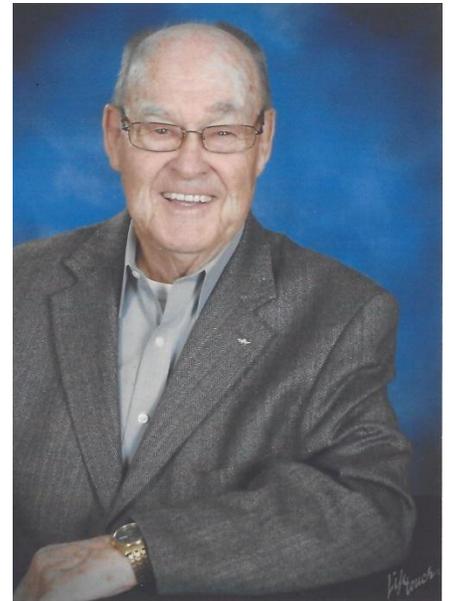


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Proudly Honors

Patriot of the Month
November 2016



**Thomas C.
Younger**
United States Army



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Thomas C. Younger was drafted and inducted into the United States Army in July 1944 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, just a few short months after his high school graduation. After basic training, Tom departed for the European Theatre overseas. He was part of the replacement forces after the June 6, 1944 D-Day invasion. Tom sailed over on the *USS Queen Mary*. The soldiers slept on the deck and the ship zig-zagged across the ocean to avoid contact with the enemy.

Tom served in Troop B 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized. He was a gunner in a four-man reconnaissance car crew. He fought in the following battles and campaigns: Rhineland, Central Europe, and the Ardennes Offensive (Battle of the Bulge). During these campaigns he earned the American Theatre Ribbon w/3 Bronze Stars; Good Conduct Medal; European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon; World War II Victory Medal, One Overseas Bar, and Rifle Expert. Tom received a Tec 5 battlefield commission.

He started in Normandy and ended in Berlin. Victory in Europe Day was May 7, 1945. Tom's unit remained in Europe until July 1945, when he returned to the United States. His unit was sent to the west coast to be trained and prepared to be shipped to the Pacific Theatre. However, Japan surrendered in September 1945, and he was able to spend the next months in the United States. He received an Honorable Discharge in May 1946, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

When Tom returned to Northwest Missouri, he met and married Beverly, the love of his life. They enjoyed 64 years together before she passed a few years ago. Tom belongs to the Francis Street-First United Methodist Church. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge; is a 32nd degree mason and a member of the Scottish Rite and Moila Temple. He is an avid golfer, still playing at least three times a week. He and Beverly travelled extensively after they retired. Tom worked as a dental technician for eight years after he returned from the service. For 33 years he worked for one of the world's leading research-driven pharmaceutical companies as a supervisor of Bio Production in Research and Development.

St. Joseph Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Thomas Calvin Younger as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude and appreciation for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.