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	<b>Peter R. Gallo</b> July 28, 1932 - February 1, 2024	
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### Peter R. Gallo

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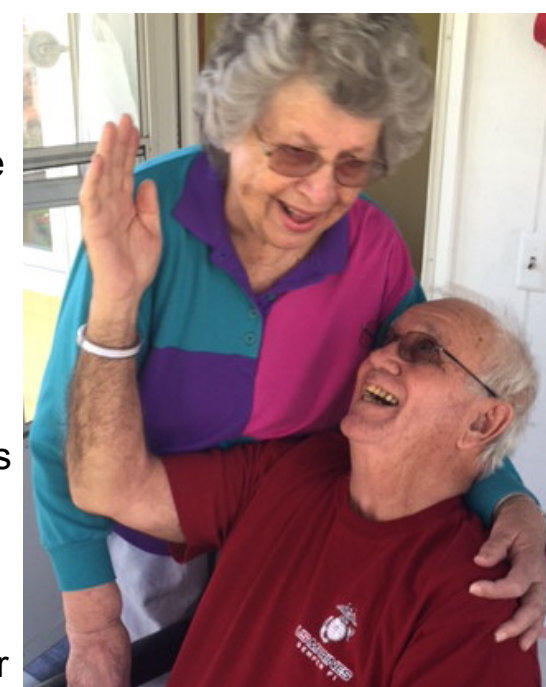
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His job was that of a cook. In fact, we have the menu for the 1st Marine Divisions 1951 Thanksgiving Day dinner that he prepared. It is located at the Highground Veteran's Memorial Park Museum. It looks like they could have fed the entire division with all that food. And to finish it all off, they had mincemeat pie, fruit cake and pumpkin pie plus a little take-a-way of fresh apples and oranges.



Pete left the Marines and came back to New Jersey where he married the love of his life Marie Rose Makowski of Whippany in 1952. Pete and Marie moved into their home on Belaire Avenue in Cedar Knolls. There the young couple raised a family and enjoyed life with their three children; Peter, Michael and Susan.

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Here is one of the men who made the Slattery Detachment a well known name both locally and nationally. Sure, there were a few others, but Pete Gallo stepped up whenever there was a need to get something done. He was the detachment Commandant from 2003 to 2008 and again from 2012 to 2013. In fact, he was the Slattery Detachment, Marine of the Year in 2004 and the Department of New Jersey Commandant of the Year in 2005-6. The detachment grew and held the members during those periods.



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Semper Fi,

Tom Miller

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Tom's Brochure

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To many, Pete was "The Boss" and rode in the front seat.



One of the many awards Pete received.



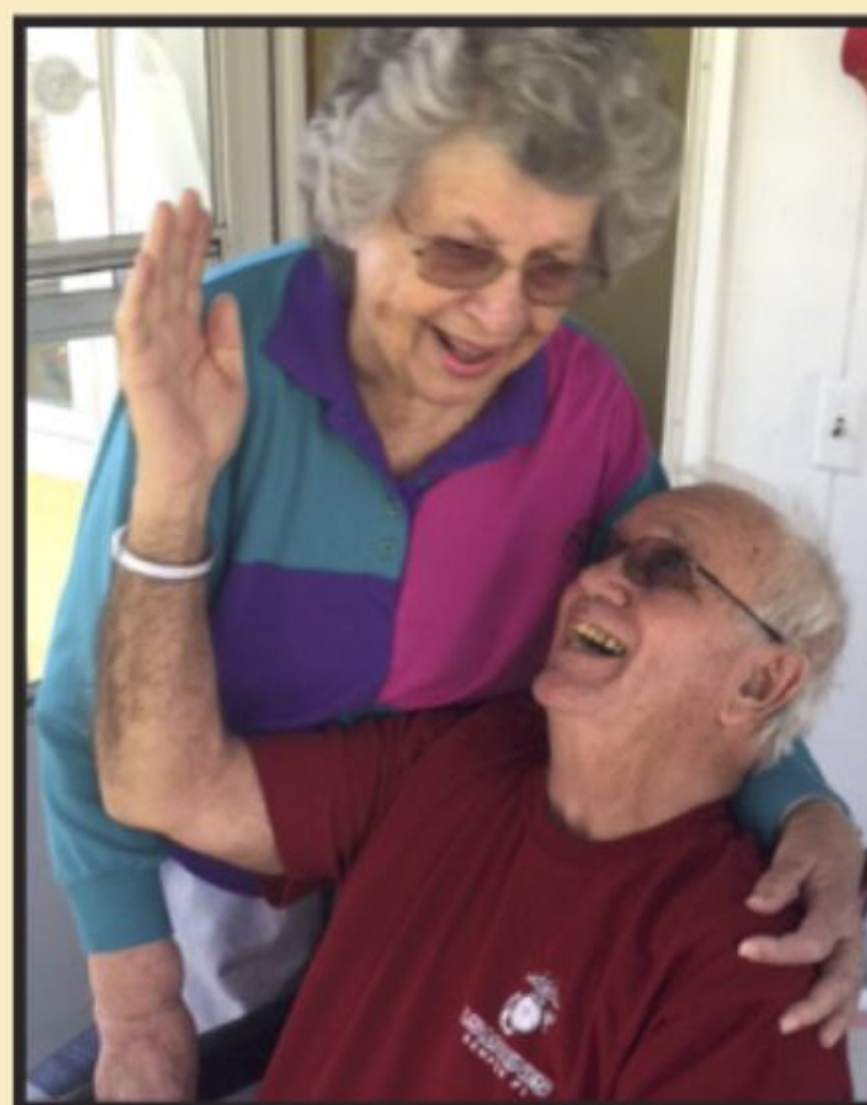
He was always helping honor some other veteran. In the middle with VFW Commander George Coppola and Mayor Ron Francioli. On right at the Pentagon with Mario Monaco getting awarded.



