

Harrisburg City Council Minutes
February 11, 2025

Mayor:	Robert Duncan, Presiding
Council President:	Mike Caughey, Present
Councilors Present:	Kimberly Downey, Charlotte Thomas, Cindy Knox, Dana Henry and Youth Advisor Nolan Malpass
Councilors Absent:	Randy Klemm (Excused)
Staff Present:	City Administrator Michele Eldridge, Public Works Director Chuck Scholz, City Recorder/Municipal Court Administrator Lori Ross, and City Attorney Sean Kidd
Meeting Location:	Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Robert Duncan

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL by Mayor, Robert Duncan at the hour of 6:33pm

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE: All in attendance were there for items on the agenda.

THE MATTER OF THE CITY RECORDER ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR MIKE CAUGHEY FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2028: City Recorder Lori Ross administered the Oath of Office to Council President Mike Caughey.

THE MATTER OF AMENDING OUR ABANDONED VEHICLE CODE BY APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 1006, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HARRISBURG MUNICIPAL CODE 10.15": Eldridge pointed out the only change to the Ordinance, as shown on page 8 of the agenda, is the addition of section (4). The change will make it easier for Deputies to use procedures according to state statutes for removing an abandoned vehicle.

- Downey **motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1006, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HARRISBURG MUNICIPAL CODE 10.15” and was seconded by Thomas. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.** (Yes: Downey, Thomas, Caughey, Knox and Henry. Youth Advisor Malpass also voted in favor. No: None.)

THE MATTER OF A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH BREAL-SOUS-MONTFORT IN FRANCE: Eldridge stated the request for a Sister City relationship came from Marilyn Montgomery Smith, who grew up in Harrisburg. Eldridge reviewed the timeline of events noting the 80th anniversary of Lt. Russell Quinns death in Breal-sous-Montfort was last year. She added we would be establishing a Sister City to honor the people involved including France who is honoring us in return and noted the City Council would need to decide if they would like to bring something formal back to a future meeting.

- Eldridge introduced Smith who in return introduced Russ Hayworth, the nephew of Lt. Quinn. Smith added that she can't think of any better reason to establish a Sister City relationship, than this. She stated Breal wants to know us as we should get to know them and their beautiful town of 6,000 exceptional people located in farm country.
- Hayworth thanked Council for the opportunity to be here. He added as a young kid, he had always wanted to know what had happened and didn't understand the pain the family was going through. At that time, there wasn't much information available, except for what the government shared. Hayworth recalled the moment his mom, Patricia Quinn Hayworth, sister of Lt. Quinn, received the call adding that it gave her a place to finally be able to go to and share. Hayworth added Jean Paul Favrais not only helped his uncle but also the families of 2,000 other American Pilots.
- Hayworth spoke of the 1995 trip to Breal where the town held a ceremony which included media, Paris Dignitaries, and the entire town, including children holding American and French Flags. He added he wants this effort to not just be about his family but the entire community including those who have served or have lost someone.
- Hayworth informed Council that he would like to share a documentary; The Fallen Heroes of WWII that remembers his family and other families Favrais had reached out to. Hayworth commented on the importance of looking at this from abroad and how he feels it should be taught in our schools.
- Smith presented Council with several articles written about the Quinn family
(Addendum 1)
- Paul Smith, the husband of Marilyn Montgomery Smith, referred to the monument **(Addendum 2)** on display in Breal paying tribute to Lt. Quinn, written in both English and French and added it would an honor for Favrais to see this happen.
- Henry was inspired by how Breal has kept the memory of this event alive and likes the idea of honoring the Quinn brothers and all who have served.
- Thomas loves the idea and would like the opportunity to view the video. She thinks the City could donate something to the Museum and honor the Quinn brothers and other veterans.
- Caughey is also in favor and likes the way France has shared the importance of this event.
- Downey was amazed that the City was unaware of this event until now and would like the opportunity to honor them in person if they ever visited Harrisburg.
- Knox is also amazed how Breal has honored our residents and in respect, feels we owe it to them to become their Sister City and would be proud to be part of it.
- Nolan agrees with City Council.

