



Police Officer Frank Kozar



Police Officer Frank Kozar was born in Jersey City in 1924. He served in the United States Marine Corps, First Marine Division in the Pacific, during World War II, fighting in the battles of Tarawa and Okinawa, for which he earned a Distinguished Service Medal.

Following WW II he became a Transit Police Officer with the former Erie Rail Road (now part of NJ Transit) and moved to Glen Rock in 1954. On December 1, 1956 he transferred to the Glen Rock Police Department at the urging of then Captain Neil Finn.

P.O. Kozar served with the GRPD for 26 years, retiring on January 1, 1982. During his tenure he displayed exceptional skill at dealing with young people and went out of his way to help them. He was later appointed as the department's first juvenile officer and served in that capacity until his retirement.

In 1974 P.O. Kozar received a meritorious service commendation for his actions on September 9, 1974 following an attempted murder on Harristown Road. He, along with officers Jay Green and Robert Brindley pursued and apprehended an armed subject who had fired five shots from a .38 caliber revolver before leaving the victim shot and wandering for help in the street.

Frank's service to the community extended far past the GRPD. He was commander of the Glen Rock VFW, a member of the Senior Citizens' Club of Glen Rock, the Activity Club of Glen Rock, an usher at St. Catharine's Church, a basketball coach and was a Gold Life Member as well as a former President of Glen Rock PBA – Local # 110.

P.O. Kozar's proudest accomplishment was to help persuade the borough to install a World War II monument and served as the grand marshal of a parade to dedicate it.

The Frank Kozar Memorial Scholarship at the Glen Rock High School has been established in his memory.



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