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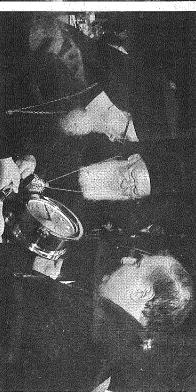
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Istanbul, Turkey: Led by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America and with the participation of the entire Eparchial Synod of our Holy Archdiocese of America, over fifty Archons and other pilgrims traveled to Constantinople in of the election and enthronement of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch er to honor the twentieth anniversary

Upon their arrival in Constantinople, the pilgrims travelled to the historic Baloukli Monastery, where they visited the underground shrine and Holy Spring



The Greek Orthodox Community of Istanbul held a reception in His All-Holiness' honor at Assembly Hall of the Galata Primary School.



Archbishop Demetrios and Archon National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis present a hand crafted American Chelsea clock to His All-Holiness. Photos by D. Panagos & J. Mindala

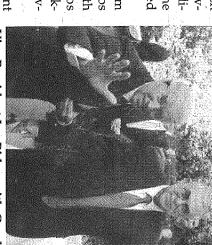
Solidarity Stands

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for the future of the debt-saddled told Greek political leaders his government is "standing with you in solidarity," at the start of a crucial time Athens: U.S. Vice President Joe Biden Biden, who traveled

Turkey, met with President Karolos Papoulias before starting talks with Prime Minister Lucas Papademos and leaders of the main parties backing the country's new coalition gov-

strong and vital part of the European Union," Biden said before beginning talks with Papademos. crisis and that Greece remains works its way through this financial "It is overwhelmingly important ne United States that Greece



Vice President Joe Biden with Greek Prime Minister Lucas Papademos.

The United States has joined a coordinated effort by global central banks to provide relief to banks in the

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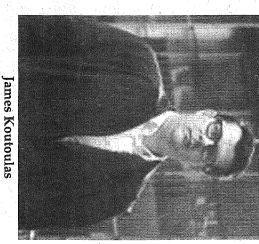
James 0000 Wonder Semonno Scanda

by Leah McGrath Goodman

FORTUNE: James Koutoulas walked into one of the worst bankruptcies in U.S. history with almost zero legal

experience.
"When I got up the first day in bankruptcy court and saw the look on the judge's face, I couldn't blame him," he says. "Bankruptcy court is a rich man's club where everyone is old, so I stood out. Honestly, when I'm shaved, I look like I'm about 12."

of the only former customers of MF Global, the now-defunct futures bro-Yet Koutoulas, 30, may be



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the Pierre Hoter many York City, honoring New York City, honoring New York State Senator and Majority Leader Dean G. Skelos, and presenting the Attorney of the Year Award to Nick Katsoris, Esq., General Counsel of the Red Leader Dean Skelos, Mamie Stathatosty Charles and Pressenting the Attorney of the Year Award The organization also continged the Attorney of the Year Award The organization also continged the Attorney of the Year Award to Nick Katsoris, Transport of the Red Leader Dean Skelos, Mamie Stathatosty of the Year Award The organization also continged the Attorney of the Year Award to Nick Katsoris. Lawyers Association (HLA)
held its Twenty-Third
Annual Dinner Dance Gala
in the Grand Ballroom of
the Pierre Hotel in New New York: The Hellenic

Apple Group, Inc. and Pres- Fulgieri, & Nick Katsoris. ident of the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund. The organization also continued its proud tradition of recognizing deserving law students by awarding

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through the vocal advocacy of current day national and international leaders, such as: Joe Biden, Vice President of the United States; Ileana Rosinternational policy makers and opinion leaders the Oxi Day story. It did so through the words of Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt and consciousness in Washington, D.C. The Washington Oxi Day Foundation's first annual celebration taught hundreds of high-level national and racy - took a major step into public preservation of freedom and democ most consequential, yet forgotten, David vs. Goliath story - Greece's role in the defeat of Adolph Hitler and Washington, DC: Modern history's