- Henry **motioned to have the City Administrator proceed with the next steps to establish a Sister City Relationship with Breal-sous-Montfort and was seconded by Downey. The motioned passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.** (Yes: Henry, Downey, Caughey, Thomas and Knox. Youth Advisor Malpass also voted in favor. No: None.)

The City Council Meeting recessed at the hour of 7:22pm.

The City Council Meeting resumed at the hour of 7:36pm.

THE MATTER OF REVIEWING THE 2ND DRAFT OF THE 2025-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN AND ESTABLISHING PRIORITIZATION OF GOALS: Eldridge noted this is the 2nd draft being reviewed and that pictures will be updated in the next version. She reminded Council there is no number limitation on Council Priorities. She asked Council to review the Council Priorities for this next fiscal year for any changes.

- Henry agrees with the Water Treatment Plant as a top priority. She also thinks multiple sewer lines are important to prevent a catastrophe. Henry likes Objective (6) and likes Objective (7); the improvements to the west side of N 9th St.
- Thomas likes Objective (3) but realizes we have done all we can.
- Mayor Duncan and Downey are in favor of all priorities.
- Knox had no recommendations as her questions were answered previously.
- Caughey questioned whether RAIN should be listed in the action on page 52 of the agenda. Eldridge stated she left that mention of RAIN intact as they are still providing the City with information.
- No other comments or suggestions.
- *Consent from Council was to carry over the priorities to the next fiscal year.*

THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CONSENT LIST: No comments or concerns.

- Thomas **motioned to approve the consent list and was seconded by Caughey. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.** (Yes: Thomas, Caughey, Downey, Knox and Henry. Youth Advisor Malpass also voted in favor. No: None.)
A motion to approve the consent list will approve the following:
 - **Minutes from the December 10, 2024 and the January 14, 2025 City Council Meetings**
 - **The Payment Approval Report for January 2025**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR VERBAL REPORT:

- The April 25, 2025 City Council Work Session has been cancelled.
- The Safe Route to School Grant (SRTS) was once again not awarded to the City of Harrisburg. Eldridge noted it's a very competitive grant and with the route being further away from the Elementary School, it's not as high of a priority compared to other cities.
- The developer for Castleberry Crossings is now required to submit a 401 Water Quality Certification from the DEQ at the cost of an additional \$12,000 for things the City is already requiring them to do. She noted that this cost will be passed onto potential buyers.

OTHERS:

- Eldridge congratulated Ross for obtaining her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Certification.

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- Eldridge informed Council that Isovolta will be adding a 32,000 sq ft addition to the complex which includes a 65-foot tower.
- Ross reminded Council that the Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) filing period begins March 15th and ends April 15th.
- Ross also reminded Council the Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for May 12th and we currently have one open position.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm to begin the Executive Session. Youth Advisor Malpass left the meeting.

THE MATTER OF HOLDING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(H) TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL CONCERNING THE LEGAL RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF A PUBLIC BODY WITH REGARD TO CURRENT LITIGATION OR LITIGATION LIKELY TO BE FILED

No recommendations on the matters discussed in the Executive Session.

With no further business, the City Council Executive Session adjourned at the hour 8:53pm and did not return to the City Council Meeting.

Mayor

City Recorder

Addendum 1

Keeping a memory alive

Small town in France plans to name a street for Harrisburg pilot

BY MARILYN MONTGOMERY
Albany Democrat-Herald

HARRISBURG — A small town in France is planning a special remembrance this spring for an Army pilot from Harrisburg who died near there in 1944.

The town council of Breal-sous-Montfort, Brittany, about 370 miles southwest of Paris, will hold a ceremony on Sunday, May 21, to honor the memory of Lt. Russell G. Quinn, according to Jean Paul Favrais, a council member.

Favrais wrote to the city of Harrisburg in January, asking for information about Quinn and any family he might have. In reply to a letter from the Democrat-Herald, he said he had spent the last three years researching the plane crash and Quinn.

"I was nine in 1944 and I had always wished to keep this pilot-officer's memory alive," he wrote.

Quinn was the oldest son of Roy and Irene Quinn, who moved to Harrisburg from Canby in 1939. He was attending the University of Oregon when he enlisted in the Army. His brother Gale, two years younger, signed up about the same time.

