

Boston College Neighborhood Improvement Fund

For Brighton and Allston

Application for Funding, Spring 2015

Total Amount Requested \$ 90,000

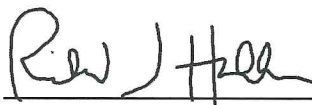
Applicant Organization Name: <u>Allston Brighton Veterans (Sub-group of City Of Boston Veterans' Services)</u>	
Organization Address: <u>29 Mt Vernon Street</u>	City: <u>Brighton</u> Zip: <u>02135</u>
Contact Person: <u>Richard J Holahan</u>	
Title: <u>District 9 Veterans Liaison</u>	
Telephone Number: <u>617-755-2103</u>	
E-Mail Address: <u>AllBriVets@gmail.com</u>	
Is Applicant a 501(C) (3) organization? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (operate under the City of Boston)	
Federal Employer Identification Number: _____	
Executive Director: <u>Richard J Holahan</u>	Phone Number: <u>617-755-2103</u>
Email Address: <u>AllBriVets@gmail.com</u>	
Board President: <u>Commissioner Giselle Sterling</u>	Phone Number: _____
Email Address: <u>Giselle.Sterling@Boston.gov</u>	

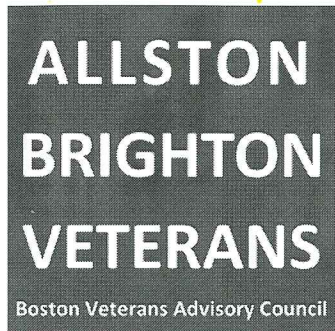
Application submission(s) must be authorized and signed by an authorized signatory of the Organization.

Name and title of Authorized Signatory:

RICHARD J HOLAHAN, District 9 Veterans Liaison

Signature of Authorized Signatory:





PFC Ernest W. Prussman Medal of Honor Monument

Boston College NIF Grant Application – Spring 2015

1) Executive Summary

- a. Private First Class Ernest W. Prussman grew up in Brighton (58 Murdock Street) and graduated from Brighton High School. He perished during World War II and received the Medal of Honor (posthumously) for his heroism and conspicuous gallantry in the face of withering enemy fire. To date, PFC Prussman has a small Boston Hero Square sign at the corner of Goodenough and Faneuil Streets in Brighton and nothing else. This is not in keeping with the significance or stature of the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military honor. A mere ~1800 Medals of Honor have been bestowed since 1865. This endeavor seeks to create a PFC Ernest W Prussman Medal of Honor Monument to be located on the Commonwealth Avenue Carriage Road median between Wallingford and Leamington Roads in Brighton.

2) Organization and Principal Summary

- a. Allston Brighton Veterans is a subgroup of the City of Boston's Veterans' Services. Mayor Walsh announced the creation of the Boston Veterans Advisory Council on December 21, 2014 at an event at the New England Center for Homeless Veterans. Richard Holahan was appointed by Mayor Walsh to serve as the District 9 Liaison representing all of Allston and Brighton on the Boston Veterans Advisory Council. The Boston Veterans Advisory Council advises the City Council and Mayor on veterans' issues in the city and advocates for veterans causes.
- b. Richard Holahan completed his undergraduate studies at Boston College and his MBA from the University of Connecticut. He currently serves in a specialized role in the United States Army Reserve, holds the rank of Captain, and is a Senior Vice President at Citibank. At Citibank, Richard manages global, strategic banking projects with budgets in excess of \$50mm and is adept at project management, change request management, project documentation and artifact generation, governance and oversight, senior reporting, budgeting, and cost control.

