

- o This is the missing Spring Class of 1944. The reminder of over 500 students who were in attendance in the ASTP program.
- o This is their last Regimental and their only class ASTP reunion that they will attend.
- o Their presence here kept PC economically afloat during the war years. They were as a class pulled out by the Army in pursuance to the Normandy invasion of Europe.
- o Although there are some "diamonds in the rough" in this group, they want to remain anonymous.
- o As a result of the good college and community relationship with ASTP, PC requested and received the Army ROTC Program.
- o The memorial plaque from this group is dedicated to the 37 ASTP classmates from PC who died during the war.
- o Through no fault of their own they were not able to return to PC to complete degree requirements. (The Department of War disbanded ASTP program in March 1944).
- o They marched through six European countries and fought in four major campaigns; their regimental awards include a medal of honor recipient and numerous purple hearts, bronze and silver stars .
- o They honor us with their presence, presentation and perpetual plaque to their fallen comrades - all Providence College students. This serves as a reminder to every undergraduate "that freedom is not free" as well as a reminder of the Dominicans and Graduates who served in four wars.
- o We should consider that an invitation be extended to this group for a perpetual home for their memorabilia.
- o The College must remind them that they were and will not be forgotten as a class.

○ The College should consider the presentation of honorary class of 1944 graduating certificates.