The brothers died six days apart. On June 13, 1944, Russell Quinn's P-38 Lightning picked up flak from ground fire and crashed in Brittany. Gale Quinn, training in an A-20 fighter, was killed when his plane went down in a remote wooded area near Paso Robles, Calif. on June 19.

Russell, the serious one, the dark-eyed boy who played the violin, was 24. Gale, who played clarinet in his own dance band, a cut-up who was seldom seen without a grin, was 22.

Neither ever learned that the other was gone. Pat Quinn, now Pat Hayworth, was 14 when her brothers died. She and her husband John have lived in Harrisburg since, and raised their three children there.

"We didn't hear about Russell until weeks after Gale went down," she said. "We were debating how we were going to tell Russell. I'd ride my bike every day up to the telegraph office. I came back one day with the telegraph about Russell."

The family was close. The boys bought Pat her first bicycle, her first radio, her first tennis racket. She and her parents went to Arizona and California to their graduations from flight school. Their deaths were a blow that still hurts.

"I don't know how my parents survived it, really," Pat said.

Russell Quinn had been stationed at King Cliffe air base in southern England for about 10 months. His sister still has dozens of photos and letters he



Pat Quinn Hayworth: 'We didn't hear for weeks.'

sent home.

"I had his log book for awhile and it showed the missions he flew," she said. "It was one after another after another, day after day after day."

Quinn flew as a bomber escort. According to Favrais, who researched the crash through USAF records, Quinn was returning to England from a mission to bomb a railway bridge across the Loire River. His plane was hit by flak while passing an airport, caught fire and drifted down, little by little. It eventually struck trees, crashed to the ground and exploded.

Quinn was buried in the cemetery at Breal, then was moved to the U. S. Military Cemetery at Saint James near Fougères, France. He was later brought home to be buried beside his brother in Eugene.

A woman in Breal sent the Quinns photographs of the crash site and a wooden box containing pieces of the P-38, which Quinn had called the "Webfoot Spook" for the U of O. The Frenchwoman's son, an artist, wrote in French to Pat for several years. She has since lost contact with him and remembers only his first name, Yves.

The pieces of the plane Pat recently buried, she said. Her brother's namesake, her youngest son, Russell Hayworth, has the flight log.

Pat and John Hayworth are making plans to be in Breal for the commemoration in May. The city is naming a street for Quinn and will erect a monument on the crash site with plaques in French and English. The mayors of 10 other towns, representatives of other divisions of government, delegates of French military organizations and of the U.S. Air Force are expected. An exhibition in the town hall will feature documents, photographs, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia.

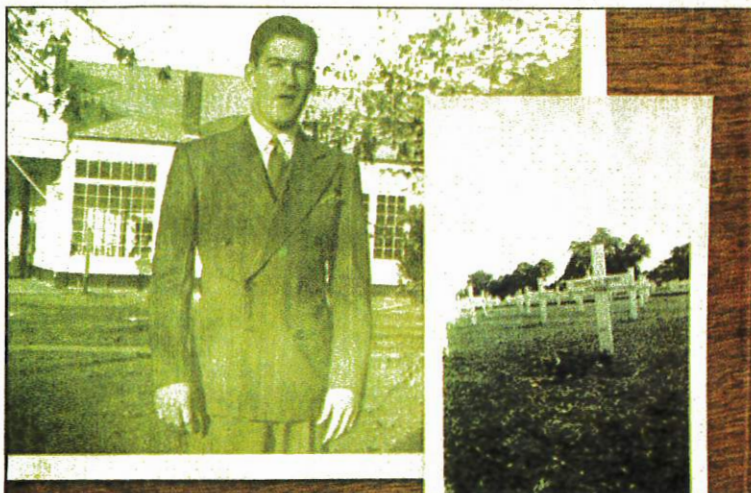
The Hayworths also plan to visit this year, for the first time, the spot in California where Gale's plane crashed.

Pat said she is intrigued by Favrais' interest in her older brother, after all this time.

