WASHINGTON STATE
Geographic Name Application

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Proposed Name: Riley Cove

County: KING

Township: Mercer Island Range:_____ Section(s):_____

Lat._____N, Long._____W (Begin)

Lat._____N, Long._____W (End)

____ New Name

____ Controversial Name

____ Name Change

____ Location Clarification

____ Spelling Clarification

Description

Please see attached answers.

ype of feature (lake, stream, etc.):_____

)escription of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered):_____

f a stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis:_____

s this feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names:_____

Ias it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when?_____

History

Please provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (floods ires, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.

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f a commerative name, provide a brief summary of the ENTIRE life of the person including how and the length of time he/she was ıssociated with the proposed feature:_____

ustification of Proposed Name

Please see answers attached...

/hat is the usage of feature?

lease state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest:

ow long has the proposed name been in use? By whom?

lease list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background histor elating to proposed name)

/hat type of support is there for the proposed name?

'st all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephon umbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:

\pplication submitted by:

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ddress: 1836 72ND AVE S.E. City: MERCER ISLAND State: WA Zip: 98040

hone #: 206-406-5695 cell Email: FRANKSORBA@gmail.com Date of Application: 9/11/2019

I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

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ignature: Date: 9/11/2019

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:

WA State Board on Geographic Names

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Grant Name Application

Proposed name: Riley Cove
County: King
Township: Mercer Island Range: Section(s)

Description:
Type of feature: Cove in Lake Washington
Description of feature: The cove on the north end of Mercer Island runs from Luther Burbank Park on the east to the 72nd Street landing (a public street end) on the west, an area of approximately 60 acres. (See 3 maps attached as Exhibit A)

If a stream, number of months it flows: Not a stream

Is this feature identified by other names or spellings? The cove has never had an official name or designation. The properties adjacent to the cove were platted by King County as "McGilvra's Addition," in honor of Judge John McGilvra of Seattle (1827-1903).

Has it ever been signed, posted or publicized? No

History:
Like most of the shoreline of Mercer Island, the cove was likely uninhabited until the 1860s, when early settlers began to come to the Island. There's no evidence that any native people lived on the Island, perhaps because they believed the Island was haunted and sank every night. Eventually settlers built a few houses along the shore, and over time numerous cabins popped up, used in the summer by people who lived in Seattle. The cove became larger in 1917 when the Ballard Locks and Lake Washington Ship Canal were completed, as Lake Washington was lowered by about 14 feet. The Riley house, built in 1920, (See attached Exhibit B) was one of the few homes in the cove intended for year-round usage. The Roanoke Inn, Mercer Island's oldest business, was built in 1914. Neighbors in the area, including Hu Riley's father, built the nearby Keewaydin Clubhouse in 1921 to serve as a club and community meeting place. Before 1940, when the Mercer Island Floating Bridge was built, summer and year-round residents of the cove would have viewed numerous steamers criss-crossing the lake, ferrying passengers to and from Seattle. Car and foot passengers would have traveled on North Mercer Way on their way to the ferry stop at Roanoke Dock. Over time, waterfront cabins along the cove were torn down, replaced by large homes.

Summary of the life of Hu Riley: Please see attached letter from the Commander of the Mercer Island VFW, as well as ~~two,~~ representative newspaper articles (Exhibit C1, C2, C3 and C4).

Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature: The cove is lined with private waterfront property. There are three public access spots, street-end parks at 72nd Avenue Landing, Lincoln Landing (76th Avenue S.E.), and 77th Street Landing. The cove is one of the largest on the Island, yet its waters are quite protected, making it a favorite spot for wakeboarding and water skiing. The cove is home to several eagles and blue heron, as well as fish, beaver and other wildlife. In recent years it has become a popular spot for bass fishing.

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: Huston Riley spent his entire life on this cove, except when he was serving in the U.S. Army. The house where he grew up and lived until his death was built by his father and is still standing along the middle of the cove, at 7436 North Mercer Way. The Mercer Island VFW Hall (formerly the Keewaydin Club), where Riley volunteered for decades, and which his father helped to build, is at the west edge of the cove.

Riley's heroism on D-Day was immortalized on the cover of Life Magazine in 1944, and is one of the most iconic and best-known photographs of D-Day in existence. Riley also served in North Africa and at the Battle of the Bulge, earning three purple hearts. For many decades he served on the board of the Mercer Island Historical Society. Riley was Mercer Island's best-known and probably most highly-decorated war hero. He was the subject of numerous local and national news articles, and was interviewed at his home by Tom Brokaw for NBC Nightly News. Riley's long association with the property on Mercer Island, his deep involvement in the community and his exceptional service to our country during World War II make it fitting that the cove bear his name.

How long has the proposed name been in use? Since the first naming effort in 2009, many neighbors now refer to the cove as "Riley Cove."

Please list all sources of information used in your research: Mercer Island Map, Lawton Publishing Co., produced for and distributed by the Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce. King County government parcel viewer. "History of Mercer Island: From Haunted Wilderness to Coveted Community," by Jane Meyer Brahm, published by the Mercer Island Historical Society, 2013. "Soldier in the Surf," by Rebecca Mar, *Mercer Island Reporter,* Nov. 24, 2008. "75 Years Ago," by Eric Lacitis, Seattle Times, June 2, 2019 (a portion of which is attached as Exhibit C3).

What type of support is there for the proposed name?

In 2009, a neighbor, Rob MacAulay, led an effort to name the cove "Riley Cove" on behalf of the Riley family. At that time, 94 percent of neighbors who responded (34 of 36) voted in favor of naming the cove "Riley Cove," and the Mercer Island City Council issued a proclamation in favor of naming the cove after Riley.

However, the Board of Geographic Names felt the effort was ultimately about Hu (who at the time was still alive) and therefore invited him to reapply.

Most recently, 125 members of the Mercer Island VFW Post 5760, as well as nearly 200 cove neighbors, Island residents and Island leaders are in support of naming the

cove Riley Cove. See list attached as Exhibit D. In August of 2019, everyone who lives between the street and Riley Cove was either contacted in person or received a note in his/her mailbox (see Exhibit E attached) outlining this Riley Cove initiative. 44 of those Riley Cove residents responded. 43 of 44 were in favor of naming the cove Riley Cove. One was opposed (Margaret Philbrick, who was in opposition in 2009 as well).

