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8th Armored Division Monument Dedication Ceremony

On Saturday June 25th, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) and the Army Heritage Center Foundation will host American Legion Post 405 for a dedication ceremony of a monument to commemorate the service of WWII's 8th Armored Division. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the Memorial Grove area on the Army Heritage Trail. The public is invited.

The 8th Armored Division landed in Europe on January 5, 1945. Initial operations of the unit were to stop German advances during the Battle of the Bulge. The division subsequently participated in the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe campaigns.

Attending the dedication will be two (2) WWII veterans.

- **Jake Ruser, 95 years old, was a combat medic assigned to the 12th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division.** He landed on D-Day and participated in the Battle of Hurtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. He is a member of American Legion Post 405 and Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Delaware Valley Chapter at the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains.

- **Benjamin Berry, 99 years old, served in the** Quartermaster Corps assigned to the 3rd Army. He landed in Normandy on D+22 and provided logistical support to the forward troops for the rest of the war. He is a member of American Legion Post 405 and Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Delaware Valley Chapter at the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains.

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