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Patriot of the Month



Bill Buchanan

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Bill Buchanan enlisted in the United States Army at Paducah, Kentucky. He was sent to Africa and was part of the invasion at Anzio Beach. He landed at Anzio Beachhead on the first day.

Bill was in Africa and Italy where his unit escorted food trucks to the Divisions and escorted high-ranking officials to the front lines. His unit led infantry and artillery divisions to their front line positions, and took charge of prisoners of war, escorting them to military lock up positions. When his division went to the rear for rest, he covered them as they rested. These are just a few of the many, many jobs his unit carried out all based on the front line with his division. Bill has many incredible war stories.

Bill said he has maybe three or four medals, he can't remember for sure, but states that they were for service; there was no hero stuff.

At one point in time during his service, his tent mate received mail along with a picture from a friend back home. Bill inquired about the cute girl being the tent mate's girlfriend. The tent mate said she was just a friend. Bill asked for permission to write to her and their correspondence continued until his return to the United States. At that time, Bill came to St. Louis, Missouri to meet Dorothy Ellen Houston and the rest is history. They

have four children and five grandchildren.

Bill completed his education in mortuary school and has been a successful Funeral Director for over 50 years. He is a Methodist, a Mason, a Boy Scout Leader and, a recipient of the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award. He is very active in and the recipient of many recognitions by Rotary, Kiwanis, American Red Cross, and American Legion.

Bill has been a role model with his wisdom and success in life. He is committed to his family, beliefs, and community.