Of the remaining 150 supporters listed on the attached, it is important to note that ALL were in favor (zero opposed).

To: The Washington State Board on Geographic Names

From: Frank Sorba, Commander of the Mercer Island VFW Post 5760

Re: Geographic Names Application

Please find the enclosed application for designating a cove on the north end of Mercer Island as "Riley Cove."

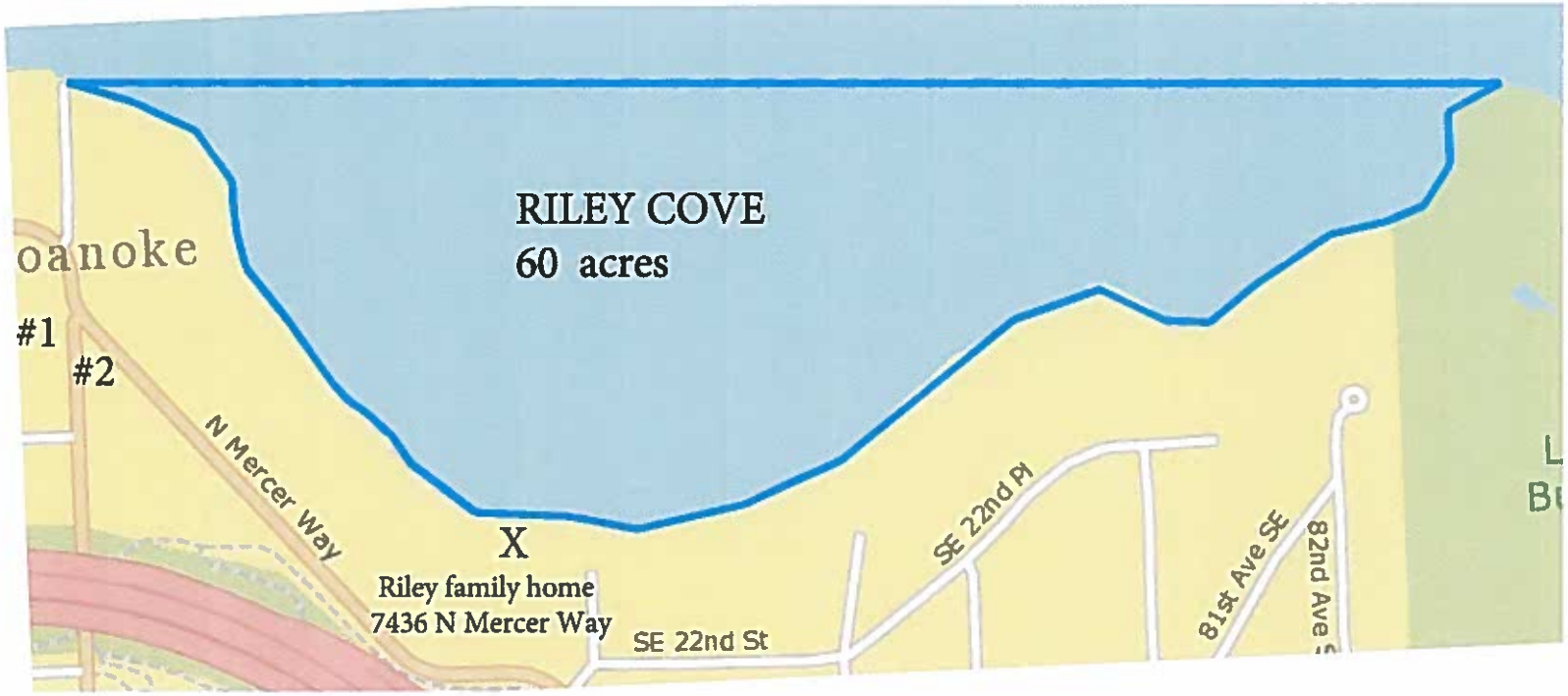
The answers to the application questions are supplied on the two pages following the application form.

In addition, we have supplied additional information in the form of exhibits, as listed below:

Exhibit A, pg. 1, 2 and 3: maps of the north end of Mercer Island
Exhibit B: photos of the historic Riley home
Exhibit C1: Letter from Frank Sorba, Commander of the Mercer Island VFW Post 5760
Exhibit C2: "Soldier in the Surf," by Rebecca Mar, *Mercer Island Reporter,* 2008
Exhibit C3: "75 years ago, an anxious Seattle turned to ration, newspapers to learn about D-Day invasion," by Erik Lacitis, *Seattle Times,* June 2, 2019
Exhibit C4: "A Humble Hero and Omaha Beach," by Greg Asimakoupoulos, *Mercer Island Reporter,* June 5, 2019
Exhibit D: Listing of 194 supporters of the naming of Riley Cove
Exhibit E: Two letters to neighbors introducing the Riley Cove initiative, by Rob MacAulay and Jane Meyer Brahm
Exhibit F: A letter in support from Susan Blake, past president of the Mercer Island Historical Society

Best regards!

Exhibit A p. 1 of 3



#1 Roanoke Inn

#2 VFW Hall (Keewaydin Clubhouse)

Map and data source: King County GIS parcel viewer

Exhibit A (p. 2 of 3)

