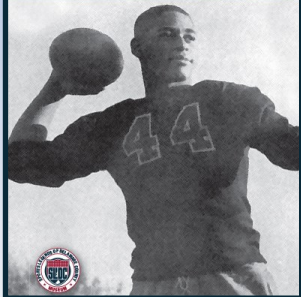


# EMLEN TUNNELL

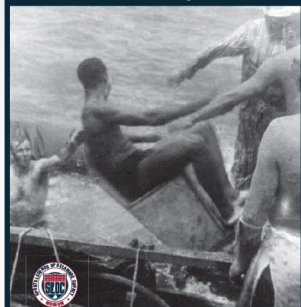
## A TRUE AMERICAN HERO AND LEGEND!

RADNOR HIGH SCHOOL ALL TIME GREAT



THE AMBITION OF EVERY YOUNG CHILD IN THE GARRETT HILL SECTION OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP WAS TO PLAY SOMEDAY FOR THE RADNOR RED RAIDERS. EMLEN TUNNELL WAS NO DIFFERENT. FOR ALL FOUR YEARS OF HIS HIGHSCHOOL CAREER (1938-1941), EMLEN WOULD NOT ONLY STAR ON VARSITY DEFENSE BUT HE WOULD BE RADNOR'S BEST RUNNER AND PASSER. DURING HIS JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR, HE WAS NAMED TO THE ALL-DELCO, ALL-SUBURAN, ALL-SCHOLASTIC, AND ALL-STATE TEAMS.

CROSSING THE EQUATOR



EMLEN TUNNELL SERVED IN THE US COAST GUARD DURING WORLD WAR II. WHILE IN THE SERVICE HE EARNED HIGH HONORS WITH THE SILVER LIFE SAVING MEDAL, AS WELL AS THE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON.

THE SILVER LIFE SAVING MEDAL IS A U.S. DECORATION ISSUED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD. THE AWARD WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS IN 1874.

THE MEDAL WAS BESTOWED UPON ANY PERSONS WHO ENDANGERED THEIR OWN LIVES IN SAVING OR ENDEAVORING TO SAVE LIVES FROM THE PERILS OF THE SEA. EMLEN WAS TWICE CITED FOR ACTS OF HEROISM DURING HIS SERVICE. IN 1944, WHILE ABOARD THE USS ETAMIN, A JAPANESE TORPEDO BLEW A HOLE IN THE SIDE OF THE SHIP. TUNNELL CAME TO THE AID OF SHIPMATE FRED SHAVER WHO WAS ON FIRE. HE ALSO SAVED THE LIFE OF ANOTHER MAN IN 1946, WHEN SHIPMATE AL GIVENS FELL OVERBOARD INTO 32-DEGREE WATER. GIVENS WOULD HAVE DROWNED IF TUNNELL HAD NOT JUMED INTO THE WATER TO HIS RESCUE.

SILVER LIFE SAVING MEDAL



PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1967



EMLEN TUNNELL EARNED NFL CHAMPIONSHIPS AS A DEFENSIVE BACK FOR THE NEW YORK GIANTS IN 1956 AND THE GREEN BAY PACKERS IN 1961 AND WAS SELECTED NINE TIMES TO THE PRO BOWL. EMLEN IS CELEBRATED AS THE FIRST FULL-TIME AFRICAN AMERICAN ASSISTANT COACH AND MOST NOTABLE AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN AND FIRST DEFENSIVE PLAYER ENSHRINED IN THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME IN 1967.

# EMLEN TUNNELL

## CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY

### PARK REDEDICATION & PLAQUE UNVEILING

MARCH 29, 1924 - MARCH 29, 2024



FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024  
12:00 PM (NOON)  
EMLEN TUNNELL PARK



# **EMLLEN TUNNELL CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY**

## **Presentation of Colors**

**Valley Forge Military Academy Honor Guard**

## **Welcome**

**Radnor Township / U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Main Line Flotilla**

## **National Anthem**

**Vanessa Howard - Preacher, Psalmist, and Worship Leader**

## **Invocation**

**Reverend Dr. Manuel Howard - St. John A.M.E. Church Rosemont  
Radnor Police Chaplain**

## **Introductions**

**Emlen Tunnell Family Members  
United States Coast Guard / United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Civilian Guests**

## **Honoring Emlen Lewis Tunnell**

**M.D. Schlitt - Public Affairs Specialist 3  
US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Main Line Flotilla**

## **Honorable Representatives and Dignitaries**

**Lisa Borowski - State Representative  
House of Representatives Pennsylvania's 168th District**

**Radnor Township Board of Commissioners  
Maggy Myers, President  
Sean Farhy, Former Commissioner Ward 7**

**Dr. Monica Taylor - Delaware County Council Chair**

**Katherine Gilmore Richardson - Philadelphia City Council  
Presentation of Citation**

**Radnor Township Board of Commissioners  
Presentation of Proclamation**

# **PARK REDEDICATION & PLAQUE UNVEILING**

## **Acknowledgements**

### **Radnor Township Board of Commissioners**

**Maggy Myers, President  
Moira Mulrone, Vice President  
Jake Abel  
James Coates  
Jack Larkin  
Jim Riley**

**Bill White, Radnor Township Manager  
Tammy Cohen, Director of Parks & Recreation**

**Sharna White, Congressional Aide  
US Congresswoman, Mary Gay Scanlon  
House of Representatives Pennsylvania's 5th District**

### **United States Coast Guard**

**CWO4, Mickey Price, Operational Training Officer,  
Director of Auxiliary, District 5NR  
CAPT. Roberto Rivera, Deputy Commander, Sector Delaware Bay  
OSCM Eric Gentry, Command Master Chief, Sector Delaware Bay**

### **United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**

**National Commodore Gus Formato  
District 5NR Commodore Kurt Sarac  
Former District 5NR Commodore KC Murphy  
Joseph Matthews, District CAPT. 5NR  
Andrew Crowley, Division 4 Commander**

**Kenneth Bachelor - Radnor Township School District Superintendent**

**Hally Ammons, Government Relations & External Affairs  
Villanova University**

**Sports Legends of Delaware County**

## **Convocation**

**Reverend Dr. Manuel Howard**

**Retirement of Colors**