



CITY OF MERRILL
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA • WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

6:00 PM

To attend remotely call 417-986-5684 PIN 785 432 309 #

I. Call to Order

II. Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting

1. Minutes from the April 15th meeting.

III. General Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Discuss and review guidelines for Historic Street sign applications.
2. Historic Street Sign applications for 2026 - discussion/consideration
Patsy Woller
Corey P. Proulx
Edward & Diane Chartier
Ferdinand W. Ollhoff
James K. Campbell, Sr.
David, Gerald, James and Leon Knospe
Paul R. Keys
Ronald W. Krueger
3. Update on signs from previous years

IV. Date and Time of Next Meeting - Wednesday, June 17th at 6:00 pm

V. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment

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**CITY OF MERRILL
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM**

- I. **Call to Order** Chair M. Caylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
Present: D2 Alderperson Caylor, Elizabeth McCrank, Bea Lebel
Present Not Voting: City Clerk Anderson-Malm
Excused: D1 Alderperson Andrew Caylor, Donald Litzer
- II. **Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting**
 1. **Approve the minutes from the April 16, 2025 meeting. The June and July meetings did not have a quorum.** - (McCrank/Lebel) motion/second to place minutes on file. The motion passed.
- III. **General Agenda Items for Consideration**
 1. **Historic Street Name Applications for 2026 - discussion**
Patsy Woller
Corey P. Proulx
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Ferdinand W. Ollhoff
James K. Campbell, Sr.
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- Due to the fact two committee members were unable to make the meeting, (D2 Alderperson M. Caylor/McCrank) motion/second to forward this item to the May meeting to better research and provide guidelines for the street applications. The motion passed.
 2. **Update on signs from previous years.** - Fata Voigt, Leslie "Ches" Kienitz and Clifford "Tiny" Krueger; the signs are here but waiting on family members or friends regarding the installation dates.
- IV. **Date and Time of Next Meeting - Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm**
- V. **Public Comment** There was no public comment.
- VI. **Adjournment** (McCrank/Lebel) motion/second to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by City Clerk Anderson-Malm
Minutes are in draft form until approved at the next scheduled meeting.

Mayor Derek Woellner and the Board of Public Works

The Historic Preservation Committee of the City of Merrill makes the following policy recommendation to your board: Historical Street Naming

Proposal: Remember and honor residents of Merrill who through their life, their works, their contributions to the city, or in their passing left an indelible mark on the community.

Method: Placing memorial street signs on streets that are significant to the decedent in a way that they will always be remembered by the community for their actions or untimely death while in service to the community or nation. The person nominated for a street designation must be deceased for a minimum of five years before the nomination will be considered with the only exception being an extreme case such as a line of duty death of a city employee.

2022: The Historical Preservation Committee members will each submit three names they feel should be honored permanently by the City of Merrill. The group will conduct a secret ballot to choose five people for street naming in 2022. A public dedication event will be held for each of the five recipients in the later spring of 2022. It is the hope that publicity surrounding those honorable street names will stir further interest in the project.

Cost: The City of Merrill reports the costs of the signs are minimal (less than \$25) and those costs could be absorbed by present funds dedicated to the Historical Preservation Committee or some similar funding source.

Future Requests: In 2022 requests for the naming of streets will be made in writing to the Historic Preservation Committee no later than March 1st. The committee will meet in March of 2022 to consider the applications and vote by secret ballot. No more than five applications will be approved in a single year. To prevent the memorial designation of a street from becoming a political process the Historic Preservation Committee alone will vote on applications. Decisions do not need to be approved by the Common Council and are not subject to mayoral veto.

Beyond 2022: The Historic Preservation Committee will decide after the March of 2022 application cycle how often the process will continue. This may be an annual or bi-annual event depending upon public reception and interest.

Application Method: Anyone may fill out an application to name a street after someone. The forms will be available on the city web site and at city hall. The non-refundable application fee will be \$20. The purpose of the fee is to offset the cost of the signs themselves and to prevent the process from becoming a deluge of applications.

