

## Biographies- FEBRUARY 12, 2016 Florida International University's event

- 1) **Mr. BARAKAKOS Stephen** was born on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1922 in Brooklyn, New York. He joined the US Army in November 1942 at the age of 20. He debarked ship in Cherbourg and was in Replacement Company in Northern France. As a Private First Class, he was engaged in fighting in the Battle of Bulge, the Battle of Rhineland, the Ardennes, and in Central Europe Campaigns. During the Battle of the Bulge, his duties included sharpshooting in order to protect the rear flank of the retreating US Army. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards such as European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.
  
- 2) **Mr. BERH Paul** joined the US Army on January 1942. While in the 275 Infantry division, he fought in Colmar and participated in the Battle of the Bulge.
  
- 3) **Mr. BUCKLEY Arthur** was born on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1922 in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He joined the U.S. Army in February of 1943. As a Private in the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 17th Airborne Division, Mr. Buckley has distinguished himself by his determination and courage, landing in Reims, in the Champagne region and participating in military operations France and in Flamierge, Belgium. For his outstanding achievements, the American government has presented him with several awards including the Good Conduct medal, the American Service Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Theater with Three Bronze stars, the World War II Victory Medal with a Bronze arrowhead, and the Purple Heart.
  
- 4) **Mr. CAPASSO Patsy** was born on May, 26<sup>th</sup>, 1926 in Brooklyn, New York. He joined the US Navy in May 1944. As a Guard duty and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Officer, Mr. Capasso supported the landing of US troops on Utah Beach in Normandy and participated in the Battle of Normandy, and the Battle of Northern France. For his outstanding achievements, the American government has presented him with several awards including the European Theatre Medal, the American Theater Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

***Mr. Capasso will be awarded the Legion of Honor medal on Feb. 12, 2012.***

- 5) **Mr. CONROD Frederick** was born on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1924, in Bristol Connecticut. He joined the U.S. Army in March 1943. As a Private First Class in the Company B, 474<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Mr. CONROD has distinguished himself by his determination and courage, participating in the Liberation of Southern France, the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of the Rhineland. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards such as the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal.

6) **Mr. DOUGHERTY James** participated in the Battle of Normandy (St Lo), the Battle of the Rhineland, and the Battle of the Bulge.

7) **Mr. ELKINS Kenneth** was born on October 17, 1925 in Somerville, Massachusetts. He joined the U.S. Army in November 1943. As a Corporal and Medical officer in the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Mr. Elkins has distinguished himself by his determination and courage, participating in the Battle of Normandy, the liberation of Northern France, the Battle of the Bulge, and the Battle of the Rhine. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards including the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Ribbon, and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Service Medal with 5 Bronze stars.

***Mr. Elkins will be awarded the Legion of Honor medal on Feb. 12, 2012.***

8) **Mr. FEELEY Frank** was born on October 6<sup>th</sup> 1924 in Jennings, Michigan. He joined the US Army on March 1943. As a Soldier, Mr. Feeley landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France on July 10, 1944. After having participated in the Battle of Normandy, Mr. Frank Feeley took part at the Liberation of Northern France. He has also distinguished himself by his determination and courage, participating in the Battle of the Rhineland, and the Battle of the Bulge. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards such as the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, the World War II Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

***Mr. Feeley will be awarded the Legion of Honor medal on Feb. 12, 2012.***

9) **Mr. FINLEY William** was born on October 29<sup>th</sup> 1923 in Chicago, Illinois. He joined the U.S. Army in February 1944. As a First Lieutenant in the 571st Squadron, 390th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, Mr. Finley has distinguished himself by his determination and courage, participating in the Battle of Normandy, the Liberation of Northern France, the Battle of the Rhineland and the Battle of the Bulge. He campaigned for 34 bombing missions in France and Germany. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards such as European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with four Bronze Stars and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

10) **Mr. GELICK E. John** was born on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1925 in Grand Haven, Michigan. He joined the US Navy in June 42. As a Signalman aboard U.S. Navy Amphibious Crafts, Mr. Gellick escorted landing crafts to Corsica in the Mediterranean Sea and supported the landing of troops in the bay of Frejus. Starting in August 15, 1944, he also participated in the Invasion of St. Raphael in Southern of France. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards such as the European African Middle East Area Campaign

Medal with 5 stars, the American area Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal with 1 star and the World War II Victory medal.