"There are not a lot of people around now who realize what it was like to have family in the war and fighting, and to lose brothers like I did," Pat said.



Photos of Russell Quinn with his P-38 and V-mail preserve his memory back home.



Russell Quinn in Harrisburg in the early 1940s; at right is his grave in Brittany.



In California: Gale Quinn, left, Russell in the driver's seat, and sister Pat.

Addendum 1

Remembering Russell Quinn

A granite memorial to a World War II pilot from Harrisburg exists in Brittany because of the untiring efforts of a Frenchman who never forgot about the plane crash near his home in 1944

BY MARILYN MONTGOMERY
Albany Democrat-Herald

Russell Quinn could have been forgotten. He very nearly was. Shot down in 1944 over rural France on a bomber escort mission a week after D-Day, his body lay in a village cemetery under someone else's name for as much as a year before military authorities realized who he really was.

Jean-Paul Favrais was 9 years old when Quinn's plane came down in his village, Breal-sous-Montfort, Brittany, in north-west France.

His father was being held prisoner by the Germans. His mother, like other mothers in Breal, took her son to the crash site, where he saw the body under a sheet, some distance from the plane.

Favrais never forgot the dead pilot, and in 1995, he made sure his village would never forget.

Favrais, 63, retired in 1992 from a career as personnel director at Citroen. With time unavailable to a working man, he began his quest. He neither spoke nor wrote English, but began writing to U.S. military officials with the aid of a bilingual friend and his own dictionary.

The confusion that followed Quinn's crash in 1944 had stayed in the official paperwork. It took nearly three years for Favrais to learn Quinn's true name and where he had lived before the war.

At his home in Breal, Favrais has collected all the letters he wrote and received in those years in chronological order in three yellow plastic notebooks which he calls "le recherche" (the research.) It's a torturous, frustrating set of documents to read but this comes through: an American in the area after the crash identified the pilot as "Quinn," and he was buried as John Quinn, another Air Corps officer. He was eventually identified correctly, but authorities said he was from Harrisburg, Penn.

In late 1994, Favrais learned that Quinn was from Harrisburg, Ore., and wrote to the mayor to find out about any surviving family members. With his younger brother Robert, Favrais had formed the Association for the Commemoration of Lt. Russell G. Quinn and planned a permanent memorial to the 24-year-old pilot, to be unveiled at special ceremonies that spring.

I grew up in Harrisburg and coincidentally cover city government and the schools there for the Democrat-Herald. In early January 1995, during a routine call to City Recorder Grayce Coffey, she told me about Favrais' letter. I asked for a fax copy and wrote back to Favrais immediately.

Russell Quinn's surviving sister, Pat Hayworth, is the mother of one of my dearest friends from home, Robert Hayworth, who died in October 1990. I've known the Hayworths all my life and wanted to help connect them with this apparently well-meaning man.

Favrais told me last month, at his home in Breal, that the letter I wrote on Jan. 18, 1995, did just that.

Memorial ceremony in 1995

Pat, her husband John, and their children Mary McDoie and Russell, named for his uncle, went to Breal in May 1995 for the memorial ceremony. Surrounded by hundreds of townspeople and French and American veterans and military officials, they revealed the black granite monument near the crash site, and the signs that designate one of Breal's streets as Rue Lt. Russell G. Quinn.



Jean-Paul Favrais



STANFORD SMITH/Democrat-Herald

Jean-Paul and Henriette and Robert and Annette Favrais became part of the Hayworths' extended family.

Last June, Jean-Paul and Henriette came to Oregon for 10 days with the Hayworths. The city of Harrisburg and its American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts held ceremonies at the Hayworth farm as a formal thank-you.

The key to the city of Harrisburg, mounted on a myrtlewood plaque, hangs on the wall beside two American flags in the entry to Favrais' home. Photos of Quinn in his P-38 Lightning, and with his brother and sister and parents are in frames throughout the house. Seed from Hayworths' farm grows around the monument.

My husband, photographer Stanford Smith, and I had planned to cover the memorial ceremony in 1995 for the Democrat-Herald, combining the event with a bicycling vacation in Normandy. Je parle un peu de français and Pat was counting on me to serve as a (probably pitiful) interpreter for them. They left for France two days ahead of us.