Note: The block designated as a memorial street **WILL NOT** change the actual name of the street. It will just be an additional street sign placed on the block to indicate the memorial designation. Residents will always continue to use the same addresses they have always used for their homes and businesses and the memorial street will not be recognized by the United States Postal Service.



Honorary Street Name Application


Who do you wish to have a street named in honor of: JAMES K. CAMPBELL, SR
U.S. MARINE WWII SOUTH PACIFIC

What did that person(s) do through their work, their life or in their death that reflected on the City of Merrill:

PAINTING CONTRACTOR 1950'S-60'S PAINTED/DECORATED MANY COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PAINTED & GOLD LEAFED THE COURT HOUSE CLOCK CIRCA 1956

What year did the person(s) pass away: 1982

Any other comments:
Sign Requested in 6th Ward
JOHN ST AT WATER ST
OUR address was 206 JOHN ST in the 1950'S

 James K. Campbell Jr.
224691 Lakeshore Dr _____
Rib Mountain WI _____
54401 _____
7155739496 _____

***A fee of \$25.00 is required at application. This fee is collected to help offset the cost of the sign and to prevent serial nominations.**

All applications must be submitted by March 31st. Names will be considered at the April meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee and announced in May along with timetables for unveiling.

Nominees must be deceased for a minimum of five years to be considered, this rule may be waived if the nominee died while in service to the City of Merrill or the United States.

Richard Knospe
1501 Delmore Dr
Merrill Wisconsin 54452
rcknospe@gmail.com

November 20, 2025

City Clerk
1004 E 1st Street
Merrill Wisconsin 54452

Subject: Honorary Street Name Application

Dear Historical Preservation Committee,

Please accept our family's application to have a street named after David, Gerald, James, and Leon Knospe. All four brothers honorably served their city, county, state and country during WWII and the Korean War. These brothers come from a family of eight children, one afflicted with Infantile Paralysis. In addition, all eight children were confirmed at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ here in Merrill. All four worked in the Merrill area.

WWII

Gerald Knospe, Army, Europe, 2 Feb 1944 to 2 Jun 1946

James Knospe, Army, Europe, 19 Sep 1942 to 10 Nov 1945

Leon Knospe, Navy, Pacific, 15 Oct 1943 to 27 Dec 1945

Korea

David Knospe, Army, Korea, 24 Mar 1953 to 7 Jan 1955

Leon Knospe, Navy, Korea, 16 Feb 1951 to 20 May 1952

We request that this street sign be named: **Knospe Bros-David-Gerald-James-Leon**

We also request that the street sign be located on the corner of Scott and Eight Streets. The house located on the NW corner was built by their grandparents William & Mary Knospe, listed on the 1890 Federal Census. In later years, George, the son, owned the house at the corner of Eight and Scott Street, where the family lived.

Thank you,



Richard Knospe

On behalf of the Knospe Family

Enclosed: \$25.00 application fee.

Military discharge papers.



Honorary Street Name Application

Knospe Bros - David - Gerald - Leon - James

Who do you wish to have a street named in honor of: _____

What did that person(s) do through their work, their life or in their death that reflected on the City of Merrill:

What year did the person(s) pass away: _____

Any other comments:

SEE attached letter

Contact info for AARP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: rc knospe@gmail.com

