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Beeline Publisher "Bernie"

The older I get,
the more I miss a
world that no
longer exists.



Paul Glasser, Sr. - Community Patriot Award



Paul Glasser, Sr. was with us for both tours and served up at the Rock Crusher. Bringing that Seabee attitude home Paul joined the Averill Park Sand Lake Fire Department in June 1975 and served as 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Rescue Lieutenant and Captain of the rescue squad. He has 50 years of first line service and is the Company Safety Officer. Paul was Fireman of the Year 1988 and 1996 and received the Chief's Award for the year of 2006. Paul joined the Hoags Corners Ambulance in 1981 and served as Chief for over 20 years. He received the Homer Facticeau award in 1987 and 2000. He is a life member, and still a driver after 45 years. Paul received the Chief's award in 1992 and the Jeanne Bailey award in 1994. He was awarded a certificate of recognition for doing 102 ambulance calls.

Over the years Paul has received appreciation awards and certificates from the Poestenkill Fire Company. The Hoags Corners Fire Co., the West Sand Lake Fire Company, the Sand Lake Ambulance and the Hoags Corners Ambulance. In addition to his fire and ambulance services, Paul was a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association and York State Certified Instructor Coordinator teaching EMT classes for over 20 years.

Paul is also a life member of the MCB 53 Alumni Association, Navy Seabee Veterans of America, VFW Post 3025 and Sr. Vice Commander, member of American Legion Post 1021, member and past Commander of the Sand Lake Veterans and member of the Knights of Columbus 10590.

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 January

Donald C.	Jentsch
Thomas M.	Smith
Frank J.	Lavin, Jr.
Albert J.	Lanoie
Paul L.	Wertz, Sr.
Nathan P.	Laborde
Robert D.	Simpson
David C.	Hanos
Charles C.	Iliff, III
Charles W.	Guenzel
Dennis R.	Kiebach
Ross E.	Likens
Robert J.	Dupalo
David N.	Mc Cord
Robert W.	Kilber
Thomas J.	Van Eynde
William	Shehab
Stephen M.	Cutting
Manley M.	South, Jr.
Donald D.	Hicks
John M.	Kearns
John H.	Mc Intosh
Ronald P.	Bieri
Fred L.	Allen
Richard A.	Reda
Theodore B.	Glover
Jeffrey M.	Musburger

Joseph M.	Bridgers
Lyle J.	Forsythe

 February

John D.	Behan
Alfred F.	Garrison, Jr.
Steven M.	Stover
John M.	Scheer
Arthur D.	Mc Collum
Terry L.	Drobny
Louis S.	Langford
Walter	Shkapich
Dana L.	Littlefield
Robert W.	Conley, Sr.
Willard J.	Cheirrett

 March

Gordon F.	Ballard
Donald J.	Strandell
Jesse W.	Willett
John C.	Corwin
Fred S.	Kuznia
James P.	Casino
James V.	Bartlett, Jr.
Callis E.	Bridgers, III
Robert E.	LaCasse
Richard E.	Jackson
George	Blake Jr.
Charles M.	Jorgenson
Lane L.	Plauche, Sr.

Arlan J.	Marks
William C.	Atkinson
Raymond P.	Mc Collum
William L.	Bradley
Leslie E.	Green
Michael M.	Micklos, Jr.

 April

Robert J.	Kervin
Joseph B.	Green, Jr.
John W.	Saale
Ronald R.	Smith
James J.	Donohue
William T.	Garside
Emmett W.	Sullivan, III
Noel G.	Pelletier
Ronald D.	Eckert
Wayne	Prather
Robert B.	Kyle, Sr.
Richard J.	Beresford
Jay	Green
John E.	Kellogg, Jr.
Robert J.	Young
Claude E.	Starr
Joseph J.	Cerminaro
Larry E.	Lousig-Nont
Donald E.	Mull
Dick R.	Slayton
Charles G.	Reiner, III

 May

Homer J.	Stephens
James E.	Dance
William R.	Line
William P.	Davis
Mitchell L.	Dunbar
Ralph I.	Coleman
Curtis W.	Anderson
Thomas J.	Bourke
Charles W.	Manstream
Burke R.	Anderson
James W.	Buehler
Frederick H	Steffens, III
Alan R.	Shark
Arnold B.	Krane
William Ken	Derrett
Joseph L.	Zimmerman
Steven R.	Palmer
Thomas E.	Trent
Craig T.	Estes
James E.	Hardigree
Robert D.	Mattlin
Arnold L.	Jensen
Jason A.	Abell
David R.	Marks
Gerald C.	Groon, Jr.
Charles J.	Maitland
Joseph M.	Chiaravalloti
Francis A.	Juckem, Jr.

September MCB 53 Reunion Davisville, R. I.



**SEABEE MUSEUM
AND MEMORIAL PARK**
RHODE ISLAND

Davisville, Rhode Island, the location of the original Seabee Base, is now included in the town of North Kingstown. We will be holding our reunion at the hotel Crowne Plaza Providence Warwick | Warwick, Rhode Island [Hotel in Warwick, RI | Crowne Plaza® Providence-Warwick \(Airport\)](#) 1 877 865 6578 Check-in will be Monday the 14th of September, check out will be Friday September 18th. This hotel has an airport shuttle available.



I do not have anything firmed up except the Sept 14-18 dates at the Crowne Plaza hotel. I have requested some information on some activities but have not gotten responses currently.

Respectfully, Jim Donohue (717) 406-5960 jim.jjdono@gmail.com



John Charles Corwin, 75, of Rockwell, Passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at his home in Rockwell. He was born on March 20, 1950 to Betty and Maurice Beavers in Richmond, IN. John grew up in Centerville, IN, then graduated from Beavercreek High school in Ohio. He then went on to serve two years and two tours in Vietnam with MCB 53 (1968-1971) He got out of the Navy, spent some time back home in Indiana before joining the Air Force in 1972, and retired in 1990. After he retired from the military he went on to work construction, security, and for the Veterans Administration. When he moved to North Carolina in 1999, he completely retired from work. Throughout his life he enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader, being a part of the VFW and the American Legion. John also enjoyed traveling with his wife and grandsons. John's biggest joy in life was his grandsons. [Obituary information for John Charles Corwin](#)



William "Bill" LaVern Thompsen [William "Bill" LaVern Thompsen Obituary](#)

He was baptized on March 31, 1947, and later became a member of the United Church of Christ in Walnut. Bill graduated from Walnut Community School in 1965. That same year, he enlisted in the United States Navy as a Seabee. He served two tours in Vietnam, earning the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class in MCB53 (Mobile Construction Battalion 53) before his honorable discharge in 1969. His service remained an immense point of pride throughout his life. He worked a range of jobs, from masonry and construction with Gordon and Jim Tooley to trucking and farming for Darrell Stamp. He enjoyed trucking most. In 1978, he earned an associate's degree in Electronics from Iowa Western Community College. Bill also volunteered as a Cub Scout leader from 1982-1986. In August 1994, Bill underwent surgery to remove a benign tumor from his spinal cord. The procedure left him an incomplete quadriplegic and ended his working years far earlier than he ever imagined. Bill passed away on January 20, 2026, at Atlantic Specialty Care – Care Initiatives in Atlantic, Iowa, at the age of 79 years.

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