

Story #925 Donovan Andrews

Donovan Andrews (1925-2000) 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 1949.

Donovan enlisted in the Army on January 17, 1944. He mustered out on February 19, 1947, having served three years. His rank and unit are not known. Donovan served in the European Rhineland Campaign. He was injured in the Battle of the Bulge, spending two years in a hospital, before mustering out. Donovan received many medals and ribbons – Good Conduct, World War II Victory, America Theatre, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry, and European Africana Middle Eastern Theatre

Donovan “Don’ Marvin Anderson was born in Randolph WI on October 14, 1925 to salesman Orrie Andrews and Leona Huebner. He is first found in Scandinavia WI with his family at the 1930 US Census as a four year old. The family moved to Mazomanie at the 1940 US Census. He is now listed as 14. Don played football and basketball and graduated from the Mazomanie High School in 1943.. His October 14, 1943 Draft Card listed him as 5’-9”, 145 # with a light completion, brown hair and blue eyes. He was listed as 18 years old, living in Mazomanie working for Oscar Mayer in Madison.

During the war Don married Mazomanie born Carol Rasmussen (1926-2010)) on May 30, 1945. She was the daughter of Mazomanie railroad signal operator Harry Rasmussen and Leone Huebner. The 1950 Mazomanie US Census listed the married couple. He is then an insurance salesman. They divorced. Don remarried Vaborg Skog (1919-1993) in California on June 16, 1954. Later he married Austrian born Katrina Jacobson (1927-1984) Don was a Union Oil dealer in Walnut Creek CA, retiring in 1982 to Rancho Murieta CA. He passed away on February 17, 2000 in Sloughhouse CA. Donovan is buried in the Michigan Bar Cemetery of Rancho Murieta with his third wife.