745-456-7545

Mr. Richard Knospe
1501 Delmore Dr.
Merrill, WI 54452-8250

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CHARACTER OF SEPARATION HONORABLE		REPORT OF SEPARATION FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES			DEPARTMENT ARMY	
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME Knospe David Robert		2. SERVICE NUMBER US 55 381 369	3. GRADE - RATE - RANK AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT Cpl (T) 14 Apr 54	4. COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS AUS		
5. QUALIFICATIONS SPECIALTY NUMBER OR SYMBOL See # 38 1014		RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND D. O. T. NUMBER NA	6. EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPARATION DAY MONTH YEAR 7 Jan 55	7. TYPE OF SEPARATION Rel from ActMilSvc		
8. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION SR 615-363-5 & SEC III SR 615-360-5 SPN 04			9. PLACE OF SEPARATION Fort Sheridan, Illinois			
10. DATE OF BIRTH DAY MONTH YEAR 31 Jan 33	11. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State) Merrill Wis		12. DESCRIPTION SEX RACE COLOR HAIR COLOR EYES HEIGHT WEIGHT Male Cau Brown Blue 69" 175			
13. REGISTERED YES NO X	SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER 47 36 33 13	14. SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BOARD NUMBER (City, County, State) 36 Merrill Lincoln Wis		15. INDUCTED DAY MONTH YEAR 24 Mar 53		
16. ENLISTED IN OR TRANSFERRED TO A RESERVE COMPONENT YES NO X	COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS USAR CE	COGNIZANT DISTRICT OR AREA COMMAND Trans Army Res Wis Mil Dist				
17. MEANS OF ENTRY OTHER THAN BY INDUCTION <input type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED <input type="checkbox"/> REENLISTED NA <input type="checkbox"/> COMMISSIONED <input type="checkbox"/> CALLED FROM INACTIVE DUTY			18. GRADE - RATE OR RANK AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE Pvt 1			
19. DATE AND PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE DAY MONTH YEAR PLACE (City and State) 24 Mar 53 Milwaukee Wis			20. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE (St., R.F.D., City, County and State) 609 Liberty St Merrill Lincoln Wis			
STATEMENT OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES			A. YEARS	B. MONTHS	C. DAYS	25. ENLISTMENT ALLOWANCE PAID ON EXTENSION OF ENLISTMENT, IF ANY DAY MONTH YEAR AMOUNT
21. NET (NA) SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES EXCLUDING THIS PERIOD			NA	NA	NA	NA
22. NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES THIS PERIOD			1	9	14	NA
23. OTHER SERVICE (Act of 16 June 1942 as amended) COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES			0	0	0	26. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE YEARS MONTHS DAYS 1 4 14
24. TOTAL NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES			1	9	14	
27. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED Korean Service Ribbon / United Nations Service Medal / National Defense Service Medal / Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation / Meritorious Unit Commendation (GO# 657 Hq 8th Army 28 Sep 54) /						
28. MOST SIGNIFICANT DUTY ASSIGNMENT Service Co 23rd Infantry Regiment			29. WOUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF ACTION WITH ENEMY FORCES (Place and date, if known) NA			
30. SERVICE SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES, COLLEGE TRAINING COURSES AND/OR POST-GRAD. COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 5th Armored Division Camp Chase Ark			DATES (From-To) Jun - Sep 53	MAJOR COURSES Motor	31. SERVICE TRAINING COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED day of month year Jan 13 55 at 1:00 o'clock P .M. and 6 Vol. 6 of Disc 475 Esther Bazy Borman Register of Enlist Esther Mittelstead	
GOVERNMENT INSURANCE INFORMATION: (A) Permanent plan premium must continue to be paid when due, or within 31 days thereafter, or insurance will lapse. (B) Term insurance not under waiver same as (A) above. (C) Term insurance under waiver - premium payment must be resumed within 120 days after separation. Forward premiums on NSLI to Veterans Administration District Office having jurisdiction over the area shown in Item 47. Forward premiums on USGLI to Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C. (See VA Pamphlet 9-3). When paying premiums give full name, address, Service Number, Policy Number(s), Branch of Service, date of separation. Contact nearest VA office for information concerning Government Life Insurance.						
32A. KIND & AMT. OF INSURANCE & MTHLY. PREMIUM None Indemnity		32B. ACTIVE SERVICE PRIOR TO 26 APRIL 1951 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	33. MONTH ALLOTMENT DISCONTINUED NA	34. MONTH NEXT PREMIUM DUE Within 120 Days		
35. TOTAL PAYMENT UPON SEPARATION NA		36. TRAVEL OR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN TOTAL PAYMENT NA	37. DISBURSING OFFICER'S NAME AND SYMBOL NUMBER NA			
38. REMARKS (Continue on reverse) Item 5 Wheel Vehicle Mechanic Blood Group <u>0</u> <u>NO</u> days lost under sec. 6 (a) App. 2b MCM 1951 Rel fr act mil svc & trf to Army Res to complete eight (8) yrs svc under UMT & SVC Act			39. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN NE WAGONER 1ST LT AGC			
40. V. A. BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR (Specify type) COMPENSATION, PENSION, INSURANCE BENEFITS, ETC. NA					CLAIM NUMBER NA	
41. DATES OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT FROM TO 1952 1953	42. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION Knock Up Man		43. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYER Lincoln Wood Products Merrill Wis			
44. UNITED STATES CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	45. MARITAL STATUS Married	46. NON-SERVICE EDUCATION (Years successfully completed) GRAM. MAR. HIGH SCHOOL COL. LEGE DEGREE(S) 8 4 0 NA	MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD Academic			
47. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER SEPARATION (St., R.F.D., City, County and State) 504 1/2 7th St Merrill Lincoln Wis					48. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED David R Knospe	

