Lou Cunningham

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An honors graduate from Bangor High School Class of 42, he entered the U.S. ARMY and trained as a radio operator. Serving in Germany as a member of the 106th Reconnaissance Troop, 106th Infantry Division, during the Battle of the Bulge, he was captured along with many others of the l06th Infantry Division and spent the rest of the war in German prison camps, almost dying of starvation.

Upon his release by British forces, he recuperated in France before his return to the U.S. in June 1945 when he married his high school sweetheart Charlotte Fletcher, and returned to Maine after his discharge from the Army in December 1945.

After his retirement, he volunteered at Valley Forge National Park and served on the Board of the Lansdale, PA Community Concerts. Service organizations he belonged to include American Ex-Prisoners of War, VFW, American Legion, 106th Infantry Division Association and especially the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, which he actively supported for years, serving as their National President in 2002-3 remaining on their Board through 2016.



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