

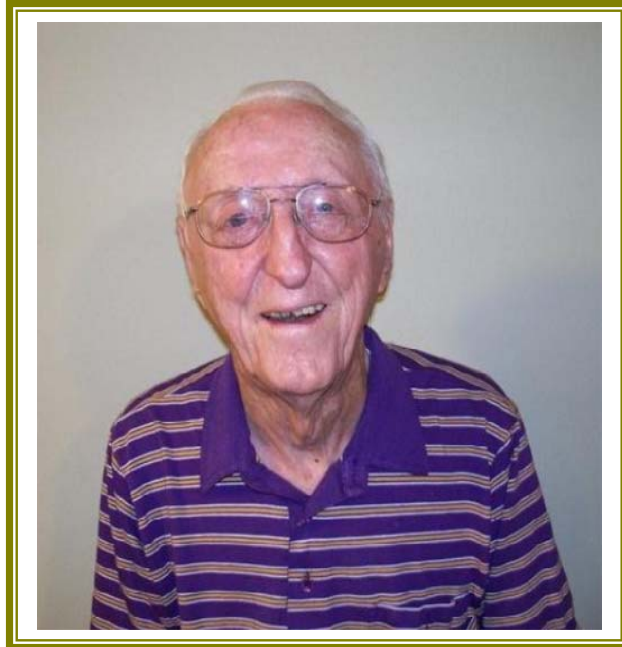
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Patriot of the Month



Martin Kehoe

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Martin Kehoe graduated from Moberly High School in 1935. He was drafted into the Army on April 30, 1941 and went to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, where he received his basic training. He was stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, before going overseas to the European Theatre Operation. Martin landed at Belfast, Ireland where he remained for eleven months. Martin then went to North Africa and then to Tunisia. He was assigned to Anti-Tank Company, 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th Division, 5th Army.

Under General Bradley, Martin was in the battle against Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, the German Commander known as the "Desert Fox". General Patton was the American commander in charge of the overall African operation. Next, Martin traveled by ship to Salerno, Italy. He remained in Italy for the rest of the war on the Italian front. Martin fought in battles at Salerno, Anzio, and Casino, Italy. He said the Germans were very good soldiers.

Leaving Naples, Italy, Martin returned to New York and went to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. He was discharged on May 28, 1945, at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri. Martin received the World War II medal.

Martin returned to Moberly and started working at the Moberly Post Office as a clerk and later as a mail carrier, retiring in 1978. He married Mary Scheiner in 1949. Mary passed away in 1990. They had three children and four grandsons.

Martin is a member of St. Pius X Church, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Moberly Senior Center Board Member, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, where he was the Quartermaster for twenty years.