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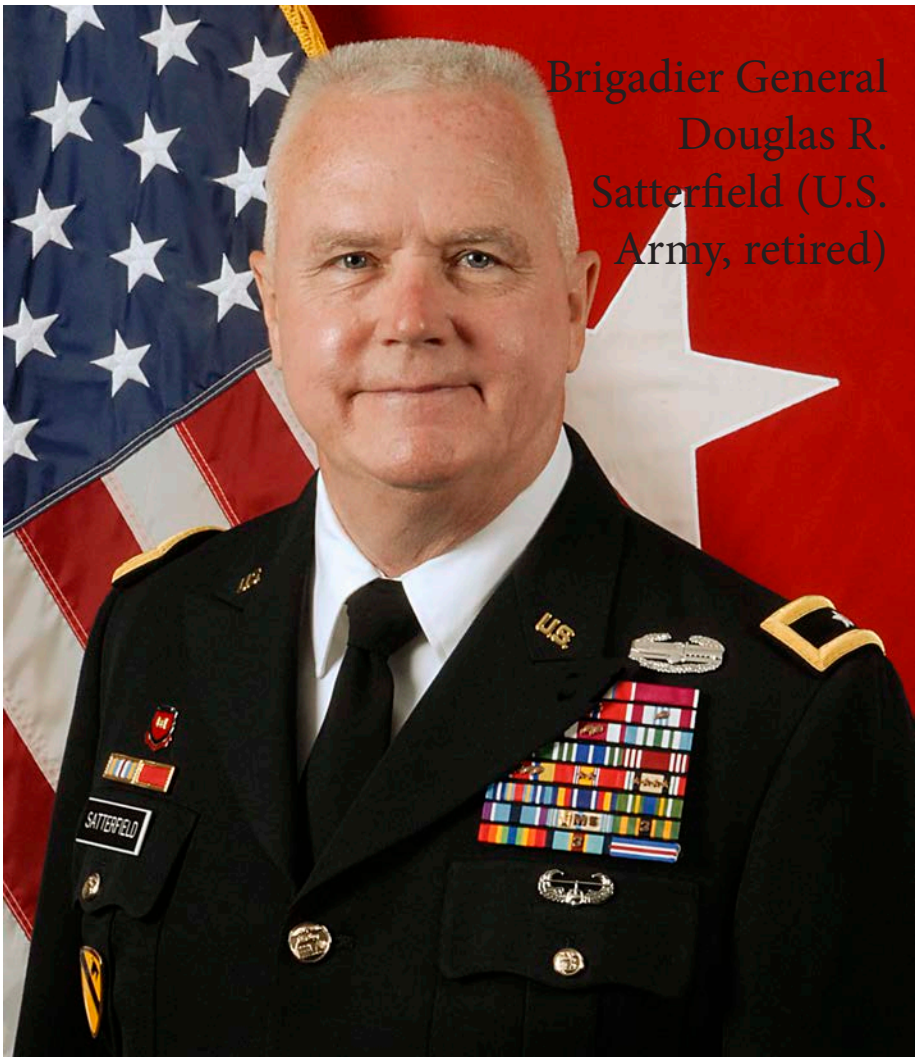
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Are We a Flabby, Pacifist, Cynical, Leftist Lot? by Brigadier General Douglas R. Satterfield (U.S. Army, retired)

A Gallup poll in October 1940 found American youth “a flabby, pacifist, yellow, cynical, discouraged, and leftist lot.” On the precipice of war, America was wholly unprepared militarily or socially. A social scientist said that “to make a soldier out of the average free American citizen is not unlike domesticating a very wild species of animal.” Today, we are no different. Are we Americans a flabby, cowardly, cynical, leftist lot? Yes! And we are proud of it. And worse, we are more self-centered, distrustful, emotionally unstable, and consciously ignorant than at any recorded time in the past. Despite the most incredible advancements in technology and higher education availability, we are dumber and less wise than ever. Americans are also prone to elitist Marxist-based ideologies. We give this approach names like democratic socialism, anti-fascism, and progressivism. We ignore the fact that in the twentieth century, the world tested this ideology, much to the chagrin of 100 million who were murdered, starved, or frozen to death. We tried that. It didn’t work out so well. Since the 1960s, we’ve pushed the idea that it is better to judge people based on categories such as sexual orientation, race, gender, ethnic group, and religion, than on their individuality and accomplishments. This categorization approach has historically led to violence. The civilized world paid a hefty price for the ideology that led them astray from the ideas of individual responsibility. We are paying another price today as much of the Western world slides back into the past’s failed ideologies. Americans can again prove them wrong, just as the Greatest Generation did.