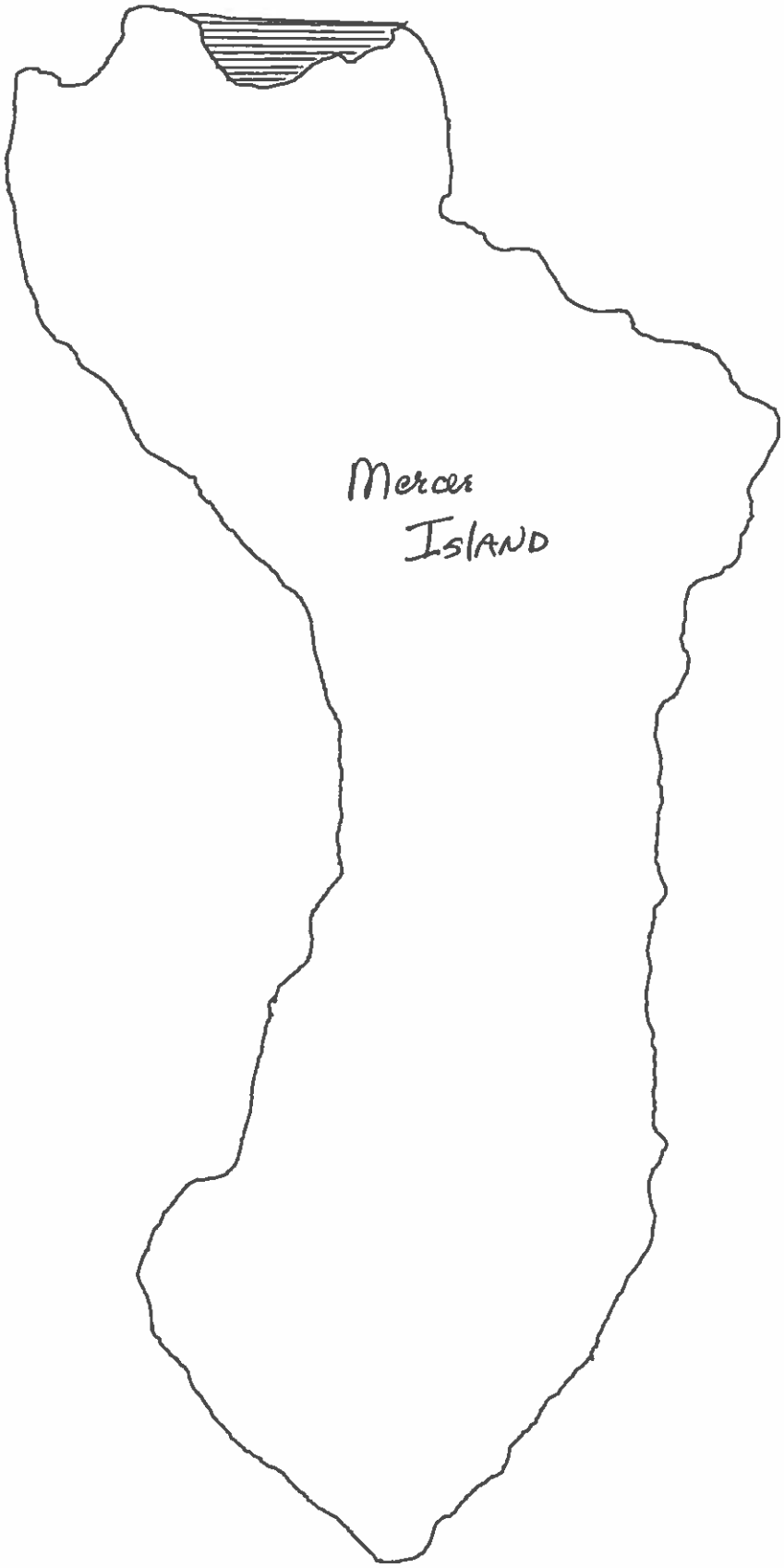


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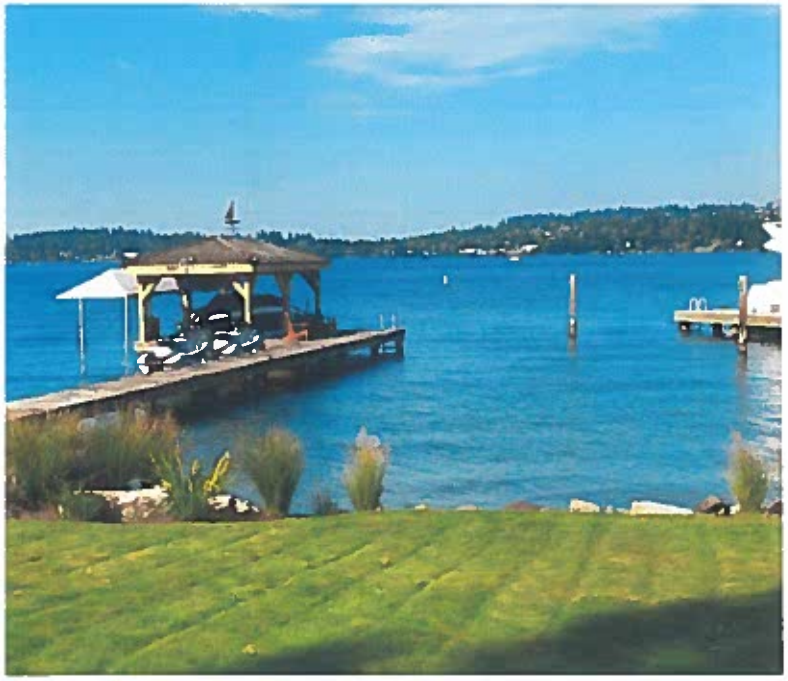
Exhibit A (p. 3 of 3)

Historic Riley home

Exhibit B

View of house from south side

View of house from the water



View of the cove from Riley property

Riley home

Built in 1920, designed by Hu Riley's father

1,830 square feet, 4 bedrooms and one bath

This is the home the Riley family occupied for more than 90 years. (It has since been sold to a neighbor.)

Exhibit C1

VFW POST 5760
MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON

June 6, 2019

HU RILEY

The entire membership of VFW Post 5760, Mercer Island, on this the 75th Anniversary of the D Day Landing at Normandy, request that the Committee on Geographic Names consider naming the cove between the Roanoke Inn and Luther Burbank Park the "Riley Cove".

Background

In the early 1900's Howard Riley purchased a waterfront parcel on the north end of Mercer Island now known as 7436 North Mercer Way. Howard, who was an architect, designed the home that still sits on the property today. While many of the waterfront homes during that time were summer cottages, the Riley home was their family's primary residence. The construction of their home was completed in 1905, and Howard and Veta raised their three children in that home, Huston (Hu), Molly and Patty.

Mercer Island was a very different place in the early 1900s when the Rileys first bought their property. The only access to the Island at that time was by ferry. Until 1914, Mercer Island was served by a one-room school house and had no postal service. Automobiles did not come to Mercer Island until 1914, but due to poor and unreliable roads most were returned to Seattle.

Hu and his wife Charlotte purchased the home from Hu's parents in the late 1940s and raised two children there. Hu Riley lived in that home his entire 90 years of life other than the time he spent in the European and North African Theaters during World War II. Therefore the Riley family occupied the waterfront home on the cove for over 100 years until Charlotte's death a few years ago.

