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Congressman John Joyce, MD Presents Local Veteran With Medals Robert (Gene) Hurley Recognized for Vietnam War Service

The Veterans Memorial outside the Borough of Greencastle Hall was recently the site of a medal ceremony for Vietnam War veteran Robert (Gene) Hurley of Waynesboro.

Said Mayor Ben Thomas, Jr., "As Mayor, the Borough of Greencastle was proud to host our Congressman, Dr. John Joyce, at the Greencastle Borough Office and Veteran's Memorial, as he presented medals to Vietnam Veteran Robert (Gene) Hurley. Mr. Hurley served in Vietnam and was in country in 1968 but never received his well-deserved medals."

In presenting the medals to Hurley, Congressman John Joyce, MD said, "As a Member of Congress, it is my honor to have the chance to remember and recognize the service of our nation's veterans, including those who gave their lives. ...I met with Roger and Beverly Bitner, the parents of U.S. Army Green Beret Master Sergeant Benjamin Bitner, who was Killed in Action on April 23, 2011 in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. It was my privilege to present Mr. and Mrs. Bitner with a flag from the United States Capitol flown in the memory of their son."

After receiving his service medals, Hurley shared inspirational stories about his time in the Vietnam War and his service to county. Added Thomas, "I join the citizens of Greencastle in thanking Mr. Hurley for his service and to Congressman Joyce for deservedly recognizing Mr. Hurley, his wife Barb, and family."

For more information, please contact Mayor Thomas at Bfthomas2529@comcast.net.



Shown here (and below) Congressman John Joyce, MD presents a commendation and medals to Robert (Gene) Hurley for his service in the Vietnam War.



Shown here: Robert (Gene) Hurley shared inspirational stories about his service during the Vietnam War to those in attendance.



Shown here (left to right): VFW Commander Mike Blank; Past Commander Duane Schroyer; Roger and Bev Bitner (Gold Star parents who lost their Son MSG, Green Beret Benjamin Bitner, 23 April 2011, in Afghanistan), Congressman John Joyce, MD, and American Legion Commander Dave Kelly.