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Clayton Honors their Own

Clayton holds in high esteem those in the present and the past who dedicated their lives and careers to help build Clayton into the quaint, remarkable place it is today. Academia has been awarded places of honor in such persons as Nancy Elizabeth "Nana" Haupt as in Haupt Athletic Field (East Academy Street), the Herma S. Simmons Elementary School (see page 06) and the Pop Kramer Auditorium at the Clayton High School Complex. Long standing business families who helped grow this small emerging community into its current status have streets name for them, such as Moore Blvd. and Clevenger Street. Individuals through their public service and who have given freely of their time have community centers and recreational areas named for themselves, such as Ed Bell, Taylor Bell, and Robert Sandelier.

Many have been honored, but this month of November recalls all those who have served our great country. Currently, Clayton has honored eight of our hometown heroes, naming streets in honor of WWII veterans Air Force 2nd Lt. Harry C. Alexander Jr. (Alexander Place), Army John W. Brown (Brown Lane), Navy F.3c Harold K. Costill (Costill Avenue), and Air Force Test Pilot Earl Stanley Dennis (Dennis Lane); Vietnam veterans Air Force Captain John Cerak (Cerak Lane), Army Gary M. Coyle (Coyle Rd.), and Airman 1/c Claude W. Matthews (Matthews Lane). Marine Vietnam veteran James D. Hagelstein has been doubly honored by having two streets named for him, James Place and Hagelstein Drive.

Recently, Mayor Tom Bianco and Borough Council have assigned the following street names in *Camp Salute*:

HOMER Street in honor of Homer L. Ewan, WWI
LLOYD Court in honor of Brancson Lloyd, WWI
MELVIN Street in honor of Melvin P. Owens, WWII

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PHOTO ABOVE: Private Homer L. Ewan, November 7, 1895 - November 6, 1918. Buried at Cedar Green Cemetery, Clayton, N. J. Photo from CHP archives.

In Memoriam **Homer L. Ewan**
Private, Company B, 61st U. S. Infantry, Fifth Division

PATRIOT, SOLDIER and TRUE AMERICAN

who gave his LIFE for his COUNTRY.

Called to the colors September 23rd, 1917.

Arrived in France April 28th, 1918.

Killed in action November 6th, 1918,
during the Meuse-Argonne offensive

A faithful and diligent worker, loyal friend, good citizen,
his life and his death won for him the lasting respect and
regard of his Employers and Associates in

Silver-Chamberlin Company

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