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## Memorial Day Observance Honors Fallen and LVHN's Military Service Colleagues – PHOTOS

BY [EMILY MITCHELL](#) · MAY 25, 2018

It was an emotional day for those honoring America's fallen. Guests were asked to join in the singing of the 'Star Spangled Banner', accompanied by the Army Chorus.



During the ceremony, the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, airmen from World War II, were honored for their bravery and sacrifice with a silver goblet salute.



Marine veteran and colleague Damian Holschwander, who served in Afghanistan, shared his story about what Memorial Day means to him. He honored the fallen by leading in a short bell tolling ceremony.

LVHN's Chaplain Captain Enrique Amponshah, Battalion Chaplain, U.S. Army Reserves, offered the ceremony's Benediction.

Lehigh Valley area veterans who passed away this year were also honored. Brigadier General Anna Mae Hays, the first female general in the United States military, and Navy veteran LeRohn "Dan" Deysler, who founded Taps over Bethlehem.



The ceremony concluded with Army veteran Tony Cusimano, a volunteer from Bugles Across America, sounding Taps.

### **Flag Bearers**



Six LVHN colleagues with military service honored America with a flag ceremony.

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**American Flag** – Rachel Lefevre, USAF Col. (Ret.), Administrator, 17th St

**Army** – Marilyn Kelly-Cavotta, Coordinator, Veteran Health Program

**Marine Corps** – Damian Holschwander, Coordinator, Veteran Health Program

**Navy** – Robert Biggs, DO, Practice Leader LVPG Cardiology – Muhlenberg

**Air Force** – Captain Steven J. Poe, Jr., Fellow, Veteran Health Program

**Coast Guard** – Fred Armbruster, Director, Information Services

## Christian Barangian Wins 5th Community Canvas Grand Finale – PHOTOS

BY JANE DANISH · MAY 25, 2018

Christian Barangian, a third-grader from Tracy Elementary School in Easton, was crowned the overall champion Saturday in the fifth annual Community Canvas Grand Finale at Lehigh Valley Mall.



The 8-year-old Barangian bested 17 other third-, fourth- and fifth-grade artists to take home the top prize in the competition which gave youngsters from eight area elementary schools the chance to display their passion for healthy living and their talent for art.



Omari Brooks, 8, a third-grader from Steckel Elementary School, was the runner up. Sadie Crume, 11, a fourth-grader from Shawnee Elementary School, placed third. Other participants in the grand finale included: Julian Nieves, 10, a fifth-grader from Cheston Elementary School; Lilly Peluszak, 9, and Justin Marquez, 8, third-graders from Steckel Elementary School; Elias Baurkot, 9, a fourth-grader, Gianna Palmeri, 10, and Kari Szczesny, 11, fifth-graders, from Forks Elementary School; Johnavone Stragratanio, 10, and Wyatt King, 9, fourth-graders from Paxinosa Elementary School; Matthew Nigro, 8, a third-grader from Shawnee Elementary School; Trent Ader, 10, a fourth-grader, and Eddy Molina, 11, a fifth-grader, from Tracy Elementary School; Kellyn Chung, 11, a fifth-grader, and Valeria Restrepo, 9, a fourth-grader, from Zephyr Elementary School; Navaeh Brown, 8, and Jainmarie Figueroa, 8, third-graders from Central Elementary School. Schools from the Allentown, Whitehall-Coplay and Easton Area school districts participated in the competition.





While the artists were hard at work creating their masterpieces in the 45 minutes allotted for the competition, local chefs competed in a “cook-off” creating healthy, tasty snacks. Sarah Hinsch from Greenmouth Juice Bar and Café in Easton and Allentown prevailed in the cooking competition. Jack Jones, farmer at Knopp Branch Farms and Tom Rutherford, culinary arts instructor at Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School, also participated. Each chef was tasked with incorporating cauliflower, almonds and grapes into their snacks.



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Through a partnership between Lehigh Valley Children's Hospital and Lehigh Valley Art Spark – and in conjunction with the Kellyn Foundation – Community Canvas gives students the opportunity to create artwork based on healthy eating habits and all-around wellness. There were eight preliminary rounds featuring each school to determine the competitors for the grand finale. All of the student artwork will be hung in Lehigh Valley Health Network facilities.

## Get 4 Free Tickets to Bethlehem Steel FC Game June 9

BY [JANE DANISH](#) · MAY 25, 2018

All Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) colleagues are eligible to receive up to four free tickets to an upcoming Bethlehem Steel FC soccer game at Goodman Stadium, Lehigh University.

Tickets are being given away for LVHN's match entitlement game on Saturday, June 9, at 5 p.m. Watch as Bethlehem Steel FC takes on Louisville City FC.

You can reserve your tickets [here](#).

