

Answers to Trivia Trail

Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve

July 2021

1. Chaplain (Major) Edward J. Vattman

One of the most distinguished burials at the Fort's cemetery is that of Chaplain (Major) Edward J. Vattman (1841-1919), who designed and paid for the monument himself.

Father Vattman was the oldest ranking Catholic chaplain in the U.S. Army at the time of his death, and served at Fort Sheridan during World War I. He was a close friend of President Theodore Roosevelt.

<https://www.wilmettehistory.org/blog/armistice-day-wilmette-1918>

2. North Shore Path

3. Janes Ravine

4. Ossian C. Simonds

5. Six million

6. General George S. Patton Jr. (1885-1945)

After graduating from West Point, Patton took a commission as a 2nd lieutenant with the 15th Cavalry and was stationed at Fort Sheridan from 1909 to 1911. He and his wife lived in Building 92 on Leonard Wood Avenue.

During World War II, Patton was the Army's leading strategist in tank warfare. He is remembered as one of the most imaginative and successful generals in U.S. history.

<https://lakecountyhistory.blogspot.com/2021/06/from-cavalry-to-tanks-george-s-patton-jr.html>

7. Parade Grounds

8. Captain Patrick L. Haley

Fort Sheridan Army Airfield was renamed Haley Army Airfield for Captain Patrick L. Haley (1942-1967) of LaSalle, Illinois.

Captain Haley of the 1st Cavalry Division and his Army helicopter crew were killed in action in Vietnam on April 18, 1967.

9. Red-tailed Hawk

10. Bess Bower Dunn Museum in Libertyville, IL

11. White Oak and Poison Ivy

12. Missile Site Deactivated

In 1963, the Fort Sheridan missile site was deactivated.

Within a decade of their creation, Nike missiles became less critical to national security as the Soviets changed military strategy from bombers to Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs). Nike missiles were designed to strike enemy aircraft, not other missiles.

By 1974, all Nike missile sites nationwide were deactivated, including multiple sites in the Chicago region.

<http://lakecountyhistory.blogspot.com/2010/04/nike-missile-defense.html>

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