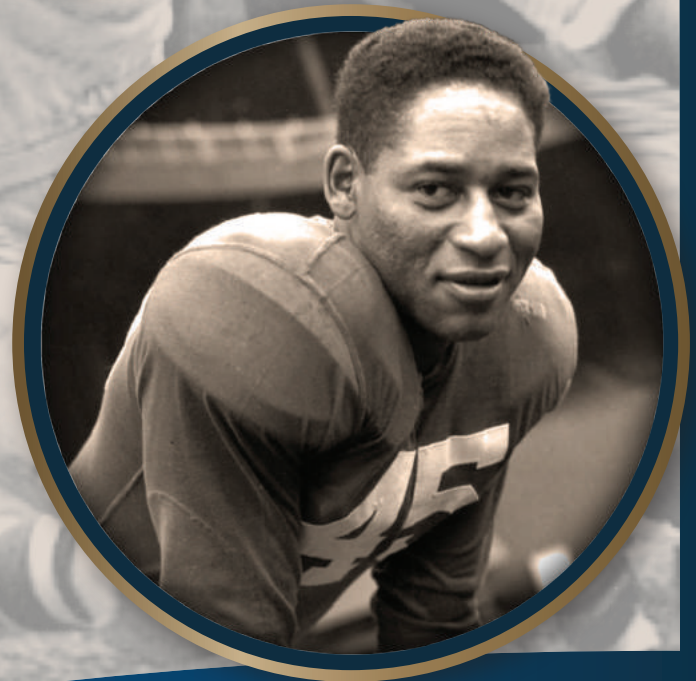


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“The Making of a Monument”

Jennifer Frudakis Petry, Sculptor

Emlen Tunnell, a modest man, a legendary football player, the best defensive back of all time, and WWII war hero! In his autobiography, he said he “was motivated by two drives--the demand for victory and the desire to be recognized”.

To create a monument, the sculptor must begin with a thorough understanding of the subject. The more I know about the person, the more convincing the piece will become. A monument is more than a physical representation, but a summation of a person’s accomplishments, those things that make him worthy of such an honor as to be made larger than life.

Growing up in the diverse community of Radnor’s Garrett Hill, Emlen was said to have felt accepted with the support of many friends, coaches and family who gave him the strength to face the much different world that he was to enter with grace and dignity. His courage went beyond the football field, leading him to save the lives of two men while serving in the Coast Guard during WWII.

Emlen meets all the criteria of a heroic subject! On the field and off, he lived an honest life of hard work and great integrity. The more I learned about him, the more I was humbled by his courage, especially in facing the racial challenges of his pro football days. There, he nimbly lifted himself above the bigotry that he faced and became a fitting example of his heritage, becoming the first African-American to be inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame as well as the first African-American to be assistant coach and scout for the New York Giants and the Green Bay Packers!

It is time that we remember and honor Emlen with this statue. He deserves to be recognized--it is long overdue!

As for me, the artist, I had the daunting task of capturing the many exceptional qualities, as well as the likeness, of a great man!

The sculpture process took over a year, starting with a detailed 24-inch clay model that I developed from dozens of photographs of Emlen in his 1948 vintage Giant’s uniform. I also had the help of Brice Sydnor, who, like Emlen, was a Radnor High School football player. He posed in uniform for the clay model, so I could see the many folds from every angle.

Then came the enlarging of the clay model into a full-size 7-foot clay sculpture. Here, the assistance of my husband Paul was invaluable in helping me to assemble the frame-work of the sculpture that is 2 feet taller than I am! I worked on the enlargement for months in my studio until every detail was complete. The sculpture was then moved by truck to the Laran Bronze Foundry in Chester Pa. where it was cast in bronze, a process that took an additional six-months.

As an artist, each piece that you create is, hopefully, a little better than your last. After 32 years as a professional sculptor, it has been very fulfilling to have played a part in honoring Emlen Tunnell in this way and, not unlike Emlen on the football field, I gave it all I had!

Most importantly, however, it is the client that gives the artist the opportunity to create the artwork in the first place. Without such support, the work would never have been created. I had the good fortune to have had the best clients that an artist could have ever hoped to work with in Phil Damiani, Jim Vankoski, Rich Pagano, Chuck Weems and Cindy Lentz. Without their dedication and belief in the importance of honoring Emlen Tunnell, this monument could not have been made.



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Thank you to everyone who made it possible for us to be here today,

When I first suggested that a 7' Bronze Statue be created to honor Radnor Township's Emlen Tunnell, Delaware County's most honored football player and World War II hero, the feedback was disappointing. Fundraising "Experts" said people don't know him, he's been gone too long. You will never be able to raise the money for such a Statue. Why not consider something smaller? Well, here we are today, almost two years to the date and you are now looking at the magnificent 7' Bronze Statue of Emlen, created by one of America's great Sculptors, Jennifer Frudakis Petry.

Perhaps it was serendipity when Radnor Township became home to our Sports Legends of Delaware County Museum. Township Manager Robert Zienkowski has been supportive and encouraging from day one. Bob and Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation & Community Programming work seamlessly with our SLDC President and Museum Curator, Jim Vankoski. Fellow SLDC Board Member and Delaware County Sports Historian Rich Pagano knew as much about Emlen as anyone and agreed to serve as my Co-Chair. SLDC Board Member and long-time Delaware County Daily Times Sports Writer Harry Chaykun has served as our Publicist, as we took on the challenge of educating and informing the public about Emlen Tunnell and progress on his Statue. The Delaware County Daily Times and Editor Phil Heron have featured our efforts as we sought to overcome "who's Emlen Tunnell"? Thanks to long-time Museum and Event supporter Steve Burman, Cindy Lentz, then working for Steve, stepped in as our Treasurer. Cindy has been invaluable as we raised close to \$100,000 to make today happen. Erica Burman completed "Team Burman" and has offered marketing and communications advice from day one!

Considering that we were making history and seeking to document the making of Emlen's Statue, Chuck Weems eagerly volunteered his time and expertise to photograph virtually the entire process. A former semi-pro football player, who served in the Korean War, Chuck embraced and identified the challenges Emlen Tunnell encountered. Chuck, also was responsible for inviting today's featured guest, Billy White Shoes Johnson to our Ceremony. Paul Bennett, owner and Publisher of "The Spirit", Delaware County's only African American owned newspaper has twice featured Emlen Tunnell with in-depth stories. To James Ziegler and Nick Evangelista for their creative video filmed at Jennifer's Studio.

Our connection to Emlen's Garrett Hill home was enhanced by Ralph Gray, a member of Radnor High School's Alumni who made a key connection to his fellow "Has Beens". Ralph also saved us from scheduling the Unveiling on Penn Relays Saturday. As cited on our website there have been many donors contributing from \$25 to \$10,000, for which we are forever grateful! A shout out to Bill Mingey, my classmate at Villanova who made the very first donation. "Ming" played football for Villanova, knew Emlen's love of our Alma Mater and has been a key advisor to me.

There were many trips to Laran Bronze in Chester as our Sculptor Jennifer Frudakis Petry educated our Team through every step in this remarkably complex process and Chuck Weems was there every time to document history in the making.

This beautiful keepsake book is the work of SLDC President and Museum Curator, Jim Vankoski, who worked tirelessly to compile this amazing piece of history. Choice Marketing once again rose to the occasion, producing what you are now holding in your hands.

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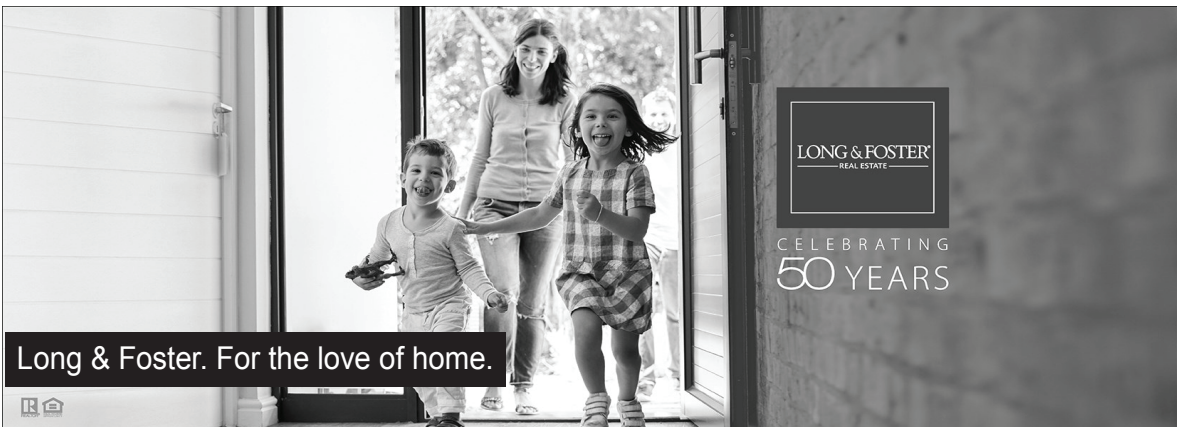
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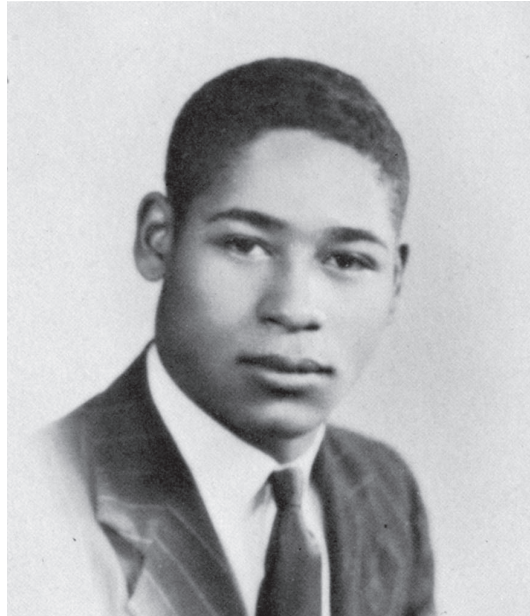
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Emlen Tunnell grew up in the Garrett Hill section of Radnor Township. In Emlen's own words, "Garrett Hill was a real 'Huckleberry Finn' kind of town in the 1930s. Sure, we were poor on the hill. Maybe some of us were poverty-stricken, but we never knew it. We thought we were better off than any kids in the country and because we thought so, we were."

Because of his athletic prowess and carefree nature, Emlen made friends easily. "When we were kids back in Garrett Hill, we learned that you can't sit home and wait for a good time to come calling to you." Perhaps Emlen's most famous quote: "You have to assemble down on the corner and go out in a group to meet life head on if you hope to have fun."

Emlen lived with families of similar socio-economic backgrounds and sports were the common denominator. "We never heard of the word integrated in those days. We just all lived together -Italians, Irish, Germans, English, Negroes and just about everyone else".

Emlen's mother, Catherine Tunnell, made it possible for her son to play summer sports by working several weeks each summer as a maid in Atlantic City. "I'd rather have you out playing. You have the rest of your life to work." Emlen Tunnell played hard and never forgot his Garrett Hill roots.

As a postscript to this text by Phil Damiani, it's interesting to note that Edward Braxton, the grandfather of the sponsor of this card, had an ad for his Kennels and Store in the very same Radnor yearbook of 1942 in which Emlen's photo appeared. -Text by Phil Damiani



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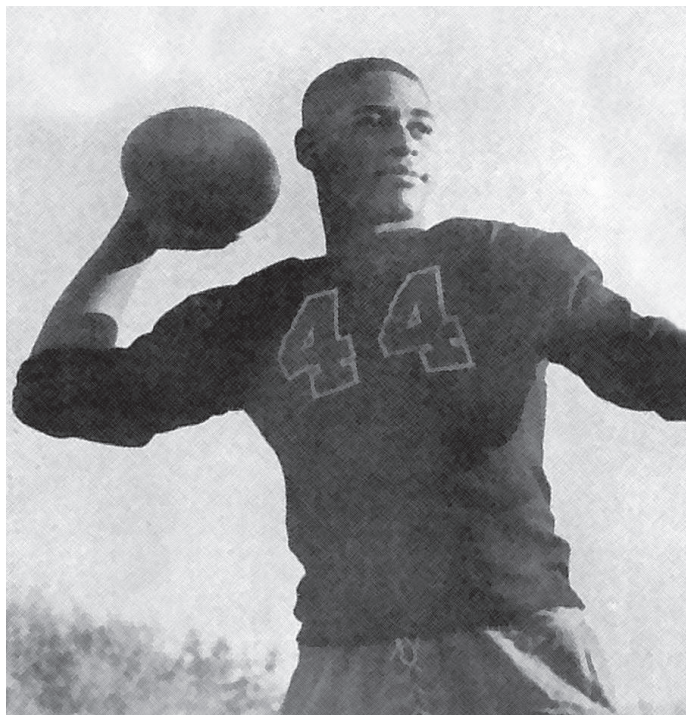


Photo from the Radnor High School Year Book 1942

The ambition of every little kid in the Garrett Hill section of Radnor Township was to play someday for the Radnor Red Raiders. Emlen Tunnell was no different. In football, he was elevated to the varsity as a thirteen old freshman by head coach Jules Prevost. There would have been quite a difference in his life if Coach Prevost was the kind of coach who didn't play African Americans, but for the next four years (1938-1941), Tunnell would not only star on defense but would be Radnor's best runner and passer. Herb Good of the Philadelphia Record wrote, "Cool and poised before the furious charges of the Berwyn linemen, Tunnell put on a passing exhibition that was as beautiful to watch as it was flawless and devastating in execution." In a game against Ridley Park High School, Tunnell gained 250 all-purpose yards, rushing for two touchdowns, throwing a touchdown pass, and scoring after an interception. During his junior and senior year, he was named to the All-Delco, All-Suburban, All-Scholastic, and All-State teams. Besides excelling on the football field, Tunnell was also an excellent basketball player, playing on Radnor's varsity team for three years. Like football, he again was selected to various all-star basketball teams and as a senior was named to the All-State second team in 1942. Text by Rich Pagano Delco Sports Historian.

