



## WWII Veteran Andre Chappaz is turning 96 years young on September 14<sup>th</sup>!

**Let's make Andre's birthday extra special by sending him lots of birthday cards: 1635 Palomino Lane, Escondido, CA 92025.**

Andre was an art student living in San Francisco when he was called to serve in the war in 1943. When he left for the South Pacific as a member of the Army Corps of Engineers, he took his pencils, pens and drawing paper with him. Chappaz spent 4 months in Guam, eight months on Okinawa and 72 days at sea, chronicling his experience in about 100 drawings. He also helped to build airfields for B-29 bombers on the Mariana Islands and Ryukus. While on Okinawa, he was part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Army that was staging for the invasion of Japan. Hokkaido was designated as the unit's landing area.

Andre's awards include: Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, Asiatic Pacific (w/2 bronze service stars), WWII Victory Medal, Japanese Occupation Medal, Marksman Badge (M-1 Rifle) and Meritorious Service Patch.

Since his Honor Flight to DC in May of 2014, Andre continues to attend many Honor Flight events and other veteran events wearing his original Army uniform! He enjoys visiting schools sharing his military experience with our youth.

No slowing down for Andre. At almost 96 years old, he still downhill skis and does weekly bike rides.



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**World War II Veteran Dominic  
“Monte” Montemarano  
Is Turning 96 Years Young on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

**DOMINIC “MONTE” MONTEMARANO**  
Private First Class  
U. S. Army  
World War II

Combat Infantryman

MEDALS-RIBBONS: Good Conduct, American Campaign,  
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign, World War II Victory

Served two years with the 7th Army, 5th Infantry Division in Central  
Europe and the Rhineland.

7th Army      5th Infantry Division

**Monte went on one of the very first Honor Flights in 2011. After his “Tour of Honor” flight, he traveled throughout the San Diego community for many years with Honor Flight San Diego Founder Dave Smith in order to help promote Honor Flight. Monte has spoken before countless San Diego civic organizations raising donation funds and veteran groups sharing his military experiences and his support for Honor Flight. Thank you Monte!!**

**Birthday cards can be mailed to Monte at  
8988 Allenbrook Wy, San Diego CA 92129**

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