas Gracias por la targets de crumpleanos!
Sinceramente
Ron Taub 1962





BB,

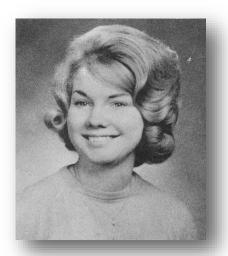
Thanks to you and the Hicksville News staff for the birthday greetings, but especially for the great job you do with the newsletter. As far as birdies and eagles go though, I would be more than happy with pars these days!! Keep up the great work!

Arnie Fox '64

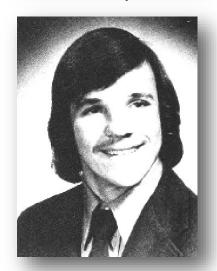


Thank you!

GENERIC THANKS



Lorraine Roby 1964

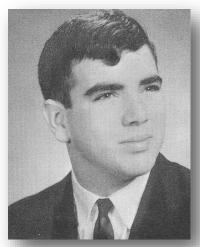


John Ohrnberger 1976





Tom Skelly 1964



Les Coles 1965







Maureen Carey 1965 and John Ostroski 1966

Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci



Hi bob,

Thank you and everyone at HixNews for the very thoughtful anniversary card. It was greatly appreciated. Lorrie & Chas Brooks 1965



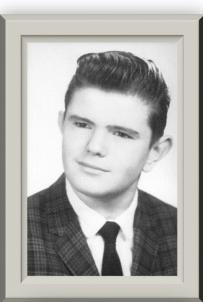


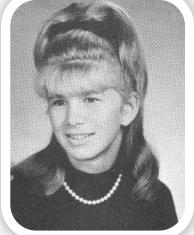


Dear Bob & the gang at HixNews

Thanks for the cute birthday card. It's always nice to be remembered.

Charlie Coney 1965



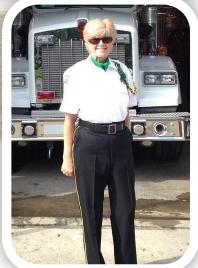


Thank you for the birthday card. cute.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Loretta McMahon McLaughlin

PS: I am a volunteer firefighter and this is an updated picture of me...





You guys are full of Thanks!





Bob & HixNews

Thank you for the birthday wishes. That was nice of you all

Joe Ingino 1967

Hello,

We would like to add our Birthdays and anniversary to our profile. I looked but don't see a spot to do it ourselves. Wendy's is 7/20/47 and mine is 7/27/47. Our anniversary is 6/20/70. If you can add it, that would be great, then we could look forward to cards on our special days and perhaps reconnect with friends from the past. We enjoy the newsletter each month, thanks for all the hard work!

Wendy (Whitson) & Rich Greguski, '65

Hi, I handle the birthday and anniversary lists and will be happy to add you both. Can you also let me know where you reside? It's not that important but nice to know for classmates that check the lists.

Val Pakaluk













GENERIC THANKS



Linda & Harold Glazer 1962



Judy Manning Baran 1963



Ginny Wills Wyer 1963



Mickey Powers McCleary 1965

Anne Kappel & Frank Byrne 1967

Ellen Finkelstein 1981

Carol Dichtenberg 1976









Bob & Mary Siegel 1962

New Readers















Ellen

You signed up for the Hicksville High Newsletter. Unfortunately, we don't have any other information except for your email address. Can you please advise what class you were in, and what your maiden name is if Fineran is your married name.

Please advise.

Thanks

buffalo bob casale

Editor class of 1961

A note from Buffalo Bob...Found the following... Ginnie (Salera) Bradley

Holy Family School, Hicksville, NY, 1960-1966 Hicksville High School, Hicksville, NY, 1966-1970 Hi

Class of 1992 and my maiden name is Salvemini.

Ellen Fineran

<email, phone and employer hidden>

Val,

If you get more info from Ginnie, please send it to me so I can flesh out her entry in the master list.

Thanx.

