

James R. Meenan

U.S. Trade and Business Development Advisor



October 28, 2003

Mr. Michael Clement, City Clerk
City Hall, 3rd Floor
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Clement:

I recently had the pleasure of visiting relatives in Providence and took the opportunity to visit the street location that was dedicated to my uncle, Private Joseph Raymond Meenan, under Providence City Council Resolution Number 519, dated September 3, 1948 (copy enclosed).

I regret to advise that the appropriate marker that is normally placed at such dedicated sites could not be located.

I contacted Providence City Hall and was directed to Mr. John Myers, City Archivist, who explained the marker process. Accordingly, I respectfully request your assistance in placing an appropriate marker at the dedicated site so noted in Resolution Number 519.

I was recently presented, for safekeeping, the flag, obituary and a copy of the aforementioned Resolution that were presented to my Grandfather upon the death of his son in Italy during the European Theatre actions of World War II.

As a retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer, who has lost close comrades to recent hostile actions overseas, I look with great respect for those Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Your kind attention to this request for an appropriate marker being place at the site dedicated to Joseph Raymond Meenan would be most appreciated. Please let me what actions you are taking in this matter.

Sincerely,

James R. Meenan
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White House Trade Advisor and
U.S. Foreign Service Officer (Ret.)

Enclosure: a/s

cc: Mr. John Myers, City Archivist

IN CITY COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 519

Approved September 3, 1948

Whereas, Private Joseph Raymond Meenan, a native of Providence and the son of the late Nana Feeley Meenan and Thomas Meenan, a United States Army inductee paid the supreme sacrifice in the European Theatre of Operations, and

WHEREAS, the body of Private Meenan, a graduate of Saint Edwards Parochial School and LaSalle Academy who distinguished himself in C. Y. O. activities and as a member of the Saint Edwards Championship Baseball Team, is now interred in the United States Military Cemetery in Nettum, Italy, and

WHEREAS, to perpetuate his memory, many of his friends requested a proper memorial be designated to this recipient of the Purple Heart, posthumously;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the intersection of Veazie street and Woodward Road be and the same is hereby designated as "Private Joseph Raymond Meenan Memorial Square", as follows:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of Veazie Street and Woodward Road, thence northeasterly and crossing Woodward Road, at right angles, thereto, to the northeasterly line of Woodward Road, thence southeasterly along the northeasterly line of Woodward Road to a point square opposite the southeasterly corner of Veazie Street and Woodward Road, thence southwesterly and crossing Woodward Road, at right angles thereto, to the southeasterly corner of Veazie Street and Woodward Road, thence northwesterly and crossing Veazie street to the southwesterly corner of Veazie Street and Woodward Road and the point and place of beginning; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to change the designation of Woodward Road which is hereby declared to continue in and through said designated area.

A true copy,
Attest:



D. Everett Whelan

D. Everett Whelan,
City Clerk.

JOSEPH RAYMOND MEENAN

Pvt. Meenan, son of the late Nana Freeley Meenan and Thomas Meenan, was born in Providence, R. I. on June 3, 1925.

He received his education at St. Edward's Grammar School and La Salle Academy.

On September 12, 1944, Meenan was inducted into the U. S. Army as an infantryman, receiving his training at Camp Edwards and Camp Wheeler.

Pvt. Meenan died a heroic death in Europe, and was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

He was interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery in Nettum, Italy on October 23, 1945.



City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 8, 2003

TO: Irene Testa, Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: MEMORIAL MARKER –
PRIVATE JOSEPH RAYMOND MEENAN

CONSIDERED BY: Claire E. Bestwick, First Deputy City Clerk

DISPOSITION: Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. 519,
Approved September 3, 1948 regarding the "Private
Joseph Raymond Meenan Memorial Square". The
marker is missing from this location. The attached
letter was received by the City Council on November
20, 2003.

Would you please have the appropriate marker
replaced at this site. The designated area is stated in
the attached Resolution.

Claire E. Bestwick
First Deputy City Clerk

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