



GEORGE CRAWFORD

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

PRESENTED BY: Northwest Arkansas Chapter—MOAA

IN MEMORY OF: SGM George W. Crawford, U.S. Army

LIVED FROM: 8 June 1926 to 20 March 2020

FATHER OF: Chapter Member, COL Robert Crawford

Sergeant Major (SGM) George Crawford was born on June 8, 1926, in Saint Paul, Arkansas. SGM Crawford grew up in Saint Paul and upon high school graduation joined the U.S. Army to serve his country during World War II. He served 30 years in the Army while rising to the most senior enlisted rank.

SGM Crawford was deployed to numerous locations overseas during his military career, to include service in three wartime combat zones: World War II, the Korean War, and two tours in Viet Nam. He received numerous commendations including two awards of the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Legion of Merit, four Bronze Star Medals, along with many others.

His service awards include the National Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Army Occupation of Japan Medal, Army Occupation of Germany Medal, United Nations Medal, Korean Service Medals with one Silver Star and one Bronze Star, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and Viet Nam Service Medal with four Bronze Stars.

George met his future wife, Ms. Lynette Kattner, on July 4, 1947, while assigned to Fort Hood, Texas. They got married on July 5, 1948, and had their first child, Sandy, on July 6, 1949. After Sandy, four boys were born: Skipp (George, Jr), Bob, Jim, and Jerry.

Upon his retirement from the Army in 1974, George and Lynette moved to Belton, Texas. George enjoyed working at Morale, Welfare, and Recreation at Fort Hood and on his 27-acre farm. His one-acre garden virtually became a full-time job as he raised more than enough fruits and vegetables for family and friends. He and Lynette enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe, and treasured numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

George was a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, the American Legion, the National Rifle Association, Bell County Sportsman Club, he served on the Belton City Council, and was a longtime member of the 1st United Methodist Church in Belton.

He was a true patriot and loved his family, his community, and his country