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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
APR 03 2025
DATE

RESOLUTION NO. 435 (2025)

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WHEREAS He began his journey in the Christian faith with a profession of faith at age 12. Upon entering the US Army in 1943, he took his unwavering faith with him as he served in the 839th Ordinance Depot Company 3rd Army Division. While serving he was in the Normandy Invasion, the Battle of the Bulge and the Liberation of France. For his valor, he received numerous commendations, reflecting his dedication and courage. Upon returning from WW II, he was ordained as a deacon by his home church, Vengeance Creek Baptist Church, and,

WHEREAS Fred was licensed to preach the Gospel on October 23, 1949, by Pleasant Valley Baptist Church (Murphy, NC) and was ordained in 1950. His pastoral ministries were at Friendship Baptist (Hiawassee, Ga), Little Brasstown Baptist (NC), Robbinsville First Baptist (NC) and Vengeance Creek Baptist (NC); plus, four interim pastorates. He served as Director of Missions-Truett Baptist Association for 26 years. Additional ministerial work included Revivals, World Mission Conferences, and Crusades, more than 650 times in fourteen states. Also, he served as a consultant for Sunday School Growth for the Baptist State Convention of NC and the Southern Baptist Convention, working frequently at Ridgecrest, Camp Caraway, Camp Caswell, and Truett Camp. He also taught numerous Seminary Extension and Bible Study courses and preached hundreds of funeral services. He was instrumental in establishing the Broyhill Children's Home and Truett Children's Home in Western North Carolina. He served the community as a member of the Foundation Board of Murphy Medical Center (now Erlanger Hospital), and,

WHEREAS, In 2002 he launched Christian Lighthouse Ministries, with an emphasis on evangelism, church growth and prayer. God grew his vision for evangelism to a passion for a global spiritual awakening. On May 5, 2020, an event known as "Praying on the Mountain" was held where over 100,000 people joined him in fervent prayer for global revival. His ministry also included the authoring of 10 books, and,

WHEREAS, an important part of his life was as an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and was recognized as an Elder of the Tribe. He was well received at the Cherokee County Community Club meetings and his attendance at the John Welch Senior Citizens Center. Additionally, he was pleased to be an active member of the American Legion- Steve Youngdeer-Post 143, as a part of America's Greatest Generation, and,

WHEREAS, Fred has been recognized for his life of service to Mankind, the Christian faith and the Baptist denomination: 1987- Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; 1987- Seminary Extension of the Southern Baptist Convention; 1990- Women's Missionary Union- BSCNC; 1991- Truett Baptist Association- 26 years of service; 2008- Sunday School Ministries- BSCNC; 2010- Honor Roll- National WW II Museum- New Orleans, LA; 2014- Broyhill Home Founders Award-BSCNC; 2015- "Order of the Long Leaf Pine"- State of NC; 2016- Grand Marshall- Cherokee Indian Fair; 2017-

