



Sergeant York Says



Pall Mall, Tennessee

Enfield Model 1917 Rifle



Châtel Chéhéry, France

12-13-1887 to 9-2-1964

Company G, 328th Infantry, 82nd Division
 Congressional Medal of Honor • Croix de Guerre • Legion of Honor • Distinguished Service Cross
 War Medal (Montenegro) • French Legion of Honor • Légion d'honneur

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Restoration of York Institute Preserves Legacy of Sgt. York

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The National Register of Historic Places-recognized York Agricultural Institute building, slated for demolition in 2008 by its owner, the State of Tennessee Department of Education, was the subject of numerous news stories throughout the country and several emotion-filled public hearings on Capitol Hill in Nashville last year.



After months of struggle, the State agreed to turn over the building to the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation, a 501c3 organization formed by descendants of Sgt. York – including his three surviving children – and many devotees of the reluctant young World War I soldier from Pall Mall, Tenn., whose resolve in battle brought him worldwide recognition. However, instead of personally capitalizing on his military accomplishments, one of the most highly-decorated American soldiers to serve in the First World War, looked to the future.

*When asked,
 "How do you want to be remembered?"
 Sgt. York always replied,
 "For improving education in Tennessee."*

“When I went out into that big outside world I realized how uneducated I was and what a terrible handicap it was,” York wrote. “I was called to lead my people toward a sensible modern education.” Though York’s efforts, including fundraising on a national scale and twice mortgaging his own home, the school of which he had dreamed opened in 1925.

“His vision was not limited to the education of children from the remote Cumberland Plateau region,” said Dr. Michael Birdwell, Associate Professor of History at Tennessee Technological University and Archivist of Alvin C. York’s papers. “He wanted to include interested adults as well. He set a tremendous example. He reminded them when he spoke, of his own former limitations, but that by reading, thinking and asking questions, he broadened his own understanding of the world.”

York presided over every graduation ceremony until his stroke in 1948 but continued to make regular visits to the school up into the late 1950s, until he grew too frail. When the building was abandoned for a more modern facility, neglect took a serious toll on the venerable structure.

SGT. YORK DIGGING FOOTER FOR YAI IN WHITE SHIRT, CENTER



“The foundation he helped dig and walls he helped build remained solid, although bricks were falling from its façade,” Birdwell commented, observing that “glass remained in few windows, and birds nested in the building’s rafters. The building that should have been a monument to that achievement sat as a derelict shell of what it should be.”

With the commitment of the Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation and the cooperation of the State’s education department, the building is currently being stabilized and will be restored for use, once again, as an educational facility, both preserving York’s legacy and fulfilling his dream.



York Institute revitalization bringing opportunities to current and future students

The preservation of York Institute's original building is well underway, with Phase I (remediation) of the project completed in June and Phase II (stabilization) in progress. Through the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation's fundraising activities, coupled with a donation from the State of Tennessee and generous donations of individuals, the building will be preserved while funding is being raised to restore it to its former educational purposes.

York Institute Superintendent Phil Brannon said the work being completed on the campus is creating a healthy, safe environment for current students. He said he anticipates adaptive reuse of the revitalized structure will alleviate the overcrowding through development of additional

classroom space. Another possibility is a state-of-the-art computer lab and space for utilization of new technologies that will better prepare York students for the future.

"We want to help bring these plans to fruition," SYPF Executive Director Claudia Nichols said of the York Foundation. "We have made a major commitment of time, resources and money to save this building and return it to the purpose for which Sgt. York intended it. Now is the time for everyone to work together with Mr. Brannon and the Foundation to raise the necessary money quickly so the children can further benefit from the Foundation's commitment."

To offer assistance in the Foundation's fundraising efforts, contact Nichols at 931-347-2664.