***Mr. Gellick, who passed away, last month, will be represented by his son Michael Gellick. His son will receive the Legion of Honor medal on his behalf on February 12, 2016.***

- 11) **Mr. GREENBERG George** was born on January 18, 1925 in Brooklyn, New York. He joined the U.S. Army in April 1943. As a 4th grade Technician in the 66th Infantry Division and a Radio Repairman, Mr. Greenberg has distinguished himself by his determination and courage, participating in the Liberation of Northern France. For his outstanding achievements, the American government has presented him with several awards including the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Service Medal, and the American Campaign Medal.

***Mr. Greenberg will be awarded the Legion of Honor medal on Feb. 12, 2012.***

- 12) **Mr. KAISER Tom**, 83, chairman of the Boynton Beach Veterans Council: Mr. Kaiser wasn't in France during World War II. But he got the Legion of Honor Medal. He was recognized for helping more than some 150 veterans in Broward County and beyond. His brother passed away in the Pacific while fighting during the WWII.
- 13) **Mr. LAMBERT Walter** was born on February 7th 1925 in Jersey City, New Jersey. He joined the U.S. Navy in December 1942. As a Boatswain's mate second class, on the USS LST25, Mr. Lambert has distinguished himself by his determination and courage, participating in the Liberation of Normandy, where his ship landed troops on Gold Beach on the D-Day. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards such as European African Middle Eastern Medal with four Battle Stars and the Navy Good Conduct Medal.
- 14) **Mr. LAMONS Robert** was born on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1925 in Price, Utah. He joined the U.S. Army in June 1943. As a Staff Sergeant of the Squadron T, 327th Army Air Forces Base Unit, Mr. Lamons has distinguished himself by his determination and courage, participating in the Battle of the Rhineland. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards such as European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, the WWII Victory Medal, the Good conduct Medal, and the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.
- 15) **Mr. LEUCHTER Kurt** fought alongside the French resistance during WWII. He lost his close family in Death Camps.

- 16) **Mr. LEVIT Sydney** was born on July 17th, 1924 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He joined the U.S. Army in March 1943. As a Private First Class in 194th Glider Infantry Regiment, Mr. Levit has distinguished himself by his determination and courage, participating in the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of the Rhineland. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards such as the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, the WWII Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart.
- 17) **Mr. TRIVETT Victor** was born on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1924 in Camden, New Jersey. He joined the U.S. Air Corps in May 1943. As a First Lieutenant in the 840<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, Mr. TRIVETT has distinguished himself by his determination and courage, participating in numerous missions over the French territory in Europe and North Africa. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards such as, the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with 4 Stars, the Distinguished Unit Badge, and the WWII Victory Ribbon.
- 18) **Mr. WOHLFELD Julian** was born on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1923 in New York City. He joined the US Air Force in December 1942 as a Technician fifth grade in the 29<sup>th</sup> Tactical Air Command. Mr. Wohlfeld has distinguished himself by his determination and courage, participating in the Battle of Normandy, and the Battle of Rhineland. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards such as the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, the WWII Victory Medal and the Good conduct Medal.

***Mr. Wohlfeld will be awarded the Legion of Honor medal on Feb. 12, 2012.***

- 19) **Mr. WOLF Leonard** was born on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1924 in Paterson, New-Jersey. He joined the US Army in June 1943. In the 103<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Mr. Wolf held first a position as a Radio operator. He installed and operated tactical field radio transmitting and receiving equipment. Then, he served as a Fire Director, preparing firing chart for vertical and horizontal control, showing battery positions, targets, frontlines, minimum and maximum ranges. Then, as a Rifle Marksman of the 384 Infantry Battalion, Mr. Wolf took part of the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of Rhineland. For his outstanding achievements, the American government presented him with several awards including the Good Conduct Medal, the WWII Victory Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.