ALL ENTRIES APPLY TO CURRENT PERIOD OF SERVICE (unless otherwise indicated)

**ENLISTED RECORD AND STATEMENT OF SEPARATION
HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

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1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL KNOX GERALD		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 36 841 170	3. GRADE PTC	4. ARM OR SERVICE MO	5. COMPONENT AUS
6. ORGANIZATION 236 Gen Hosp		7. DATE OF SEPARATION 2 June 46	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION Separation Center Fort Sheridan Illinois		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 609 Liberty St Merrill Wis			10. DATE OF BIRTH 1 Nov 25	11. PLACE OF BIRTH Merrill Wis	
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT See #9			13. COLOR EYES Blue	14. COLOR HAIR Brown	15. HEIGHT 5-7
			16. WEIGHT 147	17. NO. DEPEND. 0	
18. RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> REGRO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify)	19. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify)		20. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. Punch Press Operator Halper (6-88.625)

MILITARY HISTORY

22. DATE OF INDUCTION 10 Jan 44	23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT	24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 2 Feb 44	25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE Fort Sheridan Illinois
26. REGISTERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. #1	28. COUNTY AND STATE Merrill Wis	29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE c 500 Hendricks St Merrill Wis
30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. Infantry (749)		31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) SS w/M-1 Rifle MM w/60 & 80 MM Mortar	
32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS None			
33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS Victory Medal American Theater Ribbon 2 Overseas Service Bars European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon Army of Occupation Medal Germany Good Conduct Medal			
34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION None			
35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES		36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN	
SMALLPOX	TYPHOID	TETANUS	OTHER (specify)
July 45	June 47	Mar 45	Flu Mar 45
37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE		38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD	
CONTINENTAL SERVICE		FOREIGN SERVICE	
YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	YEARS
1	1	21	1
		39. PRIOR SERVICE	
		None	
40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION Conv'n of Govt RR 1-1 (Demobilization) AR 615-365 and TUX MO WCL 37500 15 January 1946 (Service)			
41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED None			42. EDUCATION (Years) Grammar: 8 High School: 12 College: 0

PAY DATA


To #30497

43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES	44. MUSTERING OUT PAY	45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS	46. TRAVEL PAY	47. TOTAL AMOUNT	NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER
YEARS: 2 MONTHS: 4 DAYS: 15	TOTAL: \$ 300. THIS PAYMENT: \$ 100.	\$ 15.50	\$ 172.84	\$ 188.34	IRLAND E RICE Capt ED

INSURANCE NOTICE

IMPORTANT IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SECTION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

