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Always to be Remembered...

Sadly, we have lost a current and long term member of Easy Company

Allen C. Tracy

December 6, 2025



GROTON-Allen Carl Tracy died Saturday December 6, 2025 at the age of a 56 at Albany Medical Center after a brief illness. He was born September 8, 1969 the loving son of A. Bruce & Alice B. Tracy of Locke, NY who survived him. He attended Moravia Central School, BOCES, and National Tractor Trailer School of Liverpool. He spent several years in Arizona driving on the West Coast often viewing Mts. Shasta, Hood & Rainier. He also drove over the Hoover Dam several times.

He moved back to NYS and settled in Groton, NY. He spent the remaining years driving milk trucks, presently with AlNye in Moravia, NY. He was an associate member of Lehigh Valley Veterans Assn. and enjoyed friendships with many members. He has had a life-long interest in railroads including model building and all things related that rolled on railroad tracks. Allen often joined his dad riding the rails in RR Speeders, going to RR Shows, sharing books and pictures. Family gatherings at the Locke homestead were cherished events. He was also a member of the NY-Penn Military Vehicle Collectors Club of which he had a great interest, having military vehicles of his own.

He is survived by his devoted companion of 23 years Patricia Voorhees; her daughter Billie Jo Ryerson (Shane Raner) & her children Hunter and Harper. Also Riley and Dean-children of deceased daughter Jessie McGarrigle. Allen had so much pleasure being dad and grandpa to these children. Also survived by brother-Steven M. Lane of FL ; 2 sisters-Shelley Frazier (David) of AZ & Wendy Kimball of Moravia; nieces-Melissa Bushey, Courtney Mantey (Keith) & Kaity DiAngelo (Jake Keifer) & Ashley Hankins; nephews-Matthew Kimball & Sean Hankins; 2 uncles Carl Ball (Cindee) and Clayton Ball (Priscilla) and many cousins.

Wade Funeral Service is assisting the family with arrangements.

No services are planned at this time.

Easy Company & A Company

We Would like to Hear from You

Hudson Mohawk Chapter

There was no chapter meeting held for the month of October 2025, next scheduled meeting is November 9, 2025 at ESAM.

November 9 th chapter meeting held at ESAM at 1pm;
16 members were present with guest speaker Larry Arnold of the Lake George Battlefield Alliance. Larry Arnold did a slide show and presentation of the new Monument that is being built in Lake George for the Revolutionary War Veterans remains. Larry is asking our chapter for assistance with transporting the remains from the Albany Museum to Lake George on May 20, 2026 with a formal ceremony to follow (date to be determined). This event is in the planning stages and additional meetings will be held. Marc asked if there were members interested in assisting with this event and he received volunteers along with positive feedback regarding participation.

Karl Remmers, NYPenn, State President spoke regarding the current newsletter editor stepping down due to family obligations and asked for a volunteer for the newsletter. The newsletter has to be published at least four times a year to meet the requirements of the National Organization. Sherry Preece has volunteered to be the new editor. Karl is also looking for ideas on how to get new members to help keep our organization moving forward.

Bob Muller suggested that our chapter do three wreaths to be placed in the month of December to recognize our Veterans. Bob made a motion for three wreaths not to exceed \$250.00, members would auction off donated items during the holiday party to raise money for this event. The Holiday Party is planned for Dec. 7, 2025 to be held at the home of Marc & Wendy Pollard. Bill Murphy 2nd motion, all members present approved. Volunteers to place the wreaths are: Mike & Christine Persons, Glen & Sherry Preece, and Jeff Ullman.

Election of officers held; the following officers were unanimously approved - Karl Remmers, State President; Rita Messer, State Treasurer; Mark Martin, State Board Secretary; Marc Pollard, H/M 1 st vp; Bob Muller H/M 2nd vp; Stephanie Remmers H/M chapter secretary.

December 17, 2025 several members of H/M chapter met with Larry Arnold at ESAM for the first meeting of planning the transport of remains from Albany to Lake George on May 20th There will be additional meetings held to continue the planning process.

Feb. 22, 2026 meeting, 1:30pm, at the Schoharie Fire House, 114 Fort Rd., Schoharie. This is the first meeting of 2026 so we need to make some plans for events throughout

the year. Also Larry Arnold will give an update on the Lake George event in May and we have a member to speak about war history.

The March 22, 2026 meeting was cancelled due to too many members being out of town. The next scheduled meeting will be April 19, 2026, place & time to be announced.

Annual Holiday Party

The Holiday Party was held on Dec. 7th at the Pollards home, where many members enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Wendy, along with yummy appetizers and desserts brought by the members to share. Everyone had a wonderful time relaxing and visiting amongst the beautiful holiday decorations. Members also held an auction of donated items during the party to raise money to purchase the wreaths for veterans. Thank you so much Marc & Wendy for hosting this event.



Wreath Laying

Hudson-Mohawk Company laid three wreaths in the month of December to recognize our Veterans. The wreaths were placed in cemeteries in three different counties by our members: Mike & Christine Persons, Glen & Sherry Preece, and Jeff Ullman.





Wishing Everyone Health and Happiness

MEMBERSHIP– Let's All Keep It Together—We Need You

As we know over the last couple of years we have lost several members who were great assets to our organization! Our organization is put together by members and volunteers like yourself and the knowledge that our members bring to the organization is a valuable part of what we do. To keep our organization going it's very important to recruit new members, young and old. Let's keep our organization going and continue to pass the wealth of knowledge our members have on to others. This organization is valuable to our Veterans, those currently serving our country and to our communities.

