

Star 53 Henry J. Frank

On Veteran's Day, Saturday, November 11, 2017, a star was added to honor longtime Princeton resident and World War II veteran Henry J. Frank, who died last November. Henry Frank's daughters Ellyn McMullin and Carolyn Frank incised the star. "He was part of the D-Day invasion," his daughter Carolyn remembered. "He was on a ship that had a batch of trucks and half-tracks, and they were supposed to land on Normandy Beach. But the captain of the ship didn't want to get close enough, so they watched the invasion," from the deck, she said. After eventually landing on French shores, Frank, who was fluent in both French and German, helped to resettle local towns. Once the war in Europe ended, Frank was sent to run a U.S. Army officer's club in Grenoble, France. "My mother appreciated it, because he learned how to dance," his daughter said.

Frank's star was added on Veteran's Day thanks to his many years of service to the American Legion, both as Post Commander and Adjutant. "He never missed going to a meeting or doing the right thing," Commander Bob Cox said. "Henry knew the procedure without looking in the book. He was quite a guy," Cox added. "We miss him." Current Post 76 Adjutant Michael McMahon added, "Henry Frank served the American Legion for many years as the *Service Officer* and *Adjutant*. His knowledge of the American Legion protocols was second to none, and he was a valuable resource to all our members. He was also well known and respected throughout the Mercer County American Legion community."