We know you share our deep respect and gratitude for the sacrifices our young men and women had to endure throughout World War II, as they began the enormous task of restoring democracy and freedom to the European continent.

As a Private First Class, the 18-year-old Hu Riley participated in the invasion of North Africa, the invasion of Sicily, was in the first wave of GIs to land on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, D Day, and was in the Battle of the Bulge towards the end of the war.

Hu was an active and honored member of our VFW Post until his death in 2011 and we had the privilege of listening to him recount his harrowing experiences throughout World War II.

On D Day, June 6, 1944, Hu's landing craft was coming into Omaha Beach when it hit a sandbar some distance out from the beach. The men had to exit the landing craft earlier than they expected and in deep water. Hu jumped out the side of the craft and sunk ten to fifteen feet into the very cold waters of the Atlantic as he was weighed down by all the equipment the GIs were required to wear during the invasion. He remembered seeing bullets hitting the water when he was submerged, much like all of us have seen in the first explicit minutes of the movie "Saving Private Ryan", and then he heard a large explosion and his landing craft was hit by enemy fire and all aboard were killed. Hu was one of only two GIs to successfully exit that landing craft on D Day. As Hu rose to the surface, aided by the floatation device around his waist, he realized he was bobbing up and down, and being an experienced swimmer due to lake swimming during his summers at Mercer Island, quickly removed his floatation device, extended it in front of him to lower his profile in the water and began kicking to move into the beach. Notwithstanding this, Hu was hit three times by enemy fire on his way into the beach. As Hu reached land, exhausted, cold and wounded, there was a man on the beach with a camera, Robert Capa, who took one of the most iconic photos of D Day and of World War II, *The GI in the Surf*, which was on the cover of *Life Magazine* in June 1944 (photo attached). This image is also displayed in the entrance of the American Museum at the Cemetery at Omaha Beach, Normandy, France. (photo attached)

Even though hit three times that day, Hu continued fighting after D Day with his comrades in the 16th Regiment, Second Battalion, Company F, all the way to Paris. Hu was seriously wounded again in the Battle of the Bulge and was ordered to return to England where he was hospitalized until the end of the war.

After the war, Hu moved back to his home on the cove at the north end of Mercer Island, and returned to civilian life with his family.

He continued the community involvement that was modeled by his father, who in the 1920s had been instrumental in the construction of the Keewaydin Clubhouse (now the VFW Hall) as a gathering place for meetings and social events. The senior Riley and other volunteers cleared the land and designed and built the structure themselves. It became a community center and civic center for the Island. The building was purchased by the VFW Post 5760 in 1966.

Hu was involved in the VFW Post from its beginnings, and was an active member until his death. He was also a member of the Mercer Island Historical Society, serving on its Board of Directors for many years.

Given the Riley's association with the property on Mercer Island and his exceptional service to our country during World War II, we respectfully request that this cove bear the name "Riley Cove".

Sincerely,

Frank Sorba
Commander
VFW Post 5760, Mercer Island, Washington

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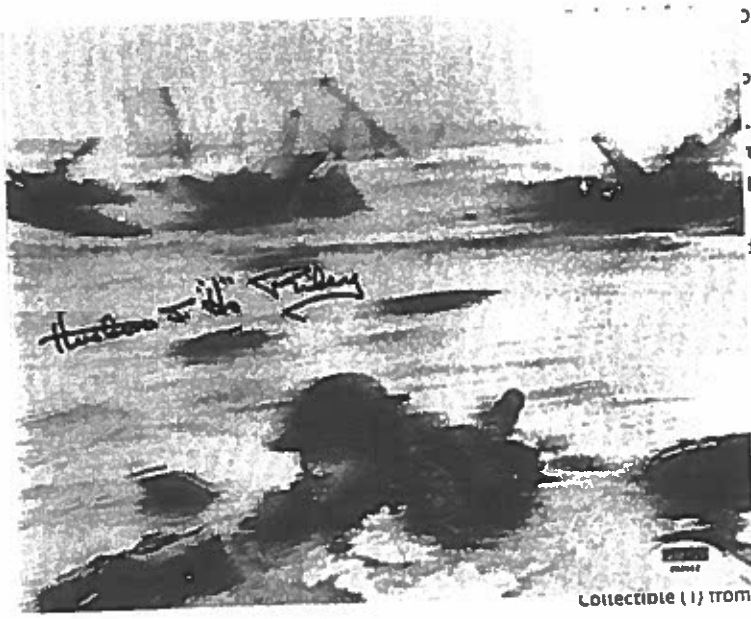
Huston "Hu" Riley Signed Iconic D-Day Omaha Beach Photograph



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The soldier in the surf Exhibit C2

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Lifelong Island resident Huston Riley

Islander is infantryman in famous D-Day photo

By Rebecca Mar
Mercer Island Reporter

Huston Riley is a D-Day hero. More than 60 years ago, this quiet, unassuming grandfather risked his life with thousands of others on Normandy's shores in France during the largest amphibious assault of World War II.

The victorious invasion was captured forever by photojournalist Robert Capa in the photo entitled "American soldier landing on Omaha Beach, D-Day, June 1944." The photo, featuring a single soldier struggling through the surf and enemy fire to reach the shore, is said by some to have been the inspiration for the intense opening sequence of the film, "Saving Private Ryan," starring actor Tom Hanks.

Riley, a lifelong resident of Mercer Island, is the soldier in that famous photograph.

A 30-by-30-foot reproduction of the photograph is currently on display at the International Center of Photography's museum exhibition, "This is War! Robert Capa at Work," in New York, N.Y. Riley and his wife, Charlotte, recently visited the exhibit, where he was acknowledged as the soldier in the photo.

Riley, now 86, and his wife live on North Mercer waterfront in the house built by his father, Howard, in 1905 — the house where Riley was born. His parents, Howard and Veta Riley, are considered Island pioneers and lived on

the Island until the mid-1940s.

Private First Class Huston Riley, 16th Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Company F, landed on Omaha Beach with the Allied forces' first wave of the D-Day invasion, Operation Overlord, June 6, 1944. His landing craft came to rest on a sandbar dozens of yards from the shore.

