

**DEDICATION  
OF FLAGSTAFF  
IN MEMORY OF  
HENRY BERNARD  
AND HIS BROTHER, FRANK PETER BERNARD  
APARTMENT COMMUNITY  
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS  
BELLEVILLE, IL  
MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25, 1998**



**VETERAN'S DAY NOVEMBER 11, 1994.** Photo and text from Henry Bernard's daughter Florence Hedeon: "Dad had set his alarm for 11:55 p.m. November 10 and called me to help him with a project, which he'd warned about earlier in the day, without being specific about what he wanted me to do. He was waiting for me where the main hallway met his apartment's (96A) hallway. He handed me the flag pictured above, and some push pins. The flag was hung without pomp and circumstance in the main hall at midnight, Veteran's Day, remaining there until midnight the close of that day."

**A learning opportunity  
from Henry Bernard:  
Notes from his "Flag file":  
(These are recopied in the same order,  
exactly as they were found in his file. Some dates are for 1997.  
You may wish to add to/subtract from/correct the list)**

August 6, 1926: Gertrude Ederle. First woman to swim the English Channel.

July 21 When the USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides") first sailed.

July 27, 1995. 1.5 million Korean War veterans got the memorial they deserve in Washington DC

June 14 FLAG DAY. Anniversary of the day in 1777 on which Congress formally adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

May 8, 1945 V.E. Day. German unconditional surrender signed.

May 17 Armed Forces Day [another source says May 16]

April 19, 1906 San Francisco Quake killed thousands. Martial law declared.

April 6, 1997 Daylight Savings Begins ("spring forth"). Long history in our country. Some states and cities do not observe this. Check your calls and places you visit. Illinois is on DST.

June 6 D-Day. Allied invasion of Europe 1944

March 23, 1909 Roosevelt leaves for African safari sponsored by National Geographic.

March 12, 1912 Girls Scouts of U.S.A. founded.

February 22 Washington's birthday

March 3, 1931 Star Spangled Banner made U.S. National Anthem.

February 1 National FREEDOM Day

January 27, 1973 Signing of Vietnam PEACE Accord

January 20 Inauguration Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday [MLK birthday January 15]

February 17 President's Day

February 15, 1898 Sinking of U.S.S. Maine

February 12 Lincoln's Birthday

February 8, 1910 Boy Scouts of America Founded

November 11, 1918 REMEMBER Armistice Day

June 1, 1954 designated as Veteran's Day

*Some dates not on Henry's calendar,  
but certainly remembered by him:*

July 4 Independence Day

May 30 MEMORIAL DAY (observed last Monday in May)

VJ Day

I pledge Allegiance  
To the Flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the Republic for which  
it stands, One nation  
UNDER GOD  
Indivisible, with Liberty and  
JUSTICE FOR ALL.



**Henry Bernard's brother, Frank Bernard, in Honolulu, some time prior to his death aboard the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Frank served almost six years - his entire Navy tour - aboard the USS Arizona. He was a shipfitter.**



**Henry Bernard and part of his family, including all five of his children (Dick, Mary Ann Maher, Florence Hedeon, Frank and John), at a reunion at Our Lady of the Snows, Labor Day weekend, 1996.**