

STURBRIDGE

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Office of
SELECTMEN

November 8, 1943

Mrs. Chester L. Krueger,
Southbridge R.F.D. #2,
Massachusetts.

KRUEGAR

Dear Mrs. Keueger:

We are completing plans for the dedication of the Honor Roll next Sunday, and are delighted that you have consented to do the unveiling. No one in town is so well qualified for this honor as yburself.

The parade is scheduled to reach Sturbridge by three o'clock. It would be a good idea to be in your seat around two-thirty. A car will call for you and will take you home.

The program will end around five o'clock following a concert by the U.S. Army band.

We thank you for consenting to take part in this program and look forward to seeing you next Sunday.

Cordially yours,

Board of Selectmen

Fred B. Hall
Leodore H. Julian
Arthur D. Jackson

CHAMPEAU-VILANDRE POST 109, INC.

AMERICAN LEGION



STURBRIDGE, MASS. 01566

10 APR 1985

STURBRIDGE VETERANS ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR NEW MONUMENT

- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

The Sturbridge Veterans Council has announced plans to replace the World War II monument in front of the Town Hall with a New monument to honor the veterans from Sturbridge who served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict.

The new monument will be a three walled structure with the center wall for World War II, the right wall for Vietnam, and the left wall ^{for} for the Korean War. Dates of the wars and the names of Sturbridge residents who served will be engraved into blue stone markers set in to the walls built of blue stone rubble. A raised flower bed across the front of the monument with a brick sidewalk and a new lighted flag pole complete the plans.

An article to request funds from the Town to purchase the markers, engrave the names and install the lighting has been submitted for the special town meeting. The remaining funds needed to build the monument, estimated at \$3000.00 is going to be raised by the Veterans Council. Plans of the monument are on display at the Town Hall and at the Champeau-Vilandre Post 109 American Legion Hall.

This monument will be dedicated in Honor of Sgt. Rudy Julian. Rudy was a Marine who died in combat at Iwo Jima and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The only Sturbridge Veteran so Honored.

The Veterans Council requests the support and assistance of the Town's people in the following areas; there is no list of names which exists for the Korean and Vietnam wars of those who served from the Town.

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TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

VETERANS SERVICE DEPARTMENT

TOWN HALL - - STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
MAIL : P.O. Box 296, FISKDALE, MA 01518

30 August 85

Dear Senator Wetmore,

I am writing you on behalf of the Sturbridge Veterans Council to ask for your help in obtaining a State Flag which has flown over the State House.

The Veterans Council is in the process of building a new War Memorial Monument in front of the Town Hall in Sturbridge. This new monument will hold plaques with the names of Veterans who answered the call of their country during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Also a new, lighted flag pole will be erected. It is on this pole we would like to fly the requested flag, during the dedication to be held later this fall.

A flag size 4" x 6' would be ample. If there is a charge please let me know. The monument will be dedicated to Sgt. Rudy Julian who received the Congressional Medal of Honor in WWII. The only Sturbridge Veteran so Honored.

Thank you for consideration of our request;

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Chamberland
Sturbridge Veterans Council

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A flag size of 5' x 8' would be ample. If there is a charge please let me know. The monument will be dedicated to Sgt. Rudy Julian who received the Congressional Medal of honor in WWII. The only Sturbridge veteran so honored.

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Sincerely

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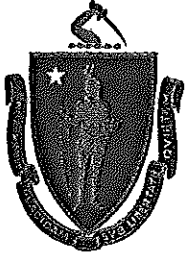
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Thomas A. Chamberland
Sturbridge Veterans Council

cf; Marilyn Traviniski



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
State Senate
Committee on Ways and Means
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

HON. ROBERT D. WETMORE
WORCESTER, FRANKLIN, HAMPDEN
AND HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT
ROOM 409
TEL. (617) 722-1540

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MEMBER:
SENATE WAYS AND MEANS
NATURAL RESOURCES
AND AGRICULTURE
LOCAL AFFAIRS

September 19, 1985

Mr. Thomas A. Chamberland
Sturbridge Veterans Council
481 Leadmine Road
Sturbridge, Massachusetts 01566

Dear Mr. Chamberland: *Tom,*

I am writing in response to your recent letter on behalf of the Sturbridge Veterans Council requesting my assistance in obtaining a state flag to be flown on the new War Memorial Monument in front of the Town Hall.