"We all jumped out," he said. "I went into [the water and sank] 14 feet, clear to the bottom." Only nine men got out, he added, because the landing craft rolled over onto its side.

Riley struggled toward land with a heavy load on his back as German bullets rained down on the beachhead and strafed the water. He was hit several times but was not seriously injured until he reached the shore, where machine gun fire hit his shoulder.

Riley remembers that a photographer and another man, a sergeant, pulled him out of the water to safety. The photographer was Robert Capa, Riley later realized.

"He took his chances — he was a wild one," Riley said, describing Capa.

Just one-quarter of the soldiers in Riley's company survived the invasion.

"It was a miserable day. It was tough to see [soldiers] strewn around, not living. That was a...bloody mess," said Riley.

When Capa's photograph of the unidentified American soldier appeared in "LIFE" magazine, Veta Riley recognized him as her son, Huston. The soldier's identity, however, was debated for years. Edward Regan of Atlanta, Ga., was the other possible candidate, but he landed on Utah Beach instead of Omaha, according to research by Lowell Getz, military historian and former University of Illinois professor.

"Given Hu Riley's resemblance to the GI in the surf, his location and movements during the time that Robert Capa would have been snapping his legendary photograph, Riley is most likely the best candidate we will ever have," Getz wrote in "WWII: Who is the Face in the Surf in Robert Capa's Photo from 'Bloody Omaha,'" an article published in the "World War II" magazine.

And in the book "This is War! Robert Capa at Work," Richard Whelan wrote: "Since 1985...military historians, including Lowell Getz, have determined that Regan was certainly not the man whom Capa photographed." Whelan is the exhibition curator at the International Center of Photography, which affirms that Riley was the man in Capa's photo.

"It was me," said Riley, matter-of-factly. "I remember swimming in and pushing my lifebelt in front of me."

Riley served in the U.S. Army from January 1942 to September 1945. Initially, he joined the paratroopers before transferring to an infantry division. After participating in the North Africa campaign and the invasion of Sicily, Italy, Riley was wounded at Omaha and went to a hospital in England. He then fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was wounded again.

After World War II, Riley raised a son and daughter and started his own business, H&R Sales. He traveled on business and sold sporting goods for 35 years. He has been active with Mercer Island's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post for decades, selling poppies and playing games and cards with hospital patients.

Since D-Day, Riley has returned only once to the shores of Normandy.

"I walked down to the same place I came in on," he said. Back then, he had been under fire; 50 years later, all was at peace. "It was kinda nice. It brought back memories."

For more information about the "This is War! Robert Capa at Work" exhibit, visit www.icp.org.

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Exhibit C3

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Local News

My Account

Hu Riley, 22, of Mercer Island, struggles on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. (Robert Capa / Magnum Photos)

75 years ago, an anxious Seattle turned to radio, newspapers to learn about the D-Day invasion

June 2, 2019 at 6:00 am | *Updated June 6, 2019 at 10:05 am*

By Erik Lacitis

Seattle Times staff reporter

The news broke over the airwaves around 9:30 p.m. in Seattle. It was June 5, 1944. A Monday night.

There were few TVs back then. The cathode ray tubes that otherwise would have produced the grainy, rudimentary pictures on the tiny TV screens of the time had been assigned to the war effort for radar and other electronic military devices. From morning, with such shows as "The Breakfast Club," to soap operas in the midday, to variety shows in the evening, Americans spent an average of five hours a day listening to radio.

One such show was "The Pepsodent Hour," featuring comedian Bob Hope. Only that night Hope threw out the script because of the momentous events taking place 5,000 miles away — and nine hours ahead — on the beaches of Normandy, France.

Instead of jokes, Hope began, "What's happened during these last few hours not one of us will ever forget."

Seventy-five years ago, it was D-Day.

As Hope spoke and much of Seattle sat glued to their radios, more than 150,000 Allied troops were storming a 50-mile stretch of beaches in Normandy in the largest amphibious landing in history, transported and supported by at least 16,000 vessels of various sorts, according to the National D-Day Memorial Foundation. That day, more than 4,000 Allied soldiers would die, with an additional 6,000 wounded, although the exact numbers may never be known.

After months of planning and preparation, American, British and Canadian troops had pierced the wall of Hitler's "Fortress Europa." By then, the tide of war had already turned in favor of the Allied powers, but D-Day would mark the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany. The war in Europe would be over in less than a year.

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Among those who landed on Omaha Beach was a Mercer Island 22-year-old, Pvt. 1st Class Huston "Hu" S. Riley, Company F, 16th Regiment, 1st Infantry Division. A grainy, out-of-focus photo of Riley shot by Robert Capa, the famed combat photographer, would become the iconic image of the invasion. It would be known as the "soldier in the surf."

In Seattle, most families knew someone like Riley since many had kin or friends in the service. In World War II, more than 12 percent of the U.S. population served in the armed forces, compared to less than 0.5 percent now.

The Seattle Times, then an afternoon paper, began printing early editions on June 6 to satisfy the hunger for news on the invasion. "In some instances, persons on the way to work on city buses had the drivers stop at newsstands," one Times story noted.

The headline on the Times' War Extra reflected what had happened overnight: "Allies 9 miles inland; fight for French town."

Exhibit C4

A humble hero and Omaha Beach

This Friday marks the 70th anniversary of D-Day when nearly 5,000 allied troops perished in an historic invasion that soaked the beaches of Normandy in human blood. One of the fortunate who survived was Huston Riley from Mercer Island.

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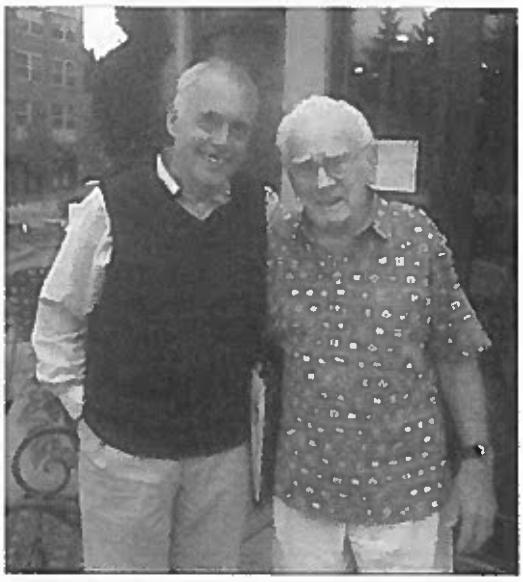

Greg Asimakoupoulos and Huston Riley at Tullys in 2009.

