

The Post Brothers

This is the seventh in a series of articles that we hope to publish for years to come. With this series, we want to honor Service Members that served our Great Nation. As I mentioned in the last article we need your help to honor these fine Americans. If you have someone you would like us to include please email us at mhamlegionpost113@gmail.com

The last article was about a terrible tragedy where one family lost four sons when their ship was torpedoed by the Japanese. Families in this community have sent several sons and or daughters off to war to fight for this Great Country as well. Seven of eight Post brothers served during World War II.

Each of them entered at different times, and served in different ways. The oldest brother Walter entered shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Walter served for several months before he was released due to an age restriction. When the age restriction changed to 34 Walter was drafted once again.

Eugene, Francis, and Ed all served in the Pacific Theater, with Eugene training troops in Hawaii and later serving in the first Army Occupation in Japan. Francis was stationed in Guam where he inspected and repaired aviation equipment. Ed decoded Morse code communications moving around to several bases in the Pacific. Arthur entered the war effort in 1943 and unlike his brothers Arthur spent his time in the European Theater repairing vehicles.

Harold volunteered for duty in 1946 and served in the Army of Occupation in Korea. LeRoy falsified his age to join the service. He served in the Merchant Marines as a seaman but the Merchant Marines were not considered to be part of the military so when the U. S. went to war in Korea Leroy was drafted and served as an officer.

Jerome, the one brother that stayed here in Mount Horeb helped run the 200 acre dairy farm while everyone else was away at war. Bertha, the boys mother, had been raising eight boys and two girls and running a dairy farm on her own since her husband died in 1933.

Fortunately, all seven Post brothers that served returned home after World War II. Our community has sent young men and women off to fight for our Great Country. Please Let us Never Forget That Freedom is NOT Free.



Photo shows six of the seven Post Brothers that served during WWII along with their friend John Keller. In the front row from left to right are John Keller, LeRoy, (holding a photo of Harold), and Ed, in the back row left to right are Walter, Arthur, Francis and Eugene.

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