

Brittany Pointe Estates Veterans Affairs Committee



BPE Pointer Article

Veterans' Corner by Bob Berger

On June 6th, the BPERA Veterans Affairs Committee, hosted the World War II Era Appreciation Ceremony for those resident veterans living at Brittany Pointe Estates. What a privilege and honor for us to recognize their dedication to duty, honor and country. We specifically chose that date since it was the 75th anniversary of the D-Day amphibious landings on the beaches at Normandy, France. The program was designed to remember and pay tribute to those very young individuals that served. A special recognition must be made to all those who joined Kate Smith in singing "God Bless America". That song never sounded more beautiful than when the audience, in a moment of spontaneity, broke out in song. Our committee worked very hard to present a very positive message of appreciation and thanks. The real reward was that 25 of the 28 World War 2 Era veterans were in attendance! God Bless Them All!

We would like to thank all the honorary members of the committee who made the program so rewarding. Ms. Fran Glica recited a very moving original poem paying tribute to D-Day. Major General Burns provided a meaningful keynote address looking back at this country's military history and its relevance to today's armed services. The closing prayer by Reverend George Gunn touched at the sole of all Americans. The attendance was so large, we used almost every available chair for the auditorium with a special area setup for those veterans who used a transportation device. The entire auditorium floor setup was accomplished by Mr. Jason Hill. He personally coordinated with the committee to ensure everything was setup correctly. Ms. Terry Alburger who coordinated so many of the various support activities with maintenance, OakBridge Terrance and WillowBrooke Court, Pointer, news agencies, and more. Our sound system was expertly managed by Ken Green. Thank for your support and the many others, who made the ceremony a success.

Now, as we all look forward to our July 4th celebration, what a perfect time to remember those individuals that gave so much in defense of our independence and freedoms. **"Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard."** by **President John F. Kennedy. God Bless America!**