52 WW II Veteran's Honor Quilt- American Legion- Steve Youngdeer -Post 143; 2018- Baptist Heritage
53 Award- BSCNC; 2020- NC Hwy 141 Bridge Dedication- NC Dept of Transportation, and,
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55 WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has the privilege, authority and desire
56 to recognize exemplary tribal members for their leadership and accomplishments, and love for others,
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59 WHEREAS the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 and the leadership of the
60 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians wish to acknowledge that the life he has shared with us.
61 is a gift and that his love for God, and his people and his country is a beacon of hope
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63 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee
64 Indians in Council assembled at which a quorum is present that the appropriate cultural, Tribal, and
65 legal processes and procedures, that Rev. Fred Bruner Lundsford be designated a "Beloved Man," of the
66 Cherokee for this day and for the eternity to come
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68 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification of the
69 Principal Chief
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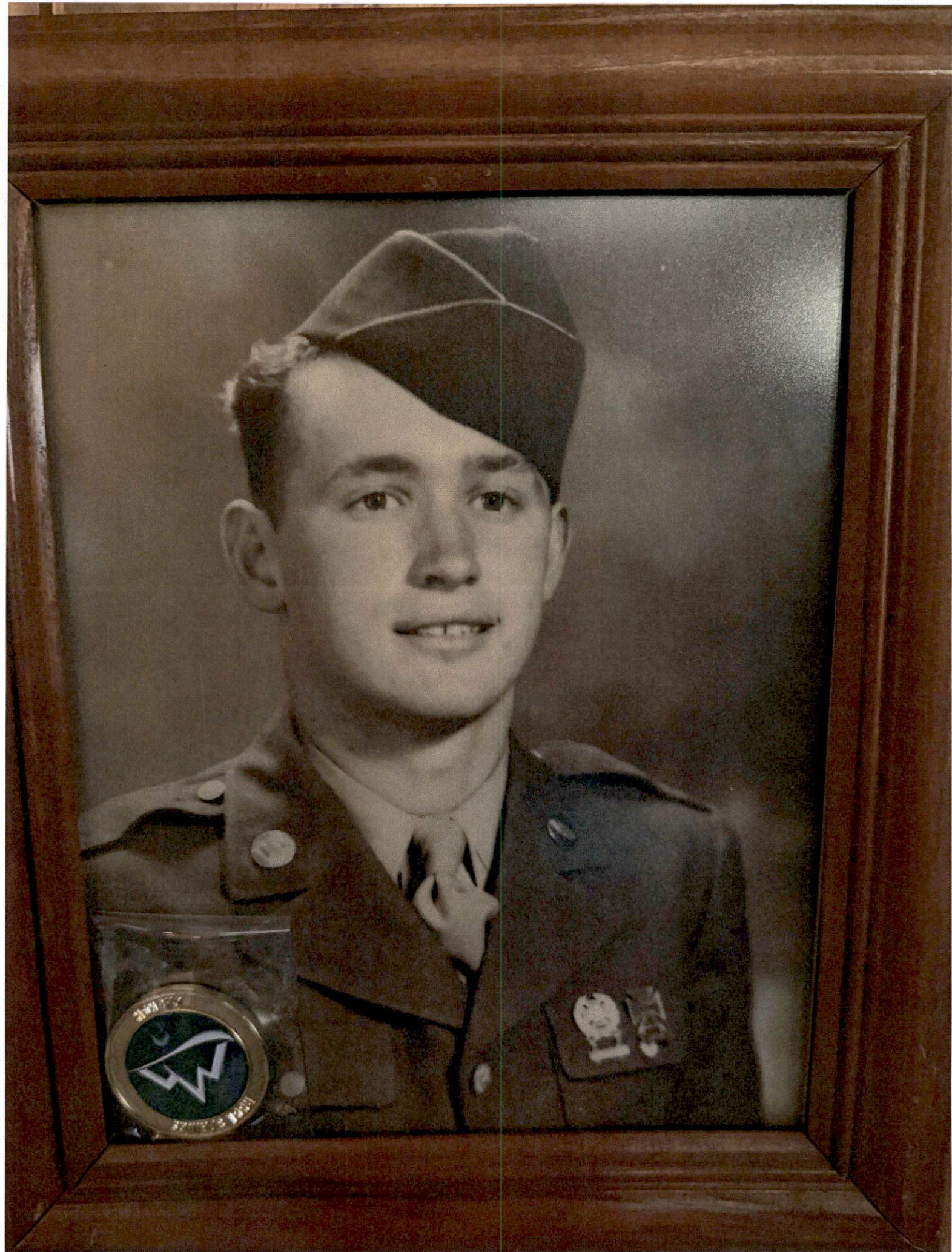
76 Submitted by: Adam Wachacha, Snowbird and Cherokee County Tribal Council Representative and
77 Principal Chief Michell Hicks on behalf of the American Legion-Steve Youngdeer Post 143

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April 3, 2025

AMENDMENT to RESOLUTION No. 435 (2025):

- On, "Submitted by:" add, "Tribal Council"





