



Among the artwork of Robert M. Baldwin Sr. being donated to Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner is this painting of a landing by U.S. Army paratroopers during World War II. Baldwin served with the 82nd Airborne Division. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

GLEN GARDNER

Veteran and artist soldiered through the war he painted

By **Pete Brekus**
The Express-Times

A New Jersey veteran's collection of battlefield sketches and paintings has been donated to Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner.

The watercolors and paintings were created by Robert M. Baldwin Sr. from sketches he made during and after his service in the Army in the European Theater of World War II.

Baldwin served with the 507th Infantry Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and

saw action in Operation Varsity, the invasion of Germany as the Allies crossed the Rhine River in March 1945.

Baldwin grew up in Ridgway, Pa., and joined the Army in 1943.

After the war, he was an artist and served as mayor of South Plainfield, N.J. He died in 2003.

Baldwin also created the artwork for the Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe award.

McAuliffe, commander of the 101st Airborne troops under siege at Bastogne, Belgium, delivered the

famous reply of "Nuts!" when given an ultimatum by the Germans to surrender during the Battle of the Bulge.

Other of Baldwin's works, including caricatures of Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini and paintings and sketches of action in the Pacific Theater of World War II and the Vietnam War, are based on Baldwin's reading of events and his imagination as a battlefield participant.

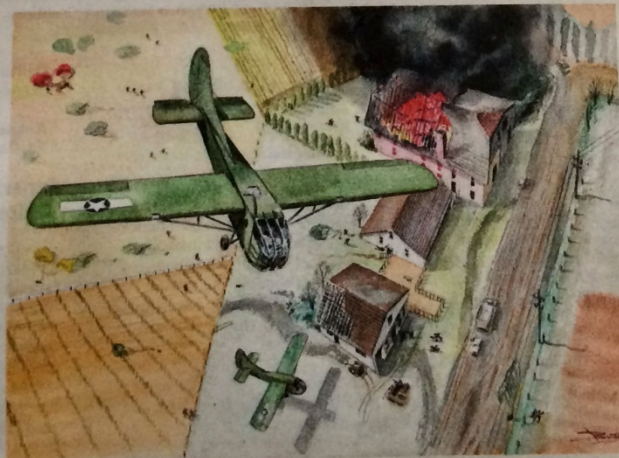
The collection was donated to Veteran's Haven by his son, Mark Baldwin, in his father's memory.



Robert M. Baldwin Sr.



Baldwin created the art for the Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe award, above. Right: His depiction of World War II troop gliders landing.



BANGOR AREA SCHOOLS

Board member decry 'bloated Career Institute'

By **John Best**
The Express-Times

The Career Institute of Technology overpays its administrators, several Bangor Area School Board directors say.

The Bangor Area School Board on Monday voted 5-4 to approve paying its \$1.2 million share of CIT's \$7.5 million budget. Board member Bob Cartwright said it's not appropriate that CIT Director Ronald Roth, who oversees fewer than 700 students, makes more money than Bangor Area administrators, who oversee more than 3,000.

"It's not their product that is a problem," Cartwright said. "I have a problem with the cost of their administration."

This year, Bangor Area sent 146 students to CIT, along with students from Wilson Area, Easton Area, Nazareth Area and Pen Argyl Area districts for a total enrollment of about 668 students. CIT provides vocational

classes in numbers including auto computer tech

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EASTON AREA SCHOOLS

Tracy Elementary closing recons

By **Rudy Miller**
The Express-Times

The Easton Area School District superintendent said his administrative team is considering alternatives to closing Tracy Elementary School as a means to cut costs.

A Pennsylvania Economy League study unveiled last year calls for retrofitting the school to house the district's offices and alternative school and for selling the current education center and alternative school sites to save money.

The study predicts the district's enrollment will dip 11 percent over the next 10 years.

Superintendent John Reinhart said after Tuesday's school board meeting the plan to convert Tracy may be too costly. Board President

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