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**WORLD WAR II VETERANS DISCUSSION GROUP**  
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# June 2014

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 25th at 2:00 pm in the Hagaman Library DeMayo Community Room.

This month we have two featured guests. First, member Bob Russell will share photos he took while he was stationed at Nakhon Phanom Airbase in Thailand, 1967 - 1968.

Then author John Henningson will speak to us about the importance of writing down memories of service. John's book, *A Reluctant Warrior: 1968-1974: A Vietnam Veteran's Memoir*, covers his own tour throughout I Corps as an officer during the Vietnam War. He will discuss his detailed memoir which includes grid coordinates of the locations he talks about, along with his sketches of the landscape, maps, and in-country photos. John will encourage veterans, relatives of veterans and others to write down their memories of their service. Henningson is a resident of Guilford.



Henningson during military service



June 6, 2014—World War II veterans salute on the 70th anniversary of D-Day in Collevill-Sur-Mer, Normandy, France. 2nd from Left is US Navy veteran Grant "Gully" Gullickson. Our own co-facilitator, Kevin, has a connection to Gully. Gully and Kevin's father were both shipmates and D-Day survivors when their destroyer USS *Corry* (DD-463) was sunk D-Day morning on the front lines while dueling with German shore batteries at Utah Beach. Gully was featured in an NBC News D-Day Special with anchorman Brian Williams on June 6th, 2014.



## PHOTOS OF VETERANS AWARENESS DAY AT QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY FRIDAY, MAY 23rd, 2014



- [1] Joe Minto being interviewed by Channel 8.
- [2] Ed Misbach (seated) answering questions
- [3] Toni Coleman answers students' questions
- [4] Sue Perko with WWII veteran
- [5] Gail Eisenhower and Muriel Minto
- [6] Our WWII display





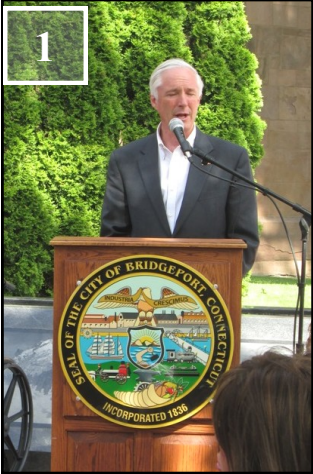
**GEM OF THE MONTH:**

*"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."*—Billy Joel

**VETERANS CEREMONY—JUNE 6th, 2014  
HONORING WWII VETERANS IN BRIDGEPORT  
550 BRIDGEPORT RESIDENTS DIED IN WWII.**

\*\*\* PHOTOS BELOW \*\*\*

- [1] Bridgeport mayor Bill Finch, Jr. addresses the audience.
- [2] Our own Joe Minto and wife Muriel attended.
- [3] Joe Minto receives an American flag from Mayor Bill Finch and U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal.
- [4] Kevin with Bill Finch, Sr., D-Day survivor of USS *Corry* (DD-463). Kevin's father and Bill Finch, Sr., were ship-mates when their destroyer USS *Corry* was sunk while dueling German shore batteries on D-Day morning. Bill Finch, Sr. is holding an American flag flown above the US Capitol that he received from Senator Blumenthal.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:**

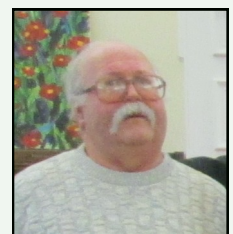
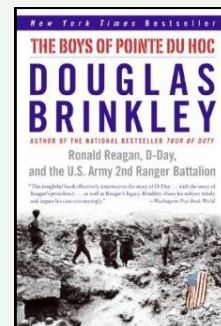
Above: Bob Russell showed models he made of aircraft used in Vietnam and Janet Barrett spoke about her book entitled *They Called Her Reckless*.

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**Book Recommendation by Our Own  
WWII Group Member Steve Dougherty**

*The Boys of Pointe du Hoc*  
By Douglas Brinkley



Steve  
Dougherty

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Arvin Murch- 6/2  
Tyler Leibengood 6/7  
Terry Sayles 6/21  
Kevin McKernon 6/29

**SONGS WE'LL SING IN JUNE**

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME  
WHERE DO YOU WORK A-JOHN?  
MARY'S A GRAND OLD NAME  
ZIP A DEE DOO DAH  
BOOGIE WOOGIE BUGLE BOY