Archbishop Demetrios and Chris Matthews

Matthews, leading television personality; Jamel Bettaieb, a celebrated father of the Arab Spring; Aung San Affairs Comm.; Nancy Pelosi, former Speaker of the House and current House Minority Leader; Chris Matthews, leading television person-

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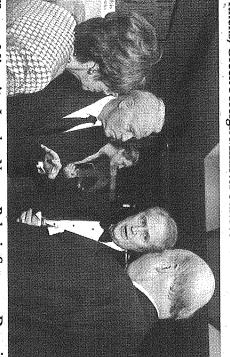
Majority Leader and Republican Presidential nominee; Carl Gershman, President, Suu Kyi of Burma, Nobel Peace Prize-Laureate; Bob National Endowment for Former US Senate

senior representatives of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Hungary, Montene-gro, Spain, South Africa, Kingdom, among others; Senior executives and reporters from CNN, Fox, MSNBC, NBC, Voice of America Asia gress and senior Congressional foreign policy staff;
Numerous former US wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery. They Hotel black tie dinner, dation events including a National WWII Memorial Dozens of Washington policy makers and opinion gro, Spain, South Africa Thailand, and the United tanks and human rights orga-nizations; Ambassadors, Miland Cyprus and other senior State Department and White included: Members of Conican University lecture and Tomb of the Unknowns and other media outlets. itary Attaches and other nizations; Ambassadors, eral of America's top think Deputy Chiefs of Mission at the US Embassies in Greece Ambassadors to Greece, the leaders participated in Spain, officials; Heads of sev Cemetery in Greece Seasons Amer Foun-

Day story as they nominated people for the cash prizes that accompanied the Foundation's Awards. Jewish Hundreds more opin-ion leaders learned the Oxi



Cyprus Ambassador Pavlos Anastasiades, Greek Ambassador Vassilis Alexandris, Archbishop Demetrios, Andrew A Athens, Greek Foreign Minister Stavros Lambrinidis



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Sponsor Dennis Mehiel, Founder Andrew Manatos and John Negroponte

during Chrysostomos Award of the unique courage of Greek Orthodox hierarchs through their nominations community leaders learned the the Metropolitan Holocaust hierarchs

Kaskarelis and Cyprus Ambassador Pavlos Anas-tasiades: History's highest ranking Greek-American offitured Greek Orthodox Archbishop of America, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and Foreign Minister of Greece Stavros Lam-Intelligence and former Deputy Secretary of State, cials also participated in these events, including: the first US Director of National brinidis as well as Greek Ambassador Vassilis Foundation efforts fea-

gium, Tom Korologos; former USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios; former Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Assistant Secretary of State, Barbara Spyridon John Negroponte; former Senator Paul Sarbanes; former US Ambassador to Bel-Bilirakis; Congressman John Sarbanes; and Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Hercules Priebus mittee, Congressman Gus House Veterans Affairs Com-Pope; Vice-Chairman of the

Washington Oxi Day Foundation President and founder Andy Manatos and Executive Director Mike Executive Director Mike Manatos welcomed the involvement in these activities of the control of t ties of the national leaders of: the Order of St. Andrew,



Andy Manatos and Chris Matthews

National Council, and re-Society, Next Generation Initiative, Hellenic-American AHI, SAE, the Pancretan, Pan-Macedonian, Pancyprian, Cyprus, Pan-Epirotic and Leadership American Hellenic Council of Federations of America, PSEKA Pan-Icarian Associations Council, California, National Hellenic cil, among others.

