

Arkansas Chapter 1 Rolling Thunder®

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Chaplains Corner

To everyone who helped out at the poker run THANK YOU VERY MUCH. Without you it would not have been a success.

July Rides and Events

7/3 – Pangburn Fourth of July Parade – Meet at Phillips 66 in Searcy at 8:15, KSU at 8:30

7/11 – Board Meeting at Pig N Chic 1:00 with General Membership Meeting at 2:00

Interesting Facts and Information

Medal of Honor: George T. Sakato
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SAKATO, GEORGE T.

His family moved to Arizona to escape internment, but that didn't stop George T. Sakato from joining the army in 1943. Fighting in the segregated Company E, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, he showed true heroism fighting against the Nazis in occupied France. Mr. Sakato is 89 years old and thankfully still with us. Please take a moment to read the citation of a hero.

Rank: Private

Organization: U.S. Army

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Citation

Private George T. Sakato distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action on 29 October 1944, on hill 617 in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. After his platoon had virtually destroyed two enemy defense lines, during which he personally killed five enemy soldiers and captured four, his unit was pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Disregarding the enemy fire, Private Sakato made a one-man rush that encouraged his platoon to charge and destroy the enemy strongpoint. While his platoon was reorganizing, he proved to be the inspiration of his squad in halting a counter-attack on the left flank during which his squad leader was killed. Taking charge of the squad, he continued his relentless tactics, using an enemy rifle and P-38 pistol to stop an organized enemy attack. During this entire action, he killed 12 and wounded two, personally captured four and assisted his platoon in taking 34 prisoners. By continuously ignoring enemy fire, and by his gallant courage and fighting spirit, he turned impending defeat into victory and helped his platoon complete its mission. Private Sakato's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army.



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Reminder: July 11th we will be voting for new board members, please be sure to show up. May everyone have a blessed and safe 4th of July!