TOLEDO UNIVERSITY RUNNING BACK 1942

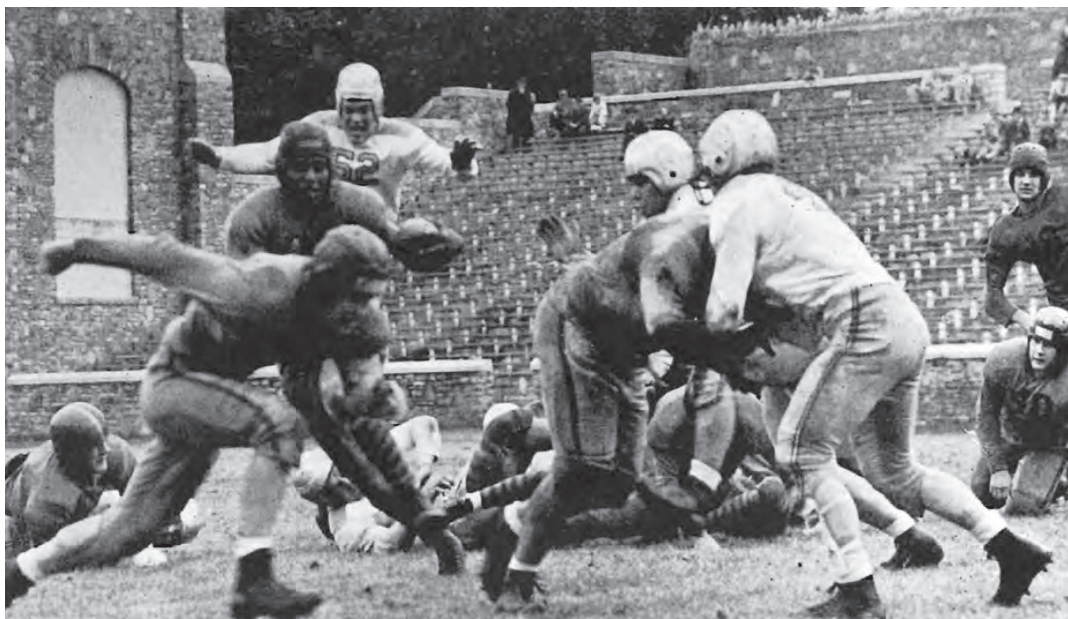


Photo from the Toledo University Year Book 1943

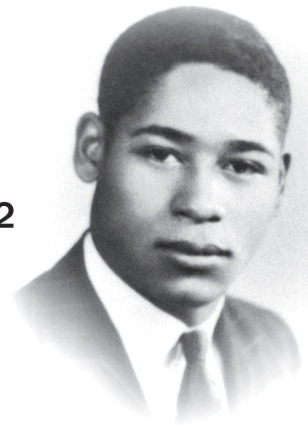
In the fall of 1942, Emlen Tunnell received a scholarship to play football at Toledo University. That fall, he found himself playing on the varsity as a freshman because freshmen were eligible to play during the war. In the first game against Kent State, Tunnell, who played fullback, ran for two scores and threw two touchdown passes in the victory. The following week, he outgained the entire Wesleyan backfield in rushing and threw two passes for scores in another win. Unfortunately, Tunnell broke his neck in the fifth game of the season against Marshall College, and needless to say, the football season was over for the Radnor native. As he woke up in his hospital bed, he found a Catholic priest in his room administering the Last Rites. Fortunately, less than four months after the injury, he found himself playing on Toledo's basketball team. Tunnell helped lead Toledo to a 22-2 record, which included victories over DePaul with George Mikan, and LaSalle College at Convention Hall. With that kind of record, Toledo received a bid to play in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT), where they beat Manhattan in the first round and eventually got to the finals, losing to St. John's. During the tournament, a sports writer reported, "The real importance to this Ohio team is the way Tunnell handles the ball and sets up his players." - Text by Rich Pagano Delco Sports Historian.



Official National Football League Photographers during
Emlen Tunnell's NFL Career 1948-1961



Emlen Tunnell
Radnor High School Class of 1942



CROSSING THE EQUATOR



Photo compliments of the United States Coast Guard

Emlen Tunnell is seen here participating in a line-crossing ceremony aboard the U.S. Etamin as the ship passes the equator on September 15, 1943.

Sailors that have never crossed the equator are referred to in the Coast Guard as Pollywogs. It has long been a Coast Guard tradition to initiate such Pollywogs into the Kingdom of Neptune (the Roman god of the sea) upon their first crossing of the equator. The tradition may have originated as a test imposed by seasoned sailors to ensure that their new shipmates would be capable of handling long rough times at sea. Sailors that have already crossed the equator are nicknamed Shellbacks, and are often referred to as Sons of Neptune.

Physical hardships and embarrassing ordeals in keeping with the spirit of the initiation are tolerated by the Coast Guard, and each Pollywog is expected to endure this standard initiation rite in order to become a Shellback. Here you see Emlen experiencing that initiation rite. - Text by Jim Vankoski

HONORING OUR PAST:

HOW EMLÉN TUNNELL'S LEGACY BECAME PART OF COAST GUARD HISTORY STORY BY LT. CMDR. WILLIAM MCKINSTRY, SECTOR HAMPTON ROADS

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Coast Guardsmen often have the opportunity to be involved in events and actions far greater than what one could expect in other professions. Such was the case for me a few years back. In late 2007, while stationed at Sector Delaware Bay, I was contacted by the quarterdeck about a visitor. This was not unusual since the sector is located in the heart of Philadelphia and we had quite a few folks drop by for all matters pertaining to the Coast Guard (CG). When we had visitors that did not neatly fall into a particular category, the quarterdeck would contact the Public Affairs shop when it was determined that a person had an unusual or even historical reason for visiting the sector. That fell under my purview.

As I walked down from my office on the second deck, little did I know that this particular visit would have a major impact not just on my career but for the history of the Coast Guard, and it would affect my life as a whole. There standing at the quarterdeck speaking with the watchstander was Dan Fiorella, an elderly gentleman. In his hands he clutched a weathered photo album. In briefly speaking with Mr. Fiorella, he mentioned that he wanted to share these photographs from his father's days of Coast Guard service with someone currently from the Coast Guard, as he figured that we might appreciate them.

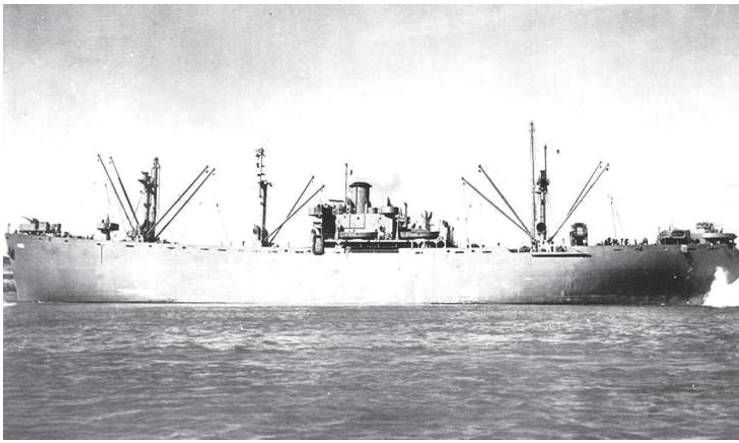
I was intrigued and invited him up to my office. As we walked upstairs, he began to describe his father's experiences, first at Philadelphia and then on the USS Pocatello. He went on to mention that his father had recently passed away. As he was going through his father's personal possessions, all indicative of a life well lived, he came across this photo album from his service in World War II, which he knew was one of his father's most cherished mementos. Sitting with him as we looked through the album, there were many notable images including photographs of Coast Guard championship sports teams.

As we were reviewing the photos, I asked Mr. Fiorella if we could borrow some of them to scan in to our history folder. He was more than happy to comply, and he proceeded to leave his photo album with me before he went on his way. Looking through the pictures later that afternoon, I noticed on one of the pictures that the names of the team members were inscribed on the back of the photograph. Scanning through the names, I happened upon one name that I found vaguely familiar: Emlén Tunnell. Why that name came to mind I was not sure - perhaps being a huge football fan had something to do with it. I subsequently performed a quick Internet search on his name, and soon the reason why it generated recognition came to the fore. Lo and behold, Tunnell was indeed a Pro-Football Hall of Famer. A minor notation indicated another connection important to me - that he was a former Coast Guard reservist.

Not yet knowing fully of Tunnell's Coast Guard accomplishments, thereafter I began the process of researching his football legacy. One of the greatest defensive backs of all time, Tunnell had a football career for the ages. He intercepted a then all-time record 79 passes. Furthermore, in one season he



1944 all servicemen champion team photo, Tunnell is pictured in the center. (USCG Historian Photo)



U.S.S. Etamin (aK-93). Tunnell was posthumously awarded the Silver Lifesaving Medal for actions while serving on board the ship. (*USCG Historian Photo*)

had accumulated more return yardage than the leading rusher on his team, the New York Giants, an unparalleled achievement that earned him the nickname "Mr. Offense on Defense." In addition to his on the field exploits, he held the distinction of being the first African-American to play for the New York Giants, the first of his color to be a professional football assistant coach, and the first African-American to be inducted in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1967. Somewhat fittingly, on July 22, 1975, he passed away during training camp, doing what he loved most, being a New York Giant.

After contacting the Atlantic Area Historian, Dr. Bill Thiesen, regarding my discovery, and

upon comparing our notes, it appeared that Tunnell and his service was a forgotten piece of the Coast Guard's past. Endeavoring to learn more about Tunnell's Coast Guard career, I started what would become a four year-long journey looking into all aspects of the man, his service, and his legacy. I found out that he had served on the USS Etamin, which had been crippled due to an attack from a Japanese torpedo in 1944. In conjunction with a Hall of Fame football career, this was pretty exciting information that certainly deserved further research.

After transferring to the 11th District, I put my pet project on hold since I was learning a new job, a new coastline, and working with a new crew of shipmates. Once settling in and becoming comfortable with my position, I decided to integrate my side project with my regular duties. Since being a Coast Guardsman is often synonymous with being an avid historian, I had been able to provide monthly historical awareness segments in my brief to the District Commander. One of those segments, naturally, was on Emlen Tunnell. Describing Tunnell's exploits to the District Commander impressed him enough to suggest a potential project to honor him locally. Talking this over with my supervisor at 11th District, the Base Support Unit Commander, and his staff, we decided that it would be quite appropriate to name a facility on Coast Guard Island after Mr. Tunnell.

Thus, began a more intensive phase of the research into Tunnell and his life. Knowing that he had served on the Etamin, it was imperative to find out what he actually did on the ship. By his own account as written in his autobiography, this humble man had made the point that he would have never been an equivalent Hall of Famer in the Coast Guard. After looking into it further, I contend that his statement could not have been farther from the truth. He was in fact a true hero of our service.

Tunnell's Coast Guard career started with his accession into the Coast Guard Reserve at the Philadelphia Recruit Depot in May 1943. As Tunnell would mention in his autobiography, all the new recruits lined up for all the services and he happened to fortuitously land into the Coast Guard. By his own account, he was not necessarily a Hall of Famer in the Coast Guard, but once again, his account of his impact on the service was a bit understated.

On the 27th of April 1944, in the aftermath of the attack on the U.S.S. Etamin, Steward's Mate First Class (STM1c) Emlen Tunnell came to the aid of an injured shipmate, Motor Machinist's Mate First Class (MoMM1c) Fred Shaver, by extinguishing the flames which had enveloped him, saving his life. This account was confirmed by speaking directly with Mr. Shaver, who is as of this writing still living down in the mountains of Panama. In addition, Tunnell mentioned in his autobiography that he too suffered

burns during the attack. If corroborated by medical records, such circumstances would have made him eligible for a Purple Heart Medal, which he apparently never received. It came to mind that he could be recognized posthumously.

Armed with this knowledge, contacting the Awards section at CG Headquarters was the next logical step. Looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack, they did manage to find and pulled Tunnell's medical record for us. In it was found a draft citation for the Silver Life Saving Medal – but it was not for his actions in the South Pacific as was expected. In fact, it was for a rescue conducted in the frigid waters off of Newfoundland in

1946. Jumping into 32 degree water while disregarding his own personal safety, Tunnell pulled a drowning shipmate to safety. In the spirit of the greatest Coast Guardsmen, he had thusly saved

STM1c Alfred Given's life. This incident did not make it into his understated autobiography, and we would have never known about it without accessing Tunnell's medical records.

With all of this incredible information coming to light, we still had to find an appropriate way to honor Tunnell. After much thought and review, and given that Tunnell was a three sport star player for Coast Guard-sponsored teams in Alameda, we decided that naming the Coast Guard Island's gymnasium would be a suitable honor for a man that had achieved great heights both in our service and in the sporting world. The wheels of the bureaucracy turned and we successfully headed down this path. We realized that finding a Tunnell relative to be on hand for the event in which we would officially re-title the gym was paramount.

With a little legwork and luck, we found that his sister, Vivian Tunnell Robinson, was still living in the outskirts of the greater Philadelphia area. We were able to get her and her daughter to Alameda to attend the building dedication ceremony, held on the 9th of March 2011 culminating in the presentation of the Silver Life Saving Medal and, for his service on the Etamin in lieu of the Purple Heart which could not be awarded because the qualifying circumstances could not be verified, the Combat Action Ribbon. It is hard to find the words to describe what the event meant to his sister and to the rest of us present.

