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Anthony L. Frusciante, Sr. of Mt. Vernon was born August 26, 1925, in Mount Vernon and died at 88 years of age on April 26, 2014

Corporal Anthony L. Frusciante spent over fourteen months in the Pacific during World War II and is a veteran of the Battle of Peleliu.

Corporal Frusciante enlisted into the Marine Corps on October 20, 1943 and completed his basic training at Paris Island, South Carolina. He went to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for further training and was deployed to Camp Linda Visa in San Diego, California. In April of 1944 he embarked to Noumea, New Caledonia where he was assigned to the First Marines.

After spending several months on Pavuvu Island in the Russell Islands and then Guadalcanal, Corporal Frusciante was sent to Peleliu Island where he participated in landing and offensive operations against Japanese forces in September of 1944. It was here in Peleliu that Corporal Frusciante found his landing craft plowed into a reef 1000 yards off the island. He survived for hours before being rescued by another boat.

Corporal Frusciante was sent to Pavuvu Island in October of 1944 and then sailed to various islands ending at Okinawa Island of Japan in April of 1945. Here he participated in landing and offensive operations against Japanese forces. He then sailed from Okinawa in September of 1945 to the Taku Tangku Area of China. Corporal Frusciante later sailed from China to San Diego, California where he was honorably discharged on February 13, 1946.

After Corporal Frusciante's discharge, he was awarded a Certificate of Graduation for Mechanical Drafting from the National Technical Institute, Inc. He was employed in various

manufacturing positions until 1955 when he was appointed to the position of Postal Transportation Clerk for the United States Postal Service. He held the position of Letter Carrier until his retirement in 1986.

Corporal Frusciante married Angelina Carideo in November of 1951 and was married to her for 52 years until her passing in November of 2003. Together they have four children, Richard (Joan), Anthony (Paula), Theresa (Tony) and Paul (Patricia) and nine grandchildren.