

LTC Sam Sachs was born April 26, 1915 in Grand Forks, North Dakota, Sachs' life spanned two world wars.

LTC Sachs was a glider pilot in WWII. One flight he piloted his glider into France- filled with machine guns, ammunition and eight American soldiers while under heavy enemy anti-aircraft attack, landing safely in a French farmland about two miles from Utah Beach.

"In those gliders, you were just like a pigeon up there," he said.

LTC Sachs participated in another glider landing, in Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands near the end of the war.

After the war, he served with the Army reserves until his retirement 32 years later, at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.