

Robert C. Frascotti
Class of 1940



Robert C. Frascotti was an outstanding leader as well as an outstanding athlete, serving as Class President all four years of high school. Playing for Coach Ted Steeves, Bob was a four year varsity letter winner in football and baseball, and also earned two varsity letters in basketball. He was chosen the "Best Student Athlete" of the Class of 1940.

During his senior year at MHS, Bob was selected to the Boston Globe All Scholastic Baseball Team. He played in the Schoolboy All Star Game at Fenway Park and was chosen the "Outstanding Player".

Bob enrolled at Dean Academy, where he had an outstanding year playing football, baseball and basketball. His plans to continue his education at Boston College and to play football for Coach Frank Leahy were ended, however, when World War II broke out.

Frascotti enlisted in the US Air Force and earned his wings as a fighter pilot. He became one of the youngest pilots in the famed 8th Air Force. He was sent to Bodney England, where he joined the 352nd Fighter Group, known as the "Blue Nose Bastards of Bodney", which became the most outstanding fighter group in the 8th Air Force.

Bob flew 88 combat missions before his plane, "Umbriago" crashed into the control tower at Bodney Air Field on take-off the morning of D-Day, June 6, 1944. During his career he was awarded the Purple Heart, The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the prestigious Distinguished Flying Cross. His name appears on the 8th Air Force's Wall of Valor at their Heritage Museum in Georgia.

Charles J. Vesperi
Class of 1917



Charles J. Vesperi served as President of the Class of 1917 in both his junior and senior years. He was a key three year varsity letter winner on both the football and baseball teams at Milford High School.

He captained and quarterbacked the football team in both his junior and senior years. In baseball, he led the team to a Midland League Championship in his sophomore season, batting .317. Charlie was the first recipient of the John V. Gallagher Medal awarded to a graduating senior athlete for excellence in academics and athletics.

Upon graduation from Milford High School, Charlie attended Norwich Academy. He later became an umpire at the high school level and in the Blackstone Valley Semi-Pro League. In 1933, he coached the American Legion Baseball team and guided the team to a second place finish in the state playoffs.