3) Other World War II Hero Monuments in Allston Brighton

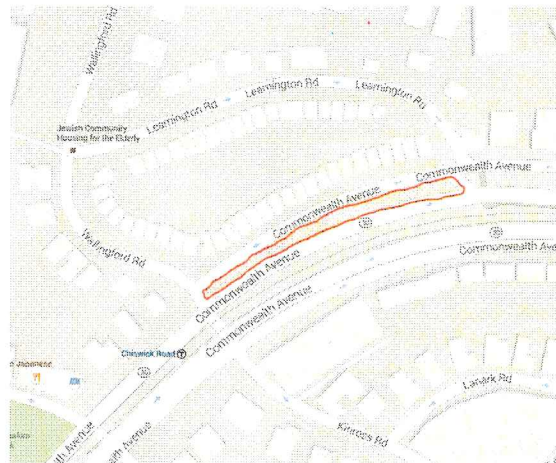
- a. Comparable Project 1 – PFC Stanley Kaplan died during World War II. He has a memorial monument at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Washington Street in Brighton. The monument was severely neglected over the years and required \$30,000 of funding to refurbish

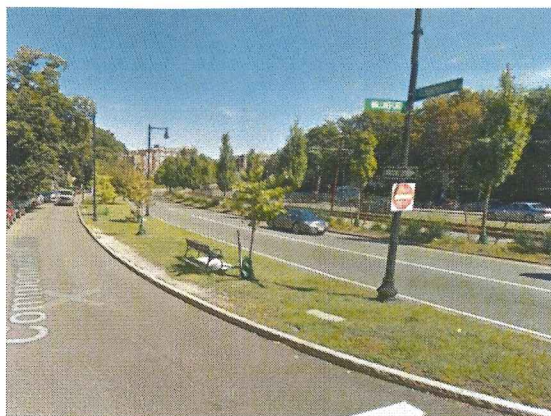
it in 2013. While not seeking to diminish or marginalize PFC Kaplan's supreme sacrifice, it bears mentioning that he did not receive the Medal of Honor as PFC Prussman did. See Appendix A for photographs.

- b. Comparable Project 2 – 1LT William E Boyden, Jr died during World War II. He has a memorial monument at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Lake Street in Brighton near the Boston College MBTA Station. 1LT Boyden's monument is undergoing refurbishment and improvements in 2015. While not seeking to diminish or marginalize 1LT Boyden's supreme sacrifice, it bears mentioning that he did not receive the Medal of Honor as PFC Prussman did. See Appendix B for photographs.

4) Project Details and Location

- a. While the design process is not complete, the intent is to create a stone obelisk with carvings, as well as a bronze panel that describes PFC Prussman's life and his Medal of Honor citation. Also included would be appropriate landscaping and a bench for visitors to sit upon. Examples of comparable projects are available in Appendix C.
- b. In close cooperation with the Office of City Councilor Mark Ciommo and the Boston Department of Public Works' Public Improvement Commission, the proposed site has provisional approval for a monument, which is subject to final approval following an engineering assessment. The site is the Commonwealth Avenue Carriage Road median between Wallingford and Leamington Roads. This is a high-visibility area and aligns with the placement of the PFC Kaplan monument a few blocks east.





5) Project Governance and Oversight

- a. To ensure all constituencies are represented in creating the PFC Ernest W Prussman Memorial, a steering committee will be created with representation by:
 - i. Rick Holahan – Prussman Memorial Steering Committee Chairman (Allston Brighton Veterans)
 - ii. John Laadt – Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services – Allston Brighton
 - iii. Mark Handley – Councilor Mark Ciommo’s Office
 - iv. John O’Brien – Boston College – Army ROTC Senior Military Instructor
 - v. Sergeant O’Hara – Boston Police Department – District 14 Community Service Office
 - vi. Ali Carter – Brighton Main Streets – Executive Director
 - vii. Giselle Stering – Commissioner of Boston Veterans’ Services
- b. The steering committee will review and approve:
 - i. Design choices and selections via an RFP process (see Appendix C for photos)
- c. Governance / Three-Person Integrity:
 - i. All accounting and use of funds will be reviewed with three-person integrity to minimize fraud, waste, or abuse. At no time will any funds be spent without three-person authorization. A proper accounting and reporting of all funds will be provided to all stakeholders and the general public in the interest of transparency via social media accounts (Facebook).
 - ii. 100% of all requested monies will be used for the Prussman Memorial. No money will be used for salaries, travel, food/drink of the Steering Committee. A small amount (\$100) will be allocated for photocopies in support of recordkeeping and proper accounting.
- d. Project Milestones:
 - i. Fund approval/receipt
 - ii. Conditional approval from the City of Boston to place a monument on Jackson Square
 - iii. Request For Proposals sought from monument designers and artists
 - iv. Steering Committee approves a design and selects an RFP
 - v. Work commences
 - vi. Work completes
 - vii. Dedication / Ribbon Cutting / Ceremony