ABOUT OXI DAY Next Generation Ini-100, and Hel-AHEPA

sary when former military general and Prime Minister Ioannis Metaxas said, "No" to an ultisolini to allow Italian forces to occupy strategic locations in Greece or otherwise face commemorates the anniver-Prime Minister Benito Musmatum war back in 1940. Oxi Day on October 28 made bу Italian

an easy victory and expanding his fascist regime. But when an attempt to impress his ally Adolf Hitler, by securing what was thought would be Mussolini's ultimatum Italian Ambassador Emanuele The motivation behind

Though there is no documented proof that Metaxas responded with a simple "NO" or "OXI," the that Greece was destined to enter WWII with Metaxas' Grazzi presented the demands at dawn after a party at the German embassy, it was clear unwavering refusa



edly shouting 'oxi' as they ran through the streets to arm themselves and prepare for war. Less than 2 hours word perfectly encapsulates the longer reply said to be either "You shall not pass" or the French phrase "Alors, war"). Residents were reportedly shouting 'oxi' as they c'est la guerre the French phrase in Albania attacked the border Congresswoman Niki Tsongas & Congressman John Sarbanes Archbishop Demetrios with Congresswoman Niki Tsongas r, Italian troops stationed ("Then it is

by Greeks, causing Mussolini to embarrass himself and call Hitler for help. Greek and British forces continued to fight and decimate German tions and contributing to the Hitler to delay an attack on Russia, thus subjecting his troops to harsh winter condiclude the Greco-Italian War lasting six months. The surrendered in Epirus to controops, which was considered to be the most powerful army in Europe, until Greece ians was fiercely countered of car Initial success by Ital casualties

defeat of Germany.

For many, Oxi Day is more than an anniversary commemorated with parades grandstanding and flag wav who fought for this land with flesh and blood. • Hellenic values, passion and 'filotimo,' and the courageous words and deeds of ancestors of schoolchildren, It is a day to remember

0 reedom Day 上 う o Democracy Honors

Washington, DC: On Veteran's Day, the Washington Oxi Day Foundation spread the word about the incredible sacrifices and brave actions of countless Greek and Greek-American soldiers who fought in WWII and sometimes died defending their countries, the freedom of their fellow citizens and democracy for the world.

These brave WWII veterans were honored throughout the First Annual Washington Oxi Day

ate Majority Leader and nominee for President of the United States, Bob Dole (on behalf of American twWII veterans), Panagiotis Sakellaris (on behalf of Greek WWII veterans), and Andrew A. Athens, (on behalf of Greek-American WWII veterans). Their courage and stalwart defense of freedom and democracy is a testament to their strength of character and is instructive to all free peoples. Those in attendance included: Greek Orthodox Archbishop Memorial, the Foundation presented the first annual Greatest Generation Awards to former Senof America, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios; tress of Ceremonies, Barbara Spyridon Pope; for-mer US Ambassador to Belgium Tom Korologos, who introduced Senator Dole; Vice-Chairman of former Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mis-At a ceremony at the National World War II rial, the



Andrew A. Athens receiving his Oxi Day Greatest Generation Award from Archbishop Demetrios and Andy Manatos.

Attaché Colonel Taxiarcius Sauccius,, duced Panagiotis Sakellaris; defense attaches representing the countries of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Spain, among others; other Greek-American World War II veterans including Jimmy American World War II veterans including Jimmy the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Congressman Gus Bilirakis; Greek Defense and Military Attaché Colonel Taxiarchis Sardellis, who introitri Staikos; former Senator Paul Sarbanes and Con-

created a Hall of Heroes - period portraits of veterans who bravely defended democracy during its gressman John Sarbanes, among others.
As part of these festivities, the Foundation created a Hall of Heroes - period portraits of veter-

Defenders 9



Senator Dole receiving the Oxi Day Greatest Generation Award from Archbishop Demetrios, Tom Korologos and Andy Manatos

darkest hour - exhibited during the Foundation's Black Tie Dinner. A virtual version of this gallery is now online and available for viewing on the foundation. dation's website and on Facebook

Hight for freedom and aeniuciary war II, send a period photo and a brief description of their service to marissa@oxidayfoundation.org.

These photos and descriptions will then be showcased alongside the pictures of those veterans honored during the Foundation's Oxi Day ceremonies If you or someone you know stood up to

The Annual Washington Celebration also (cont. on pg.