Henry

Ginnie's Story

Hi this is Ginnie Salera, now Bradley from the class of 1970. I live in South Carolina and have for the last 16 years. I went to Catholic elementary school so I never really got to know too many kids while in public school but I did meet some and would really like to hear from them.

Passages





Alice Mitchell

Hello, I have a 1959 Comet yearbook which belonged to Alice Mitchell who died Oct 31st, 2013 in Honolulu after a long illness. If anyone needs the yearbook, let me know, thanks!

Anna Wong

Anna

I would love to have the yearbook. My library keeps growing but doesn't have the 1959 book.

Can you send it to me?

Thanks

Will gladly reimburse you for the shipping

love yah

buffalo bob casale, HixNews

p.s. my sister, Pat, lives on Maui...my, nephew, Robert Casale lives on Oahu

Howdy! so glad you want it, I wish I had mine from Omaha 1964! will mail it asap...

Will you be able to put a notice in your newsletter or wherever about Alice's death? No obituary from her family yet but here is a photo...

Anna

HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER OBITUARIES

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Rick Clayton Brown »



ALICE ELAINE MITCHELL

Posted On December 8th, 2013 - Honolulu Star-Advertiser

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ALICE ELAINE MITCHELL 72, passed away at Queens Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii on October 31, 2013 after valiantly fighting HER2 breast cancer for nearly fifteen years. She was born in Manhattan, New York City, NY June 25, 1941. Alice's parents were Ted and Christina Mitchell. She graduated from Hicksville, Long Island, NY High School in 1959 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian Studies and Religion from the University of Hawaii in 1995. Alice worked as a Master Accountant at Hilton Hawaiian Village and taught English in Fukushima, Japan and at McKinley High School in Honolulu. She is survived by her brother

William Mitchell (Kathy) of Florida and many relatives and friends who will miss her dearly. Alice loved Hawaii and Japan and her friends and family and was so appreciative of her doctors and nurses and caregivers. She will be remembered for her extensive knowledge of religion, breast cancer treatments, vegan diet and Asian cultures. Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society. Alice's Celebration of Life will be held at the Church of Perfect Liberty, 2258 Nuuanu Avenue (808-537-3237) on Saturday December 14th 4:00pm.

Passages





Jeanne Kluepfel Scott

Bob

I have no information about James Wright, but sadly a friend and classmate of mine from the Class of 1963, Jeanne Kluepfel Scott, passed away last year. She put up a brave fight and was always optimistic, but she eventually lost her battle with throat cancer. Jeanne & I kept in touch over the years & when she couldn't speak anymore, her partner of many years contacted me with her e-mail address. She had a son and daughter and was still living in Hicksville on Holman Blvd. Please add her name to the memorial list. Thank you.

Joan Volonino Decker

Joan

Thanks for the information. I've included your note in the January edition of the newsletter.

I will add Jeanne to the In Memoriam listing. Sorry for your loss. Can you give me Jeanne's married name?

Thanks

love yah bob

Thanks Bob. Her married name was Jeanne Scott.

See the document below.

Joan

Having her married name, I was able to find an obit.

love yah bob

SCOTT - Jeanne G. (nee -Kluepfel), of Hicksville, passed away on Dec. 5, 2012.

Beloved mother of Susan and Michael (Debbie). Cherished sister of Gayle (William). Loving Fiance of Robert Higgins. Visitation will be at the Vernon C. Wagner Funeral Homes, 125W. Old Country Rd, Sun 2-4 and 7-9pm. Funeral Mass 10:30 am at Our Lady of Mercy RC Church, Hicksville. Interment to follow at Holy Rood Cemetery In Westbury.

I am so sad to hear of Jeanne's passing. I had not heard from her recently and feared the worst. We were old high school friends who kept in touch all these long years (I am the gal in PA that she asked you to call, Bob). She told me how good you & her sister was to her. We e-mailed back and forth until about a month before she passed. Before Jeanne became ill, I happened to have two other friends that we both knew from high school days here in my home. I decided to give her a call and we all got on the phone and talked. She got a big kick out of hearing their voices again after many long years. I loved her and I will miss her. Many prayers. Joan

Computer Problems



Hi HixNews Gang...

