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Patriot of the Month



**Harold Arensmeier**

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Harold Arensmeier entered the U.S. Army on October 1, 1943. After basic training he went to Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas, for Infantryman training. He was then assigned to Camp Stoneman, California, where he was processed out for overseas duty. In Hawaii, Harold received three months of jungle and amphibious training. As a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Campaign Guam, he was in the Battles of Leyte, Philippines, Ryukyu Islands, Okinawa and Ie Shima Airfield, Okinawa.

Harold was wounded in battle on Okinawa and flown to Guam for treatment. He was transferred to Honolulu, Hawaii, then on to California, and finally to Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado. He was discharged from the service after serving two years and six days, on October 6, 1945. He was in and out of the service before he was twenty-one.

Harold's awards, medals, and citations include:

- Sharpshooter Rifle M1
- Combat Infantryman Badge

- Good Conduct Medal
- Asiatic Pacific Service Medal
- Bronze Star Medal w/1 oak leaf cluster
- Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/1 bronze star
- Purple Heart

Harold married Caroline Sturgis and they have one son and two grandsons. He was a watchmaker, engraver, jewelry repairman, and clock repairman. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.