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Lieutenant Colonel

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**Award:** Honoring Our Veterans

**Year:** 2013

Lieutenant Colonel Roswell L. Crozier, Jr. has dedicated a lifetime of service to his country, to his community and to Steuben County, New York.

Enlisting in the United States Army Air Corps (later to become the United States Air Force) at the start of World War II, “Roz” Crozier served with the 443rd Troop Carrier Group and participated in many of the War’s signature battles and operations including the Invasion of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, Operation Crossbow and Operation Market Garden, as well as in the Ardennes, Rome-Arno and Rhineland campaigns.

Among numerous military medals and campaign ribbons, Roz is a recipient of the Bronze Star, the fifth-highest combat decoration awarded by the United States Armed Forces.

Following his WWII service and culminating a 25-year career in the Air Force, during the early years of the Cold War Lt. Col. Crozier commanded Chennault Air Force Base, a United States Air Force Strategic Air Command base near Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Upon retiring from the Air Force, Roz returned to Steuben County where he has spent a lifetime of community and public service in numerous capacities. He served as Executive Vice President of the Corning Chamber of Commerce and has been active in organizations including Corning Crossroads, Three Rivers Development and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Roz served as a Trustee of the Village of Painted Post, New York from 1987 to 1996. His first tenure as the Mayor of Painted Post was from 1996 to 2002. He was re-elected Mayor in 2010 and continues to serve in that capacity.