

Evelyn Mock

Society

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Period 3

Alumni of the Month: Robert Pipta

A former student, Robert Pipta, graduated from Conemaugh Township in 1976. Upon graduation he entered the Navy, where he spent 4four years before exiting and getting a full-time job in government, where he was stationed at Fort Knox. During his time at Fort Knox, he worked hard as he was given an oversight of 118 cemeteries, including the Post Cemetery. Prior to Pipta's oversight, the post cemetery was in complete disarray. Through his hard work, he was able to completely overhaul the cemetery into what it is today. It has earned the distinguished status as a national shrine, which was a huge accomplishment. This cemetery was featured in an Army documentary currently housed in the Library of Congress. This level of achievement also earned him the distinguished honor of Fort Knox's employee of the year.

Pipta has many fond memories from his time in Conemaugh Township. One of his favorite memories was beating North Star his senior year in football. He vividly remembers playing in the mud and rain and winning 6-0. He's also quoted as saying, "anytime you beat North Star, it's a good day." Pipta's favorite teacher was named Mr. Burnsworth. He loved that class because they always did fun projects and work.

Pipta currently lives in Elizabethtown, Kentucky with his wife, Dora. His daughter, Ally, and her husband, Danny, have two children, Louie and Rory. Additionally, Pipta's son, Isaac, resides with his wife, Sarah. Robert Pipta has achieved many notable recognitions through his career, and will always be a great alumni representation of Conemaugh Township.