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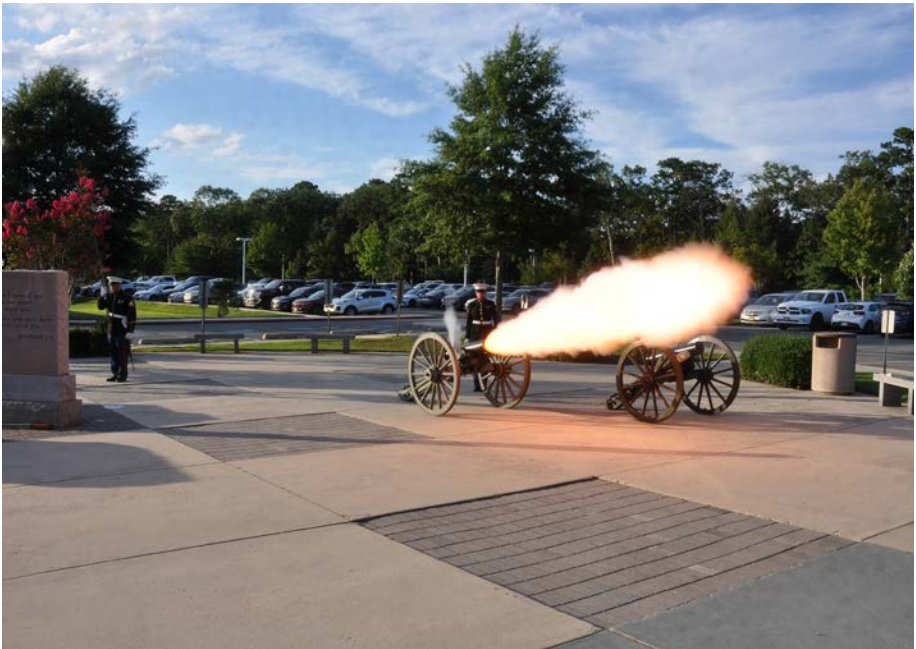
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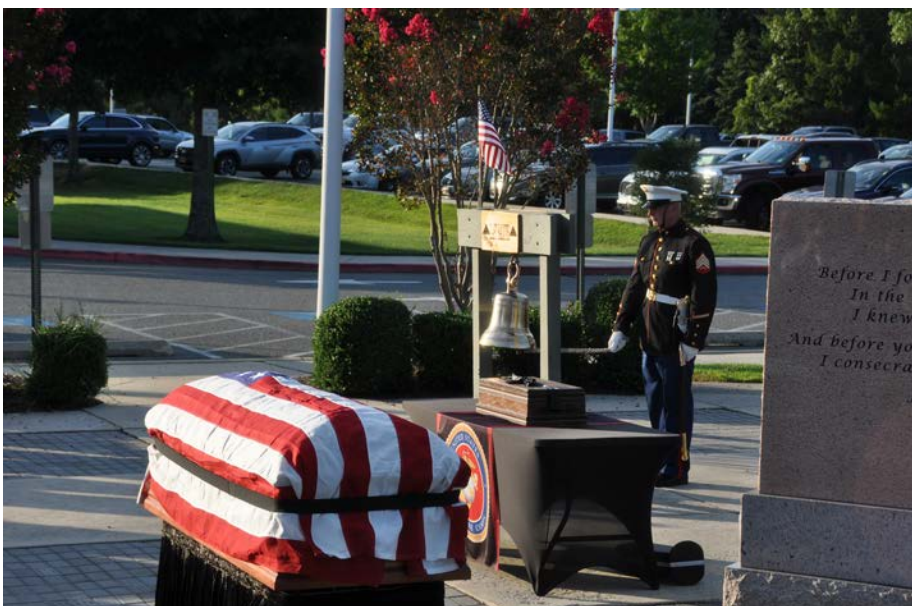
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William J. “Bill” Healey (Nov. 6, 1927 – Aug. 14, 2025) of Cape May and Mays Landing, NJ, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Aug. 14, 2025, at Shore Medical Center in Somers Point, NJ. He was 97. The former president of the Viking Yacht Company in New Gretna, NJ, which he founded with his late brother Robert T. Healey, Esq. on April 1, 1964, Healey built a boat manufacturing empire in the recreational marine industry. He relentlessly encouraged and supported legions of dedicated boatbuilders who designed and manufactured luxury yachts. Healey was intense and feisty, but beneath that drive was a soft heart and a deep bond with others. He valued his team with unbounded enthusiasm and commitment, often reminding them that they did not work for Bill Healey but that they worked with Bill Healey. A source of never-ending inspiration to build a better boat every day, Healey demonstrated his love for his boatbuilders by standing at the door every evening to thank and wish them a good night as they left the factory. He not only knew the names of hundreds of Viking’s carpenters, electricians, mechanics, designers, metal craftsmen, fiberglass workers and outfitters, but often knew their family members as well. He cared for his Viking family, creating a factory health department that provided employees and their families free on-site medical care in addition to the company’s traditional health benefits. One of four brothers, he was born to Patrick J. Healey Sr. and Loretta M. Healey on Nov. 6, 1927, in Atlantic City, NJ. Healey attended Camden Catholic High School and entered the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the final years of World War II. After his honorable discharge from the armed forces, he earned a B.S. degree in political science from St. Joseph’s College in Philadelphia in 1951. Healey worked for his father at P.J. Healey Structural Steel in Atco, NJ, before turning his attention to the Jersey