But there was even more to add to this heart-warming story. In the days before the ceremony and entirely out of the blue, I received a call from Nancy Shaver, the daughter of the very same Fred Shaver. She mentioned that she would like to attend to personally thank the Tunnell family. To say we were ecstatic about this development is an understatement. Having her there as well made the commemorative ceremony an unparalleled success, and we were all honored to have been a part of the process.

Recognizing Emlen Tunnell's legacy encompassed a great deal of serendipity but also a lot of hard work. After four years of diligent research and stick-to-itiveness by all involved, we were able to honor a most deserving Coast Guard hero and African- American trailblazer. Never have I seen so many pieces of a puzzle fall into place so appropriately, and in my heart of hearts I know this was meant to be.



Vivian Tunnell, sister of Emlen Tunnell, and Catherine Robinson, daughter of Vivian Tunnell, accept the Silver Life Saving Medal on behalf of Emlen Tunnell, Wednesday March 9, 2011. (Photo by Pa1 Rachel Polish)

SILVER LIFE SAVING MEDAL



The Silver Life Saving Medal is a U.S. decoration issued by the U.S. Coast Guard. The award was first established by an Act of Congress in 1874.

The medal was bestowed upon any persons who endangered their own lives in saving or endeavoring to save lives from the perils of the sea. Emlen was twice cited for acts of heroism during his service. In 1944, while aboard the USS Etamin, a Japanese torpedo blew a hole in the side of the ship. Tunnell came to the aid of shipmate Fred Shaver who was on fire. Tunnell carried him to safety, sustaining personal burns in the process. He saved the life of another man in 1946, when shipmate Al Givens fell overboard into 32-degree water. Givens would have drowned if Tunnell had not jumped into the water to his rescue.

The medal that can be seen at the SLDC Museum is on loan from David Lyons via Emlen's late sister Vivian Robinson and her daughter Catherine. Photo by Rothacker Advertising and Design. - Text by Jim Vankoski

U.S. COAST GUARD ISLAND, ALAMEDA, CA



In March of 2011, the United States Coast Guard honored Steward's Mate 1st Class Emlen Lewis Tunnell at a Coast Guard gym-naming ceremony at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, California—3,000 miles from his home town.

Naming a Coast Guard facility is a special event. To be the recipient of such an honor, a Coast Guardsman must personify and exemplify the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. It was with these values in mind that Naming Committee chairman then Lieutenant, now Commander Bill McKinstry led the careful research that resulted in the Coast Guard Island Gymnasium [black star] being named for Tunnell.

Emlen is gone now, but for his display of those very same qualities, the Sports Legends of Delaware County museum's statue committee feels that the time is long overdue to honor the memory of Delaware County's Emlen Tunnell in another way--not by affixing his name to a faraway gym, but by erecting a statue in his honor in his home town of Radnor in his home state of Pennsylvania. This will be accomplished on June 2, 2018, with the unveiling of a seven-foot bronze statue. - Text by Jim Vankoski



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At the beginning of 2017, the Sports Legends of Delaware County museum commissioned sculptor Jennifer Frudakis Petry to create a seven-foot bronze statue to the memory of the WW II and NFL hero. The committee has been pleasantly surprised that its foresight has been validated by a number of honors conferred on Emlen since that contract was signed:

In July 2017, NFL analyst Gil Brandt selected Emlen as the top NFL safety of all time. This occurred just prior to Emlen's fans celebrating the 50th anniversary of his being the first African-American inducted into pro football's Hall of Fame.

Next came during the Delco Veterans Freedom Medal Award Dinner in November, when a special video tribute produced by SLDC board member Brad Nau was played in his honor.

Now, and most recently, comes the announcement from the United States Coast Guard that a new Sentinel-Class Fast Response Cutter designed to serve a multi-mission role will be named for Delaware County's own Steward's Mate 1st Class Emlen Lewis Tunnell.

These announcements truly attest to the fact that one of America's hidden heroes will not remain hidden much longer. His statue unveiling, scheduled for June 2, 2018, will represent a fitting Delaware County tribute to a man who is fast becoming a person of national acclaim. www.emlentunnell.com

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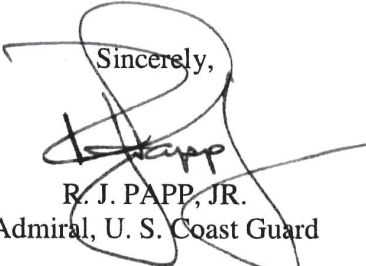
Dear Mr. Costello,

On this occasion of your dedication in memory of Emlen Tunnell, I am privileged and delighted to offer thanks on behalf of the men and women of the United States Coast Guard. Your Post's recognition of Mr. Tunnell: great American, member of the greatest generation, Coast Guard veteran, and Silver Life Saving Medal recipient, help us continue the manners of our service.

Mr. Tunnell's life was one of quiet greatness. Serving in the Coast Guard from 1943 through 1946, Mr. Tunnell made his presence felt at his commands, where he twice placed his life in peril to save shipmates. For one of those exploits, his Commanding Officer recommended him for the Silver Life Saving Medal. But at that time in our history, African Americans were not yet customarily awarded medals, and with just three weeks before the end of his enlistment, the award process never evolved until 2011. He then went on to the NFL, where he established himself as one of the all-time greats, forging a path for African Americans as a player, scout, and Coach.

I wish you and all the members of Bateman-Gallagher American Legion Post 668 fair winds and moderate seas on this glorious day, and hope you will accept my coin as a token of thanks.

Semper Paratus!

Sincerely,

R. J. PAPP, JR.
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

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DELCO FOOTBALL PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN THE PROS

Compiled by Rich Pagano

Archbishop Carroll

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| 1. Maurice Stovall - WR | Notre Dame | Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2006-2010) – 7 seasons – 81 games
Detroit Lions (2011)
Jacksonville Jaguars (2012) |
| 2. Brandon Moore - OL | Duke | New England Patriots (1993-1995) - 3 seasons - 26 games |
| 3. Burt Grossman - DL | Pitt | San Diego Chargers (1989-1993) - 6 seasons - 85 games
Philadelphia Eagles (1994) |

Cardinal O'Hara

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|----------------------|---------------|---|
| 1. Gerry Feehery - C | Syracuse | Philadelphia Eagles (1983-1987) - 6 seasons - 47 games
Kansas City Chiefs (1988) |
| 2. Don Clune - WR | Penn | New York Giants (1974- 1975) - 3 seasons - 28 games
Seattle Seahawks (1976) |
| 3. Kevin Jones - RB | Virginia Tech | Detroit Lions (2004-2007) - 5 seasons - 64 games
Chicago Bears (2008) |
| 4. Tom Savage - QB | Rutgers | Houston Texans (2014) - 1 season - 2 games |
| 5. Corey Brown - WR | Ohio State | Carolina Panthers (2014) - 1 season - 13 games |

Chester

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|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1. Bill Cottrell - OL | Delaware Valley | Detroit Lions (1967-1970) - 5 seasons – 63 games
Denver broncos (1972) |
| 2. Ted Cottrell - LB | Delaware Valley | Atlanta Falcons (1969-1970) - 2 seasons - 24 games |
| 3. Will Hunter - DB | Syracuse | Minnesota Vikings (2005-2006) - 2 seasons - 23 games |

Chichester

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| 1. Billy "White Shoes"
Johnson - WR | Widener | Houston Oilers (1974-1980) -14 seasons – 143 GP
Atlanta Falcons (1982-1987)
Washington Redskins (1988) |
| 2. Dennis Borcky - DL | Memphis | New York Giants (1987) - 1 season - 2 games |
| 3. John Mobley - LB | Kutztown | Denver Broncos (1996-2003) - 8 seasons - 105 games |

Clifton Heights

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|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| 1. Mike Phillips - OL | Western Maryland | Baltimore Colts (1947) – 1 season – 12 games |
| 2. Dan Morgan - LB | Miami | Carolina Panthers (2001-2007) – 7 seasons – 59 games |

Darby Township

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|----------------------|----------------|--|
| 1. Chris Arnold - WR | Virginia State | Oakland Raiders (1974) – 1 season – no games |
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Eddystone

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| 1. Ed Walsh - OT | PMC | New York Titans (1961) – 1 season – 6 games |
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Glen Mills

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|------------------------|----------------|--|
| 1. Ralph Jarvis - DL | Temple | Indianapolis Colts (1990) – 1 season – 8 games |
| 2. John Jones - TE | Indiana of Pa. | Baltimore Ravens (2000-2003) – 4 seasons – 49 games |
| 3. Bernard Pierce - RB | Temple | Baltimore Ravens (2012-2014) – 4 seasons – 48 games
Jacksonville Jaguars (2005) |

Haverford High

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|------------------------|------------|---|
| 1. Sam Venuto - HB | Guilford | Washington Redskins (1952) – 1 season – 3 games |
| 2. Steve Joachim - QB | Temple | New York Jets (1976) – 1 season – 1 game |
| 3. Randy Grossman - TE | Temple | Pittsburgh Steelers (1974-1981) – 8 seasons – 118 games |
| 4. Todd Feldman - WR | Kent State | Miami Dolphins (1987) – 1 season – 1 game |

Haverford School

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|---------------------|----------------|---|
| 1. Mike Mayock - DB | Boston College | New York Giants (1982-1983) – 2 seasons – 9 games |
| 2. Will Barker - OT | Virginia | Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2010) – 2 seasons – 3 games |

Interboro

1. Vince Papale - WR St. Joe's Philadelphia Eagles (1976-1978) – 3 seasons – 41 games

Lansdowne

1. Ned Wilcox - RB Swarthmore Frankford Yellowjackets (1926-1927) – 2 seasons – 26 games

Marple Newtown

1. Karl Chandler - OL Princeton New York Giants (1974-1977) – 6 seasons – 66 games
Detroit Lions (1978-1979)
2. George Schmitt - DB Delaware St. Louis Cardinals (1983) – 1 season – 16 games
3. Bill Maas - DL Pittsburgh Kansas City Chiefs (1984-1992) – 10 seasons – 130 games
Green bay Packers (1993)

Mitchell School

1. Jim Culbreath - FB Oklahoma Green Bay Packers (1977-1979) – 4 seasons – 41 games
Philadelphia Eagles (1980)
New York Giants (1980)

Monsignor Bonner

1. Al Atkinson - LB Villanova New York Jets (1965-1974) – 10 seasons – 120 games
2. John Cappelletti - RB Penn State Los Angeles (1974-1978) – 9 seasons – 105 games
San Diego Chargers (1980-1983)
3. Anthony Becht - TE West Virginia New York Jets (2000-2004) – 12 seasons – 167 games
Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2005-2007)
St. Louis Rams (2008)
Arizona Cardinals (2009)
Kansas City Chiefs (2011)
4. Sean McHugh - TE Penn State Green Bay Packers (2004) – 6 seasons – 40 games
Detroit Lions (2005-2007)
Pittsburgh Steelers (2008)

PMC Prep

1. Jack Klotz - OT PMC New York Titans (1960-1962) – 5 seasons – 41 games
New York Jets (1963)
Houston Oilers (1964)

Radnor

1. Rae Crowther - TE Colgate Frankford Yellowjackets (1925-1926) – 2 seasons – 33 games
2. Saville Crowther - OL Colgate Frankford Yellowjackets (1925) – 1 season – 2 games
3. Emlen Tunnell - DB Toledo & Iowa New York Giants (1948-1958) – 14 seasons – 167 games
Green bay Packers (1959-1961)
4. Ted Dean - RB Wichita State Philadelphia Eagles (1960-1963) – 5 seasons – 44 games
Minnesota Vikings (1964)
5. Willie Sydnor - WR Syracuse Pittsburgh Steelers (1982) – 1 season – 7 games
6. Brian Hennesey - RB Bucknell St. Louis Cardinals (1994) – 1 season – 3 games

Ridley

1. Matt Blundin - QB Virginia Kansas City Chiefs (1993-1994) – 3 seasons – 3 games
Detroit Lions (1995)
2. Bob Kuberski - DT Navy Green Bay Packers (1995-1999) – 5 seasons – 42 games
3. Joe Valerio - OL Penn Kansas City Chiefs (1991-1995) – 6 seasons – 62 games
St. Louis Cardinals (1996)

Ridley Park

1. John Dempsey - OL Bucknell Philadelphia Eagles (1934) – 2 seasons – 4 games
Pittsburgh Pirates (1934)
Philadelphia Eagles (1937)
2. Frank Quillen - TE Penn Chicago Rockets (1946-47) – 2 seasons – 20 games

Springfield

1. Mike Siano - WR Syracuse Philadelphia Eagles (1987) – 1 season – 3 games

St. James

1. Lou Ferry - OT Villanova Green Bay Packers (1949) – 6 seasons – 71 games
Chicago Cardinals (1951)

2. Dick Christy - RB North Carolina State Pittsburgh Steelers (1952-1955)
Pittsburgh Steelers (1958) – 5 seasons – 51 games
Boston Patriots (1960)
New York Titans (1961-1962)
New York Jets (1963)

3. Andy Nacrelli - E Fordham Philadelphia Eagles (1958) – 1 season – 2 games
4. Frank Gallagher - OG North Carolina Detroit Lions (1967-1972) – 7 seasons – 90 games
Atlanta Falcons (1973)

5. Joe Klecko - DL Temple Minnesota Vikings (1973)
New York Jets (1977-1987) – 12 seasons – 155 games
Indianapolis Colts (1988)

Strath Haven

1. Lamar Campbell - DB Wisconsin Detroit Lions (1998-2002) – 5 seasons – 64 games
2. Isaac Jones - WR Purdue Indianapolis Colts (1999-2000) – 2 seasons – 2 games
3. Mark Jones - WR Tennessee New York Giants (2004) – 6 seasons – 62 games
Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2005-2007)
Carolina Panthers (2008)
Tennessee Titans (2009)

4. Dan Connor - LB Penn State Carolina Panthers (2008-2011) – 6 seasons – 52 games
Dallas Cowboys (2012)
New York Giants (2013)
Carolina Panthers (2013)

5. Steve Johnson - LB Kansas Denver Broncos (2012-2014) – 4 seasons – 44 games
Tennessee Titans (2015)

Swarthmore

1. Jim Lukens - TE Washington & Lee Buffalo Bills (1949) – 1 season – 11 games
2. Carl Gersbach - LB West Chester State Philadelphia Eagles (1970) – 7 seasons – 76 games
Minnesota Vikings (1971-1972)
San Diego Chargers (1973-1974)
Chicago Bears (1975)
St. Louis Cardinals (1976)

Upper Darby

1. Charlie Gauer - RB Colgate Phil-Pitt (1943) – 3 seasons – 23 games
Philadelphia Eagles (1944-1945)

2. Rich Mostardi - DB Kent State Cleveland Browns (1960) – 3 seasons – 26 games
Minnesota Vikings (1961)
Oakland Raiders (1962)

3. Tony DiMidio - OL West Chester State Kansas City Chiefs (1966-1967) – 2 seasons – 26 games

4. Todd Rucci - OL Penn State New England Patriots (1993-2000) – 8 seasons – 85 games
5. Floyd Wedderburn - OL Penn State Seattle Seahawks (1999-2002) – 4 seasons – 46 games

Yeadon

1. John Rauch - QB Georgia New York Yankees (1949-1950) – 3 seasons – 27 games
Philadelphia eagles (1951)

Our Hidden Hero Goes Public

In 2009, Emlen Tunnell was inducted into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame. Thanks to Ray Didinger, I had the opportunity to write a short biography of the Radnor native for the banquet's program booklet. Didinger, the Pro Football Hall of Fame sports writer recommended me because of the research and book I had written on Delaware County Sports Legends. Since that time, I have been able to write more about Tunnell and our Statue Project, which was initiated by board member Phil Damiani, who was the force behind the idea of even having a statue.