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tions including: the Order of St. Andrew, Leaders! ton National Cemetery to remember those who lost their lives in World War II. included a wreath laying cer-emony at the Tomb of the Manatos; former Senator Paul Sarbanes; and the heads of many of the top national dent and Anastasiades, Washington Oxi Day Foundation Presi-Kaskarelis, the Ambassador of Cyprus to the US Pavlos Demetrios, the His Eminence emony at u.e.... Unknown Soldier at Arlingand Federations of America, PSEKA, American Hellenic Council of California, Nationof Greece to the US, Vassilis cyprian, Cyprus, Pan-Epirotic retan, Pan-Macedonian, Pan can Women's Council Generation Initiative, lenic-American Nat al Hellenic AHEPA, AHI, SAE, the Panc Council, and Hellenic Ameri-Pan-Icarian Associations delegation was led by Founder Society, Next Washington Archbishop National Andy Hel

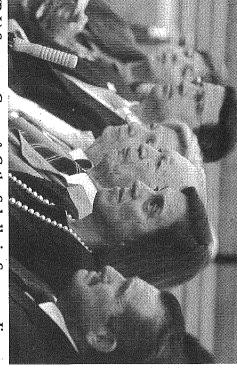
tion to two or reterans organizations. They veterans organizations. They are: TAPS (Tragedy Assistant), "a tragedy World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill." (for more information, fices. We transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans - World War II survivors, of a regardless of the relationship to the deceased or the cir-cumstance of the death;" (for assistance resource for any-one who has suffered the loss The Washington Oxi Day Foundation also conhttp://www.taps.org/); Honor Flight Network, "a more Washington Oxi Day Celebr tion to two of America's top tributed a portion of the pro visit: http://www.honored solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrinon-profit organization creat military information, its First Annual loved one, visit:

HALL OF HEROES

ANDREW A. ATHENS



Following the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor, 20 year-old Andrew A: Athens immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army in January of 1942. Just 42 days after his enlist-



(R-L) Sponsors George & Cathy S & Zoe Moshovitis, Sponsors John akellaris, Sponsors Jimmy & Dathel Georges

Battle of El-Alamein in Egypt with the British Eighth Army. In 1945, he was honored with the Bronze Star and the U.S. Army Commendation Medal for his outstanding military service. He received the highment, he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Belgium. They were married November 12, 1945, 66 years of Belgium, est awards from the countries ago, at the only Greek Orthodox Church in Brussels at DeCoster, tion system in Hungary. Mr. Athens met his wife Louise DeCoster, while stationed in the reconstruction of of Belgium, Hungary and Greece for his leadership in Rising to the rank of rebuilding of the transporta-Europe and at the famous ing to the rank of Captain, fought with Allied Forces cities, including the





After his discharge from the service, he returned to his work in the steel industry. He has received numerous Flying Cross, eight An Medals and five Battle Stars. and A-26 bombers, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, eight Air combat missions in the Euro-pean theater as the lead bom-bardier/navigator in B-26 1942. By the end of 1945, he had attained the rank of Major, had flown forty-four Nicholas J. Bouras enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in EUTHIMIOS N. CHIMICLES awards for his philanthropic

He served with his older brother George N. Chimicles, who was a technical sergeant in the intelligence unit of the Euthimios N. Chimicles was an infantryman in the U.S. Army 4th Division that landed at Utah Beach June 6, 1944 in the invasion of Normandy.



4th Division. He is the father of Nick Chimicles.

DENNIS GEORGES



was chosen at the age of 19 to lead a guerilla movement against the Germans and Italians during WWII in the many close calls, all the while hiding out in the ruins of a ghost village located in the mountains above the village Kalamata and southern Peloponnese areas of Greece.
Dennis ran his guerrilla bands with a cool dexterity John l war, of Arfara. He eventually joined the Royal Greek Air Force and served after the the Greek Resistance Army, Italians and Germans with Korea. and continued to "abuse" th eventually fighting Нe guerrilla dexterity 0

was assigned to Germany, Vietnam and Greece on three occasions, mostly in the capacity of Air Attaché. But before all this began, he had a gence gathering assignments in the span of his career, he assigned to Germany, career flying officer/navigator in F4s and in the field of human intellitenant Colonel where his the U.S. John D. Georges. LT. COL. JOHN HALACHIS Halachis retired was divided between Air Force as a weapons from



