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79 years later, finally 'I got to hug my father' who is buried at Normandy

By **Cathy DeDe**
Chronicle Managing Editor

David La Point of Queensbury tells *The Chronicle* he waited 79 years to finally hug his father.

This was two months ago, a bittersweet moment that took place in the American Cemetery at Normandy, France, when David embraced the cross marking where his father Leon C. La Point is buried.

Leon was a Private First Class in the U.S Army, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He died when David was just nine months old, from wounds sustained on Omaha Beach in the D-Day invasion of World War II.

"Wounded on June 6, and died June 9, 1944," David recounts. David's wife Theresa

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Was an infant when father perished from wounds in D-Day invasion

'We want Trader Joe's; Costco...'

'What business would you like to see arrive or arise in the greater Glens Falls market?'

That was our Question of the Week last Thursday in the e-mail to *Chronicle* digital subscribers. (If you're not subscribed, you should be! It's free. Go to our web page, glensfallschronicle.com.)

Trader Joe's and Costco were mentioned the most.

"Gourmet foods at super-market prices," Harriet Rogers of Glens Falls said of Trader Joe's. Wrote Bethanie Muska

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Return of Tony DeSare

Crooner-composer Tony DeSare returns to the Strand Theater in his hometown of Hudson Falls for three holiday shows, Dec. 16-17-18.

Photo: Tony's most recent show here in 2018, for the Strand Theatre's official grand opening. Interview, page 22

Chronicle photo/Cathy DeDe

Kirsh Helmets, on Big Boom Road, aims to revolutionize helmet design

By **Zander Frost**
Chronicle Staff Writer

Jason Kirshon says his company, Kirsh Helmets, is revolutionizing helmet technology, right on Big Boom Road in Queensbury. "The magic ingredient," he says, is their patented liquid filled liner.

"We're competing against foam," Mr. Kirshon said. "We're a medical grade platinum-cured silicone fluid. I didn't skimp. I'm not shopping parts for cheapness, right? I'm looking to make the most effective helmet on the planet, priority one."

Kirsh employs **16 people**, including in their Scotia office. In Queensbury they make the liquid filled liner and do final assembly, packaging and shipping. They're situated in

Qby. firm hopes to hit it big with liquid technology it pioneered



Jason Kirshon is co-founder, Chairman/CEO/CTO

a fenced-off corner of an open warehouse shared with other businesses just east of Northway Exit 18.

There's a large work table, rows

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