Shore. When Peterson-Viking, a local wooden boatbuilder, failed, it marked the beginning of Viking Yachts — and a career that would make it the world’s largest builder of luxury fiberglass sportfishing and cruising yachts. Viking Yachts was often considered an underdog in marine manufacturing that was dominated by larger corporations. With a family-owned and operated company, Healey thrived on competition and would never be satisfied living in anyone’s shadow. He set out with plans to innovate and offer clients value for what they would invest in a Viking yacht. Healey’s Viking Yacht Company grew into an 880,000-square-foot facility with multiple production lines capable of producing 100 yachts each year. Vertically integrated, nearly 90% of what goes into a Viking yacht is designed and manufactured in-house to focus on quality control and customer satisfaction. Now in its 61st year, Viking has manufacturing locations in New Gretna and Egg Harbor City, NJ, and multiple service and sales facilities in Palm Beach County, FL. Among his various major honors, Healey enjoyed receiving the Ernst & Young NJ Manufacturing Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 1998. He was inducted into the National Marine Manufacturers Association Hall of Fame in 2003, and the following year earned the Press of Atlantic City’s Bailey Award for community contributions. In 2024, he was inducted in the Marine Trades Association of NJ Hall of Fame. Although Healey retired in October 2013, turning the throttles over to his son Patrick, he continued a daily presence at the New Gretna facility to the delight of old and new customers he would meet at the factory. Healey is survived by his son, Patrick, and daughter-in-law, Leanne A. Healey; their children, Sean P. Healey; Justin L. Healey; Kaitlyn B. Healey; and his daughter Katherine A. Healey, and her children, Allie K. Parr and husband Brandon Parr; Erin K. MacCausland; and Alexander J. MacCausland. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Mary “Sissy” Frances Healey; his daughter, Mary “Missy” Frances Hartdorn and her husband, Gary R. Hartdorn; and brothers Robert T. Healey, Esq., Patrick J. Healey, and Edward R. Healey.





