

E. J. Thomas Cluster

*United Methodist Men
Veteran Honoree of 2011*

Ralph Sims

“Act with courage, and may the Lord be with those who do well.” 2 Chronicles 19:11

On Veteran’s Day Sunday, November 13, 2011, we come to honor and thank those men & women who have served. Serving in places we cannot pronounce or find on a map; but serve us they did. Ralph is one of those who answered the call to serve his country during World War II. He joined the Army in 1942 and was a member of the **507 Parachute Regiment**. Ralph’s service was as a Navigator and he flew 32 missions over Europe, and was promoted to **1st Lieutenant**. God watched over Ralph on those 32 very dangerous missions. After completion of his tour of duty in Europe in 1944 he was on his way to the War in the Pacific. God was still watching over him and he ended up becoming a Navigator Instructor in the states. During this tour of duty he was promoted to **Captain**. After the war, he returned to civilian life with his bride Marge. They settled into their post war life of raising a family and making America grow.

Thank you for your service to our country. Thank you for making sure that the next generation, my generation, had all the opportunities to live free and prosper. Thank you for your support to our UMM and it’s many missions.

His blessings always,

Donald R. Day, Sr. ~ UMM President