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Proudly "Spotlights" our January 2012  
Patriot of the Month



**Walter Ehlers**

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Walter Ehlers entered the Army on January 7, 1943. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal on October 10, 1945. He received his basic training in engineering at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He went to Atlanta, Georgia for mechanical training. He was transferred to Newport News, Virginia where he was shipped out on June 6, 1943 to North Africa, where he received more training.

Transferring to Italy, he was involved in road and bridge construction. He built roads and bridges in France and Scotland. In Germany he participated in building the bridge over the Rhine River.

Walter was also stationed in Belgium, Holland, and in England where he trained for the Normandy invasion. He was wounded during the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944.

Walter received the following medals:

- **Purple Heart**
- **Naples-Noggia Service Medal w/bronze star**
- **Normandy Service Medal w/bronze star**
- **Rhineland Service Medal w/bronze star**
- **Central Europe Service Medal w/bronze star**
- **Good Conduct Medal**
- **4 Overseas Stripes**
- **M-1 Rifle Marksman**

**Walter is married to Renata Ehlers and they have three children, ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. He is a farmer and served on the Agriculture, Stabilization and Conservation Service Board of Directors for thirty years. Walter is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Grace Lutheran Church.**