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George R. Townsend, 77, of Brigantine, NJ went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday August 19, 2025 at home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Greenwich, CT he was the loving son of the late George and Mary Townsend, Sr, and he was the devoted husband of Edie (Seila) Donohue who he married in July. George is survived by his daughter Shawn English (Angelo DeSimone) and Katie (Nicholas Giglio). His grandsons Bryan, Matthew and Brayden, and great grandchildren Brynn and Bennett English. Sisters Denny and Val and late son George Townsend. George was a graduate of Greenwich High School and bravely served his country in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969, where he drove a tank and was awarded two Purple Hearts. George received various commendations while he was in the service such as the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Valorous Award, Sharpshooter Badge Rifle. George worked for the Links Golf Course in Brigantine, then worked for Viking Yacht and then the Margate School District in maintenance before retiring. George loved to ride his Harley motorcycle around Brigantine, while flying a large American flag on the back. He also enjoyed working on cars, drag racing and listening to music around his fire pit.



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Robert James Lamkin, Sr., affectionately known as Bob, departed this life on August 12, 2025, after a brief illness. Born on August 14, 1934, in Egg Harbor City, New Jersey, he was a beacon of light and a pillar of strength to all who knew him. Bob was called to his heavenly home from Northfield, New Jersey, leaving behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and devout faith. Bob's journey began as the cherished son of Egg Harbor City, where he attended the local high school before furthering his education at the Philadelphia Technical Institute. His life was marked by a variety of vocations, a testament to his versatility and talent. He honorably served his country as a Navy veteran from 1951 to 1955. Upon returning to civilian life, he applied his hands and heart to carpentry, boat building, sign painting, and salesmanship. Bob's creative spirit shone brightly in his later years as he authored and illustrated three beloved children's books, enchanting young minds with his storytelling and artistic skills. His commitment to his family was unwavering. Bob was the beloved husband of Doris H. DeCamp, and together they built a life rich in love and faith. He was a guiding force and mentor to his children, Robert J. Lamkin, Jr. (Michele), Donald J. Lamkin, and Neil J. Lamkin (Rebecca). His legacy continues through his grandchildren, Robert J. Lamkin III, Hannah J. Lamkin, and Madelynn E. Lamkin, who will carry forward his teachings and memories. Bob's extended family, including numerous nieces and nephews, will forever cherish the wisdom and joy he imparted upon them. A devout Christian, Bob's faith was the cornerstone of his existence. His life was a living example of the Biblical teachings he held so dear. He served the Lord with gladness and was a faithful member of The First Baptist Church of Egg Harbor City, where his musical talents were a regular joy to the congregation. Bob's skill with the violin uplifted many a service, and his passion for music was a testament to his belief in the power of worship through song. Bob was also an expert on the Revolutionary and American Civil Wars, a passion that reflected his love for history and the lessons it offers. His knowledge was vast, and his ability to share it with others was a gift he generously gave. Those who knew Bob would describe him as selfless, wise, and faith-filled. He lived his life as a servant of God and others, always putting the needs of his family and community before his own. His wisdom was sought by many, and his guidance was given with love and humility. Bob's faith was unshakeable, and it guided every aspect of his life, providing comfort and inspiration to all who were blessed to cross his path. Robert James Lamkin, Sr.'s journey on earth has ended, but his spirit lives on in the hearts of those he touched. He has been called to his eternal rest, and while we mourn his departure, we also celebrate a life well-lived—a life full of purpose, love, and unwavering faith. We take solace in knowing that he is now at peace with his Creator, playing his violin among the angels. His memory will forever be a blessing to us all.



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