Panagiotis Sakellaris receiving the Oxi Day Greatest ation Award from (L-R), His Eminence Arch Demetrios, Greek Embassy Defense Attache Colon archis Sardellis, Andy Manatos umence Archbishop Attache Colonel Taxi

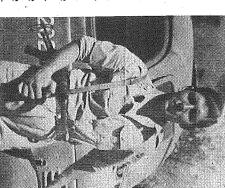


Navy where he was assigned to the Joint Military Advisory Group in Greece at the outset of the Marshall Plan. of the four-year tour in the U.S Navy where he was assigned

JOHN KATSAROS



was pursued and captured by the Gestapo. He later escaped with the assistance of the French Resistance. Kat-saros chronicled his exploits in a book, Code Burgundysuffered severe wounds and Force. In March 1944, Kat-saros' plane was shot down over Frankfurt, Germany. He gunner and photographer B-17 bombers in the 8th. served as an John Katsaros was a U.S. Army Air Force Sergeant and served as an aerial engineer, The Long Escape. ANTONIOS M. KOUNALAKIS



Antonios Markos Kounalakis,

served as a member of the Cretan Resistance Freedom Fighters under the direction of both Cretan and British tance throughout the war, delivering key intelligence throughout Crete and abroad to allies in Egypt. He is proud of his fellow Cretans, generals men and women, who fought hand in hand for their free-dom and for the freedom of along with his three brothers. The first meeting for the forgary Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis and father-in-law of U.S. Ambassador to Hunall mankind. He is the father tance of Greece took place June, 1941 at their home mation of the National Resis Antonios served in the resis-Vrises, Apokoronou, Crete **DIMITRIOS KOUVARIS** Markos trom and 1941 to place



Greek government, keeping only his certificate of service for his contribution to the liba German firing squad when a bullet hit him in the shoul-der and he was left for dead. An excellent swimmer, Kou-varis led British commandos in the operation that was depicted in the movie The Guns of Navarone. A gener-ous man, he donated his offifought many battles against the Axis forces. He survived Kouvaris volunteered in the Greek Army despite being an American citizen. From eration of Europe. He is father-in-law of Phi cial compensation from the During the war, Dimitrios August 1942 American citizen to 1944,

PETER N. KYROS

U.S. Navy 1943 to Jur Peter N. Kyros served U.S. Navy from Dec from December 1954. (cont. on pg. He wa in th 8

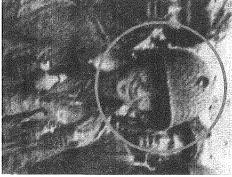
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uate of the U.S. Naval Academy. During his service, he was stationed on a destroyer in the North Atlantic and Mediterrance. Mediterranean. He later served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from the 1st Congrestives. sional District of Maine discharged with the rank of

EDDIE LAMBROS



ture he appears in was taken on June 8, 1944 and was pub-lished in the New York Times. Lambros was killed in Purple Hearts and the Medal of Valor for his service. Lam-He participated in the inva-sion of Normandy. The pic bros was the uncle of Maria was taken. battle the day after the photo Division of the Eddie Lambros was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne He received U.SArmy

GEORGIOS P. LOGOTHETIS



an artillery man between 1938 and 1940, and he was called to serve upon the general mobilization in October 1940. His artillery unit backed the Greek fighters in Georgios P. Lo served in the Greek Logothetis reek Army as

the mountains of Pindos, driving back the Italian Army into the Albanian countryside. He lost his hearing in one ear when a bomb exploded next to him. He was buried until his Greek soldier Logothetis immigrated to the United States in 1966 with his family and became a proud American citizen in 1975. He is the father of Jim Logofriends were able to remove the ground and free him.

