

## Story #922 Chester Howard

PVT Chester Howard (1924-2015) was a Mazomanie World War II veteran and a charter member of the Mazomanie Greening – Buelow American Legion Post #437.

Chester enlisted in the Army on June 19, 1943. He mustered out on August 27, 1943, having served two months. It is not known what unit or where he served.

Chester “Chet” William Howard was born in Mazomanie on May 15, 1924 to Mazomanie High School janitor and bill collector, Roy Howard and Barbara Kirch. He is found there with his family at the 1930 US Census as a five year old and a fifteen year old at the 1940 US Census. His June 30, 1942 Draft Card listed him as 5’-9”, 155 # with a ruddy completion, brown hair and blue eyes. He was listed as 19 years old, living in Mazomanie working for Mason – Hanger at the Badger Army ammunition Plant.

After discharge, Chet married Joyce Radel (1924-2020) on November 21, 1943. She was the 1942 Wisconsin Dairy Queen, daughter of Spring Green WI farmer Leroy Radel and Stella Jones. The 1950 Mazomanie US Census listed the married couple. He is a flooring carpenter. They later moved to Middleton, where Chester was a salesman and passed away on March 28, 2015. He is buried in the Sunset Memorial Garden Cemetery of Madison with his wife. They had two children.

