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## Sen. Frank Barnitz Presents Bronze Star to World War II Veteran

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, was proud to honor Kurt C. Irons of Salem by recently presenting him with a Bronze Star Medal from the U.S. Army. Sen. Barnitz also presented the World War II veteran with a Senate Resolution to commemorate the award.

Irons served in the Army from September 4, 1943, until December 26, 1945, and had already received a Soldiers Medal for saving the life of a fellow soldier in France, the Good Conduct Medal, three Bronze Battle Stars, and a Bronze Arrowhead while on active duty.

Irons received the Bronze Star, which may be awarded for bravery, acts of merit, or meritorious service, for his actions in the Battle of Anzio at the beginning of the liberation of Italy from Nazi domination. During that battle, he took actions to neutralize enemy mines and booby traps.

"It is an honor to be able to present Mr. Irons with this Bronze Star Medal, and I am proud to have such a brave and dedicated veteran in the 16<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District," said Sen. Barnitz. "He is truly deserving of this distinction for his brave service to our country."

Sen. Barnitz presented the Bronze Star Medal and Senate Resolution at the Veterans Memorial Dedication in Salem on August 22.



Senator Frank Barnitz presents a Senate Resolution commemorating Kurt C. Irons, who received a Bronze Star Medal for his service in World War II.

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