CORRELL JOINS GLOBAL EFFORT TO SAVE YAI



WARD CORRELL (CENTER) OF CUMBERLAND LAKE SHELL, INC., RECEIVED AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE FROM THE TWO SURVIVING SONS OF CORRELL'S FRIEND AND HERO, THE LATE SGT. ALVIN C. YORK. REPRESENTING THE SERGEANT YORK PATRIOTIC FOUNDATION, GEORGE EDWARD YORK (LEFT) AND ANDREW YORK (RIGHT) ACKNOWLEDGED CORRELL'S \$100,000 COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL BUILT BY THE WWI HERO IS SAVED FROM DEMOLITION. THE PLAQUE PRESENTED TO CORRELL INCLUDED AN ORIGINAL CANCELLED CHECK WRITTEN BY SGT. YORK IN 1933 AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF YORK INSTITUTE, NOW UNDERGOING RESTORATION.

SYPF in the (good) news

George Edward York, the 86-year-old son of Sgt. York, spoke to a group of veterans and their guests on July 14 in Edgewater, Fla. York explained to a packed house how his father's legacy has been endangered with the threatened demolition of York Institute's original building. The event was covered in the *Daytona New Journal's* print and online editions.

Knoxville's **WBIR**, local NBC television affiliate, has been covering events surrounding the preservation of York Institute for more than a year. On July 1, 2009, SYPF Executive Director Claudia Nichols appeared in a 5-minute live broadcast interview to discuss progress and plans for rehabilitation of the building. **WBIR** followed up with an online story explaining to viewers how to contribute to the York Institute project.

A full-page article about the Sgt. York's patriotic activities during World War II was published in the Aug. 9, 2009, edition of the Cookeville *Herald-Citizen*. York archivist and SYPF board member Dr. Michael Birdwell wrote the article for the "Cumberland Tales" series.

Three Certificates of Merit Honor Efforts to Save York Institute

A year-long effort to save the historic original building of the York Institute has brought recognition to Fentress County and the Upper Cumberland.

"These awards honor those working to protect and advance Tennessee's unique history," said Patrick McIntyre, executive director of the Tennessee Historical Commission.

The Commission recently awarded a 2009 Certificate of Merit the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation recognizing the group's ongoing efforts to save the original York Institute building established by World War I hero Alvin C. York. To rescue the structure from demolition by the state, the Foundation committed to raise funds for and oversee the stabilization and renovation of the two-story brick building used as a school for Fentress County between 1927 and 1979, when it was abandoned for a more modern structure. It has since been listed in the National Register of Historic Places and was recently elevated to "National Significance" status by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Also honored with a Certificate of Merit was Fentress County Executive John B. Mullinix. The Award called Mullinix "a vocal and dedicated leader who has championed the effort to save the original York Institute building."

"Historic preservation projects as well as work in the field of history are recognized through the program," explained McIntyre.

In another, separate, recognition, Dr. Michael Birdwell, a professor in the history department at Tennessee State University, was singled out for his work to save York Institute and as a recognized scholar specializing in the study of Sgt. Alvin C. York's life.

Mullinix accepted the certificates on behalf of himself, the Foundation and Birdwell at the annual statewide meeting of Tennessee's development districts earlier this summer.

The awards program, begun by the Tennessee Historical Commission in 1975, recognizes individuals or groups throughout the state that have worked to conserve or highlight Tennessee's cultural heritage during the past year.

Black Powder Shoot Conjures Past



The **18th Annual Sgt. Alvin C. York Black Powder Shoot** is set for Saturday, March 27, 2010, in the Valley of the Three Forks of the Wolf River at Pall Mall.

The cost is \$35 for 10, one-shot matches, with the score being the total measurement of all 10 shots. Competition events include X-center, over-the-log, 60 paces and traditional muzzleloading rifles. There are prizes for overall top score, best "X" of the day and best-costumed man and woman.

The women's costume contest encourages old dresses, hose with back seams, bonnets, etc. The men's competition could include bibbed overalls, wide ties, old suit jacket with wide lapels, fedora hats and more.

Only traditional rifles, flint or percussion, either traditional hunting or "old style" traditional target type are acceptable. There is no limit to weight or caliber. No false muzzles, no sealed ignition, no in-line actions, no thumbhole or adjustable stocks and no padded butt plates are allowed. Rifles must shoot black powder with patched lead round balls, no bullets. Shaders are permitted, but must not extend past the rear of the breech. For additional rules, visit www.sgyork.org. The \$35 registration fee includes the \$5 membership in Alvin York Rifles and \$30 match fee. Call 317-422-9750 for registration information.



