

# Donald R. Patton

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Donald R. Patton graduated from Springfield High School and entered the United States Army Air Force on Nov. 2, 1942. He was assigned to the 82nd Fighter Control Group, ERC and sent to Europe. His unit participated in combat missions in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes and Rhineland Campaigns during the period January, 1944 to the end of the war.

Donald served as an Administration Specialist and received the following decorations and citations: Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal, Three Overseas Service Bars, each bar representing six months of overseas service, and a Star for the Ardennes Campaign.

Donald Patton served in the Air Force for 2 years, 10 months and 21 days. He was discharged in October 1945 and returned to his home town of Springfield, Illinois. He married Annabelle Lewis. Mr. Patton died in April 1998 in Springfield, Illinois

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