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Patriot of the Month
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Harvey B. Young in flight gear
as a cadet at Ryan Field near
Tucson, Arizona.

Harvey Burton Young

United States
Army Air Force

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Harvey Young entered the service in January 1943, and was sent to Tucson, Arizona, for flight training. While he was there, he became a flight training instructor. He was deployed overseas to Guadalcanal, attached to the 64th Brigade of the 13th Air Force. He flew in the Solomon Islands and endured Japanese flak for over six months. From Guadalcanal, he was sent to New Guinea to prepare for the invasion of the Philippines. He flew transport flights including soldier evacuation and medical transports for wounded soldiers. He had been trained to drop paratroopers out of his plane, but he was unable to do that because of the massive forests.

Harvey said he did receive awards, but they were “just the regular awards, nothing spectacular.” He was discharged in Kansas—he does not remember the exact location.

Harvey Young’s family founded a bank in his local community early in the 20th Century, so the banking business was in his blood. He was a banker until he retired. Harvey is a widower and has lost one son. He has a daughter who lives locally.

Harvey belongs to the Masons and he is very active in his local Shrine Club. Last spring the community named a new park in his honor. This park is special because it is fully usable for people with disabilities and is the only park of its kind in his area.

Harvey has made presentations detailing his service and the Honor Flight trip he took to Washington DC. Harvey's own words are "I never get over people thanking me for my service. I didn't do anything to be thanked for – it was my duty. I just did my duty."

Ann Haynes Daughters are proud to nominate Harvey Burton Young as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude and appreciation for his patriotic service to our great nation.