

**Memorial dedicated:** Nearly 50 veterans of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) contingent recently gathered at the college from throughout the United States to dedicate a memorial plaque honoring their 37 classmates and com-

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rades-in-arms who were killed in action during World War II. All of the veterans who attended have been awarded the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge, and most also have a Bronze Star.

The men were among the 380 soldiers assigned to Providence College in a program designed to provide specialized training to prepare them for military tasks in engineering, mathematics, medical/dental areas and foreign languages. In 1944, the program was abruptly canceled and the soldiers were reassigned to the 328th infantry regiment of the 26th Yankee Division and sent to reinforce troops stationed at the front lines. They fought from October 1944 to the end of the war in April 1945 with duty that included the Battle of the Bulge. Keynote speaker for the ceremony was the Honorable Joseph Weisberger, chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

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