

A man with grey hair, wearing a black polo shirt with yellow stripes on the sleeves, is speaking into a microphone. He is gesturing with his hands. In the foreground, the back of a woman's head with short, wavy grey hair is visible. She is wearing a red top. Behind the speaker, there are several black display boards with white text and small photographs. The setting appears to be an indoor event space with light-colored curtains in the background.

His tireless dedication to fallen heroes has led to him being featured in such media outlets as the *Star Ledger*, *CBS*, *NJ.com*, *The Ocean Star*, *The Coast Star*, and more. He acknowledges the support he's received from his wife, his three children, and his two grandchildren as he pursues his life mission.

"Each fallen hero's name deserves to be listed and their stories need to be told," Duffy said. "That's my goal, and it will happen."

**Letter from Private
First Class Melvyn F. Graves
to His Son in Rahway/Clark
for Christmas 1944**



Dec 24, 1944

Dear Son,

Right here I am starting a very difficult task. I am writing to a person who I hardly know except by what your Mommie tells me and the pictures that the folks send me of you.

I know you won't be able to read this for quite a while yet or even understand what it means, but you tell Mommie to read it to you.

The real reason I am writing though is to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Maybe by this time next year I can be with you and Mommie and we can have a swell time together on Christmas day when Santa comes.

For this time I will say so long and be a good
boy untill I get back. Dad bless you and Mommie
your loving
Dad.

Graves would be killed in action a month later.