Fifteen hours before we were to leave for the airport, I was riding my bike to my aerobics class when I was hit from behind by a car. I spent the next two days in Albany General Hospital. The Quinn memorial ceremony happened without us. We wrote about it later.

We met Jean-Paul and Henriette at the Hayworths' last June, 53 years and a day after Russell's plane crashed. We met them again a few weeks ago at the end of a bicycling vacation in Normandy. They drove 150 miles each way to bring us to Breal. With them, we spent four days we won't ever forget.

Someone will always remember

The black granite memorial, shaped like a wing, was bigger than we expected. It's just steps away from a broad green lawn where Quinn's body was found. Favrais brought a huge bouquet of flowers the day he took us there. It was raining when he placed it in the heather at the monument's base.

When we left for vacation, American news organizations were covering DNA testing on remains in the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery and Viet Nam-era remains in Hawaii that could have been the father of David Amesbury of Albany.

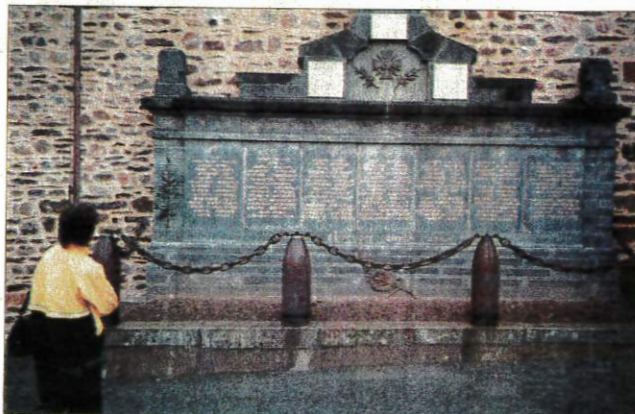
Favrais took us to the Brittany American Cemetery at St. James, Normandy, where Quinn was buried briefly. Among the more than 4,000 graves there are 79 unknowns.



Jean-Paul Favrais places flowers at granite memorial to Army Air Corps Lt. Russell Quinn of Harrisburg. Quinn's P-38 crashed nearby June 13, 1944.

Photos of Quinn and his plane are included in Favrais' research notebooks at his home.

Near Breal's city hall, another monument, below, remembers local men who died in World War I.



Cemetery superintendent Jacques R. Adelee, who worked on the Quinn case while stationed in the U.S., told us he had mixed feelings about modern efforts to identify unknowns. The remains could be moved to family plots, surely, but when those families are gone, who will mourn them, he asked. Leaving them, even unidentified, in mili-

tary cemeteries assures that someone always remembers, he said.

Russell Quinn died 54 years ago this month. A few of his family are still here to mourn him. A Frenchman and his village have made sure that hundreds of others will continue to remember him as well.

AN AMERICAN HERO



In California, Gale Quinn, left, Russell Quinn, center, and Patricia Quinn, right, in a photo from the Albany Democrat-Herald archives.

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Gale Quinn, left, Russell Quinn, center, and Patricia Quinn in a photo from the Albany Democrat-Herald archives.

Harrisburg pilot who was killed in World War II is honored in France

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The namesake nephew of a World War II pilot who was killed in action recently visited France for a ceremony honoring his uncle.

Hailing from Harrisburg, Lt. Russell Gerald Quinn served in the Army Air Corps. A week after Allied forces landed in Normandy, Quinn's P-38 Lightning bomber escort was shot down by ground fire. He was 24 years old.

A 9-year-old French boy who lived in a village in the Brittany region where Quinn's plane went down, Jean-Paul Favrais was determined to learn who the pilot

was and memorialize his death, eventually leading to a monument and street named for Quinn in 1995.

Eight decades after Quinn was killed, his nephew Russell Hayworth traveled to Brittany for a ceremony held June 15 in Bréal-sous-Montfort honoring the fallen pilot. He first visited in 1995 when his family went overseas to see his uncle honored as the monument and renamed street were unveiled.

"He mostly flew bombing missions, taking out railroad bridges and slowing the advance of German ground troops," Hayworth said of his uncle.

