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### East Hartford Veteran Commission Gold Star Honor Roll Ceremony

East Hartford, CT—It has taken 76 years but a former East Hartford resident is finally being remembered!

Thanks to the memory of William Miller, WWII veteran and former personnel Director for the Town of East Hartford, his childhood friend, Allen W Eckert, a fallen soldier of WWII is finally being added to the Town's Gold Star Honor Roll.

Allen grew up in East Hartford and attended East Hartford High School however, prior to graduation he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and ended up in California. While in California, he joined the National Guard and within a month his unit was inducted into the US Army, and shipped to the Philippines shortly before Pearl Harbor. Allen survived the Japanese attack on the Philippines and later the infamous Bataan Death march however, he wasn't able to survive imprisonment at the Cabanatuan POW camp. He died January 4<sup>th</sup> 1943. After the war his body was repatriated back to Bloomfield, Connecticut where he is buried at Mountain View Cemetery.

Allen may have been overlooked but he will no longer be forgotten. The East Hartford Veterans Commission has added his name to the Gold Star Honor Roll and will now be included in the "Roll call of the Fallen" ceremony held each year at **6:00 PM at Bicentennial Park on the Sunday** the day before Memorial Day.

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