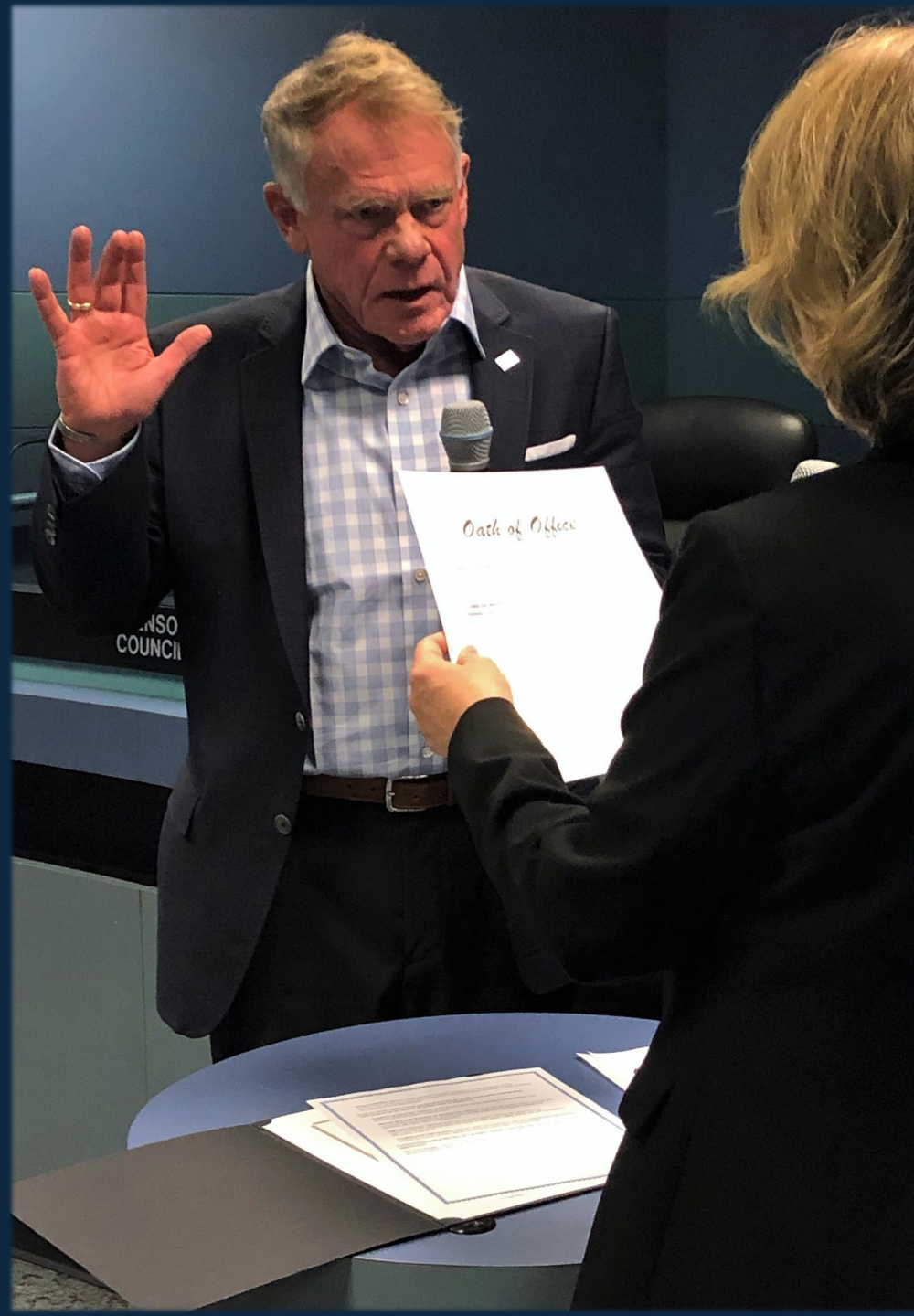


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RILEY COVE

This small bay off Lincoln Landing on Mercer Island is named **Riley Cove** after Huston (Hu) Riley. Riley was a lifelong resident of the island, a U.S. Army veteran in the 1st Infantry Division, and the subject of Robert Capa's famous photo, featured on the cover of LIFE magazine, of a lone American soldier fighting through the surf during the 1944 D-Day landing at Omaha Beach.

On that day, Riley was one of only two soldiers to make it off his landing craft alive, as it exploded after being hit by German fire shortly before Capa photographed Riley. As he struggled to make it onto the beach, Riley was hit multiple times by machine gun fire, and Capa and others dragged him to safety. Riley was awarded three Purple Hearts over the course of his service during World War II, which included fighting in North Africa, Italy, and the Battle of the Bulge.

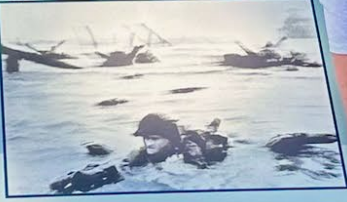
After returning from the war, he and his wife Charlotte raised their family in the same house on Mercer Island that his father built in 1905.

He remained involved in the community on Mercer Island including being an active member of the local VFW Post 5760 and serving on the board of the Historical Society.

Hu Riley died in 2011 at the age of 99. In July 2022, the US Board on Geographic Names approved the naming of Riley Cove thanks to the advocacy of to the advocacy of neighbors and the Mercer Island Historical Society.



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