

## **07-10-1977 Montgomery Co PA – Paul Petrecz –FF PSD Recovery Trapped Lost OOA**

### **Paul F. Petrecz Harmonville Fire Company #1**

Aged 29, Montgomery County volunteer fire-fighter/diver, one of a team of 30 searching Muddy Run Lake for the body of a 22 year old who drowned whilst swimming. 'Tangled in a guideline and ran out of air'. Reported as a veteran diver by fire officials. Beaver County Times

<http://www.thediversassociation.com/index.php/sheets>

**Man Drowned In HOPEWELL, Pa.** (UPI) -- A Montgomery County volunteer diver drowned in Muddy Run Lake Sunday while helping to locate the body of a Lancaster man who drowned on July 4. State police said the diver, Paul F. Petrecz, 29, of Swedeland, became entangled in a guide rope and ran out of oxygen about 45 to 50 feet below the surface of the lake.

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**Diver drowns as he searches for body** QUARRVILLE, Pa. (AP) - A diver has drowned while participating in the recovery of a man's body from a lake in Muddy Run Park near here, state police said. Paul Petrecz, 29, of Swedeland, Montgomery County, died Sunday, shortly after being taken to Saint Joseph's Hospital in Lancaster, state police said. Petrecz, a father of two, was a member of the Harmonville Fire Company diving team. About 30 divers were taking part in the search for the body of Gilbert Roman, 22, of Lancaster, who drowned in the lake July 4. Petrecz drowned after he became entangled in a rope in 40 feet of water only minutes after Roman's body was recovered, police said.

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**ABOARD OSS GUADALCANAL** (UPI)—Two cracks like shotgun blasts heralded Apollo 9's approach to the Atlantic Ocean. About a minute later the spacecraft slipped into sight through the clouds, suspended under three huge orange • and • white parachutes. Sailors and newsmen jamming the deck of this prime recovery ship, a helicopter carrier, let out a might cheer. Television cameramen aimed their lenses, providing millions of home viewers the best live coverage they ever had seen of a splash- down. "That's the loudest I've ever heard them," one veteran recovery team member said of the double sonic boom after Apollo 9 cracked the sound barrier. In its fiery re-entry. "She's damn close." The spaceship dropped toward the ocean under its triple parachutes about three miles off the port bow of the Guadalcanal. It dropped into the tossing green ocean swells blunt end first, the first manned Apollo ship to splash down in an upright position. Lt. (jg) Theodor C. Zizlspersperger, 25, Wildwood, N. J., jumped from a helicopter into the water almost the moment Apollo 9 hit the waves. With him were swimmers **Paul F.**

**Petrecz**, Swedeland, Pa., and William H. Carney, Hastings-On- Hudson, N. Y. All wore black "wet suits" and aqualungs. The astronauts stepped aboard the carrier on a red carpet and received a salute from honor boatswain's mate David A. Moersch, Escanaba, Mich., and four escorts called "sideboys." The sideboys included Robert P. Vital! of Pittsburgh. In the four-man color guard which also welcomed the spacemen aboard the ship was Edgar

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