This Friday marks the 70th anniversary of D-Day when nearly 5,000 allied troops perished in an historic invasion that soaked the beaches of Normandy in human blood.

One of the fortunate who survived was Huston Riley from Mercer Island. The twenty-two year old had no way of knowing Life magazine photographer Robert Capa had captured his courageous arrival on Omaha Beach until years later. Hu was surprised to see himself pictured in Capa's iconic photo that became the image forever associated with that unprecedented pursuit of freedom.

Although Hu died nearly three years ago, this historic anniversary of D-Day recalls my all-too-brief friendship with a local hero.

I first met Hu shortly after moving to Mercer Island. When I saw a televised interview Tom Brokaw conducted with Hu from the back porch of his home on North Mercer Way, I called him.

To my amazement, this eighty-something patriot welcomed my invitation to get acquainted. My first impression of Hu was how short he was. It was a good reminder for me that those to whom we look up are measured by qualities other than height.

As we visited, I realized how unimpressed Hu was with the attention he had received over the years. Like other veterans from "the greatest generation," Hu considered his military service simply his patriotic duty. I gave him a

copy of a poem I had written about his experience on "the longest day." He was deeply moved. In return he signed copies of the Capa photo for my three daughters.

A couple years later I learned that Hu was once again fighting on the frontlines of another battle. This time the enemy was cancer. As it was six decades earlier, his courage was evident. We prayed together in a room at Virginia Mason Hospital as he dug in for a lengthy assault.

The last time I spoke to Hu was on June 6, 2011. I had no idea it would be our last visit. I thanked him for his service to our country. I told him I would continue to pray for him. As always, he expressed his gratitude with humility. Hu died less than four months later.

On this anniversary of a day in which a multitude of American troops paid the ultimate sacrifice, my heart pulsates with pride and thanksgiving for men and women like Huston Riley whose example must never be forgotten.

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Comments

Received

Exhibit D

Supporters of naming Riley Cove

1	first names	last name	group	Address	City	Zipcode	e-mail address	Phone
2	Peter	Acker						
3	Susan	Acker						
4	Ken	Alterman	Cove neighbor	2101 76th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-7762
5	Jen	Alterman	Cove neighbor	2101 76th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-7762
6	Judson	Althoff	Cove neighbor	7442 North Mercer Way	Mercer Islan	98040		206-650-4094
7	Laura	Althoff	Cove neighbor	7442 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040	laura.althoff@outlook.com	
8	Rodger	Althoff	Cove neighbor	7444 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
9	Rob	Bakemeier						
10	Karen	Bakemeier						
11	Joe	Barer	Cove neighbor	7432 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
12	Karen	Barer	Cove neighbor	7432 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
13	Andy	Bassetti		5336 84th Pl. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-2688
14	Rachel	Baumgarten		9253 S.E. 59th Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-524-3621
15	Debbie	Bertlin		7225 S.E. 27th street	Mercer Island	98040	debbie.bertlin@mercergov.org	206-232-8171
16	Susan	Blake	Historical Society Board Member	3206 80th Ave. S.E. #5	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-5277
17	Larry	Blasko	Cove neighbor	7406 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
18	Cindy	Blasko	Cove neighbor	7406 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
19	Bruce	Bond						
20	Sue	Bond						
21	Anne	Borst						206-232-7608
22	Robert	Brahm	Cove neighbor	7420 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040	mibob@comcast.net	206-232-7409
23	Uri	Breda		8591 S.E. 82nd	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-0386
24	Candace	Bretschneider		8141 S.E. 44th Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-6550
25	Dale	Bretschneider		8141 S.E. 44th Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-6550
26	Kenton	Brine	Cove neighbor	7410B North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
27	Joann	Bromberg						
28	Sue	Bucy		4647 91st Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-0684
29	Fran	Call		3940 91st Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-4032
30	Cecelia	Carr		4746 West Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-3468
31	Mike	Cero	Former City Council member	8300 Avalon Road	Mercer Island	98040		206-419-0657
32	Ching-Mang	Chang		7450 S.E. 32nd Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-588-1525
33	Sam	Chapin						
34	Alice	Cheung						
35	Karen	Cleghorn		8924 S.E. 45th Street	Mercer Island	98040		
36	Judy	Clibborn	Former state rep, former MI mayor	8140 S.E. 44th street	Mercer Island	98040		
37	Bruce	Clibborn						
38	Mike	Coleman	Cove neighbor	2105 76th Avenue S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		
39	Kurt	Dammeier	Cove neighbor	7828 S.E. 22nd Place	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-7070
40	Leslie	Dammeier	Cove neighbor	7828 S.E. 22nd Place	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-7070
41	Kaaren	Davis		4451 Ferncroft Road	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-7726
42	Terry	Deeny		3261 67th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-
43	Ingrid	DeLaittre						
44	Terry	Edmonds	Cove neighbor	7414 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
45	Martie	Eisenman						
46	Keri	Ellison	Cove neighbor	7410 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-2345
47	Pat	Evans						
48	Kathy	Finn		4024 85th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-330-9944

