

September 8, 2005

Mr. John N. Hackney, Jr.
1130 Watson Drive
Wilson, North Carolina 27893

Dear Mr. Hackney:

This information is provided to be used during the introductions on Tuesday September 13, 2005, at Barton College.

RE: (Mr.) M. L. Banner, Veteran WWII.

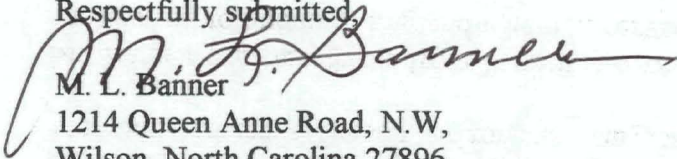
M. L. Banner presently resides at 1214 Queen Anne Road, N.W., Wilson, North Carolina. He attended A & T State University prior to being called into service with the United States Army during World War II. He completed his basic training at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and additional training as a surgical technician in the Army Medical Corps at Camp Pickett, Virginia. He was later transferred to the Station Hospital at Davis Monthon Airbase in Tucson, Arizona as a surgical technician.

Mr. Banner was transferred from Tucson, Arizona to Taunton, Massachusetts for further deployment to Sudbury, England where he served in a station hospital to support a trucking battalion that provided bombs to the 8th. Air Force for assaults on enemy positions in France and Berlin, Germany. After "D" Day. Mr. Banner returned to the United States, and was honorably discharged on December 3, 1945 with decorations and citations including European-African Middle Eastern Ribbon WWII, American Theater Ribbon, Bronze Star and World War II Victory Medal.

After discharge from the army, Mr. Banner immediately enrolled at Howard University in Washington, D.C., where he earned a baccalaureate degree. He completed further study at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Penn State University located in Belfonte, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Banner's career included more than 35 years of public service at the local, state and federal levels of government. He retired from the United States Department of Commerce, and relocated to Wilson, North Carolina on May 19, 1989.

Respectfully submitted,


M. L. Banner

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✓ cc: Mrs. Betty McCain