6) Community Support

- a. Attached to the end of this application are nearly 30 letters of support from State Senator Brownsberger, State Representative Honan, Commissioner of the Boston Police Department William Evans, and many other concerned parties who are in favor of a Prussman memorial in Brighton.

7) Other Funding Sources

- a. Due to the high visibility and national significance of the Medal of Honor, additional funding sources could be pursued from the Browne Fund, and (if needed) a GoFundMe/crowdsourced methodology.

APPENDICES

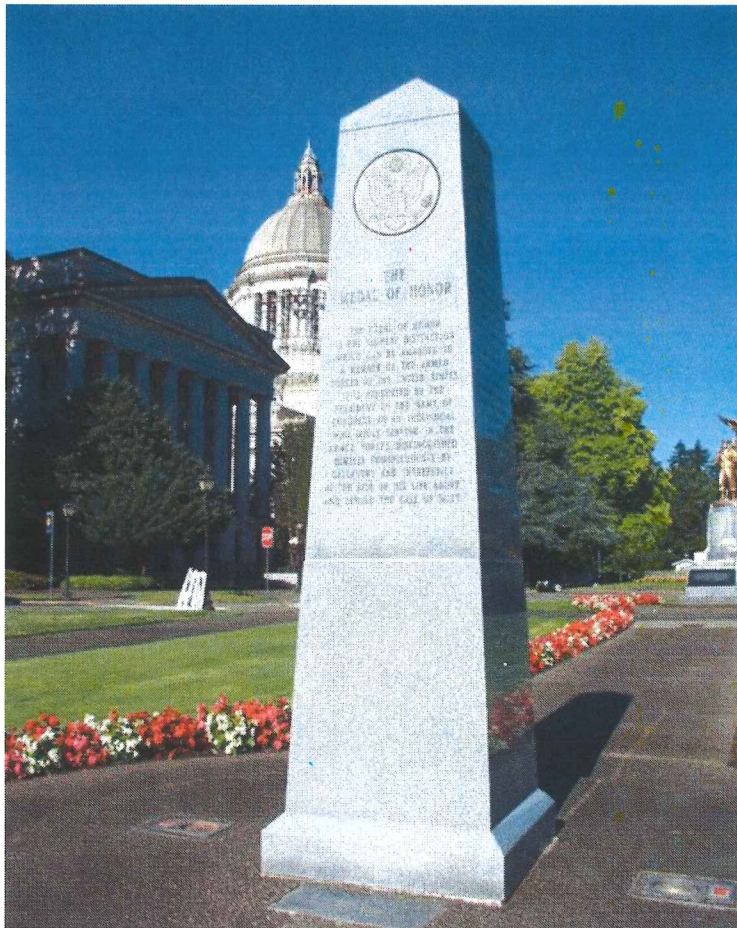
Appendix A: PFC Stanley Kaplan Monument



Appendix B: 1LT William E Boyden, Jr Monument



Appendix C: Sample Medal of Honor Monuments







Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Ernest Prussman

1 message

Alexander Chase <alexander.chase8@gmail.com>
To: allbrivets@gmail.com

Wed, May 13, 2015 at 1:47 PM

Rick,

I support a memorial for PFC Ernest Prussman, a recipient of the Medal of Honor, in Brighton for his service and heroism in WWII.

Best,
Alex

—
Alexander Chase
alexander.chase8@gmail.com
617.852.2559



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Ernest W Prussman Monument in Brighton

1 message

Amy Lankarge <amylankarge@gmail.com>

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 3:28 PM

To: ALLBRIVETS@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,

I fully support a monument for Ernest Prussman in Brighton.