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49	Michael	Finn		4024 85th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-330-9944
50	Denise	Forsyth		3641 93rd Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-2098
51	Jay	Forsyth		3641 93rd Ave. S.E.	Mercer Islan	98040		206-232-2098
52	Shannon	Fosseen	Cove neighbor	7827 22nd Pl. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-3229
53	Barry	Franklin	Cove neighbor	7644 S.E. 22nd	Mercer Island	98040		
54	Tammy	French	Cove neighbor	2105 76th Avenue S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		
55	John	Fritts		9550 S.E. 71st Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-7227
56	Laurie	Fritts		9550 S.E. 71st Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-7227
57	Ardell	Fromm		8023 S.E. 34th Place	Mercer Island	98040		
58	Bruce	Gallagher		6751 81st Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		
59	Mary Lou	Gallagher		6751 81st Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		
60	Joe	Galluccio		7018 82nd Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		
61	Jay	Gillotti	Cove neighbor	7214 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
62	Debbi	Gillotti	Cove neighbor	7214 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
63	Biz	Gilman		7217 80th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-4324
64	Lloyd	Gilman		7217 80th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-4324
65	Judith W	Ginn	Historical Society Board Member	7815 85th Place S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-7527
66	David	Giuliani	Cove neighbor	1960 82nd Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040	david@giuliani.org	206-232-0656
67	Ken	Glass		8450 S.E. 83rd St.	Mercer Island	98040		206-275-0054
68	Lou	Glatz	Cove neighbor	7270 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-4776
69	Bonnie	Godfred		2920 74th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-708-1904
70	Greg	Gottesman	Cove neighbor	7202 S.E. 22nd St.	Mercer Island	98040		206-985--0014
71	Shannon	Gottesman	Cove neighbor	7202 S.E. 22nd St.	Mercer Island	98040		206-985--0014
72	Dan	Gottesman		2401 60th Avenue S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-898-2205
73	Pam	Goulder	Chamber of Commerce					
74	Mike	Grady	Former City Council member	7011 81st Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-275-2524
75	Dan	Grausz	Former City Council member	3215 74th Place S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-8830
76	Gail	Gray		9011 W. Shorewood Drive #13	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-0506
77	Whit	Hamlin	Cove neighbor	7270 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
78	Beth	Hamlin	Cove neighbor	7270 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
79	Mick	Hanson						
80	Jeremy	Hardy	Chamber of Commerce board member					
81	Vicki	Heck						
82	Carol	Heltzel		8245 S.E. 61st Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-8626
83	Wendy	Henderson						
84	Lisa	Hermann	Cove neighbor	7446 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
85	Bjorn	Hermann	Cove neighbor	7446 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
86	Chick	Hodge		4235 Holly Lane	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-8078
87	Herb	Hogue						
88	Tina	Holdman						
89	Gerry	Holley		7930 S.E. 34th Street #107	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-3329
90	Herb	Holley		7930 S.E. 34th Street #107	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-3329
91	Woody	Howse		3126 80th Avenue S.E.				206-232-4762
92	Virginia	Howse		3126 80th Avenue S.E.				206-232-4762
93	Sandra	Ishihara		9025 S.E. 48th Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-3004
94	Eric	Jackman		8529 S.E. 79th Place	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-1441
95	Linda	Jackman		8529 S.E. 79th Place	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-1441
96	El	Jahncke	Former City Council member	9729 S.E. 43rd Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-0951

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97	Stokes	John	Bellevue City Council member					
98	Karen	Jones	Cove neighbor	7232 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		
99	Ralph	Jorgenson	Mercer Island School Board member	8040 84th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-605-5757
100	Gerry	Kapur		4484 East Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		206-230-0301
101	Kalish	Kapur		4484 East Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		206-230-0301
102	Jim	Kearney						
103	Beth	Kearney						
104	Carolyn	Kelso		7616 79th Avenue S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-2023
105	Jan	Kentnor		7590 86th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-2631
106	Jurene	Kenworthy		4533 88th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-7869
107	Michele	Lambe		8931 S.E. 74th Place	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-4965
108	Kim	Lewins						
109	Bob	Lewis	former Historical Society Board					
110	Al	Lippert		4052 94th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-230-0261
111	Meg	Lippert		4052 94th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-230-0261
112	Steve	Litzow	Former City Council members	8424 S.E. 62nd S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-8056
113	Rob	MacAuley	Cove neighbor	7410 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-2345
114	Daniel	MacDougall		2430 76th Ave. S.E. #533	Mercer Island	98040		206-819-9616
115	Lindsay	MacDougall		2430 76th Ave. S.E. #533	Mercer Island	98040		206-819-9616
116	Kathryn	Mahoney		7714 S.E. 78th Ave.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-5859
117	Patricia	Malatesta		3031 68th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-9847
118	Ronald	Malatesta		3031 68th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-9847
119	Emmett	Maloof		4835 Forest Avenue	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-8742
120	Sandy	Maloof		4835 Forest Avenue	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-8742
121	Kay	Matti-Spickard	Former Cove neighbor					
122	Virginia	McCarty						
122	Jane	Meyer Brahm	Historical Society Board Member, cove ne	7420 North Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040	mevermi@comcast.net	206-232-0701
123	Jacqui	Minenna		8065 Avalon Drive	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-8978
124	Ted	Mizzelwitz	Cove neighbor	7250 North Mercer way	Mercer Island	98040		
125	Christy	Monahan						
126	Terry	Moreman	Historical Society Board Member	3628 72nd Pl. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040	tmoreman.mi@gmail.com	206-232-9766
127	Bobbie	Morris		8821 S.E. 56th Street	Mercer Island	98040		
128	Larry	Morris		8821 S.E. 56th Street	Mercer Island	98040		
129	Salim	Nice	Deputy Mayor of Mercer Island					
130	Dick	Nicholl		8831 S.E. 59th Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-275-0939
131	Linda	Nicholl		8831 S.E. 59th Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-275-0939
132	Jared	Nieuwenhuis	Bellevue City Manager					
133	Julia	Olsen		9102 Fortuna Drive # 2101	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-1482
134	John	Palmason	Cove neighbor	7660 S.E. 22nd	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-2452
135	Ann	Palmason	Cove neighbor	7660 S.E. 22nd	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-2452
136	Roy	Palmer						
137	Jim	Pearman	Former Mercer Island mayor	8240 s.E. 67th Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-1465
138	Robin	Phillips	Cove neighbor	1945 82nd Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-275-3885
139	Sarah	Phillips						
140	Gloria	Rand	Cove neighbor	7621 S.E. 22nd Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-0906
141	Martin	Rand	Former Cove neighbor					
142	Teres	Rand	Former Cove neighbor					
143	Eric	Rasmussen	Cove neighbor	7232 North Mercere Way	Mercer Island	98040		

