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## Drum major, Navy man, chest surgeon, innovator - Celebrating the life of Dr. Henry Heimlich

Henry Judah Heimlich was born on February 3, 1920. One hundred years later, his name is still associated with a number of critical medical inventions and benefits.

Of course, the Heimlich Maneuver® comes to mind as one of those benefits – we see “the Heimlich” depicted in movies and tv shows, or as a reference when our sports team comes up short. It's a brand, similar to asking for Kleenex when we need a tissue. Whenever we think of helping someone who is choking, we think, “Quick, the Heimlich Maneuver!” And while the Heimlich Maneuver might be the aid that most people would know, Dr. Heimlich had several medical inventions still used today. They include the Heimlich Chest Drain Valve and the Heimlich MicroTrach.

I had the pleasure of meeting and collaborating with Dr. Heimlich in the few years before he passed away in December 2016. His eyes were bright, and he listened attentively as we discussed Heimlich Heroes™. How it continued evolving and how widespread the program had become in a few short years. He laughed aloud when I told him of our new training doll – a “boy” named “Hank”...

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