Pete with the Slattery "Lunch Bunch"



Pete & Marie with Slattery friends Dan & Angie Danzi and Rose & Tom Miller



He loved his Marine Corps League, but nothing like the "Love of His Life," Marie



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He was also a member of the American Legion Post #155 and of the VFW Post #5351. Both are located in Whippany as is the Slattery Detachment. He co-worked with both of the posts. With the posts leadership and Pete's leadership made Whippany a standout veterans community.

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Pete at Bethesda Naval Hospital in 2005  
talking to families of wounded



Pete greeting wounded at Bethesda  
with Dick Schreck & Dominic DeFalco



### Pete's Memorial Service/Repass

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Pete's service and repass was very fitting for a man of his stature. It was held at the Hanover Manor on the North side of East Hanover in their beautiful hall. There were approximately 90 people including family, several Marine Corps enlisted members, 30 veterans, the State of New Jersey MCL Commandant, 6 Hanover Township Police officers & their Chief, 4 Morris Count Sheriff officers and members of his Bright View Assisted Living facility in Randolph plus, various friends and/or neighbors.



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**Pete's Memorial Service/Repass**



At 11:30 am, Gunnery Sgt. Mario Monico called/ordered everybody "to attention" in his usual "quiet" manner and after a minute or two of silence Father Michael Hanly began the service. The procession began with Gunny bringing in a memorial urn with Pete's ashes. He placed it on the honor table in front of his pictures and folded flag. He then gave a salute did an about face and retired to the back of the room.



Next came the two Marines in "dress blues" from Company "G" 25th Marines of Picatinny Arsenal, one a sergeant and the other a gunnery sergeant. They took the folded flag next to Pete's pictures and methodically unfolded and refolded the flag with precision. When finished the Marine Corps League's Slattery Detachment Commandant, Wm. Freeman, placed an Eagle Globe and Anchor tribute in the fold of the flag and saluted. Next, the Hanover Township Police Chief, Michael Look, placed his tribute to Pete, next to the EGA and stepped back and presented a salute. The flag was then presented to Pete's wife of 71 years, Marie with the appropriate wordage by the gunnery sergeant.

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**Pete's Memorial Service/Repass**



Father Mike then did the opening prayer followed by a reading by Michelle Bounds. A eulogy by Pete's son, Peter Jr. followed and then a reading by Jack Makowski. The audience was then honored by the beautiful rendition of the "Ave Maria" by vocalist Kelly Carpenter.



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**Pete's Memorial Service/Repass**



Father Mike then offered "Prayers of the Faithful" and gave blessings with the praying of Our Father. When this was done he gave a short narrative related to the meaningful life of Pete and also his father. This was followed by a Slattery Detachment memorial presentation by the Commandant and the Chaplain, James Cavanaugh. A memorial honor by Chief Look finished off the Honors.



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Pete's Memorial Service/Repass



The closing remarks by Gunny Monico finished off the presentations. The remarks were about the attire that he was wearing. The attire was utilities from Bruce Jenner who was a Slattery member until his demise in 2010 and a good friend of Petes and also a Korean War veteran. Gunny had gotten them from Bruce and promised Bruce he would wear them at his funeral. Pete liked the idea and made Gunny swear to the same promise. So "The Gunster" was up there with the herring bone faded utilities (after all they were 65+ years old), combat boots with laced up leggings, a steel camouflaged helmet and an M1 rifle telling the story. He then announced, "The chowline is open."

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### Pete's Memorial Service/Repass

As we sat at the white linen covered tables conversing about the service, the waitresses began serving a colorful tossed salad. There was a pitcher of Pepsi and one of water along with a pot of coffee on each table. Also on the tables were bowls of hot Italian bread and butter. When finished with the salad, the food line was waiting, so we grabbed a plate.



There was penny vodka, sausage & peppers, lemon chicken, egg plant rolatini, quarter roasted potatoes, green beans with shaved almonds. Now, if that isn't enough, there was another serving bar with roast beef and a large bowl of calamari. If you could find something you liked, next door was Serento's which is one of the best bakeries in the area. Nobody left however.

The open bar was there, but most people didn't partake in it. To finish off the dinner was a multi-layer red velvet cake with vanilla ice cream. It was a Memorial Service and Repass fitting for Pete. He would have loved and approved of it.

Everyone there respected Pete for who he was and what he did. He will be missed.

Semper Fi,

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