48. KIND OF INSURANCE Nat. Serv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Govt. <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	49. HOW PAID Allotment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct to V. A. <input type="checkbox"/>	50. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance 30 June 46	51. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after EC) 31 July 46	52. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH \$ 6.40	53. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO Continue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Only <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue <input type="checkbox"/>
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54. 	55. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives) Lapel Button Issued ASR Heare (2 Sep 45) 33 Inactive Status REC from 1E Jan 44 to 7 Feb 44
56. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED <i>Gerald Knox</i>	57. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) G. L. STACHOUSE DTD USA

WD AGO FORM 53 - 55
1 November 1944

This form supersedes all previous forms of WD AGO Forms 53 and 55 for which persons entitled to an Honorable Discharge, which will not be used after receipt of this revision.

2. FINAL INDORSEMENT COPY (Affixed to final indorsement page of Service Record)

NOTICE OF SEPARATION FROM U. S. NAVAL SERVICE

NAVPERS-553 (REV. 8-45)

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1. SERIAL OR FILE NO.		2. NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)		3. RATE AND CLASS OR RANK AND CLASSIFICATION		5. PLACE OF SEPARATION	
						USN PERS SEP GEN UNIT 4 GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS	
869 37 08		KNOSE, LEON GORDON		MOTOR MACHINIST'S MATE 3/c SV6 USNR		6. CHARACTER OF SEPARATION	
ROUTE #1 BOX 70		MERRILL, WISCONSIN		LINCOLN COUNTY		HONORABLE	
7. RACE		9. SEX		10. MARITAL STATUS		11. U.S. CITIZEN (YES OR NO)	
W		M		Married		Yes	
						12. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH	
						Sept. 20, 1915, Spring Valley, Wis.	
13. REGISTERED		14. SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD OF REGISTRATION		15. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin		500 Hendricks St., Merrill, Wis.			
16. MEANS OF ENTRY (INDICATE BY CHECK IN APPROPRIATE BOX)		17. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE		18. NET SERVICE (FOR PAY PURPOSES) (YRS., MO., DAYS)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUCTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMISSIONED		October 8, 1943		2 2 20			
DATE		DATE		DATE			
19. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE		20. QUALIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATES HELD, ETC.		21. RATINGS HELD		22. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
NTS FARRAGUT, IDAHO		SEE RATING DESCRIPTION BOOKLET MOMM3/c		AS, S2/c, F1/c, MOMM3/c		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
23. SERVICE SCHOOLS COMPLETED		24. SERVICE (VESSELS AND STATIONS SERVED ON)		25. INITIAL MUSTERING OUT PAY			
Diesel, Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill.		NTS FARRAGUT, IDAHO NATTC NAVY PIER, CHICAGO, ILL. NTS NOB NORFOLK, VA. ATB LITTLE CREEK, VA USS LSM 7, USS LSM 454		\$100			
WEEKS		26. EFFECTIVE MONTH OF ALLOTMENT DISCONTINUANCE		27. MO. NEXT PREMIUM DUE		28. AMOUNT OF PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH	
8		Dec		Jan		6.00	
29. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO CONTINUE INS.		30. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER		31. TRAVEL OR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN TOTAL PAYMENT		32. INITIAL MUSTERING OUT PAY	
Yes		A.H. WLENNBRENNER SHOE COMPANY MERRILL, WISCONSIN		\$ 15.20		J.P. COLE 520025	
33. NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER		34. REMARKS		35. SIGNATURE (BY DIRECTION OF COMMANDING OFFICER)		36. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	
FOR T. V. RILEY, LIEUT., USNR		Victory Medal American Area Asiatic Pacific 1 star				A.H. WLENNBRENNER SHOE COMPANY MERRILL, WISCONSIN	
37. DATES OF LAST EMPLOYMENT		38. JOB PREFERENCE (LIST TYPE, LOCALITY, AND GENERAL AREA)		39. PREFERENCE FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING (TYPE OF TRAINING)		40. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION (AND DEXT. NO.)	
FROM Nov '40 TO Oct '43		Undecided		None		Heel Trimmer	
41. NON-SERVICE EDU. (YRS. SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED)		42. DEGREES		43. MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD		44. VOCATIONAL OR TRADE COURSES (NATURE AND LENGTH OF COURSE)	
GRAM. 8 H.S. 3 COLL. -						None	
45. RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT		46. OFF DUTY EDUCATIONAL COURSES COMPLETED		47. DATE OF SEPARATION		48. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED	
		None		12/27/45			