"Celebration of the 100th Birthday of Rev. Fred Lunsford"

WHEREAS, Fred Bruner Lunsford was born in Cherokee County, N.C. on March 7, 1925 to Pearl M. and Inez R. Lunsford; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 1944, Fred married the love of his life Gladys Greene, born on February 25, 1927 to Lum and Clydie Sneed Greene; and

WHEREAS, Fred and Gladys had two sons, Dannie and Anthony; and

WHEREAS, Fred and Gladys were married for over seventy years (70) at the time of Gladys' passing on August 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Fred Bruner Lunsford is a decorated U.S. Army World War II veteran, faithfully serving his country from 1943-1945 during the Normandy Invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, and the Liberation of France; and

WHEREAS, Fred Bruner Lunsford has also served faithfully in the ministry of Christ as a Baptist preacher and evangelist for over seventy years (70); and

WHEREAS, Fred Bruner Lunsford served as Director of Missions of the Truett Baptist Association from 1964-1990, retiring at the age of sixty-five (65); and

WHEREAS, Fred Bruner Lunsford also served, and was instrumental, in the development of the Truett Baptist Camp for the youth of Western North Carolina, and in the establishment of the Broyhill Children's Home and Truett Children's Home in Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Fred Bruner Lunsford is a member of the Southern Baptist Convention; American Legion, N.C. Youngdeer Post 143; and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian; and

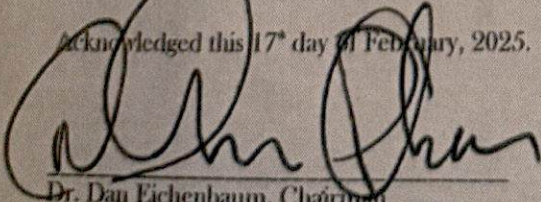
WHEREAS, Fred Bruner Lunsford led in the development of the Vengeance Creek Baptist Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Fred Bruner Lunsford was a philanthropist; supporting Murphy Medical Center, N.C. Baptist Children's Home, Mars Hill University, and the Truett Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, Fred Bruner Lunsford has authored multiple books recounting his life and ministry in Western North Carolina.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cherokee County, N.C. Board of Commissioners do hereby wish Rev. Fred Lunsford a Happy 100th birthday.

Acknowledged this 17th day of February, 2025.


Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Chairman

ATTEST:


Maria Hass, Clerk to Board



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WWII VICTORY



COMBAT SERVICE



D-DAY WW II

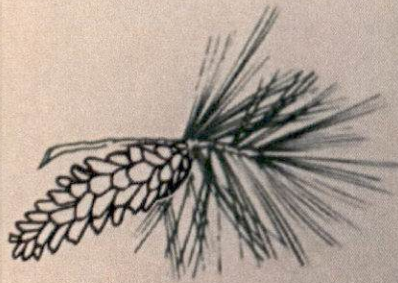
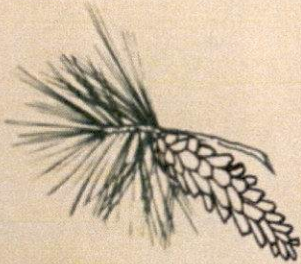


BATTLE OF BULGE

1ST LT. FRED B. LUNSFORD
UNITED STATES ARMY
1943 - 1945



State of North Carolina



Pat McCrory
Governor

Reposing special confidence in the integrity, learning and zeal of

Fred B. Lunsford

I do by these presents confer

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine

with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary privileged to enjoy fully all rights granted to members of this exalted order, among which is the special privilege to propose the following North Carolina Toast in select company anywhere in the free world:

*Here's to the land of the long leaf pine,
The summer land where the sun doth shine.*

*When the weak grow strong and the strong grow great,
Here's to "down home" the Old North State!*

Pat McCrory
Governor

March 7, 2013



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The American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143

