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Proudly Honors

RICHARD H. BALDWIN

**UNITED STATES ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
MAJOR (O-4)
1938 – 1961**

WOUNDED IN ACTION

as

**PURPLE HEART PATRIOT
DECEMBER 2025**

*Elizabeth Tina Sellner, Honoring Her Father's Service and Sacrifice
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Richard H. Baldwin was born in Columbus, Ohio, on March 22, 1915. He was in the Ohio National Guard in 1937 and married Elizabeth Flynn in October of that year. When WWII was declared, his National Guard was called into active duty. At that time, he had a daughter and a son. He was sent to the Pacific Theater. He was in several battles and on the front lines in Guadalcanal. He served in the Philippines, where he was wounded. He was captured by the Japanese and managed to escape. He was in the first overseas Officers Candidate School and became a Lieutenant in the Infantry.

He returned to Ohio when the war ended and was sent to Columbia, Missouri, to instruct Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps). He was sent to Korea. He received his second Purple Heart when his jeep hit a mine. After surgery, he was told he would not have any more children. After he returned stateside, he had two more children. He transferred into the Air Force, where he remained until his retirement in 1961 as a Major. In addition to his two Purple Hearts, Richard received a Silver Star and the Sharpshooter medal.