Throughout the process, our project was given a lot of help by quite a few writers that assisted in publicizing what we were doing and who Emlen Tunnell was.

At the Daily Times, Harry Chaykun kept his readers aware of the project with weekly updates in his column concerning our progress.

Donald Hunt, who is a sports writer for the Philadelphia Tribune, the oldest black newspaper in the country, wrote a couple of articles that made the readers in Philadelphia aware.

Linda Stein actually wrote the first piece on our project which allowed the citizens of Delaware County a sneak prevue of what was coming.

Joe Giampalmi, who writes an education column in a few of the Delaware County weekly's, contributed an outstanding column about Tunnell and our project.

Appearing in the Main Line Today Magazine was an article written about Emlen Tunnell by Joe Pirro, and it was much appreciated.

Frank Fitzpatrick, the Philadelphia Inquirer's sport historian, also wrote a very informative column concerning Tunnell which was widely read.

Finally, Sharon Hill's own Bill Werndl contributed to the publicizing of the project by having Phil Damiani and I on his radio program three different times. The sports broadcaster, who has been in the business for over 50 years, was really helpful in getting the word out to his listeners.

To all of those individuals, your help and dedication to the Emlen Tunnell Statue Project is greatly appreciated.

Richard Pagano

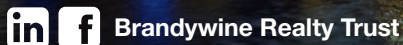
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Billy “White Shoes” Johnson

By Harry Chaykun

Billy Johnson was an All-Delco football player at Chichester High in 1969, joining five other future professional players on that All-Delco team: Monsignor Bonner’s John Cappelletti, the 1973 Heisman Trophy winner at Penn State who played for the Rams and Chargers; Haverford High’s Randy Grossman (four Super Bowl rings with the Pittsburgh Steelers) and Steve Joachim (tryouts with the Eagles and Baltimore Colts); Cardinal O’Hara’s Don Clune (New York Giants, Seattle Seahawks); and the late Chris Arnold of Darby Township High, who, after being cut by the NFL’s Oakland Raiders, played for the Birmingham Americans, 1974 champions of the World Football League in the one full season that league operated.



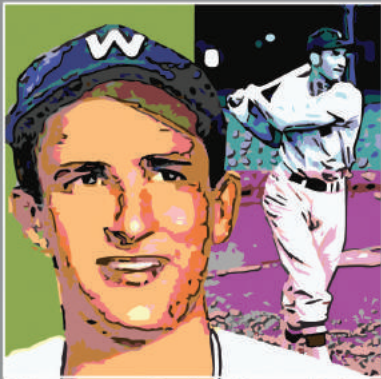
Johnson was a Division III All-American and set a number of receiving and kick return records at Widener University, then was selected by the Houston Oilers in the 15th round of the 1974 NFL Draft.

He returned five punts and two kickoffs for touchdowns in his first four years with the Oilers, was MVP of the 1975 Pro Bowl, in which he returned a punt 90 yards for a touchdown, and also played in the 1977 Pro Bowl. He became famous for his “funky chicken” end-zone celebration dances following touchdowns.

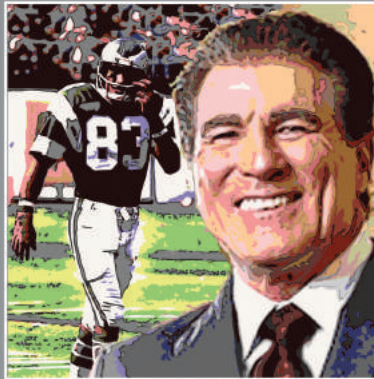
Johnson was named the kick returner on the NFL’s All-75th Anniversary Team and remains the only member of that team who has not been elected to the Pro Football Hall to Fame.

He also played for the NFL’s Atlanta Falcons and Washington Redskins as well as the Canadian Football League’s Montreal Alouettes. He has worked for the Falcons and has coached at Duluth (Georgia) High School.

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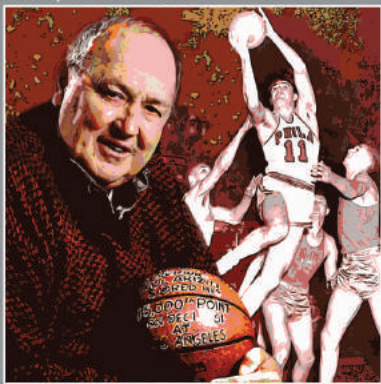
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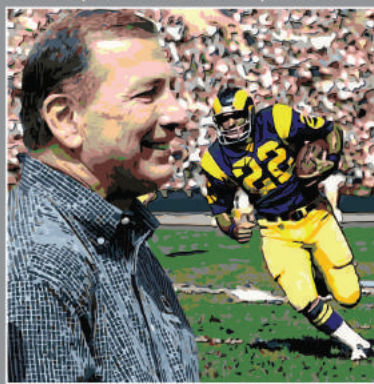
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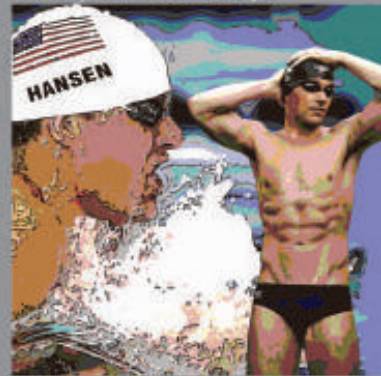
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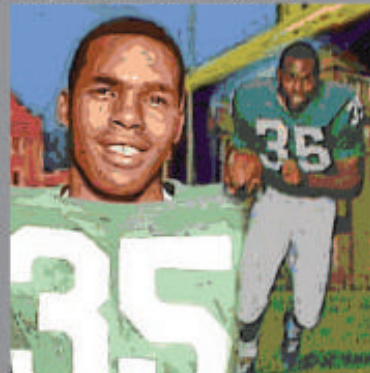
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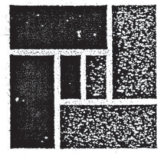
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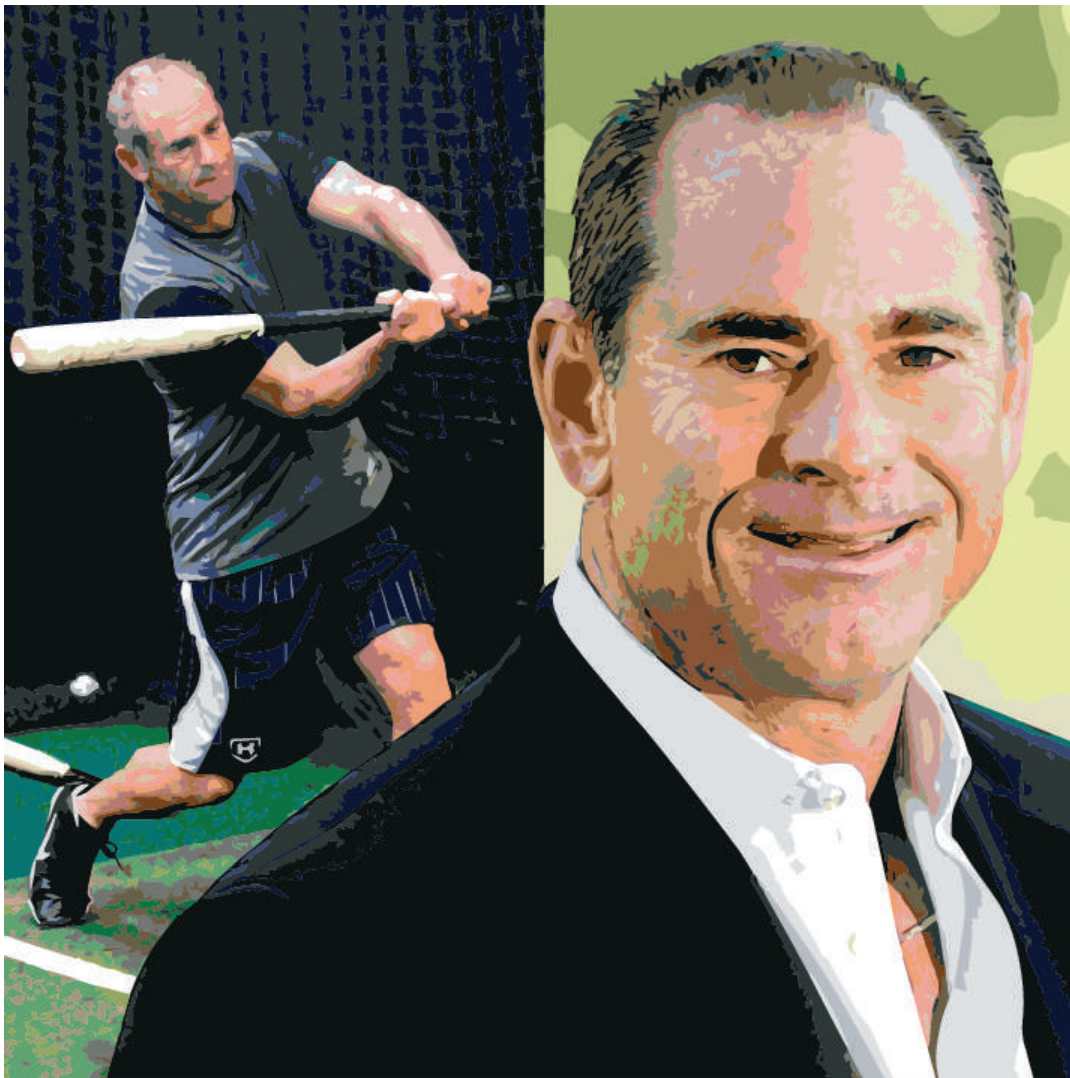