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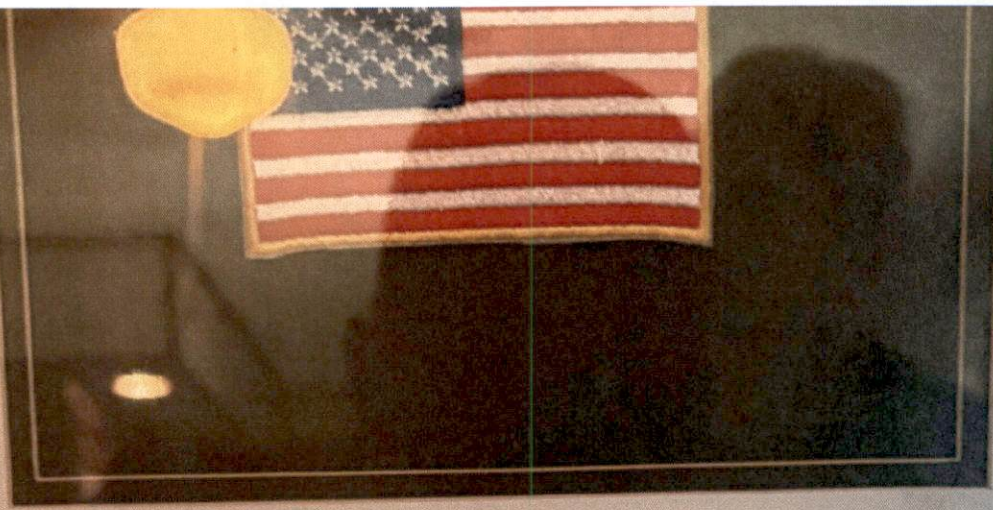
World War II

Fred Lunsford - PFC

1943 - 1945 WWII

United States Army

Presented In 2017



We are honored to have this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of our Veterans for their service in the United States Military and for all of the contributions and sacrifices made by them and by their families on behalf of this Nation. This year, we are also extending a special thank you to all of the Veterans of World War II, whom Tom Brokaw coined the "Greatest Generation" because "they saw the face of evil and defeated it worldwide."

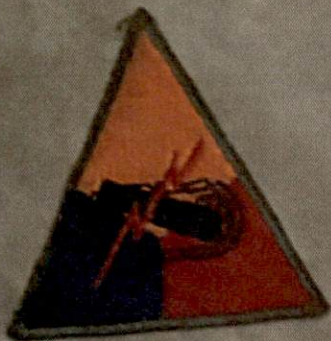
Today, our more senior Veterans serve as living examples of citizenship, patriotism and appreciation of duty, service and commitment to their country. These Veterans participated in the largest, most violent and widespread armed conflict in the history of mankind, with more than 1.9 billion people from more than 60 different countries involved in combat and 72 million people killed. To obtain victory, the United States contributed 68 divisions, 15,000 combat aircraft, well over 1,000,000 tanks and motor vehicles, 16,112,566 troops, 671,846 wounded and 291,557 dead.

On V-J Day, September 2, 1945, the greatest war in human history finally came to an end and, in the 68 years that have passed since that day, millions of Veterans have been able to look back and remember their service and sacrifices with pride. It was a war that, more than any other, united this Nation as a people with a common purpose and an unsurpassed admiration for all of the members of our armed forces, just as we continue to have today.

To all of our Veterans, we salute you and thank you, for without you this world would certainly be a different place. We are especially proud that you are also our neighbors and friends in Cherokee County.

Respectfully,

Keith Lovin
Sheriff of Cherokee County



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Mrs F B Lonsford Rt 1 Marble NC
Arrived in New York will be home week or so Love.
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WW II VETERANS HONOR QUILT
FRED LUNSEORD
WW II UNITED STATES ARMY
11-11-2017

Certificate of Recognition

United States Veteran

In appreciation of your tireless efforts
in support of our
United States Armed Forces

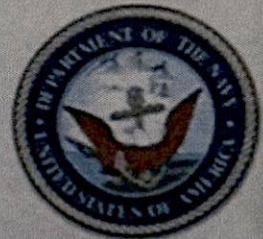
Wes Lundford

Your dedication to our country and its
military is commendable and an honorable
addition to the fight for freedom
throughout the world.

