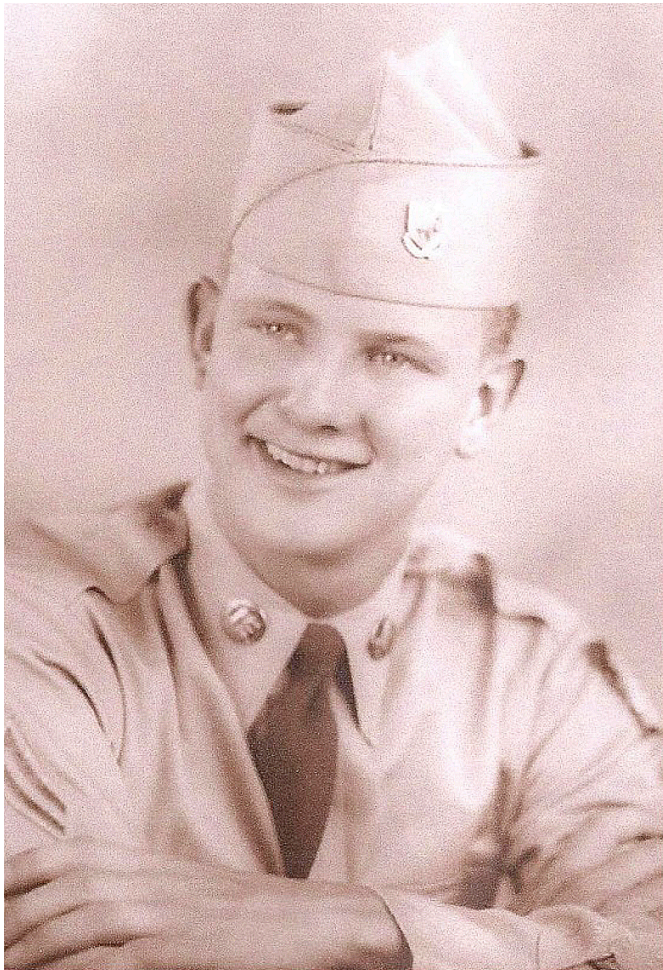




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Ronald W. Winkler

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Ronald W. "Ron" Winkler graduated from Moberly High School in 1950. He attended Moberly Junior College and Culver Stockton College. Ron enlisted in the United States Army National Guard on November 9, 1949. In September 1950, the Moberly Unit was mobilized and sent to Ft. Rucker, Alabama, for training. They were sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for more training before leaving for New York. The unit left New York by ship and landed at Bremerhaven, Germany, where they boarded a

troop train for Boeblingen, Germany. The 175th Military Police Battalion was to be part of the Troop Augmentation Program to bolster the Seventh Army. While in Germany, Ron was a desk sergeant, patrol supervisor, and squad leader. Ron attended the Seventh Army Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, known as Little West Point where he received a Certificate of Proficiency.

While in Germany, the troops found a tavern in town that served cider and very delicious German cheesecake. When Ron, a Corporal, returned to the United States, he was discharged in Kentucky on November 8, 1952. He earned the Army Occupation Medal.

In civilian life, Ron worked for Brown Shoe Company in Pocahontas, Arkansas, and trained as an office manager. He transferred to Lexington, Tennessee, where he worked from 1952 to 1962. He then went to work for Waddell & Reed Investment Company for twelve years as an investment representative and divisional manager. He married Sandra Forsyth in 1970 moving back to Missouri, and worked for the Moberly Police Department for ten years, retiring with the rank of Captain. He then went to work for Orscheln Farm and Home as a security manager, working throughout the midwest for ten years before going to work for the Missouri State Public Defender as an investigator, retiring in 2000. He became a preacher with Cowboys for Christ, conducting Sunday morning services at horse shows. He and his daughter, Lisa, also trained and showed quarter horses. He was associate pastor for eight years at Family Life Fellowship and attends the First Assembly of God Church. He is a member of the American Legion. Ron and his wife are the parents of four children, Scott, Kurt, Gina, and Lisa.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend their gratitude and thanks to Ron Winkler for his service to our great country.