Christmas in the Valley set for Dec. 12, 2009, 5-8 p.m.

- 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Santa visits and gives gift bags to the kids
- 5 p.m. Singing by Sgt. York's children Ed York & Betsy York Lowrey
- 5:30 p.m. Lantern Walk to church on Trail across Swinging Bridge
- 6 p.m. Community Choir performs at the Wolf River Methodist Church followed by a gathering at the York General Store for entertainment and snacks...guitar, finger foods, punch, cider and hot cocoa.
- 8 p.m. Drawing to give away Sgt. York action figure



Veteran's Day 2009

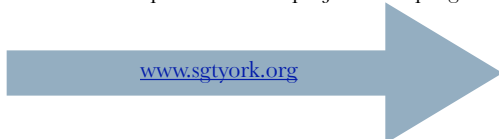
All members of the Armed Forces, past and present, are invited to Pall Mall on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2009, for the annual Veterans Day Program sponsored by the Foundation. Beginning at 11 a.m., the activities include presentation of colors, dignitary speeches and music.

Guests will congregate in the parking area around the York home site and are invited to purchase their lunch at York General Store (operated by the SYPF) while they spend time in fellowship with other veterans and members of the York family.

Donations to the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation are tax deductible. We invite you to help us carry on the legacy of one of America's greatest heroes.

Visit the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation on the Internet for up-to-date information on events, progress on the YAI restoration, history, photos, online store and more. You can even join the SYPF online or make a donation to help with SYPF's projects and programs.

www.sgyork.org



Comment on SYPF news at www.sgyorkpatrioticfoundation.blogspot.com



Sgt. York Day 2008 – what an event!

To commemorate the 90th anniversary of Alvin C. York's fight in the Argonne Forest the SYPF organized the inaugural Sgt. York Day celebration in October 2008. The daylong event featured speakers, music, reenactors and the unveiling of the bronze bust of Sgt. York sculpted by Dr. Sam Barnes. Among the speakers were Tennessee Technological University President Bob Bell, who presented soil from the York battle site at the behest of the French citizens from Chatel-Chehery.

Politicians, military personnel and other dignitaries mingled with the crowd of roughly 2,000. Other features included exhibits, crafts and special tours of the site. Dr. Tom Nolan of MTSU and Dr. Michael Birdwell discussed their archaeological work in the Argonne Forest and displayed a number of artifacts unearthed at the York battle site.

A number of specialty items were sold at the event, including a limited edition four-blade Case congress knife, T-shirts, coffee mugs and an Alvin C. York action figure. The event exceeded expectations on that cold October day.

"This is a great day," George Edward York noted, adding, "Dad would have been proud."



Sgt. York Day 2009 – don't miss it!

The second annual Sgt. York Day, set for Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (CST) at the homeplace and park in Pall Mall, offers a wide variety of festivities for all ages, including tours of the original homeplace and ranger-led hikes along the nature trail, Wolf River, gravesite, Bible school and Wolf River Methodist Church. The general store will serve concessions, and the 2009 YAI commemorative limited edition pewter ornament is available for purchase there. The Southeast Veteran's Museum will exhibit its WWI Living History Exhibition presented by SVM Director Louis Varnell. The Tennessee National Guard plans to provide the Climbing Wall.

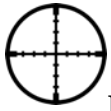
The children's activities area will be expanded to include a turkey target shoot, kayaking with Against the Flow, Ms. Lauren's Corn Husk Dolls and Yarn Art, a bouncy house, pick-up ducks, bean bag toss, horseshoes and a Sgt. York Look-A-Like Contest. The popular Sgt. York Student Art Contest will be back this year with the winning drawings being on display during the event.