RECORD OF NAVAL SERVICE

PAY & INSURANCE DATA

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL DATA

TO: BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

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**ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL KNOSPE JAMES O		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 36 263 468	3. GRADE TEC 3	4. ARM OR SERVICE CE	5. COMPONENT AUS
6. ORGANIZATION CO A 652D ENGRS		7. DATE OF SEPARATION 10 NOV 45	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION CAMP GRANT ILL SEPARATION CENTER		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 609 LIBERTY ST MERRILL WISC			10. DATE OF BIRTH 5 OCT 1920	11. PLACE OF BIRTH MERRILL WISC	
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT SEE 9			13. COLOR EYES BLUE	14. COLOR HAIR BROWN	15. HEIGHT 5 8 1/2
16. WEIGHT 162	17. NO. DEPENDENTS 0	18. RACE X WHITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NEGRO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify)			
19. MARITAL STATUS X SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify)		20. U.S. CITIZEN X YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. LAST PICKER 6-61.114	

MILITARY HISTORY

22. DATE OF INDUCTION 5 SEP 42	23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 19 SEP 42	24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE	25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE FT SHERIDAN ILLINOIS
26. REGISTERED SERVICE DATA X YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. 1	28. COUNTY AND STATE LINCOLN WISC	29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE 500 HENDRICKS ST MERRILL WISC
30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. AERIAL PHOTOTOPOGRAPHIC 004		31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., Infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) MM W/CARBINE	
32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS NORMANDY NORTHERN FRANCE ARDENNES RHINELAND CENTRAL EUROPE			

33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER RIBBON W/1 SILVER BATTLE STAR MERITORIUS UNIT AWARD MEDAL (GO 262 HQ 3 ARMY SEC 11 20 SEP 45) GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL WORLD WAR 2 *	
34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION NONE	

35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES			36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U. S. AND RETURN		
SMALLPOX IM	TYPHOID ST	TETANUS ST	DATE OF DEPARTURE	DESTINATION	DATE OF ARRIVAL
JAN 44	SEP 45	MAR 44	21 FEB 44	ETO	29 FEB 44
37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE			26 OCT 45	USA	5 NOV 45
CONTINENTAL SERVICE	FOREIGN SERVICE		38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD TEC 3		
YEARS MONTHS DAYS	YEARS MONTHS DAYS				
1 5 7	1 8 15				
39. PRIOR SERVICE NONE					

40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION CONV OF GOVT RR 1-1 (DEMOBILIZATION) AR 615-365 DTD 15 DEC 44		
41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED EM SP SCH FT BELVOIR VA		
42. EDUCATION (Years) Grammar 8 High School 2 College 0		


PAY DATA VON 13912

43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES		44. MUSTERING OUT PAY		45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS	46. TRAVEL PAY	47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER
YEARS 3	MONTHS 2	DAYS 6	TOTAL \$ 300	(THIS PAYMENT) \$ 100	NONE	\$ 13.65 157.25 G F DOLBEAR CAPT ED

INSURANCE NOTICE

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56. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED <i>James O Knospe</i>	57. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) <i>William P Gottlieb</i> WILLIAM P GOTTLIEB 2D LT AC
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WD AGO FORM 53-55
1 November 1944

This form supersedes all previous editions of WD AGO Forms 53 and 55 for enlisted persons entitled to an Honorable Discharge, which will not be used after receipt of this revision.