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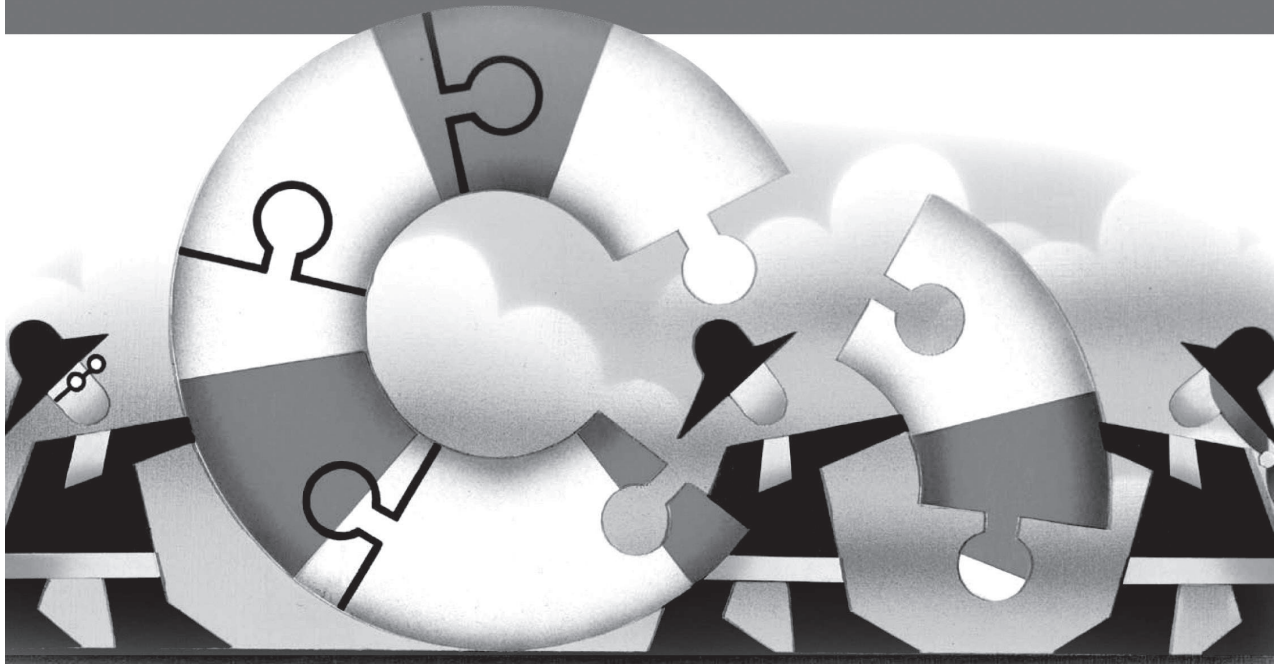
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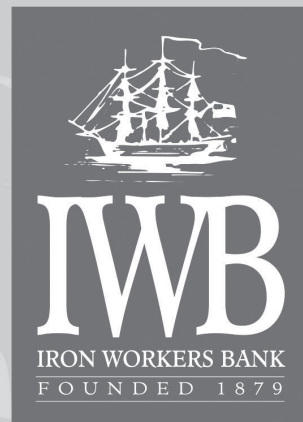
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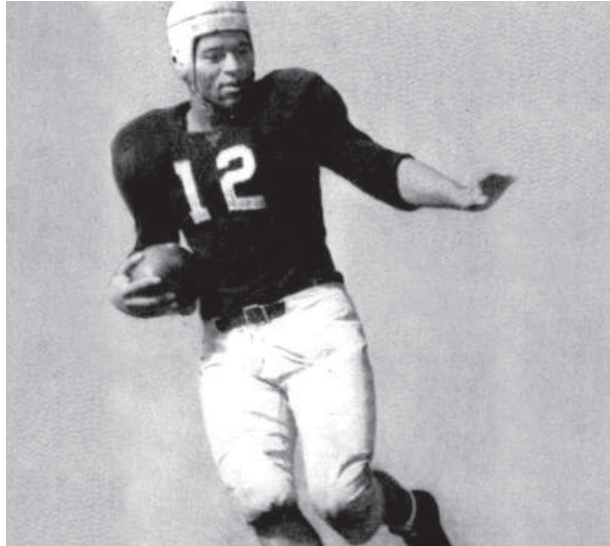
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After serving in the Coast Guard during the war and playing football where he made the Pacific Coast All-Service team, Emlen Tunnell attended the University of Iowa where African American athletes not only got the opportunity to play but were part of the tradition at Iowa. With 325 players trying out for the team, including 58 African Americans in the fall of 1946, Tunnell had his work cut out. However, by Iowa's opening game against North Dakota State, he had become the starting left halfback. In the Hawkeyes' first Big Nine game came against Purdue, Tunnell scored two touchdowns in the 16-0 victory. In the Notre Dame game, he had a great day even in the loss. The Cedar Rapids Gazette reported, "A guy named Tunnell stole the show from Johnny Lujack. Lujack was put in the shade by a dusky Hawkeye, Emlen Tunnell. The shifty halfback provided the day's top thrill with a 65-yard sprint through the entire Notre Dame team to set up what should have been an Iowa score on the 10-yard line." Tunnell led Iowa to a 5-4 record and finished the 1946 season as the Hawkeye's leading passer. In 1947, he again played running back and defensive back, but this time as the season came to a close, he had become the Hawkeye's leading receiver. Since he was eligible to play in the NFL, Tunnell left Iowa after the 1947 season to try-out for the New York Giants. - Text by Rich Pagano Delco Sports Historian

CEDAR RAPIDS BASEBALL 1949



Tunnell Becomes C.R. Outfielder

(The Register's Iowa News Service)

Cedar Rapids, IA,—Emlen Tunnell, Iowa University football halfback in 1946 and '47, joined the Cedar Rapids Rockets of the Central association Wednesday night.

Tunnell, playing left field, knocked out two hits in five trips and drove in a pair of scores as the Rockets got their first victory in 12 games, beating Kewanee, 16-2.

After leaving Iowa University in the spring of 1948, Tunnell signed a professional football contract with the New York Giants, playing with that organization last fall.

He is believed to be the first African American ever to play minor league baseball in Iowa.

NEW YORK GIANTS PLAYING CAREER 1948-1958



*Artist portrait
by Jim Corcoran*

Emlen Tunnell's remarkable career in professional football was astonishing for the accomplishments he achieved on the field while being one of the few African-American's competing at the sports' highest level.

Tunnell joined the Giants in 1948 as an un-scouted free agent. While being welcomed to the Giants as a teammate, Tunnell endured off-field challenges, including sometimes having to stay at a separate hotel as the rest of the team because of the color of his skin.

Tunnell emerged not only as a reliable player for the Giants, but retired with an NFL record 143 consecutive games started. He was a key performer in Coach Steve Owen's Umbrella Defense in 1950, setting an NFL record with 34 punt returns in 1951. In his remarkable 1952 season, Tunnell's 924 combined yardage on kick, punt and interception returns outpaced the NFL's rushing leader for the season.

Tunnell was an All Pro performer for the 1956 World Champion Giants. He played in eight consecutive Pro Bowls and retired after the 1961 season as the NFL's all-time leader in interceptions (79), punt returns (258) and punt return yards (2,209). He still holds the Giants franchise mark for career return touchdowns with 10.

In 1967 Tunnell was honored by becoming the first African-American player enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and was named the safety on the NFL's 50th anniversary team in 1969. - Text by Larry Schmitt "Football Historian"

EMLLEN TUNNELL PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEGEND

HITCHING A RIDE TO THE BIG TIME

By Larry Schmitt - NFL Football Historian

Emlen Tunnell still had a year of college eligibility left in 1948, but wanted to give pro ball a try. He hitch-hiked from Garret Hill, PA to Manhattan. Tunnell recalled "I was just about to forget it and go home when I got a ride from a West Indian guy in a banana truck who took me all the way to the Lincoln Tunnel."

Tunnell made his way to the offices of the New York Giants at Columbus Circle, and asked to speak with Coach Steve Owen. After Owen told Tunnell he'd never heard of him, General Manager Ray Walsh recognized Emlen's name from his time at Iowa, and brought him to meet owner Tim Mara. The owner was impressed enough with the player's positive attitude and self-confidence to allow him a try out. It did not take long for Tunnell to prove himself worthy on the field, and he was offered a contract, officially making him the Giants' first African-American player. The New York Times printed a three-paragraph article documenting the Giants' signing of the "Negro back" on July 25.

Tunnell and Tim Mara forged a bond that lasted until the owner's passing in 1959. Tunnell said, "During that very first morning in the office, Mr. Mara gave me the feeling that I had found a friend in New York. He impressed me as a man who believed in his judgement. He stood on his own two feet and expected you to do the same. He was one of the finest men I've met. It wasn't that he was a financial friend, although he certainly was that, but a personal friend."

To survive physical practices designed to test the efficacy of newcomers, Tunnell befriended the Giants' other African-American employee, trainer Charles Porter. After being roused from the cold tub by Owen after a brutal practice, Porter reinforced the coach's fundamental beliefs, while offering compassion to the bruised player who was questioning his confidence. "I let you come in here because I know he wouldn't give permission to a rookie. Steve always says this game has

to be played in the dirt. He knows you're physically tough enough to get down in the dirt. But in this league you have to be mentally tough too, and some guys just aren't." Emlen took Porter's message to heart, and would ultimately set the NFL standard for most consecutive games started, with 143 (since broken), before his playing days in New York were finished.



After learning the rigors of the trade at camp in Pearl River, New York, a battle-hardened Tunnell returned to New York and faced a host of off-field challenges. He was nearly arrested attempting to cash his first paycheck from the Giants when the bank teller and security guard had believed it was stolen. Lacking a driver's license, Walsh had to come to the bank to vouch for him. He also experienced difficulty finding himself welcome at Manhattan hotels until he found the Henry Hudson, which Tunnell described as "a white hotel," and stayed there for eleven years. He also found himself late for a

team meeting when a cab driver refused to bring him to the Polo Grounds. After being turned away at many restaurants, Emlen alternately invited teammates to his favorite establishments in Harlem.

Emlen had no such difficulty being welcomed in the locker room. His first and longest-lasting friendship was with another newcomer in 1948, quarterback Charlie Conerly. "I consider Charlie Conerly to be one of the best friends I have in the world, and I have reason to believe that he feels the same way about me. We hit it off right from the start. Charlie was a war veteran like myself . . . another thing we had in common was neither of us carried our race on our sleeve. We judged one another as football players and guys."

During his first regular season game, Tunnell was concerned about what the fans thought of him, and it caused him a deep conflict because his resolution conflicted with his coach's orders. After taking several hard hits on punt returns, Owen told him to signal for a fair catch for the sake of his own safety. Emlen said, "Like a good little rookie, I signaled for a fair catch on the next punt. As I ran off the field I heard some boos; there was another punt, another fair catch, and a lot of boos. That tore it. When I got back to the bench, my neck was no longer brown, it was red! No player worth his salary reacts favorably to boos, and, in my case, there was something behind those boos that I didn't like. I was sure that some of those people were booing because they thought to themselves, 'That Tunnell is afraid to run with the ball.'" This was one of the few times in all my years in sports when I have been insubordinate to my coaches. "To Hell with those fair catches," I snapped. "If you want somebody to make a fair catch, put another guy in there. I'm not going to have those people think I'm gutless." That moment of decision groomed me for the future. "If I had been willing to go for the fair catch, or if Steve had been unwilling to let me play it my way, I would not have been the player I turned out to be."

Tunnell went on to set NFL single-season and franchise records for punt returns and punt return yardage that lasted over a decade.

He struggled with more than punt returns his rookie season. He was unsure of his assignments, and accrued a large number of defensive holding penalties as he repeatedly was fooled in one-on-one coverage situations in pass defense, and never quite found a defined role on the team as he played sporadically on offense.

The turning point came on November 21, against the Packers in Milwaukee, when he intercepted three passes (the first of four three-interception games of his career) and returned one 43 yards, for his first touchdown as a professional player. Tunnell said, "I was making the ping-pong transition from a guy who thought he was a great pass defense man, to a guy who realized he didn't know anything about pass defense, to a guy who was learning a little about pass defense." His renewed confidence was expressed with exuberant tackling. Tunnel knocked Green Bay back Jack Jacobs from the game.



Tunnell, who had also knocked out Philadelphia's All-Pro halfback Steve Van Buren earlier in the season, relished the physicality of tackling as much as he enjoyed making a play with the ball in his hands: "I could make tackles until I'm 50. Your body may go, but your heart doesn't.

In 1949 Tunnell returned two of his then-franchise-record 10 interceptions for touchdowns, as well as his first punt return for a score. The 10 interceptions are quite remarkable, considering the NFL played a 12-game season and teams only threw the ball approximately 41% of the time. (In 2017, NFL teams threw the ball nearly 57% of the time during a 16 game season.) Over the first 10 years of his career, Emlen never registered fewer than 6 interceptions.

His most significant contribution to the Giants came in 1950 as a key cog in Owen's Umbrella Defense, which was designed specifically to slow down the dynamic and explosive Cleveland offense. Tunnell said, "Steve Owen had a fine football mind, and he used it to concentrate on the problems presented by the Browns . . . Otto Graham often sent out four potential receivers against the opposition's three-deep backs. When Cleveland's great ends, Mac Speedie and Dante Lavelli, ran hook patterns that took them toward the middle of the secondary, the Brown's halfbacks, Dub Jones and Rex Baumgartner or Ken Carpenter, would double flare, a maneuver that took them outside and deep. As an alternate to this, Speedie or Lavelli, or both, would run down-and-out to the sideline. The sideline pass was Graham's bread-and-butter play."

Owen's concept was to congest the traffic along the sidelines. After lining up in a six-man line, the ends would drop back into coverage, leaving the interior four to rush. The two safeties covered the deep middle, while the two defensive halfbacks covered the area between the ends and safeties. The single linebacker keyed on fullback Marion Motley. Looking at the scheme on a blackboard, the defense resembled an opened umbrella.

The defense performed like an umbrella as well. In their first meeting, New York upset the Browns in Cleveland 6-0, the first shutout in the Browns' history. Graham threw three interceptions and did not complete a single pass through the first half. It was the perfect answer for the quickly evolving T-Formation offense that had taken pro football by storm after World War II. The umbrella would be further refined by Tom Landry, later in the decade, as the 4-3 defense. The four defensive backs, operated intuitively with one another, passing off receivers and covering the field with an intricacy never before seen.

Tunnell said that 6-0 victory was so enjoyable that he never felt the urge to play on offense again. "I guess I got sold on defense when I teamed up with Tom Landry, Harman Rowe and Otto Schnellbacher in 1950. That was the best-tackling backfield I ever saw. Everyone knew what the other fellow was going to do and that's what made it such fun. After that I never wanted to play offense again."



1952 was the season that Tunnell earned the moniker “Offense on Defense” as he was a big play waiting to happen when he got his hands on the ball. His 7 interceptions for 149 yards, 30 punt returns for 411 yards, and 15 kick returns for 364 yards totaled 924 yards—more than the NFL’s leading rusher, African-American back “Deacon” Dan Towler of Los Angeles, who gained 894 yards.

Tunnell’s final game in a Giants’ uniform took place on December 28, 1958, against Baltimore in the “Greatest Game Ever Played.” Emlen was believed to have slowed down with age. He had his return duties reduced, and occasionally chafed with defensive coach Tom Landry, and was released after the season. He played three more years in Green Bay, and his final game was the 1961 NFL Championship Game against the Giants, where he intercepted Y.A. Tittle’s pass during the Packers 37-0 victory.

In 1967, while coaching the Giants group of defensive backs, known as “Emlen’s Gremlins,” Tunnell received pro football’s highest individual honor, enshrinement into the National Football League Hall of Fame. Tunnell is not only the first African-American member in Canton, but also the first player recognized as a defensive specialist from the two-platoon era ((though his punt and kick return accomplishments were certainly considered). During his brief acceptance speech, he thanked his coaches, the Mara’s, and the driver of the banana truck who picked him up hitch-hiking to the Giants’ offices.