Thank you,

Amy Lankarge
20 Turner Street
Brighton, MA 02135
[\(774\) 721-6268](tel:7747216268)



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Support for Ernest W Prussman Memorial

1 message

Beth Gavin <bethgavinhome@gmail.com>

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 3:04 PM

To: AllBriVets@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to offer my full support for the Ernest W. Prussman Memorial in Brighton, Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gavin
49 Mapleton Street
Brighton, MA 02135



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Monument in Brighton

1 message

Brian Alvarez <brian.c.alvarez@gmail.com>

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 7:35 AM

To: Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

I support an Ernest Prussman monument in Brighton. I'm currently a resident of Allston and it's great to hear about the work you're doing.

Best,
Brian Alvarez

May 22, 2015

Boston College Neighborhood Center
Boston College Allston-Brighton Task Force
480 Washington Street
Brighton, MA 02135

Dear Task Force Members:

The Boston Police Department (BPD) is a community-policing department that emphasizes a strong commitment to community engagement and partnerships. Daily, Boston Police officers work closely with residents, businesses and other community stakeholders to identify problems and, together, come up with viable solutions. As part of our commitment to community, the BPD is involved in various initiatives to increase neighborhood safety and reduce crime through revitalization activities and community building.

Research shows that physical enhancements and beautification of a neighborhood are important components in increasing safety and decreasing crime. Creating a monument to commemorate the brave acts of Medal of Honor recipient PFC Ernest W. Prussman reinforces our mission while honoring a true local hero.

The BPD wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the Allston Brighton Veterans and their request to establish this monument in Brighton's Jackson Square on behalf of PFC Prussman who lost his life during World War II while paving the way for all of us to continue the mission of freedom and equality.

Sincerely,



William B. Evans
Police Commissioner



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

PFC Ernest W. Prussman Memorial

1 message

Daniel Gallagher <ltc.gallagher@gmail.com>
To: allbrivets@gmail.com

Wed, May 6, 2015 at 8:54 AM

Yes, I agree that Brighton should honor this soldier with a monument.

Please let me know how else I can assist.

Thank you

Daniel W. Gallagher
Cell [617-633-8803](tel:617-633-8803)



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Memorial

1 message

Danny Daly <dd103@comcast.net>

Thu, Jun 4, 2015 at 8:16 PM

To: "AllBriVets@gmail.com" <AllBriVets@gmail.com>

Rick , I am writing to support a well deserved memorial for Brighton's Medal of Honor recipient Ernest Prussman . Respectfully ? Daniel Daly .

Sent from my iPhone



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

"I support the Ernest W Prussman Memorial in Brighton."

1 message

Don Florio <donmike64@gmail.com>
To: AllBriVets@gmail.com

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 7:45 AM

Here's my E-mail ,,you call and we'll haul ~ DM



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Prussman Memorial

1 message

eprys@comcast.net <eprys@comcast.net>
To: AllBriVets@gmail.com

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 5:59 AM

I support the plan for a memorial for Ernest Prussman. His story is new to me and I find that concerning. His story should have been know to all of us in the Allston-Brighton area.



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

memorial

1 message

frank I <franld45@gmail.com>
To: ALLBriVets@gmail.com

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 11:36 AM

I support a memorial for PFC Ernest Prussman in Brighton Ma.



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Ernest Prussman Monument -- this NEEDS to happen!

1 message

Greg Page <gpageus@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Greg Page <gpageus@yahoo.com>
To: "allbrivets@gmail.com" <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 10:52 PM

Dear AB Vets Group,

Hey! I heard about the Ernest Prussman monument campaign through Facebook. Just wanted you to know that I strongly support an Ernest Prussman monument in Brighton. What a great way to honor his legacy.

best,

Greg Page



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Support of brighton Monument

1 message

Jaime Lindell <jaimelindell@gmail.com>
To: ALLBRIVETS@gmail.com

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 6:49 PM

To whom this may concern:

I support a monument in Brighton for MoH recipient Ernest Prussman.

Regards,
Jaime Lindell
Former Brighton Resident



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Memorial in Brighton!!

