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Sister of Divine Providence to be honored for military service


Sisters and friends will gather on Veterans Day for a "Patriotic Social" at Providence Heights in Allison Park, Pennsylvania, from 2-3:30 p.m., where Innamorato will present Sister Melanie, 98, with a citation from the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives.

After graduating from the Braddock Hospital School of Nursing in 1944, Sister Melanie joined the Army Nurse Corps. and served for three years. It was during this time that thoughts of a religious vocation began to re-surface from her teenage years. Although she tried to outrun those feelings, she said, "'The Hound of Heaven' pursued me." When she returned home, she met the late Rev. William Cheetham at St. Anselm’s parish, who became her greatest influence in deciding to become a Sister.

About the Sisters of Divine Providence
Founded in Finthen, Germany, in 1851, the Sisters of Divine Providence is an international congregation of three provinces (Germany, United States-Caribbean, Korea) and one mission (Peru) with approximately 400 members and 200 Associates. The Sisters are women of varied and diverse backgrounds and talents, united in their deep trust in a Provident God who loves and cares for all creation. The Congregation has expanded its ministries to meet the needs of the times in education, campus ministry, health care, pastoral care, social work, peace and justice concerns, as well as serving the poor and homeless and those who are seeking asylum. Please visit our website at cdpsisters.org.