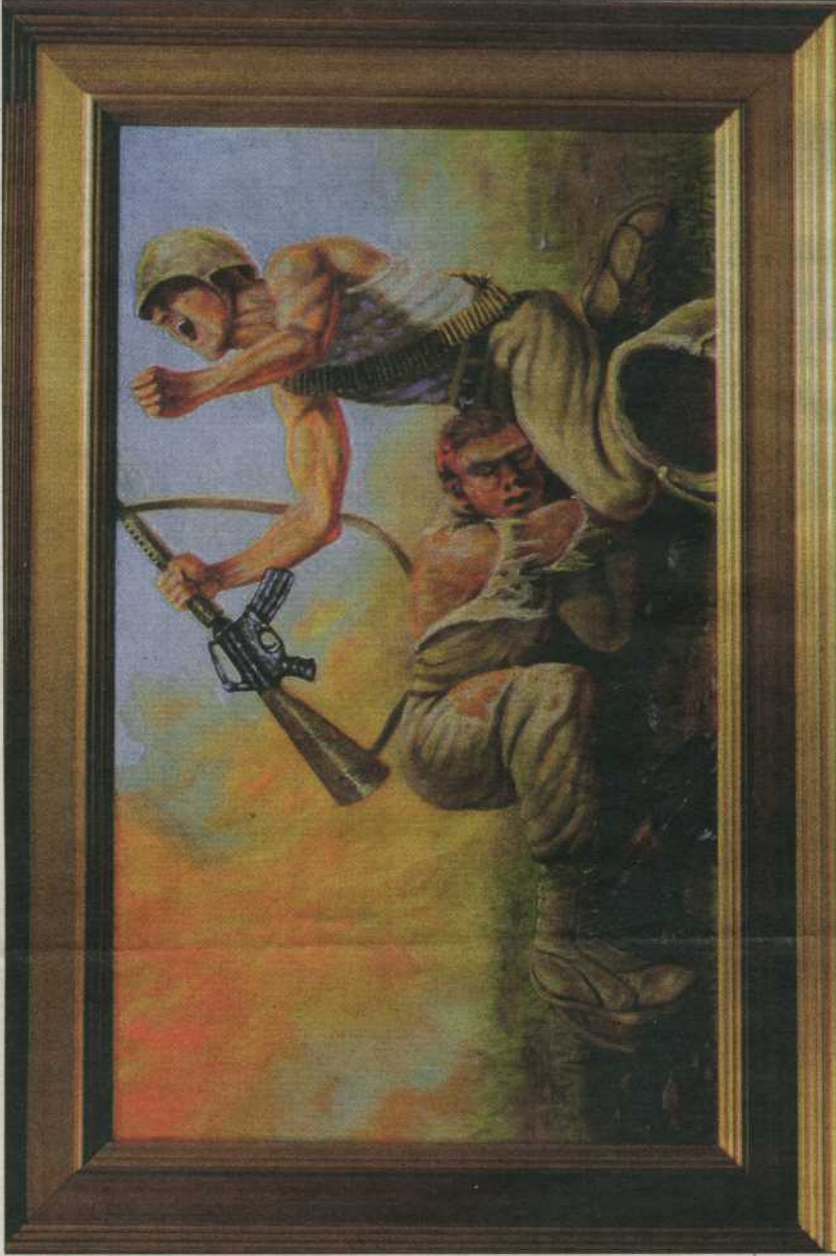


LOCAL NEWS



Four of 42 original paintings depicting a number of Vietnam battles, as well as one bronze statue of a Vietnam soldier — all by artist/sculptor Gregory Perillo — will be on permanent display at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Museum and Education Center in Holmdel.

Tomorrow is birthday time for Frank Angelico, Danny Beyar, Kamryn Brooke Miller, Andrea Hills, Peter Franco, Bridget McGuire and Michael Granucci. Happy wedding anniversary to Linda and Charles (Chuck) Aue.

Anthony Flagello Jr., Christopher C. Van Name, Shannon Davis, Bert Barry and Ryan Larson, who turns 7. Happy wedding anniversary to Grace and Sol Como.

Barbara and Joe Huszcza, Lisa and Mike Cusick and to Dolores and Ed Bowers.

Morever, Perillo's portrait of **John J. O'Connor**, then chief of the Chaplains Corps, who attained the rank of admiral and later became New York's Cardinal O'Connor, also is part of the donation, as is a three-foot statue titled "The Vietnam Soldier."

Perillo will officially present the paintings and sculpture during Friday evening's gala dedication ceremony.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Museum and Education Center is located at 1 Memorial Lane, Holmdel, N.J., 07733. The phone number is: (732) 335-0033.

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Smithsonian's African American exhibit to receive 'Little Rock Nine' artifacts

Today is the 55th anniversary of the first day that nine African American students were desegregated at Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

know about the Little Rock Nine, because our young kids are sitting in a classroom with people who don't look like them, and they think this is the way it's always been - but no, we had a separate school situation," says Lanier, 69, who was reached by phone at her home in Denver. "I think this is a learning tool for any and everybody



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vice president of the Vietnam Veterans of America, and a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, explains that Perillo executed the artwork in tribute to all those who served in Vietnam - especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

In fact, Ingellis was instrumental in contacting a museum and arranging a meeting with curator Sarah Haggerty and director Bill Linderman, and both were delighted to receive such a spectacular collection.

Aside from the battle scenes, the artist also has painted portraits of several Vietnam heroes from Staten Island:

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