Be sure to check out our: Website: www.ny-pennmvcc.com

Facebook: NY-Penn Military Vehicle Collectors Club

AD NY-PENN MILITARY COLLECTORS CLUB

Our mission is To foster the preservation of historic military vehicles and honor their history and that of the veterans that used them. NY-Penn MVCC was formed in 1986, a non-for-profit, member supported organization. Typical events may include parades, car shows, veteran support activities, memorial events, trail rides, military vehicle shows, picnics, and community events. Events and meetings are family friendly. Anyone is welcome as long as you have a love of history and all things mechanical. Hudson – Mohawk Chapter of NY-Penn A Proud Sponsor of "The Lake George

Battlefield Park Alliance "<https://www.ny-pennmvcc.com>" Your support is welcome — donations are appreciated.

Shortened to:

Hudson – Mohawk Chapter of NY-Penn Proud Supporter of
"The Repose of the Fallen Reinterment Project"

<https://www.ny-pennmvcc.com> submitted by Mark Pollard

Must See Museums

My husband and I traveled through many of the southern states while snow birding this winter and wanted to share the museums that we were impressed with, and highly recommend seeing if you have a chance to go.

The National WWII Museum <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/>

New Orleans - (7 buildings to explore) featuring immersive exhibits, multimedia experiences, and an expansive collection of artifacts and first-person oral histories, of the story of *the war that changed the world*.





The Army Aviation Museum <https://www.armyaviationmuseum.org/>

Fort Novosel, AL (Formerly Fort Rucker) FREE

Also, open to the public once a quarter -The [William A. Howell Training Support Facility \(TSF\) Annex](#), which houses experimental and prototype helicopters. These special open house events often coincide with Army aviation milestones, such as the Army Aviation Branch birthday or special scheduled Saturdays. We didn't get to see this building but Glen really wanted to. We did get to see the Newest Class of Basic Aviators graduate.





The National Museum of the Mighty 8th Airforce

Pooler, GA (Near Savannah) <https://www.mightyeighth.org/>

Last but definitely not the least - Our Absolute Favorite

The Eighth Air Force ("Mighty Eighth"), activated in January 1942, was a pivotal U.S. Army Air Forces unit in WWII, executing daylight strategic bombing against Nazi-occupied Europe. Known for massive raids, they flew >600,000 sorties, dropping >670,000 tons of bombs, but suffered immense losses—26,000 killed and 28,000 POWs.

The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum offers an immersive look into WWII history, featuring a restored B-17 Flying Fortress, extensive exhibits, a "Mission Experience" simulator, and a research center. It focuses on the Eighth Air Force's WWII role with, interactive exhibits, artifacts, and an English memorial chapel. The [Chapel of the Fallen Eagles](#) at the National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force in Pooler, Georgia, is a non-denominational chapel built in 2002 to honor WWII airmen. Designed as a 16th-century English Gothic church, it features unique stained-glass windows depicting military aircraft, 19th-century pews, and a memorial to war brides. The Chapel of the Fallen Angels in the garden





Submitted By Sherry Preece

Suggestions

The weather is getting warmer and now it's time to start thinking of some fun outdoor activities. Do you have an event idea? Do you know of an event being planned? Let's spread the word and get others interested!!! Please let your Chapter 1st or 2nd VP or State President know now so planning can be done and the word can be spread.

Let's have some FUN!

Mark your Calendar

April 19th, 2026

Hudson-Mohawk Meeting 1pm Marc & Wendy Pollard's

May 14-17, 2026

[Findlay Military Show 2026](#) Hancock County
Fairgrounds in Findlay, OH

June 28th, 2026

Annual Banquet (All Companies) Time to be Announced
Mark & Patty Martin to Host at their camp on Greenbush
Rd., Cobleskill, NY

Company & Easy Company please forward the information to your members

They have also invited anyone, weather permitting, to dry camp Friday-Sunday. You will need your own equipment, and take in & take out. Contact Mark Martin details.

July 17-19, 2026

[Berwick WWII Weekend](#): WWII military encampments, home front displays, weaponry demonstrations, battle scenarios and maneuvers, convoys, community groups, veteran tributes, food, Saturday evening swing dance, & more. Berwick, PA

August 13-15, 2026

D-Day Conneaut - ddayohio.us the largest annual World War II living history reenactment in the United States. This free, multi-day event features over 1,200 reenactors recreating the Allied landings on Normandy on a 250-yard beach that mimics Omaha Beach. Conneaut Township Park, Conneaut, OH Tickets Free Online

September 25-26, 2026

Redball Fall Show 9am - 5pm Living History Reenactors & Vehicle Parts & Militaria (Over 350 Vendor Spots). Military Vehicle Displays (Judging Sat-Must be on-site both days). Encampments Admission \$7.00|Children 14 & under are FREE. The West End Fairgrounds, Gilbert, PA

October 2026

(1st or 2nd Weekend)

[Battle for the Airfield WWII Re-enactment](#)

at the [American Heritage Museum](#). This premier living history event features over 300-350 reenactors, authentic tanks (Sherman & Stuart), aircraft, and troop carriers staging battles across 250+ acres of varied terrain. Stow, MA