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An Exemplary Life And Military Career Command Sergeant Major Zeb Stuart Scales

1928 - 2005

Military Record of Zeb Stuart Scales

Ft Jackson, South Carolina

Korea (promoted to Master Sergeant MSG) 2 tours, awarded the Silver Star in the vicinity of Hill 931 and 4 Bronze Stars with letter V for valor

1956 Ft Bragg 82nd Airborne

1957 Packanack Lake, NJ

1959 52nd Artillery Brigade - promoted to E-4

1961 3rd Missile Battalion 71st Artillery

1962 Kornwestheim, Germany

1963 56th Artillery Plainville Connecticut

1964 Graduation from US Army Intelligence School Ft Holabird Maryland with top secret clearance

1965 HQ Battery 1st Missile Battalion 605th Artillery Gary Indiana

1967 Da Nang Vietnam - Awarded Purple Heart for wounds received

1968 Cleveland Ohio

1969 Fort Bragg, North Carolina 82nd Airborne Army Garrison G-2
Awarded Good Conduct medal (third award)

1972 Awarded Meritorious Service medal for service from 12/16/68 to 01/31/72
He retired and shortly thereafter was promoted to Command Sergeant Major

Summary of Medals Received by Zeb Stuart Scales

Silver Star

Four Bronze Stars

Purple Heart

3 Good Conduct Medals

Meritorious Service Medal

Command Sergeant Major Zeb Stuart Scales 1928 - 2005

The family of Zeb Stuart Scales is requesting that Patrick County name the Dan River Bridge on Ararat Highway (Route 773) between Claudville and Ararat in Patrick County, Virginia in honor of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a Patriot who served his country, state and county. He was a private man and would have never wanted us to make this request but we know what great a love Zeb had for this America, Virginia and Patrick County.

As a teenager in the late 1940's, Zeb worked on the crew, which constructed the Dan River Bridge. During that time, he acquired skills as a mason which he used his entire life. He built many a foundation, laid cinderblock, patios and stone walls. Our whole lives, we referred to the bridge as "daddy's bridge." He was proud of the fact that he assisted in the construction of this landmark and of course we are proud of him.

He passed his love of the Dan River along to his family. We spent many a summer afternoon along the Dan watching him fish as we kids played in the water and had picnics. Until late in life, he enjoyed fishing the river always after the elusive trout.

He volunteered for the U S Army and was soon sent to Korea. His career flourished excelling to Master Sergeant in just 9 short months. He served in Germany and Vietnam. He attained the rank of Sergeant Major, serving the end of his career with the 82nd Airborne Army Garrison G-2 Military Intelligence at Fort Bragg C and retired after 21 years. Shortly after retirement he was promoted to Command Sergeant Major, which is the highest rank an enlisted man can attain.

Upon retiring from the United States Army, Patrick County hired him as a Deputy Sheriff and soon promoted him to Chief Deputy. Respected in his position Zeb Stuart Scales served his county for eight years. Piedmont Senior Services then hired Zeb as their Patrick County Coordinator (known now as Southern Area Agency on Aging). He was instrumental in helping establish transportation for seniors in the county. This program was new to the county but his knowledge of the county and its highways proved of great benefit to the program. Zeb Scales retired after eleven years with the honor given of "Master of the Roads" while at the same time enriching other seniors' life.

Even after his retirement from public service, the county and the community called on him for advice. County leaders valued his option in matters concerning Ararat, Patrick County and its issues.

The Virginia General Assembly has also mourned the passing of Zeb in the 2006 session for being an Outstanding Public Servant and Fine Virginia Gentleman.' Senator W. Rosco Reynolds sponsored the bill.

-Brenda Scales Rorrer (Daughter of Zeb Stuart Scales)

Scales Bridge dedicated

The Dan River Bridge on Rt. 773 was dedicated to the memory of Zeb Scales in a ceremony Aug. 13 at the Fellowship Church in Ararat. Scales always had a special fondness for that bridge, because he helped build it when he was a teenager in 1948.

The Patrick County Board of Supervisors voted in April to authorize naming the bridge the “Zeb Scales Memorial Bridge” as a tribute to the man who was a veteran of two wars, a deputy sheriff, and the county coordinator of transportation for senior citizens.

