

The “Wild Bill” Guarnere Memorial Fund

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“Wild Bill” Guarnere Kick Off Fundraiser to raise funds for Bronze Statue

(Philadelphia, PA) – Fundraising for the Wild Bill Guarnere Memorial Fund will kick off on January 16th, 2015 to help raise money to build a statue of Guarnere in his neighborhood in South Philadelphia. We are happy to also announce that we have received confirmation from the IRS that the Wild Bill Guarnere Memorial Fund has become an approved for 501(c)(3) non-profit status that will allow us to carry on the legacy of Wild Bill after the statue has been erected.

Sgt. William “Wild Bill” Guarnere, famous for his actions as a member of the legendary 101st Airborne Division’s Screaming Eagles in World War II passed away March 8th. He was the recipient of the Silver Star, Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. Sgt. Guarnere’s wrote a book *Brothers in Battle, Best of Friends: Two WWII Paratroopers from the Original Band of Brothers Tell Their Story* and was famously portrayed by actor Frank John Hughes in the 2001 Emmy Award Winning HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers*, produced by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks.

The kick off fundraising event and launch of the brand new website, WildBillMemorial.org, will be Friday, January 16th, 2015 from 7:00p to 11:00pm at Popi’s Italian Restaurant at 3120 South 20th Street in Philadelphia. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Hot hors d’oeuvres & cash bar. Silent Auction Items, Raffle items, Autographed memorabilia and special speakers.

Invited guests include: Tom Hanks, Frank John Hughes (played Wild Bill on HBO’s *Band of Brothers*), Gary Sinise, Former Philadelphia Eagle Vince Papale, WPHT’s Dom Giordano, CBS3’s Ukee Washington and other radio and TV Personalities as well as Councilmen, Mayors, and other Dignitaries.

This Bronze statue for the Wild Bill Statue will stand 8 foot tall and weigh over 3200 pounds. Donations are needed to offset the cost of the materials needed for this monument. This will be the first monument that will be displayed of WWII in Philadelphia. Donations are being accepted at YouCaring , WildBillMemorial.org or mail check payable to the Wild Bill Guarnere Memorial Fund at the address provided.