Children (2)

Phillip L. Knospe

B: 1947

Steven Earl Knospe

B: 1953

Leon Gordon Knospe
 B: 20 Sept 1915 in Pierce, Wisconsin, USA
 D: 27 Mar 1988 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, United States of America

Bernice Caroline Nee Harbath Knospe
 B: 2 February 1921 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, United States of America

Parents



George Frank Knospe
1891-1967



Eunice Nuffy Olive (nee Peterson)
Knospe
1894-1980

Leon G Knospe

in the U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2020

Detail **Source**

Name	Leon G Knospe
Gender	Male
Birth Date	20 Sep 1915
Death Date	27 Mar 1988
Cause of Death	Natural
SSN	391182661
Enlistment Branch	Navy
Enlistment Date	14 Feb 1951
Discharge Date	29 May 1952
Enlistment Branch 1	Navy
Enlistment Date 1	15 Oct 1943
Discharge Date 1	27 Dec 1945
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Korean War



Honorary Street Name Application

Who do you wish to have a street named in honor of: PAUL R. KEYS
U.S. NAVY WWI

What did that person(s) do through their work, their life or in their death that reflected on the City of Merrill:

OWNED the "Coffee Cup" TRUCK STOP, GAS STATION, FRUIT STAND
in the 50's ACROSS FROM WHITBURN MOTORS. He & wife ALTHEA FOUNDED
"The central WI Rock Hound Society" (name?) CIRCA 1950, STILL IN
operation Today
What year did the person(s) pass away: 1972

Any other comments: Request sign on CEDAR ST. ~~ST.~~
at intersection with Center.
His station is the current coop between Puckage
Restaurants

Contact
Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone N _____
James K. Campbell Jr.
224691 Lakeshore Dr
Rib Mountain WI
54401
715 573 9496

James E. Jones

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Honorary Street Name Application

Who do you wish to have a street named in honor of: Ronald W. Krueger

What did that person(s) do through their work, their life or in their death that reflected on the City of Merrill:

Please see attached

~~We would like~~

What year did the person(s) pass away: 2019

Any other comments:

lived on River St in Merrill for 53 years

We would like River St named in his honor

Contact info for the nominator:

Name: Michael W. Krueger

Address: 605 S Foster St Merrill WI 54452

Email: falcon.347@charter.net

Phone Number: 715-722-0106

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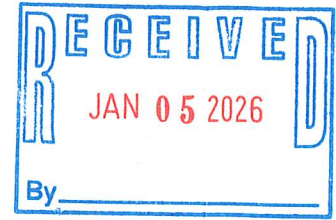
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Ronald W. Krueger, age 79, of Merrill, passed away Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Ronald was born July 8, 1939, in Wausau, son of the late Roman and Frieda (Radenz) Krueger. He married Ann Zemke on September 17, 1960. She preceded him in death on July 12, 2008. Ron enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1956. He was stationed in Taiwan and Japan and was honorably discharged in 1959. Ron was a life member of VFW Post 1638, Merrill. Ron was first appointed as a Deputy Sheriff in 1969 where he initially served as a radio dispatcher and jailer. Prior to his appointment, he had served part-time as a constable. In 1973, Ron was named the Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer of the year by the Merrill Jaycee's. He was a 1977 graduate of the prestigious

FBI National Academy. Ron was first elected Sheriff of Lincoln County in 1975 and served until 1992. He was re-elected in 1995 and served in that capacity until his retirement in January of 1997. Ron oversaw the formation of the agency's very first Special Response Team, its Youth Aid Bureau and Detective Division. He also oversaw the construction of the new Safety Building in the 1980's, served as a leader in the Wisconsin Sheriff's and Deputy Sheriff's Associations, and the Badger State Sheriff's Association where he served as President in 1979. While he was Sheriff, he served as vice chairman of the Lincoln County Highway Safety Committee, was a state certified snowmobile safety instructor, served as a member of the Police Science Advisory Committee for Northcentral Technical College, and was a member of the Jailor

