

Lehigh Valley Veterans History
Project Roundtable

Lehigh Valley Active Life
1633 Elm Street
Allentown, PA
Friday, August 14, 2026
7:00 P.M. (1900 hours)

SPEAKER

S.M.SGT. Harry Miller

U.S. Army Veteran (10 years)
U.S. Air Force Veteran (12 years)
World War II Veteran
Korean War Veteran
Vietnam War Veteran
Cold War Veteran

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Harry Miller is 101 years old, and he is one of the 31,000 WWII Veterans remaining among us! He enlisted in the U.S. Army on his 16th birthday in 1944. Miller trained as a tank crewman at Fort Knox and was deployed to Europe, landing in France (October, 1944). Assigned to the 740th Tank Battalion, he played a crucial role in the Battle of the Bulge, helping to assemble and operate tanks under dire conditions. His Unit notably stopped a German armored advance at Stoumont, Belgium, turning the tide against Kampfgruppe Peiper of the 1st SS Panzer Division. Also in Stoumont, at the Sanatorium there were many Belgian children huddled in the basement in fear of their lives. The Germans were pushed from this area and the children were liberated. Miller participated in several key campaigns, including crossing the Siegfried Line, along with the 82nd Airborne Division after a long hard fight. His Battalion was next attached to the 8th Infantry Division and crossed the flooded Roer and Rhine Rivers. They made a final push to the Baltic Sea, which blocked the Soviet Army from advancing into Denmark. After WWII Miller served in the U.S. Occupation Forces in Germany, performing duties such as message center chief and border security with the U.S. Constabulary, a police force replacing state police in the U.S. Zone. At this point the war was declared over on May 8, 1945. Miller was assigned to the 39th Infantry Regiment at Bad Tolz. While there he was ordered to scout through the Alps looking for Martin Borman, Hitler's former secretary. In 1948 Miller was assigned to General MacArthur's HQ in Tokyo, Japan, where he led a forward communications team. During the Korean War, Miller set up and operated communication centers in Korea, supporting MacArthur's operations. Miller's Air Force career focused on communications security, cryptologic inspections, and handling classified codes at various bases in the U.S., Alaska, and Europe. He played a role in air operations planning during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War, including B-52 strike planning. Harry Miller received more than 20 Medals/Ribbons for participating in a number of campaigns during his long and successful military career. His honorable and decorated military service spanned over two decades, marked by frontline combat, intelligence, and communicating leadership across WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War. "Thank You, Sir" ... well done!