Quinn, flying with the 77th

Fighter Squadron/20th Fighter Group, was returning to England from a railway bombing mission across the Loire River when his P-38 was hit by flak while passing an airport, according to military records. The plane caught fire and drifted downward until it hit trees, crashed and exploded.

Hayworth said despite Germans securing the crash site, Favrais got close enough to see Quinn's body after it was pulled from the wreckage — a scene that was etched in his mind forever, Hayworth said. Several locals picked flowers to place at

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Pilot

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the crash site, where Quinn's body rested under a white sheet.

"He never forgot about it," Hayworth said. "At an older age, he decided it was his mission to find out who that pilot was."

Without the modern convenience of the internet, the search for information was painstaking. Favrais pieced together Quinn's story from scratch, tracing him back to his hometown of Harrisburg. In late 1994, Favrais sent a letter to the mayor of Harrisburg asking about surviving members of Quinn's family.

"There was only one family ever there by the last name of Quinn, and that was my grandparents," Hayworth said. "They immediately knew that mom was the only person who was still alive from that family."

Hayworth's mother, Patricia, was amazed and shocked, he said. She couldn't believe it. She began corresponding with Favrais, who insisted Quinn should be recognized officially for his selfless sacrifice.

Favrais, then deputy mayor of Bréal, pushed for a monument near the crash site — black granite in the shape of an airplane wing, with an inscription etched in English and French, placed on a corner of a street that was renamed as Rue Lt. Russell G. Quinn.

Notably, the English sits above the French on the stone, which is not typically the case. It reads:

"In memory of Lt. Russell G. Quinn, 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, killed in action for freedom at the controls of his P-38 in Bréal on June 13, 1944."

Almost three decades after that



PHOTO COURTESY STANFORD SMITH

Jean-Paul Favrais made it his mission to find the family of Lt. Russell Quinn, who died when his aircraft crashed in Favrais' hometown of Bréal-sous-Montfort, France.

first visit to France, Hayworth returned along with Stan and Marilyn Smith, family friends and former Albany Democrat-Herald staff members. Stan Smith was head photographer for the newspaper and Marilyn Smith was a reporter.

Marilyn Smith, who grew up in Harrisburg and covered the city for the newspaper, heard about Favrais' letter during a routine call to the city recorder, obtained a copy and immediately wrote back, thanks to knowing a little French.

She knew exactly who Favrais was looking for, having known the Hayworth family all her life.

The Smiths had planned to cover the 1995 ceremony for the newspaper and get some bicycling time in Brittany, but Marilyn was hit by a car the day before they were set to leave and they missed



PHOTO COURTESY STANFORD SMITH

Lt. Russell Quinn is honored during a ceremony in Bréal-sous-Montfort, France.

the trip, although they still got a story out about the Hayworth's trip.

"It was quite the history lesson," Hayworth said of the 1995 trip. "We hit all the high points: the military cemeteries, Omaha Beach and the coastal area, it just gave me chills."

For Patricia Hayworth, the trip served as some form of closure, Russell Hayworth said. The family learned far more about Quinn's death than they had ever known. And they gained a new wing of their family with Favrais and his family.

"I think for me, it was learning how to grieve for someone I never knew," he said.

The Smiths made their trip a few years later, meeting Favrais and spending three days in Bréal with Favrais. From the time they landed, they could see the French's gratitude to Americans

and the Allied Forces that liberated the war-torn nation from the Nazis. They too grew close with the Favrais family.

"It was 54 years after D-Day at that time, and it's still that way," Marilyn Smith said. "We haven't had an occupying army in our part of the world, and they haven't forgotten that. It's still very fresh for them."

The 2024 ceremony was very much like the one held in 1995. Hayworth described it as moving and emotional, attended by military officials, dignitaries and flag-waving locals, some of whom were children at the original ceremony, and had now brought their own children to honor Quinn.

Favrais' son-in-law, Division General Thierry Thomas spoke at the 2024 ceremony, calling Quinn an American hero. He also highlighted the cost of war for all those involved, from Allied personnel to

French resistance fighters to ordinary citizens who risked their lives against the invading Germans.

