

VETERANS:
All did their part in a titanic struggle

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end of the war converting his ship into a troop carrier to transport men back to the States after the war.

Marvin is married to Margie, and they have a son, John Tehan. Joe is married to Bonnie, and they have two children and three grandchildren. Joe also worked at the Salem Fire Department while raising his family.

Another Navy veteran of World War II is Cecil Hector, who served from 1943 to 1951 in the Pacific Theater. He was trained as an aviation metalsmith. Cecil has a long record with the Navy, with 20 years service. Then he transferred to the Air Force for four years and then the Army for seven years, where he worked on telephone

communications in Berlin, Germany.

Cecil has a daughter, Kathaleen, living close by in Sisters.

Army veterans from World War II include Robert Stephenson and Richard Pennington. Richard served in Okinawa and Korea from 1942 to 1946 as an ordnance handler, repairing 37mm cannon and hauling ammo and supplies back and forth from the ship to the front battle lines.

Bob Stephenson was infantry, serving from 1943 to 1946. According to his wife, Pat, he was "in the thick of it," fighting the Japanese Army on Okinawa and Guam. Richard and Bob live at Absolute Serenity assisted-living facility. Bob and Pat have four children.

Representing the Army Air Corps, Sisters has veterans John Turner and Russell Williams, who flew over Europe in World War II. John

was a B-17 gunner and served in the Air Corps from 1943 to 1945, then joined the Army for 28 years. Russell was a navigator on board a B-24 bomber and flew some of the last sorties of the war. Russell enlisted in 1943, completed basic training and then was chosen to go to flight school to become an officer and navigator, graduating in June 1944.

Russell flew 31 bombing missions in Germany in 15 different B-24s. He only had one crash-landing, which all his buddies survived.

John Turner is married to Barbara, has three children and four grandchildren. Russell is married to Nancy.

Jack Scheffer Kinsey graduated from Weirton, West Virginia, high school in 1943 and volunteered for the U.S. Navy in October the same year. He was assigned to Seabee's 32nd Special Construction Battalion and arrived at his wartime duty station with the 6th Marine Division on the island of

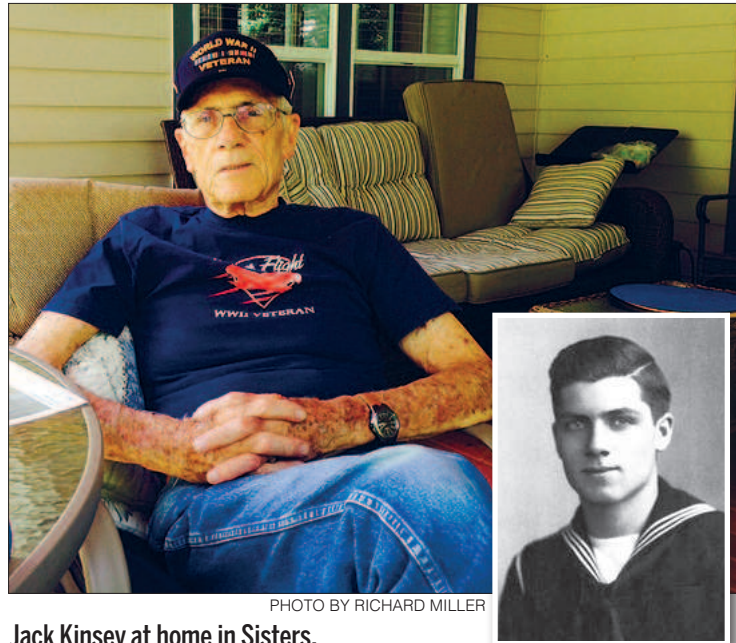


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Jack Kinsey at home in Sisters.

Samar in the Pacific Theater. Jack was a communication specialist responsible for receiving and transmitting war messages by Morse code and other means. When asked how he heard about the end of the war, Jack replied, "The Army commo unit on the hill above us came running down yelling, 'The Japanese have capitulated! The Japanese have capitulated!'" All

celebrated with appropriate liquid refreshments!"

Regarding his thoughts about what he did during World War II, Jack said, "I would not want to do it again, but I am very proud of what I contributed to our victory!"

Two months later Jack boarded a freighter and sailed to Tsingtao, China, where

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George Chaney (deceased).

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