

Sergeant Lanza, a World War II Veteran, forever remembered

Sergeant William Lanza was shot down over Nazi-occupied Italy in May of 1946 in a B-25 Mitchell bomber along with other members of his crew. Thanks to the pilot and several Italian sympathizers, Lanza survived a prisoner of war camp and escaped. His nephew John W. Lanza captured these exploits in a book taken directly from war stories from his Uncle Bill during his childhood. The book is titled "Shot Down Over Italy."

Last Sunday morning Mayor Brian Arrigo and other elected officials and the Lanza family and friends remembered this war hero in a square dedication in his name, at the corner of Ann Road and Malden Street. Thanks to the council motion by Ward 6 Councillor and US Marine veteran Charlie Patch, this Revere war hero will forever be remembered.



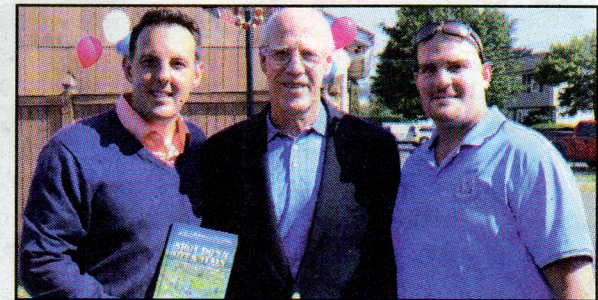
US Marine and Ward 6 Councillor Charlie Patch, who is credited with the motion to have the square dedicated to Sgt. William Lanza, is shown with Patricia Lanza-Fitzgerald, Bill's daughter.



The Lanza family, Mayor Brian Arrigo and other elected officials are shown at the memorial on the corner of Ann Road and Malden Street. From left: Councillors Steve Morabito and John Powers, Robert DiGiuli, Mayor Arrigo, Aunt Anna Sciaraffa, daughters Annmarie Lanza and Patricia Lanza Fitzgerald, author John W. Lanza, City Councillor Joanne McKenna, Director of Veterans Services Marc Silvestri and Sienna Silvestri and City Councillors Charlie Patch and Tony Zambuto.



Sgt. Lanza's nephew and author John W. Lanza addresses his family and friends and Revere's elected officials last Sunday morning.



John W Lanza (center), author of "Shot Down Over Italy," presented a copy of the book to Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo (left) and Director of Veterans Services Marc Silvestri.