New this year will be a Senior Citizen's Essay Contest, in which citizens aged 65 and over, are being asked to write a short story no longer than 1,000 words on a theme that focuses on the life of Sgt. Alvin C. York and how his ideals and character have impacted their life, views on Christianity, WWI, Education in Rural Areas or other pertinent topics. The writing must be an unpublished original work. First place for the essay contest will be \$100 with the work being published in the November issue of *Senior Times*.

More details and prize information for both contests is posted on www.SgtYork.org.

York family members will be on site to welcome guests and sign books, tapes and souvenirs. Food and craft vendors will offer their wares again this year.

Bruce York will be there with his York Genealogy Database. Plus, there will be plenty of live entertainment throughout the day. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to spend the day in one of the most beautiful valleys in Tennessee – The Valley of the Three Forks in Pall Mall.



Focus on SYPF Supporters

The **Willard M. and Ruth Mayer Johnson** Charitable Foundation has pledged \$250,000 over five years toward York Institute's restoration and adaptive reuse as an educational facility. The Willard M. and Ruth Mayer Johnson Charitable Foundation was created by the estates of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson in 2001. Willard Johnson was born in Fentress County, Tenn., in 1906 and met his future wife while both were students at Maryville College. Married in 1929, they lived in Jamestown, Tenn., until 1942, when they moved to Texas. Mrs. Johnson taught at York Institute. Their son, **John W. Johnson**, has made this \$250,000 gift in memory of his parents.

John and Barbara Evans, Next Generation Underwriters of Hendersonville, Tenn., have made several generous financial contributions to the SYPF, including providing funding to purchase insurance for the York Institute building stabilization project. They have since offered the professional staff members of their company to assist with research, clerical and technical needs as the Foundation seeks grants and other funding. The Evans are underwriting the match funding for a grant that, if awarded by the Appalachian Regional Commission, would install interpretive audio visual equipment and signage at Sgt. York-associated locations around Pall Mall.

Many individuals have made donations to the SYPF to assist us in accomplishing our mission. Some have offered financial support, with gifts ranging from a few dollars to hundreds of thousands. Others have offered their time and expertise. Some have donated the professional services of their businesses. Many of these are people who know of Sgt. York and share the Foundation's desire to preserve his legacy and promote his ideals to a new generation.

Others are SYPF Board members, all unpaid by the Foundation, who spend valuable hours away from their home or business continuing the good work began by Sgt. York. The SYPF welcomes your contribution of time, expertise, financial support and prayers.

Sergt. York Gets \$215 for Schools.
Alvin C. York, ex-Sergeant in the 348th Infantry, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery in action, made an appeal in the West Side Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon for funds to re-establish rural schools in four Southern States—Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky and West Virginia. The audience subscribed \$215.30.

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Cruise In at York General Store Brought Visitors to the Valley

The first York General Store Cruise-In was held June 20, 2009, adjacent to the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation's store and visitor center at Pall Mall.

"It was a *huge* success," said SYPF board member

Angie York, who organized the event. "There were more than 50 unique cars from different areas, along with other guests who came along to view these gorgeous cars."

Participants included several cars from a local car club, Southfork Cruisers, along with vehicles from Byrdstown and Monticello, Ky. Several motorcycles

stopped by as well.

Entertainment was provided by cosponsor Back Road Runners and Speed Shop (www.backroadrunnersandspeedshop.webs.com) on the porch of the York Honeymoon Cottage.



More than 200,000 visit Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park Annually

Robin Peeler, Park Manager

Sgt. Alvin C. York State Park is privileged to host visitors from all over the world. Guests have traveled from as far away as Germany, South Korea, France and Poland to visit the home of the famed World War I hero. Americans are also enamored with the man and the veteran that was Sgt. York.

Often visitors have been "tuned in" to the site by the movie *Sgt. York* or an interest in history. Travelers endlessly arrive from across the State of Tennessee and America to tour Alvin York's home and community.

Visitation has been steady over the years and is measured by traffic counters, which counts cars and uses a formula to estimate the number of visitors. The sign-in book in the York Home records data about where visitors reside.

Over the last five years or so the visitation has been about 223,500 visitors annually. Most of the park guests stop in at the General Store and the York Home.

