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SEABURY RESIDENT CELEBRATES 103rd BIRTHDAY, WHITE HOUSE RECOGNITION

Congressman Larson Joins in Honoring Veteran

BLOOMFIELD – Wed., June 7, 2017 – Anne Sullivan, a Seabury resident since 2014 and a native of Webster, Mass., celebrated her 103rd birthday last month with friends, family members and high-ranked political and military figures in attendance.

During World War II, Sullivan served for the U.S. Army Medical Corps in the China-Burma-India Theater during WWII with the 48th Evacuation Hospital from Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. She served in Burma where her patients – Merrill’s Marauders among them – were American and Chinese Troops. She also nursed men who were injured and/or wounded while building the Ledo Road in Ledo Assam, India; as well as Army Air Corps personnel who flew supplies over “The Hump.” For a time, she served with Maj. Gordon S. Seagrave, the “Burma Surgeon”, caring for the sick and wounded members of Lt. Gen. “Vinegar Joe” Stilwell’s forces.

John Schmidt, State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was among those on-hand to offer congratulatory remarks. “Your service makes you part of America’s greatest generation of honor, commitment and service during WWII. You enabled the rest of us to live a free life today.”

Sullivan was also assigned to Camp Edwards (Mass.) in the Cushing Army Hospital where she acted as Head Nurse Supervisor of Paraplegic Service. She was also stationed at 351st General Hospital of Boston where she was chief nurse of the reserve unit.

Following the war, she remained in the Army Reserve, and retired a full Colonel.

“Colonel Sullivan put Country above self because she knew that is what she had to do,” proclaimed Rep. John B. Larson (D-CT1) as the State of Connecticut Wartime Service Medal was presented. “We owe her

an eternal debt of gratitude because to serve was not what generations of our time did. Your lifetime of service is a huge credit to our nation.”

Anne’s family, including Ann, Kevin and Michael Burke; Dennis Meagher; Jane and Joseph Keady; and her friend Henry Lewis, joined her to celebrate her momentous achievements.

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