Question. Did you send out a November H.H.S. News email. If so, I did not receive it. Would you send it to me.

Thank You

Fondly

Richard Speciale "1963"

Editor Note:

Oh, Richard.

We established a website years ago so anyone, anybody, any person can view the current newsletter by simply logging onto our website:

http://hixnews.com

If you click the above hyperlink, you can access the current newsletter. You can, also, select a prior newsletter from the Archives files listed!



A GREAT TRIBUTE TO ALL WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM, SENT TO ME BY BILL LOMNICKI, HHS '63 AND A VIETNAM VETERAN.

Joe Carfora 1962



Click the below Hyperlink

Dedication and Tribute to the Vietnam Veterans (New Version) - YouTube



SUBMITTED BY ED RIVOIRE, ONE OF OUR VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

Joe Carfora 1962

Click the below Hyperlink

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=LemllfcAY8A&sns=em

Hi Bob,

Just a short note to touch base and let you know that all is well at 14 Edgewood Drive. I was on Long Island last month for a quick visit with my sisters Carol (58) and Bette Ann (65), and to visit Carol's husband at the VA in Northport. Bette wanted to drive to Hicksville (from Smithtown) to see the homes that we lived in Hicksville. The first was 31 Dakota Street. It was in the Spiegel development off of W John Street.



Our second house was 12 Hawthorne Street, also off of W John Street and Burns Avenue.



And lastly, 14 Edgewood Drive, off of Division Ave near the High School. Whoever is living there is taking very good care of the home and property. Just thought I'd let you know.

Ron Rocek



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Editor Note:

I lived at 14 Edgewood from 1957 through 1961 when I joined the navy. My family moved in 1965 to Honolulu. Buffalo Bob Casale

Here's a picture of the house in 2001



And the front back in 1959 with Mom and Pop Casale





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Descent into Queenstown, New Zealand.

Gotta have faith in your instruments and your proficiency to fly the approach.

But the feeling of elation from doing well, what we're trained to do, is it's own reward.

Clouds over mountainous terrain? No problem!

http://www.chonday.com/ Videos/pilotnewzdalnd1

Reminiscing

Was recently contacted by an old friend and shipmate from the USS Liberty. We were remembering some of the fun times we had and some disasters as well. Liberty was a Victory hull transport ship during the 2nd World War. She was in the mothball fleet in the Carquinez Straits outside San Francisco when she was slated to be re-commissioned as part of a fleet of intelligence gathering platforms in the sixties. Her interior was restructured at a shipyard in Portland and her final fitting out was done in Bremerton, Washington.



Many crew members slated for duty aboard Liberty went to Portland when the ship first arrived. They stayed during the renovation and eventually were part of the skeleton crew that took Liberty from Bremerton to Norfolk via the Panama Canal. Those early crew members had their families with them in Portland and Bremerton. When the time came to sail, there was a logistic problem. Many had cars with them and could not drive the vehicles to Norfolk because they were now part of the crew.

Permission was given by the department of the navy to deck load many of the cars on the forward deck house and on the main deck. Cleats were welded to the deck and the cars were loaded on and chained to the cleats.

Then Liberty departed Puget Sound in Bremerton and sailed into the Pacific and into the teeth of one of the worst storms ever experienced. Sea swells were enormous, 40 to 50 feet.





The continuous pounding went on most of the day. Then it happened. One of the anchored cars broke loose and started a chain reaction that resulted in all the cars on the forward deck house winding up on the main deck.

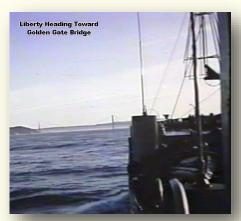


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Reminiscing

The storm finally passed and we enjoyed a beautiful day. An exchange of messages with the navy resulted in Liberty being re-routed to San Francisco.





We actually wound up anchoring in Oakland where the cars were removed.







Kennedy Center Honors 2013

Damn proud of ya' Billy!
Doing Hicksville proud!

