

HOMETOWN HEROES...

A Salute to the Veterans of Forsyth County

Saluting Henry Bearden ...

Forsyth County resident Henry Bearden answered the call of duty by serving in World War II, where he was in the Army Air Corps. His dedication to the United States of America was exemplified by his bravery in the face of danger. Bearden received many medals for his service as well.

Bearden, 90, was born in Cobb County. His U.S. service began June 4, 1941. He trained in Edgewood, Md. It was shortly after his relocation to Charlotte, N.C. that he heard the news of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. He left for England, where he survived intense bombing and shelling in combat zones.

He was then sent to North Africa, where he was injured by the bombing. Bearden did not go to the doctor when the injury first occurred, because his division of 60 men was on the move. Later on, he spent some days in the hospital. Further military journeys led him to Italy, and he went back to the United States on Oct. 10, 1944.

He was discharged Sept. 12, 1945. During his service, he was in the 8th, 12th and 15th Army Air Corps. He was a sergeant when discharged, and received a Purple Heart, American Defense Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service medal with three bronze stars and a Good Conduct Medal.

Bearden has lived with his wife, Dorothy, in Forsyth County for the past 11 years. They have eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. He belongs to the Cumming American Legion Post 307. For his bravery and dedication to his country, Henry Bearden is a true...

“Hometown Hero.”



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