CHRISTOPHER MEHIEL



trained as a pilot. When the U.S. entered the war, he transferred to the Army Air Corps and was deployed to the Far East where he flew C-47 aircraft over "The Hump" between China and Burma. Christopher Mehiel, at the age of 19, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force prior to the entry into WWII and was gence, serving in posts all over the world. He retired in 1972 as a Colonel. Hather of Dennis Mehi Discharged after the war, he rejoined the Army and had a long career in military intelli-He is the



Axis invasion of Greece 1940, Sakellaris was called

duty and deployed



involved in action at Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, Saipan, Okinawa, Guam, Tulagi and Manila Bay. Moshovitis was also on the first ship that arrived in Tokyo Bay on V-J Day. Today he is involved in business in Washington, DC He supports many philan-thropic causes for the Greek Metropolitan Washington Orthodox Church, and is the only member of FAITH in the U.S. Navy as a rafrom 1943 to 1946. born and raised in Washing-ton, DC. He served in the restaurant and real estate Moshovitis a radioman He was

John JOHN P. NIONAKIS n P. Nionakis joined the



sent to a hospital to work in its laboratory. Following the German invasion, he contin-

U.S. Army in 1943 and served in the 75th Infantry Division. His tour of duty included the Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe, and he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. In 1946, he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal. He is the of Dimitri Nionakis

GEORGE DIMITRIOS ORFANOUDIS



of chief petty officer. Following the war, George completed 15 years of service in the Greek Merchant Marine.

GEORGE T. PANICHAS to Turkey, and eventually ended up in Egypt which was then part of the British-controlled Middle East. There, George joined the Hellenic Royal Navy which had been placed under the Royal Government in Exile. George served on a destroyer in the Hellenic Royal Navy for the duration of World War II on convoy escort missions throughout the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. He achieved the rank country. George and a few of his friends took a small boat in the cover of darkness secretly left his family and hometown of Flatsia in Chios, Greece to fight for his across the four-mile distan



the French government to soldiers of the Allied Forces for their contribution in the fight to liberate France in World War II. In October 2008, the State of Rhode Island dedicated the Veterans Memorial Cemetery administration building in his honor. Panichas was the first Greek-American elected to state office in Rhode Island.

PANAGIOTIS M. II, George T. Panichas served as a tail gunner in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, completing 50 the commanding general of the 15th Air Force. In 2000, Panichas received the 'Spe-cial Diploma', awarded by pied Europe. He received the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, three Battle Stars for and a personal citation from Citation with oak leaf cluster, atre, the Presidential Unit service in the European missions over enemy occu-Dimitri N. Staikos was a student in the Chemistry
Department at the University
of Athens when he was
called to serve his country.
After a short training, he was

mans took over the facility and dismissed him and the

After he

ued his work at the hospital as a civilian until the Ger-

SAKELLARIS



In 1942 at the age of 16 George Dimitrios Orfanoudis movements to be sure that the rest of the troops could move forward in safety. In this role, he was in constant danger of being discovered by Axis troops and his small the Albanian front, where he played a key role in the successful counter offensive against the invading forces. During the war, Sakellaris, nicknamed "The Last Horseman," served as a highly trained forward observer on horseback. His assignment was to conduct reconnaissance in advance of troop Panagiotis M. Sakellaris joined the Greek military at the age of 21. Following the Axis invasion of Greece in

A decorated U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War

other staff members. After receiving his diploma, he joined the Greek Navy as a Warrant Officer and Warrant LOUIS C. STAMATAKOS



Louis C. Stamatakos was a Staff Sergeant in the 8th Air Force 94th Bomb group during WWII. He served as a tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. On February 28, 1945, he saved the lives of the entire crew (10 men) of his B-17 bomber in a mission flown over Germany. He received multiple awards and citations for his service including the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Presidential Citation Medal Stamatakos passed away on STEPHEN G. YEONAS, SR. with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Sakellaris



Stephen G. Yeonas, Sr. served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. His service started at the age of 18 when he entered as a Private, a Radar Specialist in an anti-aircraft unit, serving in the Philippines, New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands. He was discharged Sergeant. at age

reconnaissance group was often left largely defenseless.

He is the father of George

DIMITRI N. STAIKOS

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