Vietnam Era Memorial Update

From: Tom Steedman

Sent: Sunday, December 01, 2013 7:24 PM

To: Joe Carfora

Subject: unconfirmed list.

Joe

I looked over the unconfirmed list of the Vietnam Era vets. One name that stood out to me was Kenneth J Doino. Not sure if you are aware, but this might be easy enough to verify. Kenny was doing band gigs while in the Navy. At some point in time this was during my era stay, I found out that he recorded a song called "Your Ma Said You Cried In Your Sleep Last Night." He recorded this under the name "Kenny Dino!" "Your Ma Said You Cried in Your Sleep Last Night" was Dino's only hit on the Billboard Top 40, debuting on that chart December 4, 1961 and peaking at number 24.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYPqEczbFHE

I can't be sure of his time in service, but I did see that he had a web site a while ago, and did some tours on Long Island as well.

Unfortunately we lost Kenny in Florida in 2009, of a heart attack. I once heard that his brothers owned a tire store somewhere in the Hicksville area. (Editor Note...his tire shop was on the corner of Charlotte and Duffy and was called Doino's Tire Service).

One of the brothers that I was friends with, his name is Joe Doino...sorry I can't recall the other brothers name. I am pretty sure Joe was in the class of 1960, but I do not know if he graduated or not. It may be possibe that Kenny was in the Nam Era depending on his discharge date, which could have been in 1961. I believe at that time we had Special Forces groups in Nam.

In any event Kenny was another HHS alum that made good.

Tom Steedman HHS 1960

Good work, Tom! On the Confirmed List, we have a Raymond Doino, HHS 1965, who served in Vietnam. His name was given to us by his sister, Susan Doino (see below) and I have her email address, so I will ask her about Kenny's service and will also forward your email to her. I'm sorry to hear Kenny passed away. Best regards,

Joe





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Vietnam Era Memorial Update

Hi Tom,

We received an email from Gail Cluxton Sneyd who knew James after the Vietnam War ended and has obviously confirmed that he was not a Vietnam KIA. A copy of the note follows...

Joe,

James Wright was the Best Man in our wedding in May of 1970. The last we had contact with him was probably around 1979 or so, at which time he and his family were living in Florida.

So...he was alive and well many years post-Vietnam.

Gail Cluxton Sneyd & Tom Sneyd

Thanks for trying to help. Mission accomplished as we have removed the KIA next to James Wright's name. That info came from another of our veteran's who had heard from a third party that James was KIA, but since his name does not appear on the Vietnam Wall, we needed additional confirmation.

Best regards,

Joe

Dear Susan,

Quite some time ago, you gave me the name of your brother, Ray, who served in Vietnam and was HHS Class of 1965. Ray is one of nearly 1,900 names now on our Confirmed List of Names, which along with their service data, will appear engraved in bronze on the Memorial, once it is constructed and commissioned within the current Memorial Gardens at the Jerusalem Avenue School (former high school and later the junior high) in Hicksville.

As the Confirmed List grew, we also accumulated an Unconfirmed List, simply meaning that the names on that list need confirmation as having served during the Vietnam War Era (February '61 through April '75), before they can be moved to the Confirmed List and the Memorial. This is part of our effort to make sure we leave no one behind who deserves to be part of the Memorial.

The Unconfirmed List is also published each month in HixNews, along with the Confirmed List. Tom Steedman, one of our veterans on the Confirmed List, emailed me yesterday after reviewing the latest issue of HixNews to tell me he believes Kenny Doino may have served during the Vietnam War Era. Kenny's name appears on the Unconfirmed List of Names, a copy of which I have attached, so you can see his name and the information we have on him.

I'm assuming Kenny is also your brother and was sorry to hear from Tom that he passed away in '09. If Kenny was either still on active duty or still serving in the reserves anytime during or after February '61, he will qualify for the Confirmed List. When you open the attachment you will also see the additional information we are missing on Kenny.

Any help you can give me to confirm his service during the Vietnam Era and to provide me with the data we are missing on Kenny, will be very much appreciated.

Regards,

Joe Carfora 1962