1 message

Joanne Marques <joanne.marques@boston.gov>
To: "Allbrivets@gmail.com" <Allbrivets@gmail.com>

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 7:30 PM

I would like to support a Prussman Memorial in Brighton!!

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Joanne Marques
Planning & Zoning Division
1010 Massachusetts Ave, 5th floor
Boston, MA 02118
[617-961-3414](tel:617-961-3414) (Phone)
[617-635-5399](tel:617-635-5399) (Fax)

permits.boston.gov
<http://www.cityofboston.gov/isd/building/>

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<http://www.cityofboston.gov/isd/building/>



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Re: Ernest Prussman Memorial

1 message

Joan Pasquale <jpasquale888@hotmail.com>
To: "allbrivets@gmail.com" <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 9:04 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in support of an Ernest Prussman memorial in Brighton.

Sincerely,

Joan Pasquale

1387 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 402

Allston, MA 02134



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

SUPPORT FOR MONUMENT

1 message

John Goode <jgoode@rcds.org>
To: AllBriVets@gmail.com

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 5:26 PM

I support the construction of a monument honoring Brighton, MA, World War Two Medal of Honor recipient PFC Ernest W. Prussman.

John F. Goode
Red Bank, NJ
Former resident of Brighton, MA



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Ernest W. Prussman Memorial

1 message

John Polanowicz <polanowj@gmail.com>

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 8:06 AM

To: AllBriVets@gmail.com

Cc: D'Entremont Joe <jdentrem@plant.mit.edu>

As a combat veteran, and the former President of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton, I wholeheartedly support the the Ernest W Prussman Memorial in Brighton. The posthumous awarding of the Medal of Honor to this warrior is befitting the honor bestowed upon him for his gallantry. It would be a strong message of support for all veterans for Brighton to support this memorial.

Thank you.

John W. Polanowicz[\(508\) 612-0961](tel:5086120961) (c)polanowj@gmail.comwww.linkedin.com/in/jpolanowicz Please consider the environment before printing.



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

PFC Ernest Prussman

1 message

kelly mcgrath <kelly9175@gmail.com>
To: allbrivets@gmail.com

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 5:57 PM

I support a memorial for PFC Ernest Prussman in Brighton MA. A well deserved and long overdue memorial.

Forever grateful,

Kelly McGrath



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

(no subject)

1 message

Fennelly, Linda L. <Linda.L.Fennelly@lahey.org>
To: AllBriVets@gmail.com

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 8:22 AM

"I support the Ernest W Prussman Memorial in Brighton." This will help show the grant's review board that people in Allston Brighton want a Prussman Memorial.

Linda Fennelly

Member of Rolling Thunder Ma 1 Chapter

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Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Ernest Prussman monument

1 message

Hampton, David S Jr MAJ USARMY (US) <david.s.hampton.mil@mail.mil>
To: "ALLBRIVETS@gmail.com" <ALLBRIVETS@gmail.com>

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 5:45 PM

I support a monument in Brighton for MoH recipient Ernest Prussman



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Ernest Prussman

1 message

Maryreg@comcast.net <Maryreg@comcast.net>
To: Allbrivets@gmail.com

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 7:36 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I fully support the Ernest Prussman Memorial in Brighton. Thank you for you attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Regan



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

PFC Ernest W Prussman

1 message

Michael Sylvester <michael.sylvester@century21.com>
To: AllBriVets@gmail.com

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 9:39 PM

To whom it may concern,

I strongly encourage a memorial for PFC Ernest W Prussman in Brighton. Our community should recognize such hero's!

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty on September 8, 1944, near Les Coates, Brittany, France. When the advance of the flank companies of 2 battalions was halted by intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire from a fortified position on his left, Pfc. Prussman maneuvered his squad to assault the enemy fortifications. Hurdling a hedgerow, he came upon 2 enemy riflemen whom he disarmed. After leading his squad across an open field to the next hedgerow, he advanced to a machine gun position, destroyed the gun, captured its crew and 2 riflemen. Again advancing ahead of his squad in the assault, he was mortally wounded by an enemy rifleman, but as he fell to the ground he threw a hand grenade, killing his opponent. His superb leadership and heroic action at the cost of his life so demoralized the enemy that resistance at this point collapsed, permitting the 2 battalions to continue their advance."

