



## VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE, Inc

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To Members of the Family of PFC Elroy LeJeune  
Memorial Day 2012

I am honored to send greetings from the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Inc. to the family of Elroy LeJeune in the celebration of his life this Memorial Day, 2012.

The Battle of the Bulge which occurred in Belgium and Luxembourg from December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945 was the greatest land engagement ever fought by the U. S. Army and the deadliest battle of World War II. PFC Elroy LeJeune was killed in action on January 16, 1945 in Luxembourg just a week before the end of this major battle. 19,000 Americans gave their lives and 62,000 of Elroy's brothers-in-arms were also wounded.

The costly victory sealed Germany's fate, overcame Hitler's tyranny, and lead to the end of the war in Europe.

The actions of PFC Elroy LeJeune and other Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) in that hard winter of 1944-45 set an example of heroism and bravery for future generations of American Soldiers and has raised the standard for the American war fighter. Today's warriors embrace the same fighting spirit, relentless determination, and value of those who experienced great adversity, war-time atrocities, and untold hardship on the battlefield in and near the Ardennes Forest of Belgium and Luxembourg.

On behalf of VBOB we salute the life, valor and great sacrifice of Elroy LeJeune and honor his service -- a service that has motivated millions of Americans.

Very truly yours,

David Bailey, National President  
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