

*Special Award  
Vincent G. Ryan*



The Norwalk Old Timers Athletic Association is pleased to bestow a special "Civic" award upon former Norwalker, **Vincent G. (Vinny) Ryan**.

Vinny Ryan, who has had a long and successful career in the military service, is devoting the rest of his life to helping veterans and veterans' widows and dependents by assisting, counseling, and advising them and familiarizing them with their rights under government laws and regulations.

Mr. Ryan, who was born in Weston on November 19, 1918, and moved to Norwalk at the age of three, served as a Norwalk policeman from 1937 until enlisting in the U.S. Army in early 1942. After serving as a first sergeant with General Patton's 7<sup>th</sup> Army until the end of World War II in Europe, he was transferred to Japan as a master sergeant serving in that theater for a number of months, before returning to the United States to be discharged in 1946.

Returning to duty as a member of the Norwalk Police Department he was in police work for another two years before resigning to re-enter military service in 1949. He served in Germany, Texas, the Nike guided missile site in Fairfield and finally in Korea before he retired with 20 years of military service on May 1, 1965.

Vinny is a double amputee, he lost both his legs due to a service-connected disability and he moved to Trumbull in 1973 with his wife of 35 years, the former Katherine Feeney of Westport.

Mr. Ryan works daily in Senator Lowell Weicker's office in the Federal Building in Bridgeport, as a volunteer assistant on behalf of veteran affairs, with the purpose of expanding veterans programs in Southern Connecticut.

Vinny recently pointed out that there are 450,000 veterans in Connecticut and he has no regrets since committing his life lfiie to work in assisting that group.