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Memorial

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the life in the region. "More transcendent than the act of our dedication today is the cost of reaching this brief moment in time. I do not speak of the monetary contributions that made this event possible, but rather the cost of human, economic and environmental devastation," Major said.

"Before you, bricks bearing the names of just a few of the miners who lived, worked and even died in these anthracite mines of Pennsylvania bear witness to sacrifice and service to their family, their community, their industry and their God," he added.

"Residents of the anthracite mining communities remain proud of their heritage. Their unique heritage. Even today, several generations removed from when coal was king, historians still note the impact and importance of the anthracite mining industry. Folks, I'm here to tell you that the great American industrial revolution of the 19th century could have been accomplished easily without the labor and sacrifice of our forebears here in northeastern Pennsylvania," he said.

In addition to museums and memorials throughout the region, Major said that even the towns mark the coal heritage, with towns named Minersville, Fort Carbon, Mount Carbon, Coaldale, Sham and Carbondale. Also passing along their comments and congratulations were a number of guests, including: Shenandoah Mayor Cornelius F. Connie; Reese; Ted and his committee did a wonderful job. I'd just like to say congratulations to Ted and his committee for a job well done.

Congressman T. Timothy Holden, D-6th. "We're all sons of the coal region, and we're all proud of our dedication today is the cost of reaching this brief moment in time. I do not speak of the monetary contributions that made this event possible, but rather the cost of human, economic and environmental devastation," Major said.

State Sen. James J. Rhoades, R-28th. "What I think was most important was that the committee had the insight, the foresight, the stick-to-it-iveness to make this a reality -- the same kind of fortitude that the men who mined had, who went down into the dark pit everyday and made America great. Today, it is truly a dedication to their memory and what they have committed to the history and the culture of the United States of America. So let us thank God for this day and for the men who mined and the family who lived with them."

State Rep. Edward J. Lucyk, D-123. "At last, those who toiled as the pioneer workers in our coal industry are remembered and will be remembered by this memorial and the stones placed in their honor and in their memory. To those who came to this country from many foreign lands toiled unceasingly to establish our communities. There is only one reason we have the towns of Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Frackville, Portsville and Saint Clair is because of coal. And when in the 1950s the coal industry went down, many of our communities suffered. But through the fortitude of those who chose to remain in

"This project is the best thing that could have happened to this town. It's at a point where everybody comes into town. It's going to boost the economy in town with tourism. It's going to be the centerpiece for our new industrial park two blocks down the way. This is the most beautiful spot right now, and we hope to build other spots in town to make it more attractive."

Vernalis thanked two "silent" partners in the effort -- borough Manager Joseph L. Pukhinskiy and Atty. Kathleen Pukhinskiy. Nicholas Molnar, District 2 president, United Mine Workers of America -- "Ted you've done an outstanding job. You're a humble man, but this monument speaks volumes to the people of the community here in Shenandoah. This is a fitting tribute. We must always remember our past, because if we don't remember our past, we destined to repeat it."

United Methodist Church in Shenandoah, provided the benediction. Presenting the colors were members of the Anthony P. Donato Medal of Honor American Legion Post 792 of Shenandoah, and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Schuykill Assembly 0928.

Music was provided by the Shenandoah Valley High School Band, accompanied by the school's cheerleaders and color guard. Members of the memorial committee are Souckiv, Vice Chairman Peter Vernalis, Treasurer Tom Kowalek, Lois Alcaraz, John Catzone, Florence Gliese, Suzanne Hall, William Mallick, Sandra Pfeiffer, Pauline Shaw, Karen Souckiv, Glenn Souckiv and Grace Trutt.

Mallick was the master of ceremonies at the dedication, and thanked one particular person for her contribution to the memorial.

Wheelchair Games at VA Medical Center Wed.; Saul guest of honor

Residents of the nursing home care and extended care divisions of the Wilkes-Barre Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center will participate in the 18th Annual Wheelchair Games Wednesday. The games begin at 10 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the clinic pavilion. In the event of inclement weather, the games will be held Sept. 23.

The "VA Wheelchair Games" are sponsored by the Freedland BPO Elks, Lodge 1145. The event enables veterans to demonstrate their skills and enjoy the festive atmosphere, which includes a picnic lunch. Medals will be given to the top three winners in seven different events. This year, the world Olympics, the planning committee chose "18th Annual Wheelchair Games: The World of the Olympics" as its theme. Flags of some of the countries which participated in the Olympics will be on display. They were made by students of the Assumption School in Merristown, N.J., and donated to the medical center for the veterans' enjoyment. The Olympic torch will be carried by Mike Baker, Mike Klatschak and Joe Makar, Crawford High School Cross Country and Track and Field team members. The special guest of honor this year will be Ramon S. Saul, managing editor of the Standard-Speaker. A Navy veteran, World War II, Saul started as an apprentice seaman and later received a direct commission. He retired as a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve with 21 years of combined active and reserve service.

Saul, a graduate of Hazleton High School and Pennsylvania State University with a degree in journalism, has been with the newspaper for 46 years. He was previously sports editor for 27 years before becoming day editor and then managing editor in 1983. Saul is active in veterans' groups and an official and administrator in sports programs, having been inducted into the Luzerne County, Anthracite Basketball League and Hazleton YMCA sports Hall of Fame. He is also active in many community affairs.

Associate masters of ceremony will be Ray Mazarrella, public affairs officer, and Paul O'Hara, a volunteer and disabled Army veteran from Scranton. O'Hara was a winner at the 1913 Annual Veterans' Wheelchair Games in Seattle in July. He won three gold medals in bowling (six); track (100 meters); and track (200 meters); and a bronze medal in billiards.



These people serve on the planning committee for the 18th annual Wheelchair Games at the Wilkes-Barre Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Seated is Louise Cianci of Hazleton, nurse manager. Standing from left are Timothy D. Tyson, recreation therapist; Arlene M. Konath, nurse manager; Louise R. Kustash, public affairs assistant; John R. Wolcott, head kinesiology collector M. Kasicki, nurse manager; and Gail Mangan, voluntary services assistant. Not pictured are John Kravack, Freedland Elks Lodge; and A. Germain-Ludjary, recreation therapy supervisor.

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