"Faithful to our duty to remember, we owe respect and admiration to these women and men who marked a painful but heroic page in the history of France and the world," Thomas said.

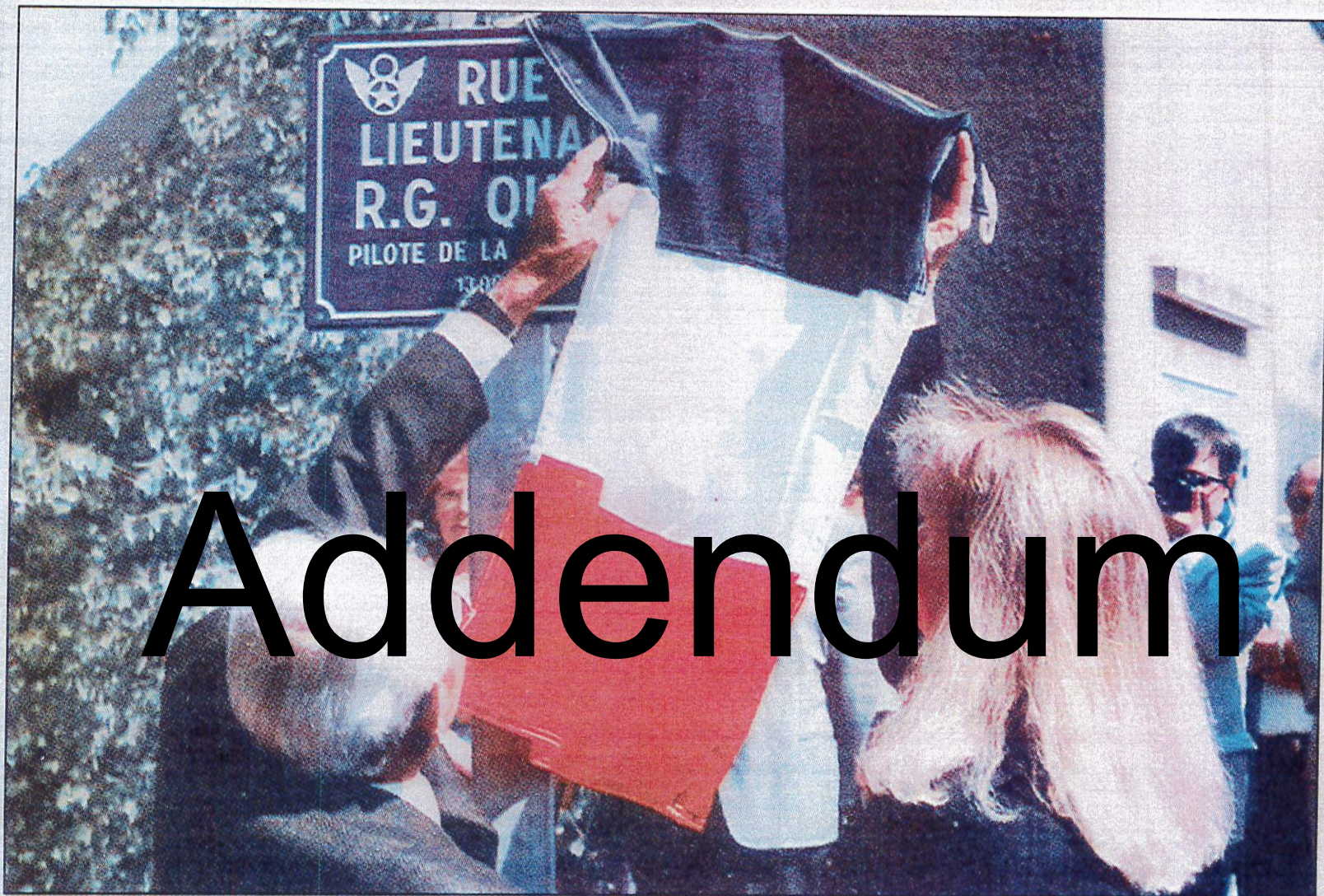
The incredible sense of patriotism, honor and respect was clear to Hayworth, not just from the older people who remember the war or who lost someone in it, but also the young people who have gotten the message from previous generations: "Don't ever forget. Realize what we have and imagine what they went through."