Emlen Tunnell Quotes

1. *“In 1960, the wrong Radnor guy won the ball game”*
2. *“A Negro in downtown Green Bay can pretty much be a surprise at one o’clock in the afternoon.”*
3. *“I look for the good in people, and I’ve found it in them most of the time.”*
4. *“Green bay is sure not New York, but I guess we can’t ask ’em to import 100,000 color people to keep us company.”*
5. *“A Negro in Green Bay is almost as rare as a nice day in winter.”*
6. *“I’ve spent my whole life trying to prove to guys that they aren’t necessarily better than I am just because they have a lighter skin tone.”*
7. *“I wasn’t about to buy the idea that I am superior to anybody because my skin is dark.”*
8. *“A lot of people call me a swinger, and I can’t accuse them of slander.”*
9. *“If you mope through life letting others tell you who you should like or dislike, you just aren’t much of a man in my book.”*
10. *“Guys who are bugged by thousands of little things resent anybody who doesn’t let many big things shake him.”*

GREEN BAY PACKERS 1959-1961



The legendary Vince Lombardi left his assistant coaching position with the New York Giants in 1959, to take the head coaching job with the Green Bay Packers. After arriving in Green Bay, Lombardi immediately traded for Emlen Tunnell, who had played for the Giants for eleven seasons and revolutionized the safety position. The nine-time Pro Bowler was known as “offense on defense”. Lombardi brought Tunnell to Green Bay to help instill the tenacious Giants’ defensive philosophy into the Packers, to school them in the confrontational ways of their new coach, and to make it possible for Lombardi to entice more African-American players to nearly all-white Green Bay. With the help of Tunnell that first season, African-American players such as Willie Davis and Willie Wood became members of the Packers. Tunnell became the extension of Coach Lombardi, and his presence eased racial tensions within the team and the league. Besides being a mentor for the young players, Tunnell also played safety for the Packers and led them to the NFL Championship game in 1960. The following season, Willie Wood was playing his position and after the Packers captured the NFL title in 1961, Tunnell retired and actually became a scout for both the Packers and the Giants.

- Text by Rich Pagano Delco Sports Historian

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1967



In the summer of 1967, Emlen Tunnell, who owner John Mara referred to as one of the most beloved New York Giants of all time, became the first African American inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. His Hall of Fame enshrinement speech only lasted five sentences before he got all choked up. Tunnell thanked his teammates, his family, and the Mara family. However, his last bit of thanks went to the West Indian immigrant driving a banana truck that picked him up and gave him a ride to the Giants' office in New York City. Tunnell, who also became the first defensive player inducted, played in the NFL for 14 years, finishing his career with 79 interceptions. Named All-Pro four times and playing in nine Pro Bowls, Tunnell was a yard-gaining threat despite his defensive role. After retirement, he had set four NFL records: most career interceptions, most punt returns, and most yardage on interceptions and punt returns. He only missed one game in his career and played in 167 consecutive games. Big and strong, Tunnell was an essential part of the Giants' umbrella defense. He changed the theory of defensive safeties," said Giants' coach Jim Lee Howell. "He would have been too big for the job earlier, and they'd have made him a lineman. But he had such strength, such speed, and such quickness; I'm convinced he was the best safety ever to play." - Text by Rich Pagano
Delco Sports Historian

NY GIANTS FULL-TIME ASSISTANT COACH



Emlen Tunnell continued as a trail blazer in Pro Football following his retirement as a player after the 1961 season. He spent 1962 as a free-lance scout for both the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers. The Giants hired Tunnell full-time in 1963, making him the first African-American to achieve such status.

Among the notable talent he brought to the Giants was safety Carl "Spider" Lockhart.

In 1966 Tunnell was hired to be the Giants defensive backs coach, the first African-American to serve in that capacity. Tunnell was able to coach some of the players he brought to New York. His group of pupils were nicknamed "Emlen's Gremlins" and they displayed a style of play reminiscent of their coach. Two of Tunnell's players, Lockhart and Willie Williams still rank in the Giants top five career interceptors.

Tunnell coached through 1973 before returning to scouting full time until his passing at Giants training camp in July 1975.

Owner John Mara said, "It's fair to say that Emlen was the most beloved member of our organization, perhaps in its history." - Text by Larry Schmitt "Football Historian"



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EMLEN L. TUNNELL

Died July 23, 1975

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Sunset and evening Star,
 And one clear call for me!
 And may there be no moaning of the bar,
 When I put out to sea,
 But such a tide as moving seems asleep
 Too full for sound and foam,
 When that which drew from out the
 boundless deep,
 Turns again home.
 Twilight and evening bell,
 And after that the dark!
 And may there be no sadness of farewell
 When I embark;
 For tho' from out our bourne of Time
 and place,
 The flood may bear me far,
 I hope to see my Pilot face to face
 When I have crossed the bar.

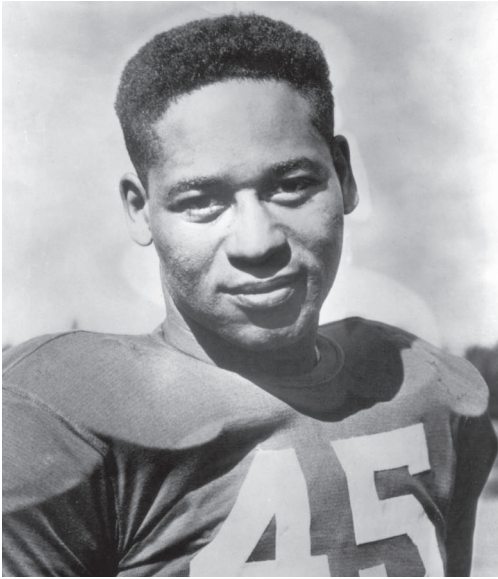
—Tennyson

MINUS FUNERAL HOME

Ardmore, Pa.

Emlen Tunnell's burial is at
Gulph United Church of Christ Cemetery
 West Conshohocken, PA
 100 Matson Ford Rd.

EMLEN TUNNELL'S CAREER STATS



Emlen Lewis Tunnell

Nickname: The Gremlin

Position: Defensive Back

Ht: 6-1 **Wt:**187lb

Born: March 29, 1925 in Bryn Mawr, PA

CAREER SUMMARY

G	AV	Ret	Yds	TD
167	8	258	2209	5

Defense & Fumbles

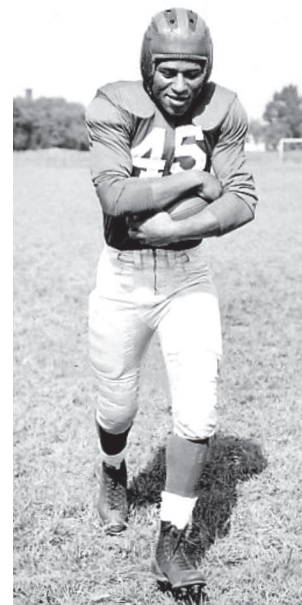
* Selected to Pro Bowl, + First-Team All-Pro

Year	Age	Tm	Pos	No.	Games		Def Interceptions					Fumbles				Sacks & Tackles				AV		
					G	GS	Int	Yds	TD	Lng	PD	FF	Fmb	FR	Yds	TD	Sk	Tkl	Ast		Sfty	
1948	23	NYG			10	3	7	116	1	43	0		3	0	0	0						
1949	24	NYG			12	3	10	251	2	55	0											
1950*	25	NYG	LDH	45	12		7	167	0	35	0		1	1	0	0						
1951*+	26	NYG	LDH	45	12		9	74	0	30	0		2	1	7	0						
1952*+	27	NYG	LS	45	12		7	149	0	40	0		4	6	3	0						
1953*	28	NYG	LS	45	12		6	117	0	44	0											
1954*	29	NYG	LS	45	12		8	108	0	43	0		1	4	0	0						
1955*+	30	NYG	LS	45	12		7	76	0	26	0		1	1	0	0						
1956*+	31	NYG	LS	45	12		6	87	0	23	0		0	1	0	0						
1957*	32	NYG	LS	45	12		6	87	1	52	0		0	1	0	0						
1958	33	NYG		45	12		1	8	0	8	0											
1959*	34	GNB	LS	45	12		2	20	0	18	0											
1960	35	GNB	LS	45	12		3	22	0	22	0		0	1	0	0					6	
1961	36	GNB		45	13																	2
Career					167	6	79	1282	4	55	0		12	16	10	0						8
11 yrs		NYG			130	6	74	1240	4	55	0		12	15	10	0						
3 yrs		GNB			37	0	5	42	0	22	0		0	1	0	0						8

Kick & Punt Returns

* Selected to Pro Bowl, + First-Team All-Pro

Year	Age	Tm	Pos	No.	Games		Punt Returns					Kick Returns					APYd
					G	GS	Ret	Yds	TD	Lng	Y/R	Rt	Yds	TD	Lng	Y/Rt	
1948	23	NYG			10	3	12	115	0	25	9.6	1	21	0	21	21.0	327
1949	24	NYG			12	3	26	315	1	67	12.1	2	26	0	23	13.0	599
1950*	25	NYG	LDH	45	12		31	305	0	43	9.8						472
1951*+	26	NYG	LDH	45	12		34	489	3	81	14.4	6	227	1	100	37.8	797
1952*+	27	NYG	LS	45	12		30	411	0	60	13.7	15	364	0	39	24.3	927
1953*	28	NYG	LS	45	12		38	223	0	37	5.9	17	479	0	86	28.2	819
1954*	29	NYG	LS	45	12		21	70	0	12	3.3	5	98	0	25	19.6	276
1955*+	30	NYG	LS	45	12		25	98	1	66	3.9						174
1956*+	31	NYG	LS	45	12		22	120	0	14	5.5						207
1957*	32	NYG	LS	45	12		12	60	0	23	5.0						147
1958	33	NYG		45	12		6	0	0	0	0.0						8
1959*	34	GNB	LS	45	12		1	3	0	3	3.0						23
Career					167	6	258	2209	5	81	8.6	46	1215	1	100	26.4	4798
11 yrs		NYG			130	6	257	2206	5	81	8.6	46	1215	1	100	26.4	4753
3 yrs		GNB			37	0	1	3	0	3	3.0						45



Rushing & Receiving

* Selected to Pro Bowl, + First-Team All-Pro

Year	Age	Tm	Pos	No.	Games		Rushing							Receiving											
					G	GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Lng	Y/A	Y/G	A/G	Tgt	Rec	Yds	Y/R	TD	Lng	R/G	Y/G	Ctch%	YScm	RRTD	Fmb
1948	23	NYG			10	3	17	43	0	15	2.5	4.3	1.7		4	32	8.0	0	14	0.4	3.2	0.0%	75	0	3
1949	24	NYG			12	3	0	0	0	0		0.0	0.0		1	7	7.0	0	7	0.1	0.6	0.0%	7	0	0
Career					167	6	17	43	0	15	2.5	0.3	0.1		5	39	7.8	0	14	0.0	0.2		82	0	12
11 yrs		NYG			130	6	17	43	0	15	2.5	0.3	0.1		5	39	7.8	0	14	0.0	0.3		82	0	12
3 yrs		GNB			37	0	0	0	0	0		0.0	0.0										0	0	0

Passing

* Selected to Pro Bowl, + First-Team All-Pro

Year	Age	Tm	Pos	No.	G	GS	QBrec	Cmp	Att	Cmp%	Yds	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Lng	Y/A	AY/A	Y/C	Y/G	Rate	4QC	GWD
1948	23	NYG			10	3		1	2	50.0	23	0	0.0	0	0.0	23	11.5	11.5	23.0	2.3	91.7	0	0
Career					167	6		1	2	50.0	23	0	0.0	0	0.0	23	11.5	11.5	23.0	0.1	91.7	0	0
11 yrs		NYG			130	6		1	2	50.0	23	0	0.0	0	0.0	23	11.5	11.5	23.0	0.2	91.7	0	0
3 yrs		GNB			37	0		0	0		0	0		0		0				0.0		0	0

Scoring Summary

* Selected to Pro Bowl, + First-Team All-Pro

Year	Age	Tm	Pos	No.	G	GS	RshTD	RecTD	PR TD	KR TD	FbITD	IntTD	OthTD	AllTD	Pts	Pts/G
1948	23	NYG			10	3							1	1	6	
1949	24	NYG			12	3				1			2	3	18	
1951*+	26	NYG	LDH	45	12					3	1			4	24	
1955*+	30	NYG	LS	45	12					1				1	6	
1957*	32	NYG	LS	45	12							1		1	6	
Career					167	6				5	1			4	60	
11 yrs		NYG			130	6				5	1			4	60	
3 yrs		GNB			37	0									0	



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In keeping with our mission of acknowledging excellence, preserving the heritage of our local sports history by recognizing and rewarding such excellence, the Sports Legends of Delaware County museum is happy to announce the winners of the Emlen Tunnell “Connecting Generations” coloring contest, held in conjunction with the fund-raising efforts of the Emlen Tunnell Statue Fund. The contest was open to all third, fourth and fifth grade students.

