

ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL

This week's veterans are John N. Survance and his son, John D. Survance

John Norman Survance

John graduated from Shoals Indiana High School in 1935. He attended Vincennes Indiana University where he graduated with a Teacher's License in June of 1937.

John enlisted in the Army in June 1942 during WWII. He trained in artillery at Fort Sill, OK, and was assigned to the infantry. He went ashore in France shortly after D-Day with the First Army 104th Timberwolf Division where they spent a record 196 consecutive days on the front lines without relief. He was also involved in the Battle of the Bulge. When the war in Europe ended, his unit began preparation for the Invasion of Japan. The surrender of the Japanese allowed him to be discharged in November 1945.

He later obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Eastern Illinois University. He received his Master's Degree in Education in the years to follow at Eastern. John was principal of the Assumption Elementary School for 10 years and went on to be Unit School Superintendent in four different communities in Illinois.

He retired after 26 years in the field of education, and with his wife Evelyn, moved back to Assumption in 1974. In Assumption, John continued to work ten years as a crop adjuster for a major insurance company.

John passed away on April 22, 1995, and was buried at Pleasant View Cemetery here in Assumption. He is survived by his wife Evelyn, and two sons, John D. and Michael of Louisville, Kentucky.

John Duane Survance

John D. graduated from Assumption High School in 1961. He attended United Electronics Laboratories in Louisville, KY. After graduating in May 1963, he went to work at McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis building F4 Phantom Fighter jets where he was an Electrical and Mechanical Technician.

John D. was drafted by the Army in April 1965 and went to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for basic training. He took Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and Paratrooper Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia. From there, he went to Parachute Rigger Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he earned the Most Outstanding Paratrooper Award in the class of 250 soldiers. He briefly was stationed with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Because of his rigger training, he was stationed back at Fort Benning to pack and supervise the packing of parachutes for trainees. He finished his duty at Fort Benning and was a Specialist 4 when discharged in 1967. John said when he was drafted in 1965, he made \$78 per month and decided to jump out of airplanes for an additional \$55 per month.

John and his wife Sharon and son Drew reside in Louisville, KY, where his brother Michael and family also live. In addition to his son Drew. John also has two daughters, Terrie and Renee, and a son Michael.

Thank you, Evelyn Survance, for sharing this article with us about your family.

Thank you, Corporal John N. and Specialist 4 John D. Survance, for what you gave for us