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Patriot of the Month



**William E. Shackelford**

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William E. Shackelford was born in 1918 just south of Burlington Junction, Missouri. Except for the time he spent in the military, he lived in and around Burlington Junction.

August 11, 1936, William joined the National Guard where he was a Supply Sergeant. In 1940, William was inducted into the Army where he served in General George Patton's Third Army. His duty locations included Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Camp Blanding, Florida; Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; Dessert Maneuvers in California; Camp Cook, California; Camp Shanks, New York; and Camp England near Charlbury, England. During William's service with the Third Army he landed on Utah Beach, North France and fought in Normandy, Central Europe, and Rhineland, Ardennes. He was honorably discharged on September 28, 1945.

William's awards and medals include:

- 5 Bronze Stars

- Good Conduct Medal
- Bronze Star Medal

As a civilian, William worked as a grocery clerk, motion picture projectionist, cobbler, printer and handyman. He was married for forty-seven years to his first wife, Bessie, until her death. In 1992, he married Gertrude. She passed away in 2007.

William is of the protestant faith. He is a member of the American Legion, and Veterans of the Foreign Wars.