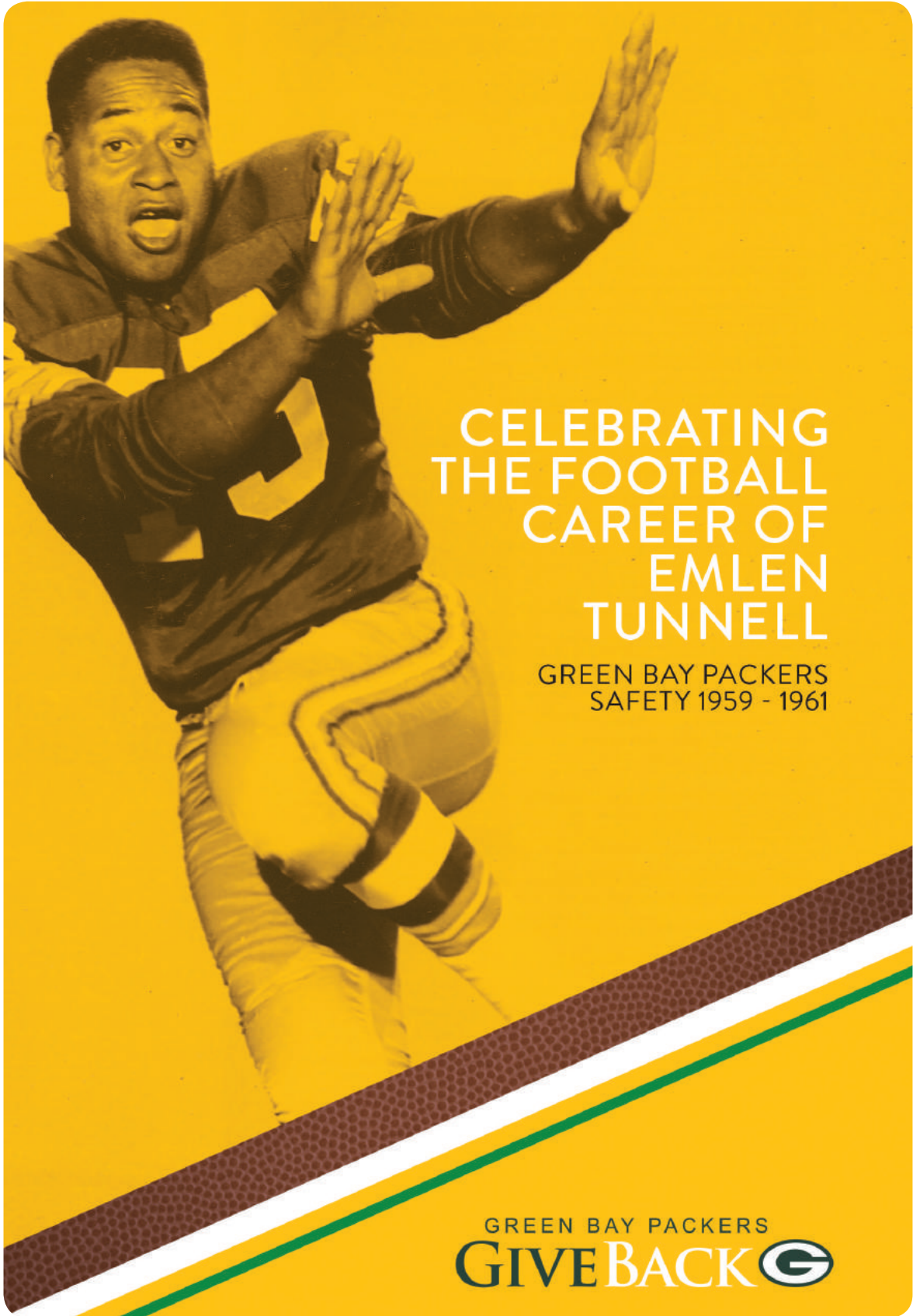
There was a total of 484 entries for the review team judges--all of whom are professional artists--to review. The team consisted of professional sculptor Jennifer Frudakis Petry; Art on The Avenue of the States board member Courtlandt Craig; Choice Marketing designer Dan Falone; Child Program Coordinator of the Wayne Art Center, Tessa Downs and Resident Artist of the SLDC Museum, James Corcoran.

The first place winner, from Drexel Neumann Academy, is Keon Powell. Keon’s teacher is Rita Morrow.

Second place winner, also from the Drexel Neumann Academy and taught by Rita Morrow, is Su-meer Alleyne.

The third place winner, from the Westbrook Park School, is Alina Thomas. Alina’s teacher is Mr. Fazio.

Congratulations to all three. These top three winners, along with special category winners, were awarded gifts donated by Harvey and Sandra Burman; the Wayne Art Center; Wayne Art Supplies; Robert Zienkowski and the SLDC Museum. The students’ winning entries will be placed on display at www.emlentunnell.com website. - Text by Jim Vankoski

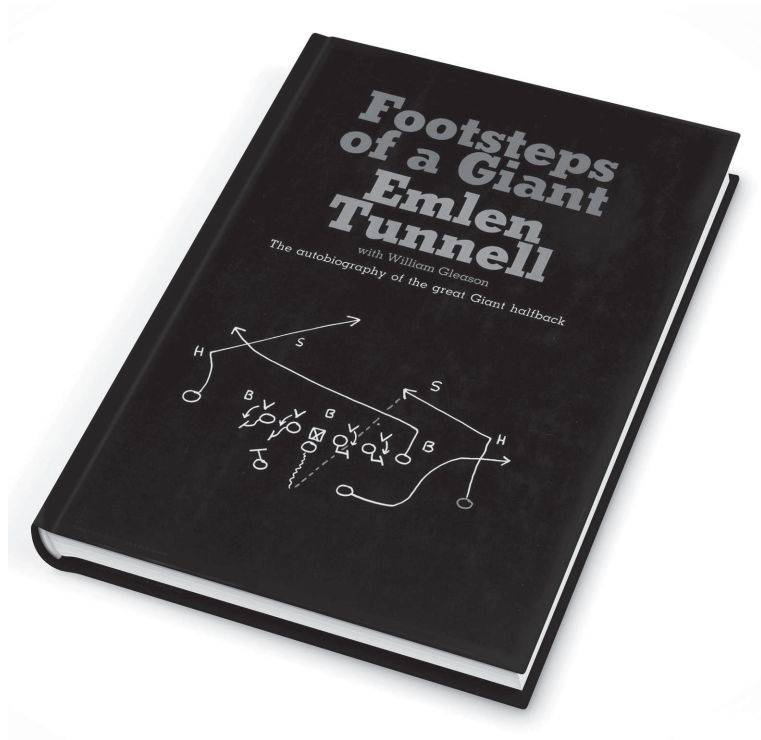


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GIVEBACK 

FOOTSTEPS OF A GIANT



Emlen Tunnell wrote his Autobiography in 1966, one year before becoming the first African American inducted into the National Football League's Hall of Fame. This classic book provides great insight into the times he lived in and grew up in the multi-cultural community of the Garrett Hill section of Radnor, Pennsylvania. Emlen recounts the life experiences that shaped his future and prepared him to overcome both the physical and racial challenges he faced in life. In Emlen's own words, "I wasn't afraid of prejudice, but I didn't intend to go looking for it." He tells of hitchhiking everywhere, including his remarkable trip that led to the New York Football Giants signing him as their first African American player. "With a buck in my pocket, I got out on Lancaster Pike to thumb it to Manhattan." Emlen never thought of himself as different, yet became a WW II hero and one of America's all-time great football players. His storytelling in "Footsteps Of A Giant" is exceptional and remains on point in today's world. - Text by Phil Damiani.



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TO RECOGNIZE EMLÉN TUNNELL
HON. PATRICK MEEHAN
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 25, 2017

Today I recognize the life of Emlén Tunnell, a Radnor High School graduate, World War II hero, and the first African-American to be inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Tunnell grew up in Garrett Hill, PA where he excelled in all athletics, but decided to accept a football scholarship to Toledo University. Unfortunately, a broken neck nearly cost him his life and football career. But Tunnell recovered. When World War II broke out he desperately wanted to enlist, but was rejected from both the Army and Navy due to his injury. Finally, the Coast Guard accepted Tunnell. Twice while serving, he risked his own life to save a fellow serviceman – extinguishing flames that engulfed a friend after a Japanese torpedo attack, and again when he dove into freezing waters to rescue a shipmate.

After serving his country, Tunnell returned to football. He played two years with the University of Iowa before hitchhiking from Lancaster Pike to New York where he tried out to become a Giant. It was a humble start to a stellar career. Tunnell spent 14 years in the league – 11 with the Giants and three as a Green Bay Packer. In that time he was selected to the Pro Bowl nine times, played on two championship teams, and held the then NFL record for consecutive games played at 143. In 1967 he became the first African American inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Mr. Tunnell is an American hero. Yet, his name has largely been lost to the history books. That must change. The Sports Legends of Delaware County and Delaware County Veterans Memorial have initiated a campaign to erect a seven foot bronze statue of Tunnell with that goal in mind. It is an important step to properly honoring this great Pennsylvanian. Through their efforts, Emlén Tunnell's remarkable life and accomplishments will rightly be remembered for decades to come.



Patrick L. Meehan
Member of Congress

7th Congressional District, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION
By The Council Of The City Of Philadelphia

Recognizing and Honoring Emlen Tunnell for His Courageous Military Service During World War II and His Historic Achievement as the First African American Inducted Into The National Football League Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Mr. Emlen Lewis Tunnell was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania in 1925 and grew up in the Philadelphia suburb of Radnor, Pennsylvania. As a young man, Mr. Tunnell was honored as an All-State athlete in both basketball and football during his years at Radnor High School; and

WHEREAS, Emlen Tunnell received after high school an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Toledo. Suffering a near-lethal neck injury during his first year of collegiate football, Mr. Tunnell awoke to a priest administering last rites over his hospital bed. At 17 years old, doctors told Mr. Tunnell his career was over; and

WHEREAS, At the dawn of U.S. involvement in World War II, Tunnell enlisted with the United States Coast Guard. On two separate occasions, Emlen Tunnell saved the lives of shipmates, including Mr. Fred Shaver whom Tunnell saved from an explosion caused by Japanese torpedo, and Mr. Alfred Givens, whom Tunnell rescued from freezing waters. Emlen Tunnell was nominated for the Silver Lifesaving Medal, a display of public recognition not customarily provided to African Americans during his time of service; and

WHEREAS, Following the end of World War II, Emlen Tunnell became the first African American to play for the New York Giants. Emlen Tunnell had a phenomenal career in the National Football League, earning nine Pro Bowl Selections in his fourteen years as a professional. Following his outstanding career on the field, Emlen Tunnell was the first African American assistant coach in the NFL. Subsequently, in 1967, Emlen Tunnell became the first African American inducted into the NFL's Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Mr. Tunnell reached his untimely demise in 1975 at the age of 50 while coaching with the New York Giants; and

WHEREAS, Emlen Tunnell is commemorated as a "man of firsts", receiving outstanding honors and admiration as an African American football player during an era of extraordinary prejudice. Emlen Tunnell is remembered by peers and teammates for his refusal to let racism and discrimination limit the determination with which he led his decorated career as a football player and as a serviceman. Emlen Tunnell is survived by family, friends, and teammates who remember him for his gregarious character, skillful leadership, and audacious spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize and honor Emlen Tunnell for his courageous military service during World War II and his historic achievement as the first African American inducted into the National Football League Hall of Fame,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Emlen Tunnell as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

Blondell Reynolds Brown
Councilwoman At-Large
June 15th, 2017

Dear Jim,

I remember Emlen Tunnell well because he had played for my college coach, Eddie Anderson, MD at the University of Iowa. Anderson used to describe Emlen as "Picking apples off a tree" when he was catching punts for the N.Y. Giants while I was a student at Holy Cross in the late 1950's. Anderson was so confident about Tunnell's performance each Sunday that he used to tell members of the HC team that he would give us a holiday from practice on Monday if Tunnell ever dropped a punt for the Giants. Needless to say it was a holiday he never got to declare.

So yes, I remember Emlen well and I am pleased to be able to support his statute tribute with the enclosed check, in memory of Emlen and all of my now deceased former team mates at Holy Cross.

I hope your campaign for Emlen's statue is an overwhelming success.

Kindest regards,

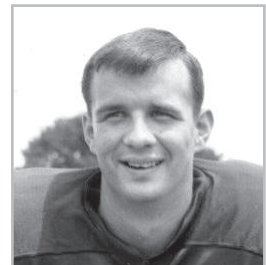
Tom Greene

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Emlen was a friend and great player of the NFL. We both went to the University of Iowa, and became friends during my early NFL years. He was not only a great player but fought for our country - I still am very proud of him and it was a honor to break his interception record.

*Paul Kase
HoF 98*



When tapping my memories of Emlen the first characteristic that comes to mind is “Smart”. His physical skills were outstanding but what set him apart were his instincts, his knowledge of the game and his position. You might as well forget trying to fool him. No defensive player was given more respect than Emlen. He was an exceptional member of an exceptional defense, coached by an exceptional Tom Landry.

Raymond Berry
Baltimore Colts '55-'67



The extraordinary life of Emlen Tunnell goes well beyond the achievements that earned him a place in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. As the first African-American to play for the New York Giants, first African-American inducted into the Hall of Fame, and one of the greatest defensive players in the history of game, Emlen’s football accomplishments were remarkable and well-chronicled. After his playing career, he also worked as a scout and assistant coach for the Giants at a time when few African-Americans served in those roles. Not as well-known were the exceptional acts of heroism in which Emlen twice saved the lives of fellow Coast Guard shipmates during World War II and for which he was honored by the Coast Guard. Emlen Tunnell was a true American hero and trailblazer that we are proud to recognize in the NFL family as one of the most significant contributors to our game.

Commissioner Goodell



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- Enlisted in the Coast Guard, where he saved a shipmate from drowning in 32° waters and another from a gas fire after their ship was torpedoed in WWII
- Signed with the NY Giants as an undrafted free agent
- Has 79 career NFL interceptions - even though every QB in the league was throwing away from him
- Missed only 1 game in 14 years.
- Also returned punts and kickoffs during those 14 seasons
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Local athlete-turned-photographer ‘honored’ to work on Tunnell project

By KatieKohler • kkohler@myspiritnews.com

Chuck Weems always had an eye for the game of football.

