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Desmond Doss remembered 75 years after heroic actions in WWII

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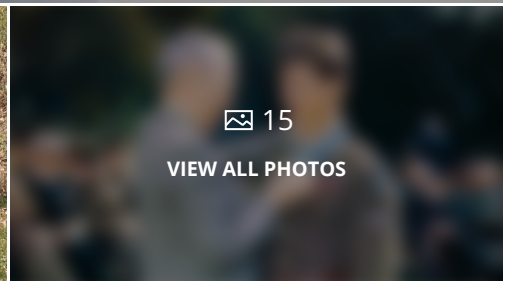
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A plaque describing the personal story of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Desmond Doss, is part of the Okinawa display at The National WWII Museum, in New Orleans, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016. (AP Photo/Max Becherer)

BEDFORD Co., Va. (WSET) -- This week marks the 75th anniversary that local World War II hero

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[Desmond T. Doss](#) was a United States Army corporal who served as a combat medic in World War II after growing up in Lynchburg.



Desmond Doss (Desmond Doss Council)

Doss went into battle [unarmed](#), because his religious beliefs did not allow him to kill.

He saved the lives of his fellow serviceman and his story is one that's lived all over the country, in the film [Hacksaw Ridge which won two Academy awards](#), and in Lynchburg where he received the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions and [two historic markers](#).

One of his historical markers is at Monument Terrace and the other is at the corner of Campbell Avenue and Mosby Street.

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Desmond Doss, Jr. helps unveil the marker for his father, Desmond T. Doss at Campbell Avenue and Mosby Street in July 2017 (WSET)

On May 4, 1945 during the Battle of Okinawa, Doss helped rescue at least 75 wounded men, including some Japanese soldiers, by lowering them down a cliff and treating their injuries. Doss was presented the Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman on October 12, 1945.

His son Desmond Doss Jr. said this was how his father showed love to not just his fellow soldiers, but those they were fighting.

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Desmond Doss receives the Medal of Honor by Harry Truman in 1945 (Library of Virginia)

"By his actions, we see what unconditional love looks like, we get to see what compassion looks like, we get to see what forgiveness looks like, we got to see what acceptance for all people looks like," Doss, Jr. said.

He passed away on March 23, 2006 at his home in Alabama.

Doss' [childhood home now serves as a home](#) for formerly homeless veterans.

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The former home of Desmond T. Doss in Lynchburg has now been converted into a home for homeless veterans in the area (WSET)

Lynchburg Mayor Treney Tweedy even declared October 12 as Desmond T. Doss day each year in the City of Lynchburg.

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