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WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter of the Canisius College Alumni Chapter of Naples. It will be published at least twice a year with the objective of keeping area alumni and friends informed of our activities in SW Florida. There are over 200 alumni and friends living in Collier and Lee Counties.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and as a result, participate in chapter events. We look for new and different ideas in the hope of becoming more connected to our alma mater and to become more involved in the Chapter. Don't hesitate to get in touch with me at TMaglione67@aol.com.

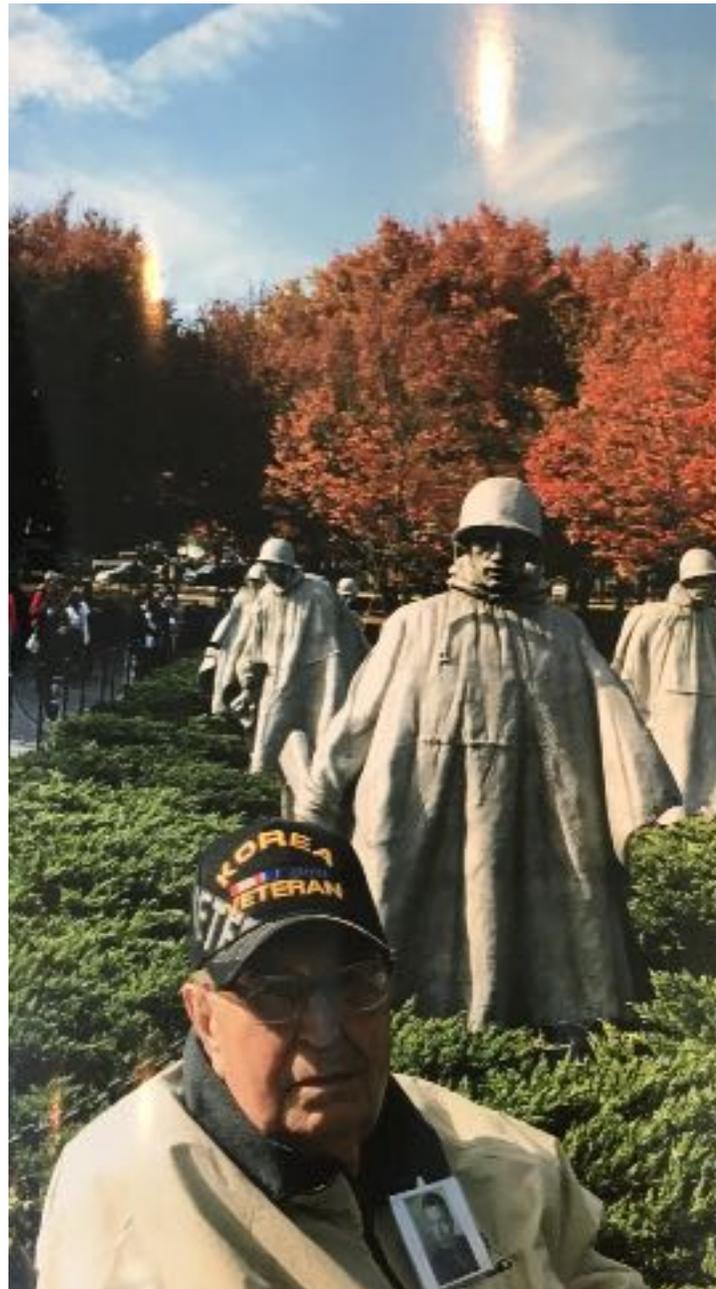
Tony Maglione, Chapter President.

Naples Chapter Website

To access the website for our Naples chapter go to www.Canisius.edu/naples-chapter.

You will find the latest news from SW Florida.

THE MARINE HAS LANDED



ANNUAL RECEPTION AND DINNER

The annual chapter dinner will again be held at The Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. The event will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner. President John Hurley will again be in attendance and will provide an update on activities at the college.

If you haven't attended this event, we urge you to put it on your calendar. The NSYC boasts a beautiful setting on Naples Bay. It will be a special evening with excellent food and service to complement the convivial company of fellow Canisius alumni and friends of the college. Through the generous support of our sponsors we will again offer the opportunity to attend this event for \$60 per person which includes an open bar, appetizers, and a three course dinner. Young Alumni (2008-2017 grads) can attend for \$25 per person.

