

VETERANS: Community honors the service of WWII veterans

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he served in the occupation forces during the remainder of 1945 until mid-1946. Upon return home Jack entered Bethany College, West Virginia, where he majored in education and played varsity football for four years. He became a teacher/coach and eventually moved to California, working his way up to become the vice principal and Dean of Students at Oakdale High School.

He also operated a real estate business. Jack and Marilyn moved to Sisters upon retirement from the real estate business, and here they have lived "happily ever after!"

Frank Jackson was born July 1, 1925 at Hammond

Lumber Camp near what is now Detroit, Oregon. Frank volunteered for the Navy at age 17, requiring his parents to approve his enlistment. He served during the war from May 10, 1943 to May 21, 1946. Frank was trained as an electrician and served a very critical role by rebuilding the electrical systems of warplanes, first at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, then at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida. This important mission kept the planes ready for battle and made sure they functioned correctly when engaging the enemy.

After the Japanese surrendered, Frank served in the occupation forces in Japan and China. He also served on a ship bringing Marines out of China and transporting them to the Marine base at San Diego, California.

Upon completion of military service, Frank worked with Pacific Tel and Tel (later



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Earl Schroeder, Cecil Hector, Frank Jackson and John Turner honored at a Band of Brothers meeting.

became Pacific Northwest Bell Telco) from November 1946 to October 1982. Frank went on the Honor Flight to tour the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, in May 2011. He described this tour as "a very impressive recognition of our victory in World War II."

Frank resides in Sisters with his wife, Doris. They have six children, 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Marine George Chaney was born in Gibraltar, Michigan, in 1922. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942 to "Go help clean house in the Pacific Theater!" George went through boot camp at San Diego, California, and was eager to get in the war to defend his country. His dream of being a part of the island-hopping Marines was modified by the Marine Corps.

Because of his high IQ and previous education, the

Marine Corps ordered him to Aerologist School in New Jersey and then at Berkley, California. Achieving the rank of Master Sergeant, and stationed at El Centro, George performed the critical mission of getting the warplanes from the East Coast safely through the weather over the Rocky Mountains for deployment to the Pacific Theater.

George often lamented that he was not permitted to be in a combat unit, yet in his capacity of making sure the warplanes arrived safely contributed more to the war effort than he could have as an individual Marine in a combat unit.

Master Sergeant Chaney transitioned to civilian life and eventually moved to Sisters with Carol, the love of his life. Carol preceded him in death, leaving a huge void in his heart. Just the mention of her name caused him to go teary-eyed with love and loneliness.

George was an expert chess strategist and taught some of the other veterans the finer points of the game. Even as the shadows gathered round him and he could not remember what he had for breakfast, when he sat down at the chess board his countenance glowed with excitement and the lesson would begin with "Now, remember to do what with the King?"

George Chaney died in July 2015 with only a short bout with "old age." George is survived by three children: Paul, David and Laura.



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Joe Emmons was also on hand for the meeting at Takoda's.

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