

Abram Lawrence "Bud" Morse, Sr.

106th Infantry Division

RAPID RIVER- Abram Lawrence "Bud" Morse Sr. will be honored during a Veteran of the Month ceremony Tuesday at the Walter W. Cole American Legion Post 301 of Rapid River.

Patterned after a national program established by the American Legion, a new Veteran of the Month is honored each month in a formal service at the Legion. The program will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Already married and the father of three children at 21, when called to duty Oct. 9, 1944, Abram L. "Bud" Morse Sr. answered his country's call to arms as a private in the Army.

Morse was assigned to duty with the 112th Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, and later served with the 106th Division in the European Theatre as a rifleman.

As World War II was waning in Europe, Morse earned the European, Africa, Middle Eastern Theatre medal, and the World War II Victory medal.

As Allied forces began demobilizing following the end of World War II, Morse returned stateside.

After his honorable discharge from the Army, Morse worked for Packard Motor Car, and later as a truck driver, eventually becoming a truck terminal manager until his retirement in 1985.

Morse was a member of American Legion Post 301 in Rapid River, where he moved from Houghton Lake with his wife, Leota, who he married in 1941.

At the time of his passing in 2009, Morse left behind not only his three children but also 82 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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