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Patriot of the Month



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John Eugene Neibarger

United States Army

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John was awarded the Purple Heart four times during World War II.

John enlisted in the United States Army in March, 1942. On June 6, 1944, he was in the third wave of soldiers to land on Utah Beach in Normandy, France, on D-Day, while serving with the 90th Infantry Division, 358th Infantry Regiment. He was wounded by a piece of shrapnel to his fingers, was treated and went back to fight the next day where he was again wounded by a spent bullet, treated and went back to fight again and wounded a third time. On June 12, 1944, four days later, he was again wounded in combat. He was stabilized and moved to a makeshift field hospital. From there he was transported back to England and then on to the United States.

Back in the States, he first went to Staten Island, New York. Following that came a medical stopover in Nebraska, and then finally on to Fitzsimmons Military Hospital in Denver, Colorado. There he recovered from surgery and remained there for a year. He was moved to San Antonio Texas General Hospital for another long stay. Finally, he was moved to Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas, for rehabilitation. While going through his own rehab, he began lecturing to returning injured veterans about how to readjust themselves back into civilian life.

In November, 1945, he was honorably discharged from the United States Army.

Along with the four Purple Hearts, John has also been awarded the European African Middle Eastern Ribbon with one Battle Star; two Bronze Star Medals; Combat Infantry Badge; Good Conduct Medal for his service.

John enrolled and graduated from Kansas University, during which time he was active in the National Guard. He later retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the National Guard in 1965.

In 1955, John purchased the family newspaper, The Tonganoxie Mirror, from his parents and served 37 years as its publisher and editor. John and his wife, Judy, worked together as a partnership in the business. Between them, they have seven children.

John returned to Utah Beach for a visit in 2006.

Udolpha Miller Dorman Daughters very proudly honor and recognize John Eugene Neibarger as Patriot of the Month and extend to him their deepest appreciation and gratitude for his very dedicated, patriotic service to our great nation.