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Patriot of the Month
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Thomas R. Lacey

United States Army

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Thomas R. Lacey was drafted into the United States Army in 1943, attending basic training at Camp Fannin, TX. After additional training at Maxey, TX, Thomas was assigned as a radioman to the 99th Infantry Division. His unit spent three weeks in France before being transferred to Krinkelt, Belgium where he would participate in the Battle of the Bulge which broke out in July, 1944.

One of his most memorable experiences occurred on a tank ride to Cologne, Germany. His unit stopped briefly on a cold, rainy morning in Rhineland and Thomas pulled a C-ration of beans from his pack. Spotting smoke from a chimney not too far from their location, he wandered down to the farmhouse with the hope that he could warm up the beans. The woman who answered the door offered him breakfast with her family. He dined on the most delicious bacon and eggs he had ever eaten!

In civilian life, Thomas worked as an aero dynamic engineer with MacDonnell Douglas. He is active in his church and is the proud father of twelve children. He has written a book about his war time experiences titled *An Infantryman's Reflections on WWII*.

Caroline Close Stuart Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize Corporal Thomas R. Lacey as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism and service to our great nation.