Through the generosity of our sponsors our chapter has funded a scholarship for the past four years to a Florida resident to attend Canisius. In this year's invitation to the Naples dinner there will be the opportunity to add an additional amount that would be earmarked directly to the Naples Scholarship.

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THE MARINE HAS LANDED - TOMMY DI PASQUALE COLLIER COUNTY HONOR FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON, DC

Tom DiPasquale, Canisius Class of 1951, was one of seventy WWII and Korean veterans chosen to travel by chartered aircraft on a military Honor Flight to Washington, DC on November 4, 2017.

Those aging warriors spoke of sacrifice and service. They shed a tear or two as they remembered fallen comrades. And they fret leaders on both sides may have learned nothing from the past.

"The people I met, the training I received and the friendships I made gave me a tremendous amount of spirit, education and discipline that has been a part of my life through today." Said Staff Sergeant (Ret) Tommy DiPasquale.

"Tommy D" was a student at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., planning to become an accountant after he graduated. He completed his degree in 1951 and was immediately drafted into the Marine Corps that October. After training at Parris Island and Camp Pendleton, he was sent to Korea during the summer of 1952 as a staff sergeant. His battalion was sent north to the battle lines. Twelve Marines — including him — were plucked from his group and sent on a train heading for South Korea to a supply operation in a city formerly called Masan (it has since merged with a neighboring area named Ch'angw n). "It was a very strategic port for supplying the necessary items for the entire complement of Marines in Korea," Mr. DiPasquale says. "I was assigned as a military policemen along with a combo of Marine Corps personnel."

When the truce was signed, Mr. DiPasquale was sent home in July 1953 after the fighting ended. Although he wanted to go home and raise a family, he says his two years in the Marine Corps is something he has forever cherished.

He recalls feeling fortunate to be pulled out of his battalion to work in the supply depot; many of his fellow Marines were sent right into the thick of the war. "So many Marines were killed and wounded ... they were wonderful people that I lived and trained with."

Once back home, Mr. DiPasquale began a family and embarked on a career for the Pillsbury Company in Buffalo. He said his time in the military equipped him with a unique perspective of how fortunate Americans are to live where they do.

"All of the young people out there should really think about the values and fundamental reasons why our nation is so great and beautiful. The basic ingredients of discipline, love and working together to achieve a common goal, which is to benefit our freedom in this country and (freedom for) everyone else around the world ... these are the principles that should be cherished under any circumstance."

COLLEGE RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE

One of the initiatives of our chapter has been to recruit qualified local high school students to apply and enroll at Canisius. Based on the efforts of Andy Hill '86, we have been given the opportunity to engage with students at St. John Neumann HS in Naples. To that end, Tony Maglione '67 and Tim Blewett '67 participated at a local college fair in October.

As Alumni Ambassadors, Tony & Tim participated in a fair with 40+ colleges in attendance. While about a third of the colleges were from Florida, there were a number of private colleges in attendance. Canisius was joined by schools such as Brown, Georgetown, Boston College, Harvard, Hofstra, as well as, many large out of state institutions such as Alabama and Auburn.

They met with a number of students from St. John Neumann who were attracted by our Jesuit Mission, academic excellence and the recent introduction of the College's "Excellence Within Reach" strategy. As a result, since an earlier recruiting effort last spring, we have supplied the Admissions team with 16 students who have expressed an interest in Canisius.

Our local chapter initiative is designed to raise awareness of the Canisius brand and to begin to develop a footprint in SW Florida. The success of this initiative is dependent upon the ability of our group to

- 1.) gain access to local HS counselors,
2.) market the college to any acquaintances who may have a relationship with local students,
- 3.) build on any relationships we may have that can help us to build the Canisius brand and,
- 4.) enroll FL students at Canisius.

If you would like to support this initiative, please contact Tim or Tony, respectively, at

tumblewett@gmail.com or tmaglione67@aol.com.

FORT MYERS CHAPTER

We are exploring the possibility of forming a Fort Myers alumni chapter. As with the Naples chapter, it would serve as a conduit for local Canisius alumni to meet and participate in activities that may further your connection to Alma Mater or simply provide another way to reconnect with other alumni and friends in the Fort Myers area. If you are interested in participating in this venture please contact Ann Celani at ficelaec@aol.com. We welcome your input and ideas.

The Naples chapter will be sending out information for a Canisius night at an Everglades Hockey game and possibly a Canisius College basketball game on TV.

Stay tuned!