Training Advisory Committee for the University of Wisconsin Extension. He was a former member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Merrill Optimist Club. He also served on the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, the Law Enforcement and EMS Committee and the Pine Crest Nursing Home Board. Ron was a member of St. Stephens United Church of Christ, Merrill. Prior to working for the Sheriff's Office, Ron worked at the Fromm Farm, the former Pine River Cheese factory, the Co-Op and Foremost Farms. Ron enjoyed working on small engines and had worked for B&D



Honorary Street Name Application

Who do you wish to have a street named in honor of: Patsy Woller

What did that person(s) do through their work, their life or in their death that reflected on the City of Merrill:

In 1992, Patsy was elected and became the first (and only, thus far) female Mayor of Merrill, WI.

What year did the person(s) pass away: 2021

Any other comments:

In addition to owning several small businesses in Merrill, Patsy and her friend started Merrill's own legal newspaper, the Merrill Courier. During this time, Patsy also published two books: "The Dogs of Merrill" and "The Pets of Merrill" - proceeds donated to LCHS.

Contact info for the nominator:

Name: Tammy Woller
Address: 111 E 10th Street
Email: robinta_us@yahoo.com
Phone Number: 715-218-3469

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Honorary Street Name Application

Who do you wish to have a street named in honor of: Corey P. Proulx

What did that person(s) do through their work, their life or in their death that reflected on the City of Merrill:

Youth Counselor murdered At Lincoln Hills Juvenile Detention Center. IRMA, Wisconsin EDW 6-25-24

What year did the person(s) pass away: JUNE 25, 2024

Any other comments:

LIVED HIS ENTIRE LIFE IN Merrill His OBJECTIVE WAS to Help young TROUBLED People CHANGE Their LIVES For the Better

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Contact info for the nominator:

Name: EDWARD Proulx - Cindy Leander (Daughter, Sister) ⁷¹⁵⁻⁹²¹⁻⁵⁸⁸⁵
Address: 307 Hope Street Merrill, WI 54452
Email: little Red Cindy @ Vahoo . Comm.
Phone Number: 715-921-5885

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Historic Street Name Application

Who do you wish to have a street named in honor of: Edward & Diane Chartier

What did that person(s) do through their work, their life or in their death that reflected on the City of Merrill:

Sold numerous homes to citizens through their real estate business (Lincoln Realty),

supported their community through Christ United Methodist Church and

What year did the person(s) pass away: 2020

Any other comments:

Beta Sigma Phi. In addition, they mentored children through the Girl Scouts and

Guardian Council of Job's Daughters. Most importantly, they built a beautiful life and

family; found it to be a privilege to live and work in Merrill.

Contact info for the nominator:

Name: Lee DuBois

Address: 2968 N 75th St, Milwaukee, WI 53210

Email: dubois.lee@outlook.com

Phone Number: 414-335-4620

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Honorary Street Name Application

Who do you wish to have a street named in honor of: Ferdinand W. Ollhoff 1872-1931

What did that person(s) do through their work, their life or in their death that reflected on the City of Merrill:

Ferdinand Ollhoff was in the sawmill business about 34 years. The sawmill was at the north end of Thomas St - in the 6th ward. Prior to that it was in the Town of Scott.

What year did the person(s) pass away: 1931

Any other comments:

He said of this bussiness - " My success is greatly due to the confidence my friends had in me - a belief which I sought always to honor and never betray."

In 1912 he ran for WI State Senator / 30th District. Unfortunately he lost

Contact info for the nominator:

Name: Kristine Ollhoff (granddaughter)
Address: 427 North 1st Ave Wausau WI 54401
Email: tollhoff54@gmail.com
Phone Number: 715-845-3690

It would be nice to have sign placed at Thomas and Main Street.

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