Six days after Quinn crashed, his younger brother Lt. Gale Quinn, 22, died in a military training flight while flying in an A-20 Havoc in southern California. Neither ever knew the other one was gone.

Military records indicate Lt. Russell Gerald Quinn was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three stars, World War II Victory Medal and the Purple Heart.

Honoring Quinn was just the beginning for Favrais, who has since documented more than 2,600 military fliers and crew members whose aircraft went down over France during WWII. He's made contact as much as possible with survivors and family members in the U.S. and Canada. For him, the work continues.

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Jean-Paul Favrais

French official A. Briere and Mary McDole remove the Tricolor from street sign during the ceremony in May.

Village honors soldier's sacrifice

BY MARILYN MONTGOMERY
Albany Democrat-Herald

HARRISBURG — Blades of grass from seed grown in Harrisburg are probably sprouting in Brittany now, softening the raw earth at the base of a polished granite monument that is engraved in gold and shaped like a wing.

The lettering on its face is in French and English: "In memory of Lieutenant Russell G. Quinn, 77th F.S., 20th F.G., killed in action for freedom at the controls of his P. 38 in Breal on June 13, 1944."

A new sign a few feet away bears the name of the street that runs past the monument: Rue Lt. R.G. Quinn. It shows the winged symbol of the 8th Army in one corner.

The sign and the granite wing are the culmination of one man's three-year search for information about a 24-year-old pilot who died when his plane crashed in the Breton village of Breal-sous-Montfort 51 years ago.

The story of retired automotive executive Jean-Paul Favrais' quest to find Quinn's remaining relatives in Harrisburg was featured on the Democrat-Herald People page in February.

Pat Quinn Hayworth was 14 when her brother Russell was killed. Their brother, Gale, 22, died six days after Russell on a training flight in southern California.

Hayworth decided in February to accept Favrais' invitation to attend a ceremony honoring her oldest brother. She and her husband John, who have a century farm in Harrisburg, their daughter Mary McDole of Cottage Grove, and son Russell of Arizona left Oregon on May 16. They spent a week with Favrais and his family.

"We just really fell in love



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Pat Hayworth holds souvenirs from Brittany.

with these people," Hayworth said. "We felt so close to them."

Favrais and his wife Henriette, along with his brother Robert and his brother's wife, Annette, met the family at Orly Airport in Paris. They visited the American military cemetery at St. James near Fougères where

Quinn was buried for a time, and the bunkers, beaches and military cemetery in Normandy.

They drove to the bridge, now rebuilt, that Quinn's bombers knocked out on his last mission. The ground is still pocked with deep craters.

"You can still see them," Hay-

worth said this week. "I saw these homes nearby that look like they've been there for hundreds of years and wondered what they went through in all the bombing." She has two small pieces of the old bridge on her fireplace mantel now.

A crowd of about 300 villagers, U.S. and French military dignitaries and two busloads of French veterans turned out for ceremonies honoring Russell Quinn on Sunday, May 21.

Hayworth and her son removed an American flag from the granite wing as a band played "The Star-spangled Banner." The crowd stood silent for one minute, then her daughter and a French official removed the French flag, the Tricolor, from the street sign. The band struck up "La Marseillaise" as a small plane flew overhead.

The ceremony, the cemeteries and the bomb craters were more stirring than Hayworth had expected, she said.

"My feelings when we were there was we were there for everybody, not just Russell," she said. "I felt so humble. So many lost their lives."

The Hayworths took a letter from Harrisburg Mayor Walt Dickson to the city council at Breal (of which Favrais is a member) and visited the home of Breal's mayor, who raises pigs. They delivered an American flag and a plaque from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ryegrass Post, and a myrtlewood plaque from the Harrisburg City Council.

When the Hayworths returned, they sent a bag of grass seed to Favrais to plant around the wing.

Of all the bottles of wine, medals, and other mementoes their hosts pressed upon them, something else will last longest, Hayworth said. "Their love and their friendship — that's what I treasure most."

Appendix 2