Approximately 130 people-including state representatives, county officials, friends and family members attended the service to honor Scales, who died July 11, 2005 at the age of 77.

Sen. Roscoe Reynolds presented Senate Joint Resolution No.7, “celebrating the life of Zeb Stuart Scales,” which was passed by the 2006 General Assembly.

The resolution stated that Scales, “a longtime resident of Ararat and respected former Patrick County chief deputy sheriff,” had “honorably served his country in the United States Army, serving two tours of duty in the Korean War and a tour of duty in Vietnam, attaining the rank of command sergeant major before being “honorably discharged.”

Scales was “a dedicated and skilled administrator and law enforcement officer” who served the citizens of



Patrick County for 11 years, first as deputy sheriff and then as chief deputy,” the resolution stated.

Scales was “committed to improving the quality of life for his neighbors” and served as the transportation coordinator of the Southern Area Agency on Aging, Reynolds’ resolution said.

“Zeb Scales will be sorely missed by his family, his numerous friends and admirers, and the citizens of Patrick County,” the resolution stated, concluding that “the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding public servant and fine Virginia gentleman.” A copy of the resolution was presented to Scales’ family.

Dan River District Supervisor Jonathan Large said Scales helped a lot of people in Patrick County, especially senior citizens. As transportation coordinator of the Southern Area Agency on Aging, he was giv-

en the title “Master of the Roads,” Large said.

Scales never talked about his Purple Heart or other medals and never talked about his military experience, Large said, but he was the most highly decorated war veteran in Ararat and possibly in the county.

Many people worked to get the bridge named in Scales’ honor and memory, Large said. “It shows how we can work to improve the community and make it a better place to live,” he said.

Kelly Giese, pastor of the Fellowship Church, said Scales had invited her into his home, where they studied the Bible together every morning. She read a Psalm that illustrated Scales’ devotion to his faith.

County Administrator Regena Handy said she first met Zeb Scales when she went to work for the

board of supervisors in 1975, when he was a deputy. She knew nothing about Scales' past or his military record, she said. "But one thing I did quickly learn was that Zeb Scales was a gentleman," she said.

Handy said she got to know Scales well when he was coordinator of the senior services transportation program and was in the county administration office frequently. "We learned that he had a great sense of humor," she said. "We learned that he had a great love for his family - he talked about his family - and for this country.

After Scales retired from that position, he still visited the office often and "when he got to molasses-making, he would come by and we would buy a few jars of molasses from him," Handy said.

"I've often thought about people like Zeb who served during wartime - I had four uncles who served during World War II - and I've often wondered what it was like for them - these country boys who came out of the hollows and hills of this county and were sent into a world so very foreign to their own," Handy said. "Boys, who for the most part had probably been reared by loving mothers and kind fathers - what was it like for them to be thrust into an existence where they faced down death every day, where they risked everything.?"

"We have always referred to the United States as being the land of the free and the home of the brave," Handy said. "There's a popular saying these days that's truly more appropriate: we're the land of the free because of the brave."

Handy said she couldn't imagine the life of a soldier at war, but knew that many "brave men and women have lived through it," and, "if fortunate, came home again. Some, like Zeb, to continue lives of service."

"Some might think that a man who gave 22 years of his life protecting his country would "come home to a well deserved quiet and relaxed lifestyle," Handy said. "But Zeb did not. He went to work as a law enforcement officer, again putting his life on the line and helping others. After that, as senior services transportation coordinator, once again he was serving, helping, protecting."

Handy said the last time she spoke with Zeb was a few months before his death, in a telephone conversation, when he told her about his illness. "I remember thinking later what a courageous man he truly was to face this final enemy with such dignity and grace," she said.

"So here we are today to recognize Zeb Stuart Scales by dedicating a bridge in his memory. This is just a small thing that we do to honor someone who spent a life-time helping others."

Sheriff David Hubbard said he remembered working with Zeb Scales in the sheriff's office and Scales' dedication to his job and the citizens of Patrick County." Scales was a "true patriot," Hubbard said.

"Leadership comes in many forms," Del. Ward Armstrong said, including the General Assembly and the board of supervisors. Scales "did so

many things to serve others and to lead this community, this region," and "touched many lives," Armstrong said.

"When we pass by this bridge we'll remember him and all he did he did, for Zeb Scales was a leader," he said.



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