You will be pleased to hear that I was able to obtain the flag for you and am forwarding it to you under separate cover. I am most pleased to see that the Monument will be dedicated in memory of Sgt. Julian, and I hope that you will let me know when the date for the dedication ceremony is set.

I am glad to have been of service to you. If I can be of assistance to you or the Council again in any way, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Wetmore
ROBERT D. WETMORE
Senator

RDW:fmch

CHAMPEAU-VILANDRE POST 109, INC.
AMERICAN LEGION



STURBRIDGE, MASS. 01566

STURBRIDGE VETERANS COUNCIL

21 APRIL 86

The Sturbridge Veterans Council cordially invites you to attend the dedication of the Sgt. Rudy Julian Memorial War Monument to be held on Saturday, May 24th, 1986. In front of the Town Hall in Sturbridge.

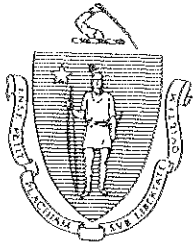
The Council has been working hard over the past few years for this day and we hope you can attend and help us honor, The Memory of Sgt. Rudy Julian, the town's only WW II Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. The plaques will also contain the names of all other Veterans of WW II, Korea and Vietnam.

Pre-dedication activities begin at 1:30 P.M. with the dedication at 2:00 P.M. In order that we may make the proper arrangements, please R.S.V.P. to : Thomas Chamberland, 481 Leadmine Road, Sturbridge, Ma. 01566 (Tele. 347-3386 after 5:00 P.M.)

Hope to see you on the 24th .

Sincerely

Thomas A. Chamberland
Chairman
Sturbridge Veterans Council



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE HOUSE • BOSTON 02133

MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS
GOVERNOR

May 1, 1986

Thomas A. Chamberland, Chairman
Sturbridge Veterans Council
Champeau-Vilandre Post 109, Inc.
American Legion
P.O. Box 83
Fiskdale, MA 01518

Dear Mr. Chamberland:

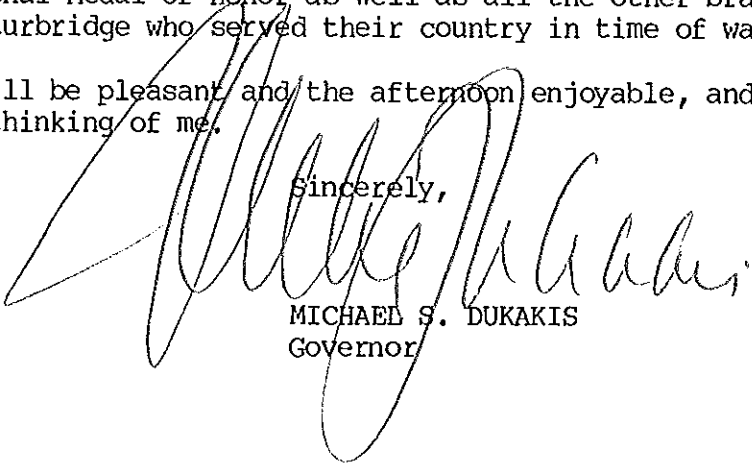
Thank you for offering me the opportunity to participate in the dedication of the Sergeant Rudy Julian Memorial War Monument.

I wish I could be with you on this important occasion, but I have a family commitment on May 24th.

Although I can't accept your kind invitation, I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for honoring the memory of this brave man who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor as well as all the other brave men and women from Sturbridge who served their country in time of war.

I hope the weather will be pleasant and the afternoon enjoyable, and I thank you again for thinking of me.

Sincerely,


MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS
Governor

MSD:ckm

CHAMPEAU-VILANDRE POST 109, INC.
AMERICAN LEGION



STURBRIDGE, MASS. 01566

VETERANS COUNCIL

Dear

The Sturbridge Veterans Council, made up of members of the various Veteran Posts in the Town have undertaken a project to rebuild the WWII monument in front of the Town Hall, expand it to include the names of those veterans who served from Sturbridge during Korea and Vietnam, and dedicate it in the memory of Sgt. Rudy Julian who died in combat at Iwo Jima and recieved posthumously the Congressional Medal of Honor. The only Sturbridge veteran so honored.