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**Michael Sylvester**
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Ernest Prussman Memorial

1 message

Nathaniel Richardson <Nathaniel@nextgenrealty.com>
To: "allbrivets@gmail.com" <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 3:44 PM

Rick,

I am in support of an Ernest Prussman memorial in Brighton and I appreciate your work on getting this done for an American Hero.

Best,

Nathan Richardson

NextGen Realty

[617-717-4757](tel:617-717-4757)

1243 Commonwealth Ave.

Allston, MA 02134

Nathaniel@nextgenrealty.com

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Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

PFC Ernest Prussman

1 message

Paula Walsh <walsh.paula@comcast.net>
To: "allbrivets@gmail.com" <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 9:03 AM

Good morning,

I saw your group's appeal on Twitter and found that PFC Prussman is buried at the Brittany cemetery in France. A friend of mine is the superintendent of a WWI American cemetery in France, who would be able to put you in contact with the superintendent at Brittany. I know that the ABMC has biographical information on many of these heroes buried at their cemeteries and perhaps a representative at the ABMC may also provide a letter of support for your proposed memorial in Brighton. The superintendent could also guide your group's visit to the cemetery in France and hold a special recognition ceremony on PFC Prussman's behalf.

Please let me know if you are interested in exploring this route.

Thank you for your service and for your great work of remembering these honorable men.

Regards,

Paula Walsh

Sent from my iPhone



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Ernest Prussman Monument in Brighton

1 message

Pete Lankarge <pflankarge@gmail.com>
To: allbrivets@gmail.com

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 9:31 AM

To whom it may concern: I fully support a monument for Ernest Prussman in Brighton.

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Pete Lankarge

20 Turner Street
Brighton, MA 02135

Cell: [860-930-3355](tel:860-930-3355)

PFLankarge@gmail.com



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Brighton metal of honor support

1 message

pkj <p.kellyjoseph@gmail.com>

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 10:03 PM

To: "allbrivets@gmail.com" <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Hi Rick, I saw you post on the allston-brighton google group and I am in support of an Ernest Prussman memorial in Brighton.

Thanks for organizing this and if you are a vet thank you for your service too.
Peter Kelly-Joseph

Sent from my iPad



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

(no subject)

1 message

Honan, Kevin - Rep. (HOU) <Kevin.Honan@mahouse.gov>
To: "AllBriVets@Gmail.com" <AllBriVets@gmail.com>

Fri, May 8, 2015 at 4:29 PM

I am in support of an Ernest Prussman memorial in Brighton. Sincerely, Kevin G. Honan



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

PFC Prussman

1 message

Brownsberger, William (SEN) <William.Brownsberger@masenate.gov>

Mon, May 11, 2015 at 1:23 PM

To: Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Cc: "willbrownsbergerpublicarchives@gmail.com" <willbrownsbergerpublicarchives@gmail.com>

Greetings, Rick.

I'm supportive a memorial to PFC Prussman in Brighton.

Please let me know how else I can help.

Best regards,

Will B.

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Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Ernest Prussman

1 message

Sueanne Davood <postchy1@yahoo.com>

Tue, Jun 9, 2015 at 7:02 AM

To: "AllBriVets@gmail.com" <AllBriVets@gmail.com>

I do support for a memorial to honor PFC Ernest Prussman of Brighton who received a Medal of Honor for his sacrifice during World War II.
Regards Sueanne

Sent from my iPhone



Allston Brighton Veterans <allbrivets@gmail.com>

Support for Ernest Prussman

1 message

Tom Feeley <feeleytom@yahoo.com>

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 11:48 PM

Reply-To: Tom Feeley <feeleytom@yahoo.com>

To: "ALLBRIVETS@GMAIL.COM" <ALLBRIVETS@gmail.com>

Dear Allston-Brighton Veteran's Committee,
I support the creation of a monument for Ernest Prussman.

Sincerely,
Thomas Feeley

18 Turner Street,
Brighton, MA 02135