Thank You!

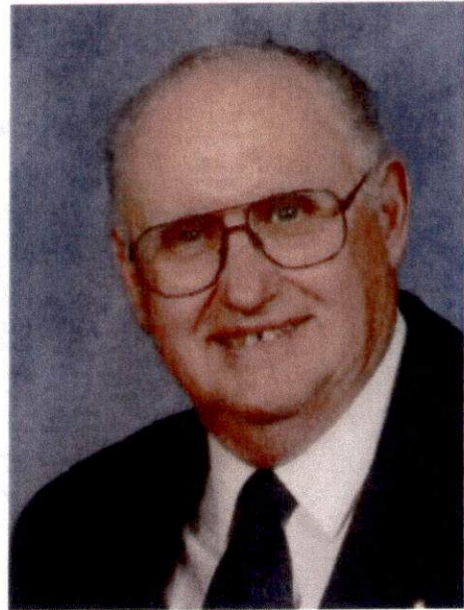
From:

John Welch Senior Center



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Fred was predeceased by sisters, Furel and Beatrice, and is survived by brother Hoyt (Margaret). In addition, he is survived by sons, Dan(Beverly) and Tony(Melanie); grandchildren, Shannon(David), Natalie, Eddie(Rae); great-grandchildren, Sam, Hannah(Jimmy), and David; and great-great grandchildren, ZolaMae and Rowan. In addition, he is survived by a number of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. Many friends and neighbors also grieve at his passing and praise God for his life of ministry and service.

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Subject: RE: FRED LUNSFORD BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

From: Lunsford, Dan (DLUNSFORD@MHU.EDU)

To: janelirrattler@yahoo.com;

Cc: DLUNSFORD@MHU.EDU;

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:01 AM

Ms: Rattler: Please see the information below.

Fred B. Lunsford (Steve Youngdeer Chapter 143- American Legion)

Military Service Information

Rank: Private First Class

Drafted- Summer, 1943 at age of 18

Trained at Ft. Jackson, SC; Ft. Knox, KY; Ft. Mead, Maryland—as a Tank Driver

Deployed to Europe, April 16, 1944

Transferred to a Supply Ordinance Company in England (839th Ordinance Depot Co.)

Participated in the Normandy Invasion at Omaha Beach

Over the 18 months overseas served in the 1st Army; 3rd Army; 7th Army and 9th Army,

Most notably the Battle of the Bulge

Areas of service- England, France, Belgium, Germany

Medals: WW II Victory

Combat Service

D-Day WW II

Battle of the Bulge

Army Good Conduct

Europe/Africa/Middle Eastern Campaign

Marksmanship Medal- Qualified on 30 Caliber Machine Gun; 40 Caliber Thompson Submachine
Gun; 50 Caliber Machine gun
Expert Qualification on Small Bore Rifle and 30 Caliber Carbine

Returned to USA – August 20, 1945 Honorable Discharge – November 16, 1945

From: Janell Rattler <janellrattler@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 10:01 AM
To: Lunsford, Dan <DLUNSFORD@MHU.EDU>
Subject: Re: FRED LUNSFORD BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Good Morning,

Can you give me a little more about his military background also?

Thanks

On Thursday, May 2, 2019 11:16 AM, "Lunsford, Dan" <DLUNSFORD@MHU.EDU> wrote:

I hope this will work, if you need more information, let me know. Thanks, Dan Lunsford

From: Sharon Kephart <sharonkep@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 7:04 PM
To: Lunsford, Dan <DLUNSFORD@MHU.EDU>
Subject: Re: FRED LUNSFORD BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Let me know if I need to do anything else with this. I'm so glad his 70th Celebration turned out so good!

Sharon

On Monday, April 29, 2019 07:48:04 AM EDT, Lunsford, Dan <DLUNSFORD@MHU.EDU> wrote:

Thanks so much and have a good day