

HOMETOWN HEROES...

A Salute to the Veterans of Forsyth County



Saluting Waymon Tate...

"After we left New York it took 14 days to get there on the ship.....dodging German submarines in the Atlantic all the way..."
That was the start of Forsyth resident Waymon Tate's tour of duty in World War II.

Assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, 22nd Infantry Regiment, Army Staff Sergeant Tate spent nearly two years in Germany and France. Their division, led by General Hodges, was spearheading the allied advance when they were suddenly re-assigned to General Patton's Third Army. "Patton couldn't stand to see some other General get the glory...so we went to work for him."

In 1945 Waymon suffered severe leg wounds that led to a knee replacement and later that year a Purple Heart for bravery. After convalescing in England, he returned to Cumming, his hometown for close to 79 years. Now 85, he and Orene, his wife of 63 years, have three children, three grand-children and three great-grandchildren.

Waymon remains active in the local Veterans Alliance and is a true
"Hometown Hero."

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