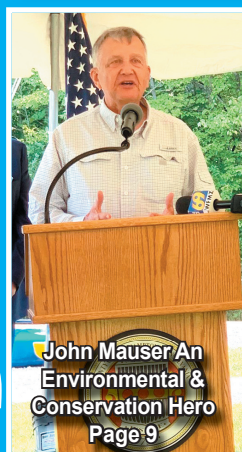
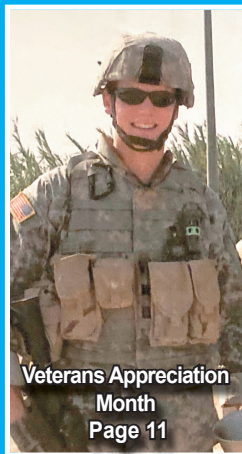


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2nd Annual Nicholas Paone Motorcycle Ride



L-R Toni Lynch treasure of SBVA , Frank Paone

By Michael Ortoski

UPPER MT. BETHEL - It said 'In loving Memory of Nicholas P. Paone' 6/11/94 - 8/13/22 on their shirts on September 9th of this year at Upper Mt. Bethel Park.

A group of riders organized by the brother of Nicholas, Frank Paone held their 2nd annual Ride/Benefit to raise money for charity in the name of Nicholas.

Nicholas P. Paone, 28, of Bangor, PA passed away Saturday, August 13th, due to a motorcycle accident. He was a 2012 graduate of Bangor High School and was employed as a foreman at Belvidere Sand and Gravel in Belvidere, NJ.

"We wanted to do something to remember Nicholas by and what better than a motorcycle ride which he loved" said Paone. "The money we raised at the event \$7000 will go to the Slate Belt Veterans Assoc. to help build a 32 unit housing complex for disabled veterans" said Paone.

Toni Lynch treasure of SBVA accepted the check from Paone and thanked the Paone and group for the donation.

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John Mauser An Environmental & Conservation Hero For Decades

By Jim Wilson

SLATE BELT - After leading Friends of Minsi Lake since it was established in 2017, John Mauser announced he's stepping down as FOML's chair. John was a driving force behind all of FOML's efforts to date. Not only was John FOML's chairperson, he was also our chief champion, lobbying the community to join FOML in raising the funds necessary to improve the fishery at the lake & recreation opportunities on its shores.

Thanks in large part to John's efforts, FOML was able to raise enough money to purchase enough construction materials for the PA Fish & Boat Commission to build the third largest fish habitat improvement project in the agency's history at Minsi Lake. This feat was accomplished via PFBC's Cooperative Habitat Improvement Project, in which FOML paid for all the project materials & PFBC provided all the equipment and labor to build the project. John was also key to many other FOML projects & programs, like our growing Purple Martin Nesting Colony at the Lake, our highly successful Minsi Lake Photo Exhibits at nearby Bangor High School & our ongoing Minsi Lake Memorial Park Bench Program.

John has been an environmental & conservation hero for decades & has been the recipient of many awards & recognitions for his efforts, including the naming of the John M. Mauser Nature Education Trail System in Lower

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