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144	Mary	Reece		7210 87th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-0361
145	Jeff	Richards	Cove neighbor					
146	Jennifer	Robertson	Bellevue City Council member	8015 S.E. 28th	Mercer Island	98040		206-919-5283
147	Deanna	Sands	Cove neighbor					
148	Carmen	Scalzo		9219 S.E. 43rd Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-8945
149	John A	Scherzo	Chamber of Commerce board member					
150	Rosemarie	Schoenbacher						
151	Tana	Senn	State Representative, 41st District	8426 S.E. 47th Street	Mercer Island	98040	rentanasenn@updates.leg	206-369-1253
152	Steve	Sheppard		8203 S.E. 48th Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-7359
153	Susan	Sheppard		8203 S.E. 48th Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-7359
154	Suzanne	Skone	Chamber of Commerce board member	2834 60th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-6697
155	Bev	Spiegelberg						
156	Linda	St. Clair		2736 71st Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-9663
157	Angie	Stewart		7915 S.E. 34th Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-1519
158	Mary Ann	Stewart		7441 85th place S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-236-1250
159	Robert	Still						
160	Sally	Still						
161	John	Stokes	Bellevue City Council member				info@johnstokes.org	425-644-5987
162	Li	Sun						
163	Ralph	Swanson	Chamber of Commerce board member	5825 221st Place, SE - Suite 20	Issaquah	98027	ralph@lighthouseproperties..us	206-283-1155
164	Scott	Terhune						
165	Becky	Thibodeaux						206-232-9790
166	Ozzie	Thibodeaux						206-232-979
167	Amy	Ting						
168	Robert	Toomey	Chamber of Commerce board member					
169	Liz	Tubbs		3632 90th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-3798
170	Martha L	Tyler		2903 74th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-6023
171	Linda	Tyrill		7525 86th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-3536
172	Allen	Uyeno	Chamber of Commerce board member					
173	Dave	Vandenbosch						
174	Tina	Vandenbosch						
175	Erin	Vickers	Former cove neighbor					
176	Florence	Waggoner						
177	Cathy	Wales						
178	Bill	Webster	Cove neighbor	7630 S.e. 22nd Street	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-1804
179	Wendy	Weiker	City Council member	4808 East Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040	wendy.weiker@mercergov.org	206-214-6424
180	Aric	Weiker		4808 East Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		206-214-6424
181	Rose	Weiker		4808 East Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		206-214-6424
182	Henry	Weiker		4808 East Mercer Way	Mercer Island	98040		206-214-6424
183	Dave	Weisenteiner	City Council member		Mercer Island	98040	david.weisenteiner@mercergov.	206-275-7796
184	Barbara	Welch	Cove neighbor	7705 S.E. 22nd	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-2918
185	Jackie	Wells	Cove neighbor	5425 Parkwood Lane	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-9036
186	Robert	Wells	Cove neighbor	5425 Parkwood Lane	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-9036
187	Lindsey	Werkhoven	Former cove neighbor	6205 39th Ave. S.	Seattle	98118	lindseymev@gmail.com	206-607-7505
188	Tom	White		5605 89th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040		206-232-4952
189	Jake	Widmann						
190	Lisel	Wilke	Former Cove neighbor					
191	Tony	Williams						

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192	Benson	Wong	City Council member	1 Holly Hill Drive	Mercer Island	98040	benson.wong@mercergov.org	206-232-4384
193	Marcia	Zervis	Historical Society Board Member	7211 87th Ave. S.E.	Mercer Island	98040	marciaz@comcast.net	206-232-7576
194	Alice	Ziring			Mercer Island	98040		206-232-4941

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July 29, 2019

RILEY COVE NAMING INITIATIVE

Hello Neighbor!

My name is Rob MacAulay and I live just down the street at 7410 N. Mercer Way. I'm writing to let you know that the VFW is seeking to name the cove we all live on "Riley Cove", and to solicit your approval of this effort.

As outlined on the attached letter from the VFW, Hu Riley lived on this cove his entire life except when he was overseas fighting in WWII. As you may know, Hu was a heavily decorated war hero, and a very famous photo of him crawling ashore on D Day appeared on the cover of Life magazine in June of 1944. Shortly before Hu died at age 90 on October 2, 2011, Tom Brokaw interviewed him for NBC News at his home on our little cove. I was fortunate to know Hu and his wife Charlotte and both were both warm, charming and salt of the earth people.

Those of you who have lived here for at least 10 years may recall that I led a similar but unsuccessful effort in 2009. Knowing that a geographic place cannot be named after a living person, I applied on behalf of the Riley family (Hu's father Howard was the architect for the Riley home as well as others on our cove, and the Riley family had lived on the cove for almost 100 years as of 2009). However, the Board of Geographic Names felt the effort was ultimately about Hu, and therefore welcomed me to reapply 5 years after Hu passed.

In 2009, 94% of neighbors who responded voted in favor of naming the cove "Riley Cove", and the Mercer Island City Council endorsed the idea as well. The VFW and its supporters are hoping you will support this naming effort so we can again show resounding approval by those living on the cove.

We would be most appreciative if you would email me at robCmacaulay@gmail.com on or before **August 15th** and let me know if you support or oppose naming our cove Riley Cove (please include your address). Feel free to call me at 206.948.6933 if you'd like to ask discuss this.

Thanks for your time! – Rob MacAulay

Rob

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July 31, 2019

RILEY COVE NAMING INITIATIVE

Hello Neighbor!

My name is Jane Meyer Brahm and I live down the street at 7420 N. Mercer Way. I stopped by today to let you know that the VFW is seeking to name the cove we all live on "Riley Cove," and to solicit your approval of this effort.

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Thanks for your time!

Jane

Jane

Exhibit F

August 2019

WA State Committee on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030
Olympia, WA 98504-7030

Dear Committee:

I had the privilege to serve on the Mercer Island Historical Society Board of Directors for many years with **Huston Riley.** He was a long-time Board member, vigorous and committed until his death in 2011.

Hu had a keen memory and was a renowned story-teller. He often spoke to our Historical Society general meetings about his early days on Mercer Island. My favorite tale was when, as a young boy, he and friends would often in summertime dive for nickels and dimes thrown by careless ferry passengers at the fare box at the Roanoke street ferry dock, and whose coins ended up in Lake Washington. He said on a good afternoon he could gather enough change to buy ice cream and/or a soda at the famous Roanoke Inn porch window on his way home up the cove.

He served our Historical Society well, as he did our country in World War II.

Many current and former MI Historical Society members join me in support for naming the cove off the north end of Mercer Island "Riley Cove" in honor of our great friend and neighbor, Huston Riley.

Susan Blake

Susan Blake
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