

Egar Van Zandt



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Egar Van Zandt, long time resident of Stillwater went to heaven on 7/20/2018. Ed was born in Perkins, Oklahoma on 6/17/1925 and graduated from Perkins High School and was drafted into the Army immediately upon graduation. Ed served in Merrill's Marauders during WW II and was very proud of his service and country. He spoke of how important the Army mules were in carrying their supplies and ammunition in the jungles of Burma.

Ed was married 69 years to Jessie Marie and raised 4 children, Daphne Faries Lawton, Okla., Larry Van Zandt Kingston, Okla., Jerry Van Zandt Broken Arrow, Okla., Dan Van Zandt Houston, Texas. Ed had 12 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Ed Van Zandt received an American Legion 50 Year Award for faithful and dedicated allegiance to the ideals of the American Legion. Ed has been certified to have been a member in good standing continuously for 50 years and that such record of consistent loyalty to the American Legion merits the honor of being cited as an outstanding contributor to the programs of the Legion. Signed by the first American Legion Lady National Commander Denise H. Rohan and National Adjutant Daniel S. Wheeler.

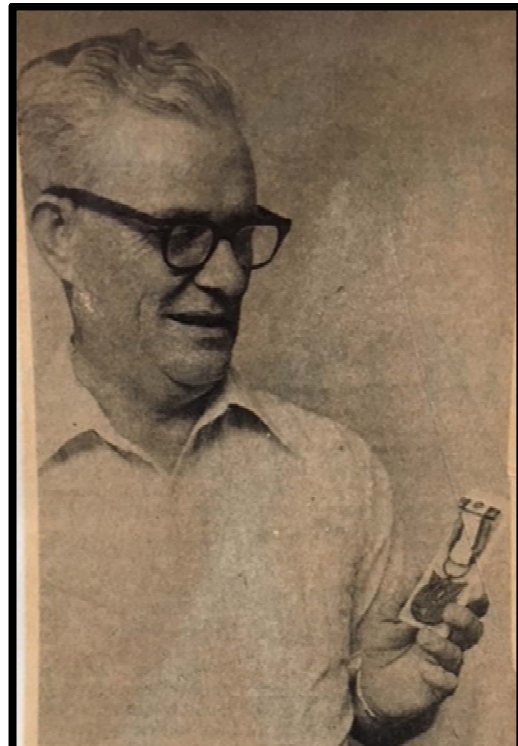
Edgar L. Van Zandt received a China War Memorial Metal from the government of Nationalist China (Taiwan) for serving in World War II. Van Zandt saw combat with the 475th Infantry in Burma between and China and India. Sergeant Van Zandt was decorated "By direction of the President under Executive Order 9419 on February 4, 1944 with a Bronze Star Metal for exemplary conduct in ground combat against the Armed enemy on or about January 17, 1945 in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations.

The American Legion Post 129 is very proud of Ed Van Zandt service to the country and honored to present the Certificate.

Edgar L. Van Zandt was in the American Legion for 50 years.



BRONZE STAR MEDAL AWARDED—S/Sgt. Edgar L. Van Zandt, Headquarters Squadron 301st Bomb Wing was presented the Bronze Star Medal at Wing Headquarters by Col. Joe W. Kelly, 301st Medium Bombardment Wing Commander. The Medal is awarded for exemplary conduct in ground combat against the Armed enemy.
Son of Fred D. Van Zandt of Perkins, Oklahoma, S/Sgt. Van Zandt is married to the former Jessie M. Avants, Blackburn, Okla., and lives at 209 West Walnut St., Salina, Kansas.



MEDAL AWARDED—Edgar L. Van Zandt, 1517 Eastern, holds a medal from the government of Nationalist China (Taiwan) he received recently for serving in World War II. Van Zandt saw combat with the 475th Infantry in Burma between China and India, and received the China War Memorial Medal in April from Ambassador James Shen in Washington, D.C. (News-Press photo by Charles Turman)