

Story #371a Paul Steensrud

Tech Sergeant Paul Steensrud (1918-1997) was a Mazomanie World War II veteran and a charter member of the Mazomanie Greening – Buelow American Legion Post #437. He was Post Commander in 1946/47.

Paul enlisted in the Army Air Force on July 3, 1940 with serial number 16005056. He mustered out on July 6, 1945, having served five years. His unit is not known, but he served in Europe, where he married at the end of his service. Paul received the Silver and Bronze Battle stars and four overseas stars.

Paul Alden Steensrud was born in Black Earth Township on June 4, 1918 to Mazomanie long time railroad bridge carpenter Alfred Steensrud and Mathilda Leiske. He is found in Mazomanie with his family at the 1930 US Census as an eleven year old. Paul graduated from the Mazomanie High School in 1936.. The 21 year old is with his family in Mazomanie at the 1940 US Census. He is then also a railroad carpenter as is his father. His July 9, 1945 Draft Card listed him as 5'-10", 144 # with a light completion, blonde hair and blue eyes. He was listed as 27 years old, living in Mazomanie, unemployed with a scar along the left side of his neck..

During the war, Paul married English born Ellen Carroll (1920-2008)) on April 28, 1945 in Southwark, Surrey, England. She was the daughter of Southwark engineer Henry Carroll and Ann Brierley. The new couple are living in Mazomanie in 1945, but have moved to Fitchburg WI at the 1950 US Census. He is then listed as a carpenter at the state hospital. Five years later the carpenter has moved into Madison. Later the family moved to Mount Calm TX, where he is a United States inspector. They retired to Florida in 1994, where Paul passed away on May 11, 1997 in Hernando. He is buried in the Florida National Cemetery of Bushnell FL with his wife. They had three children.