It started as a defensive back patrolling the field, reading the quarterback’s eyes or sizing up an opposing wide receiver. A lifelong photographer, he continues to see the game through a camera lens.

Some pictures are worth a thousand words.

Others are valued much higher. When his friend, Phil Damiani, vice president of the Sports Legends of Delaware County Museum (SLDCM), approached him about being involved in the Emlen Lewis Tunnell project, Weems quickly realized the importance of capturing it on camera.

Weems and the SLDCM are working to make sure Tunnell is never forgotten. The project is highlighted by a soon-to-be-revealed seven-foot Tunnell statue which Weems volunteered his services to photograph through its various stages.

Weems, himself a former semi-professional football player and Delaware County native, admitted almost sheepishly that he didn’t know who Tunnell was. When he did research on Tunnell, he came to the conclusion that caused the museum to embark on the project.

“How is he not well known? Especially around here?” Weems said. “Today he is among the five best safeties all-time. I couldn’t understand it.”

Weems loves to shoot sports. He took pictures for Strath Haven athletics for 20 years and is quick to point out that Strath Haven High School had five athletes turn pro.

“I loved giving pictures to the kids. I love for you to see yourself in pictures,” said Weems.

He is honored to photograph the Tunnell project and speaks about it and the man himself, the man he never met, with reverence.

He learned more about Tunnell and was astounded to learn about his stellar professional career and personal accomplishments.

Tunnell, in 1967, was the first African-American inducted into the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame as a player, as the NFL’s first African-American assistant coach and as the nation’s first Black talent scout. He is also the only athlete from Delaware County inducted

into any professional sports Hall of Fame.

But his accomplishments aren’t limited to the gridiron. While serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, he saved the lives of two of his shipmates on two different occasions and was posthumously awarded the Coast Guard Silver Lifesaving Award.

Tunnell played during the 1940’s and Weems said he “knows how he felt.” Born in Abbeville, Alabama in the 1930’s, Weems moved north when he was 17 because he had relatives in the area, he wanted a job and to broaden his experiences.

“Unless you work on a farm or go to Florida to pick oranges, there were no jobs which I didn’t want to do,” said Weems.

At 18, he went into the Army and credits that culture for teaching him much about life. He was on the boxing team and was later approached to try out for the military football team.

“I liked it (football) more than boxing,” he said.

He played football in high school, in the military and for semi-pro teams in the area. He played football for a total of 11 years between military and semi-pro.

Weems recalls his playing days fondly, recounting some of his favorite stories with a grin and peppered with laughs.

While playing a team in Hartford, Connecticut the bus broke down.

Many of the players didn’t get paid and most played for the love of football. The bus broke down near a bar and players began to leave the bus to get six-packs of beer. Weems did not because he never drank or smoked. They arrived at the field two hours late and Weems recounts the “butt kicking” his team received.

“Some guys had been drinking that shouldn’t have been,” he said.

Weems weighed 205 pounds during his career, which was bigger than most professional football players at the time.

“I was quick and strong and loved to hit,” he recounted. An early version of Brian Dawkins?

“No doubt,” he said, “He played the same position I played. I loved to watch him play,”

said Weems about the Eagles beloved soon-to-be Hall of Famer. Weems knows he would have loved to watch Tunnell play.

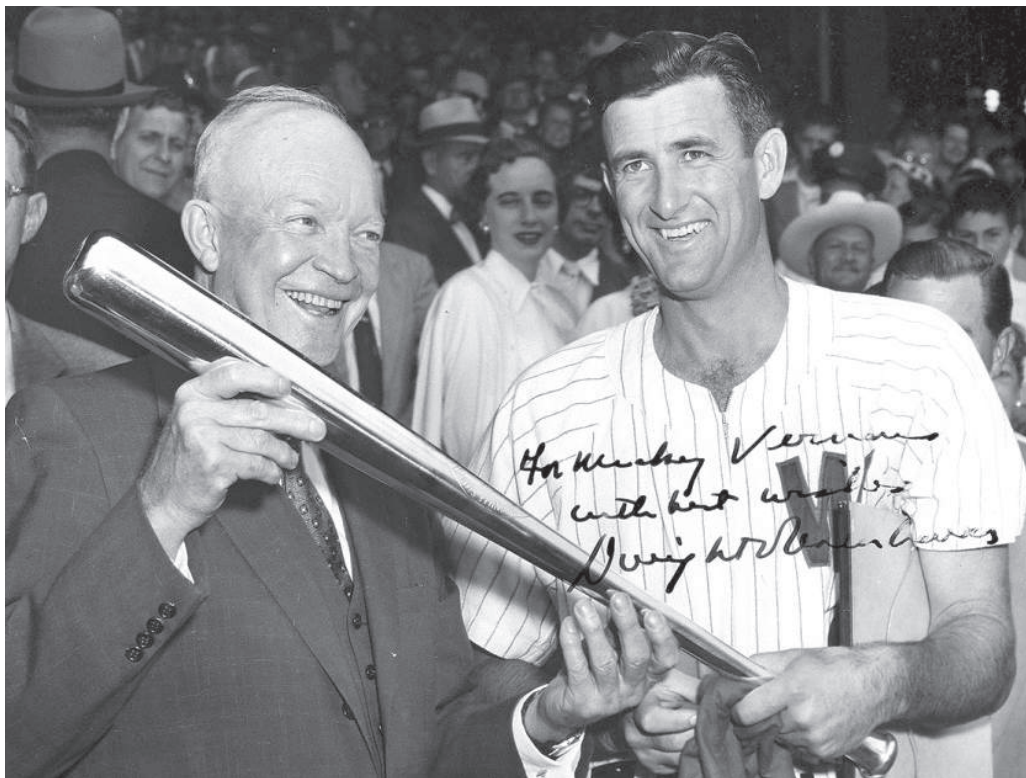
“Him and I being African American... everyone I talk to knows Jackie Robinson but not Emlen Tunnell. It’s a great thing this project has brought about. We are going to make it known who he is. It’s been a great project for me because it’s what I love doing.” Today, Weems lives in Media and still enjoys watching boxing and football, especially the recent storied season of the Philadelphia Eagles that was punctuated with a Super Bowl win. Weems observed that despite their many injuries, the Eagles remained a family throughout.

Like a photographer and former player, he sees the game from many angles. He says more can be done to prevent head injuries and he is a proponent of teaching the proper tackling techniques at a young age.

For Weems, the view of the field may change, but football is always the focus.



Delaware County photographer Chuck Weems poses with the seven-foot-tall statue of football great Emlen Tunnell, a statue Weems has photographed in various stages from concept to reality for the Sports Legends of Delaware County Museum.



For all of 2018, the Sports Legends of Delaware County museum will have a year-long celebration to honor the birth of James Barton (Mickey) Vernon.

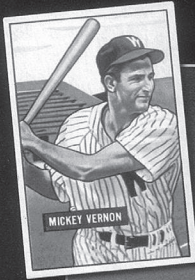
With apologies to other great players of local origin--Hack Wilson, Jimmy Dykes, Danny Murtaugh and Mike Scioscia--it can be readily argued that Mickey is certainly the greatest baseball player that Delaware County has ever produced. Born on April 22, 1918 and a native of Marcus Hook PA, Mickey was a two-time American League Batting Champion and seven-time All-Star. It's a testimony to the character of the man that he was said by many of those who had the pleasure of knowing him to be the nicest man they ever met.

To commemorate his centennial year, the SLDC website starting in January 2018 will be offering twelve video clips and twelve sports cards, a different one to be presented each month of the year. Find the clips and cards on home page www.sportslegendsofdelawarecounty.com. Called Celebrating a Life Well-Lived, the clips consist of a series of twelve interview segments in which Mickey reminisces about his years in baseball. Many of the segments were filmed just nine days before his death on September 24, 2008.

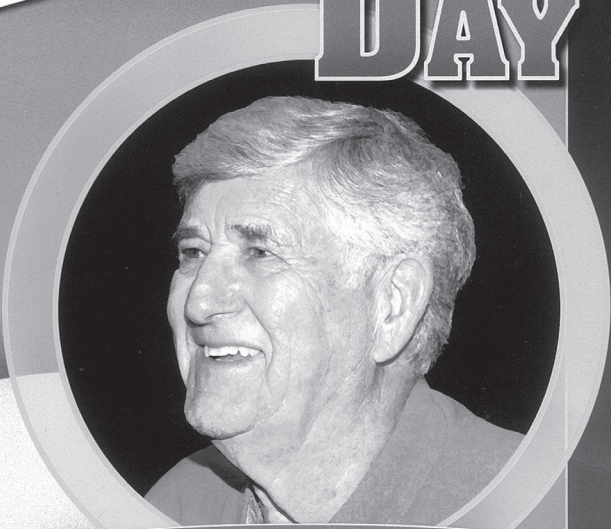
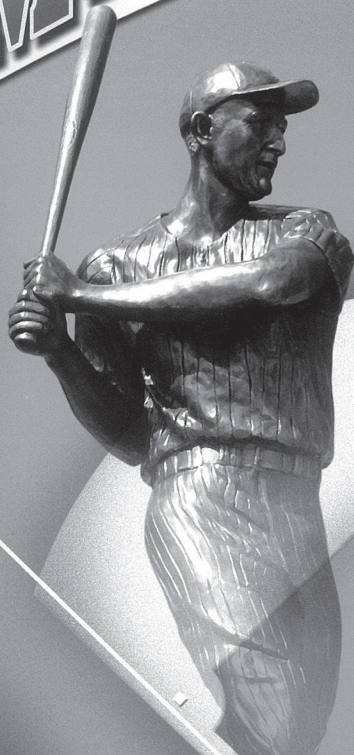
Those that knew Mickey best will tell you over and over again that he was one of those special individuals who should never be forgotten. This material should go a long way toward perpetuating his memory.

For more information on how you can obtain a dvd entitled Grand Memories of a Great Champion, containing all twelve interview segments plus other video clips from Mickey's career, contact Jim Vankoski at 610-909-4919 or vankoski21@comcast.net.

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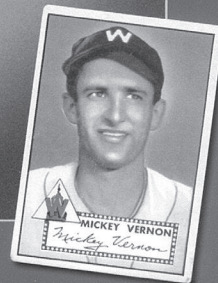
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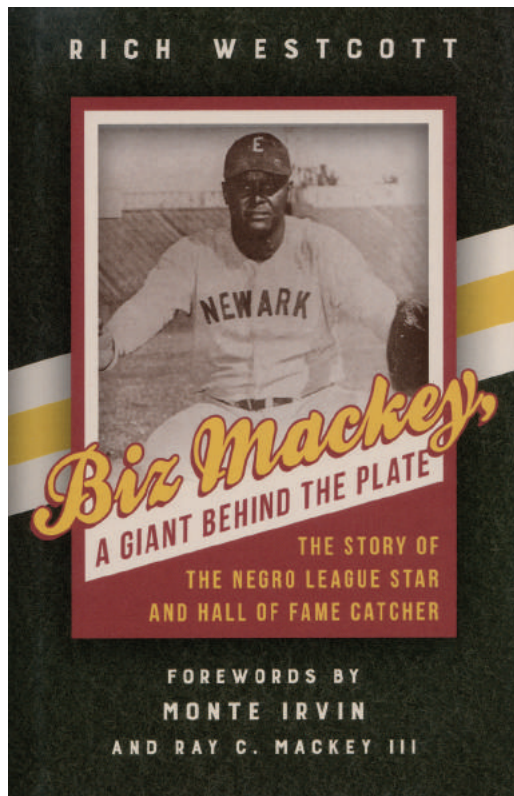
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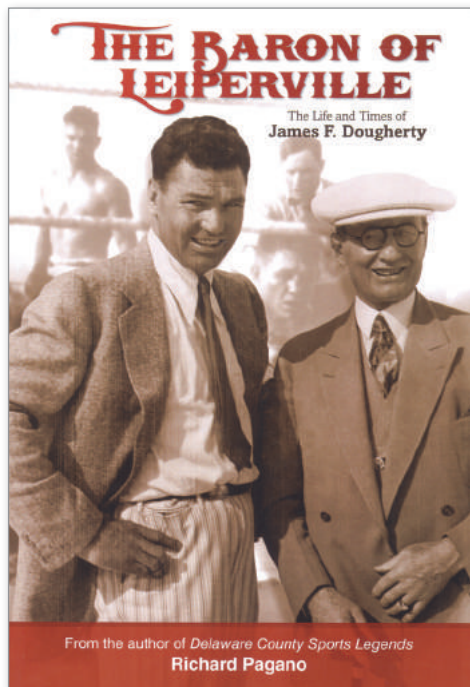
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Welcome to a first look at our *Sports Legends of Delaware County Inc.* museum logo. The logo was carefully designed by Dan Falone of *Choice Marketing* to include a variety of symbols that indicate Delaware County's place in the sports world. Here is the story of these symbols:

The Initials SLDC are the most prominent feature. They stand for Sports Legends of Delaware County, reminding us that our mission is to acknowledge excellence, preserving the heritage of our local sports history by recognizing and rewarding such excellence.

Across the top of the shield are 49 stars that represent the 49 political units that make up Delaware County. The top star represents Radnor Township, acknowledging the township's foresight in providing the space for the museum.

At the bottom of the shield is an outline map of Delaware County, with a single star representing the Radnor Township location of the museum. The shield itself represents the Olympic Shield that was displayed on the uniform worn in the 1912 Olympics-- significant to Delaware County because it was during these games that Ted Meredith received the first Olympic Gold Medal ever won by a Delaware County athlete.

Finally, the red, white and blue colors symbolize the patriotism of many of the athletes honored. Many of the honored athletes served in our armed forces. The military service of Delaware County athletes dates well before the Olympics--as far back as the Civil War. Trading one uniform for another, many other athletes also served during WWI, WWII, and the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Conflicts.

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