The monument will be a three walled structure laid up in blue stone rubble with the names of the veterans and the wars ingraved into polished blue stone markers. A new flag pole with illumination at night and a brick sidewalk complete the plans.

The total cost of this project is \$ 7,000.00. This covers material only, labor is being provided by veterans of the Town. The Town has voted to provide \$ 4,000.00 of the needed amount. The Veterans Council is seeking donations to raise the remaining \$ 3,000.00.

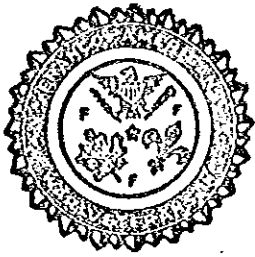
If you feel you could make a donation, checks can be made out to;

" Memorial Monument Fund" and sent to; American Legion Post 109
Box 83
Fiskdale Mass., 01518

Your donation will be acknowledged in the program book of the dedication. Thankyou for your consideration and support.

Sincerely yours;

Thomas A. Chamberland
Sturbridge Veterans Council



FRANCO-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS, INC.

POST No. 29

BOX 513

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS. 01550

The Franco-American War Veterans, Inc., Post 29 cordially invites you (and your organization) to participate in our parade and dedication of the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial" to be held Sunday, May 19, 1985 at 1 P.M.

Vietnam and America's role there means different things to many people. The Southbridge memorial is not meant as a political statement. It must be taken at face value—a lasting tribute to the men of Southbridge who served their nation.

It is also a respectful remembrance of the six Southbridge men who gave their lives in service.

P L E A S E J O I N W I T H U S .

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Crombley
Larry Crombley, Past Com'dr.

Gen Ch'm.

Post 29



FRANCO-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS, INC.

POST No. 29

BOX 513

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS. 01550

AMERICAN LEGION POST 109

Gentlemen:

Hi;

May I take this opportunity to request taking a few minuetts of your time to explain a very important project being undertaking in our community of the Southbridge area. I'm Larry Trombley, general chairman Franco-American War Vets, Inc., Post 29, of the committee sponsoring the Dedication of a memorial for the Vietnam Veterans at the rear of the Gold Star Circle (Triangle) on Sunday, May 19, 1985.

The cost of such a monument will be so afforded by the Franco-Vets and contributors from the good people of our area. So for this worthy cause, we are requesting donations from businesses, organizations, industrial, professionals, individuals, etc. The reward for such a donation, we are offering -the donors-Your name enscribed (the back of the monument) (sandblastered) letters approximatley one-inch high. Requested for the amount of (\$ 100.00 at least) for a contribution towards this fund is needed from donors.

We urge all our good friends from this area to consider this project and decide if you may want to be part of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and please decide positively.

Thank you for allowing me to take some some of your valuable time.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Trombley
Larry Trombley Post Com'dr
Gen. Chm. Post 29

Make your checks payable to:
F.A.W.V. VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL FUND

Mail To:
Ronnie Ledoux or
% Southbridge Credit Union
Main St.
Southbridge, Mass., 01550

Larry Trombley
80 Warren St.
Southbridge, Mass., 01550

Nov. 9. 1992

Thomas A. Chamberland, Dir.
Veteran Services
Town Hall, PO Box 227
Sturbridge, Mass., 01566

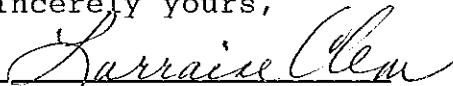
Dear Mr. Chamberland,

My thanks for the letter you sent regarding the dedication and re-dedication of the Gold Star Mothers Monument on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1992 .

I have spoken with my Sister in Florida and she informed me that our cousin, Roland Julian, will represent us at this ceremony. It sounds like a marvelous day and one the veterans will long remember, as well they should and deserve. We appreciate being included in your efforts on behalf of our brother and Mother.

Due to illness in both our lives, we must decline your offer of participation in your plans for Nov. 11, 1992, but again, we are very thankful to have been contacted.

Sincerely yours,


Mrs. Lorraine Clem

DEDICATION:

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Dedicated To Sgt. Rudy Julian who was awarded the
Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for his
actions at Iwo Jima

November 11, 1985

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