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Greatest Generation Establishes New Scholarship at Canisius

In October 2005, alumni from the classes of 1941 - 1953 made a public pledge to fund a new scholarship at Canisius. Less than eight months later, Canisius' Greatest Generation, as they've come to be known, has met its goal by raising more than \$30,000 in gifts and pledges.

The **Greatest Generation Scholarship – A Tribute to the GI Bill** was established to provide students with the opportunity to attend Canisius, much like the GI Bill provided an opportunity for veterans to attend college. The scholarship will be awarded once every four years to an incoming freshman student who is in the top 10 percent of his or her high school's graduating senior class. The recipient must also demonstrate substantial community and school involvement, and maintain that involvement, as well as a 3.0 GPA, throughout his or her tenure at Canisius.

"The alumni's unquestioned approval for establishing a scholarship and a willingness to support the project financially was heartwarming," said **Donald J. Barnett '50**, one of many dedicated alumni who volunteered his time to help raise funds for the scholarship. "The time and effort the committee spent on this project was truly a labor of love."

In addition to the scholarship, monies raised by alumni will support a veteran's memorial stone that will be prominently placed on the Canisius College campus.

To contribute to the Greatest Generation Scholarship, contact Marion Mittler, director of endowed scholarships at Canisius, at 716-888-8217 or mittterm@canisius.edu.



Members of the Greatest Generation Committee who helped solicit funds for the scholarship include (seated) John B. Walsh '50; (standing l-r) Harold P. Roberts '50; Ernest E. Cavagnaro '50; and Donald J. Barnett '50.



PICTURED (L-R) ARE PAMELA J. (WARCHOL) MEADOWS '93 AND HER HUSBAND, RAY

Army Major Pam Meadows '93 Maintains Commitment to Canisius While Serving Country

Shortly before deploying to the Middle East in March 2004, U.S. Army Major **Pamela J. Meadows '93** made a gift to Canisius College in memory of her father, Raymond Warchol, a World War II veteran who died in 1999.

"I wanted to do something that I know he would have appreciated," she says, noting that her father made a gift to Canisius each year she was a student. "My father gave what he could and I want to do the same."

The seventh of nine daughters Meadows recalls that her father supported her decision to join ROTC at Canisius, despite his trepidation. She says, "It was difficult for him at first but when he came to graduation I could tell he was extremely proud."

Meadows studied history as a Canisius undergrad – a major that helped her career in unexpected ways.

"The study of history is very methodical," she explains. "Through research you learn about different cultures and environments and then you're prepared for what you will face when you get there."

As a logistics officer, Meadows was tasked with moving an enormous volume of equipment to Iraq by air and sea, and then for procuring additional supplies in "an austere environment." As just one example of the resourcefulness required in a war zone, Meadows described the challenge of cooling 100 degree-plus tents to a more comfortable sleeping range. With effort she was able to locate first fans and later air conditioners but even these barely helped until she struck on an idea for insulation.

"I found a local supplier for Styrofoam and we lined all the tents on the inside," she says. "That finally made the difference."

As she has risen in rank, Meadows has completed certain education requirements within the Army. Her background in history gave her an advantage. Her latest project was a research paper on military innovations between World War I and World War II, and focused specifically on breakthroughs in cryptanalysis in the United States and Great Britain.

Meadows' military service has taken her a long way from Canisius. During her career, she has been stationed in Korea (where she was reunited with fellow Canisius ROTC grad **Christian J. Sorochty '93**); Kentucky; Germany; Kuwait; and Iraq; back to Germany; and then to Fort Riley, Kansas, where she is currently stationed with her husband, Ray, who is also a major in the Army. They met in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, within the first week of Meadows leaving Canisius.

Meadows expects to remain in Kansas through the summer and then return to Korea, although she is still awaiting official confirmation. Wherever she goes, however, she intends to maintain her commitment to Canisius. Meadows joined the President's Council in 1993, with a \$1,000 gift to the annual fund. She has since renewed her membership three times. She says, "I want to give something back to the institution that helped mold me into the adult I am today."