Both locations provide an interpretive video and displays. For those still seeking insight into York's life, they may cross the road to take in the scenery at the historic York Mill or enjoy a walk on the .6 mile Sgt.

York Nature Trail that travels between the York Home and the cemetery where Sgt. York is buried. Whether stopping briefly for a picture opportunity or an in depth tour of the park, there is something for all York enthusiasts at Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park.

The park is located on U.S.

Highway 127 at Pall Mall, Tenn. Call 931-879-6456 for more information or visit tn.gov/environment/parks/SgtYork/environment/parks/SgtYork/.



Ornament Depicts York Institute in Days Gone By

The historic York Agricultural Institute building in Jamestown, Tenn., is depicted in a limited-edition pewter ornament created exclusively for sale by the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation.

Profits from sale of the \$15 work of art go directly into the YAI restoration. These funds will help the Foundation in meeting its goals to match a \$500,000 dollar-for-dollar grant from the State of Tennessee earmarked exclusively for remediation and stabilization of the 1920s era building.

Artist Ben Cordsen, owner of Colorado-based Cordsen Design Studio, created a similar ornament depicting the clock tower of the Fentress County Courthouse.

“Alvin York's lasting legacy for Tennessee was previously unknown to me,” Cordsen said. “Through the research of subjects for sculpture I have gained a better understanding of people, events and circumstances beyond my own experience. Sgt. York was certainly a figure to emulate.”

Cordsen has been a full-time sculptor since the early 1970s and has cast pewter in his own foundry more than 25 years.

“The metal I used for the keepsake ornament is fine, lead free pewter that is easy to work, very durable and gives a soft antique finish when completed,” Cordsen said. “The casting temperature is 600°.”

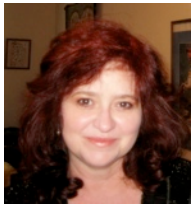
Each ornament is hand finished in the Cordsen family studio, buffed and lacquer sealed with a hanging ribbon for display. In addition, the York Institute keepsake has been designed to stand on a shelf or tabletop without the ribbon.

“I hope the ornament depicting the York Institute will be a successful fund raiser bringing many people together in remembering the Institute and the place it has had in the community,” the artist said. “I am excited to provide the keepsake ornament for the York Institute and do my small part helping raise funds for the restoration and rededication of the York Institute building.”

The ornaments are available at the York General Store in Pall Mall, at Sgt. York Day on Oct. 17, online at www.sgtyork.org, from foundation board members and at various businesses in Jamestown.



York Foundation hires executive director to promote, preserve hero's legacy



The Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation has named Claudia Johnson-Nichols as Executive Director to head up the Pall Mall-based nonprofit organization's preservation, promotion, fundraising and outreach programs.

“We are especially pleased to have such an experienced person join our Foundation on a full-time basis,” said Gerald York, grandson of Sgt. York and Chairman of the SYPF Board of Directors.

“The expertise and contacts she has will enable us to move the Foundation forward and to accomplish our goals in a more expeditious manner.”

Johnson-Nichols, who assumed duties for the Foundation June 1, was most recently editor-in-chief of the Cumberland Business Journal. A Giles County native, she earned her bachelor's degree from Union University in 1980 and has spent her career in community development, public relations, marketing or professional writing. She was one of nine coordinators statewide for the Tennessee Homecoming '86 project.

The new director has long been involved with historic organizations and projects. She was honored with a First Place award in the Tennessee Press Association's annual competition in 2005 for her work on the 150th anniversary special issue of the Pulaski Citizen. Her multidimensional marketing plan to promote the *Pulaski Citizen's* Sesquicentennial garnered a 2005 Certificate of Merit from the Tennessee Historical Commission.

In 1989 she co-authored *Giles Heirlooms: Historic Recipes and Places*, a collection of stories and historic recipes now in its second printing. Her 250-page book about the correlation between community newspaper and preservation of community history, **a page from the past...**, was published in June 2005.

She is the author and presenter of a one-woman show in which she portrays Febb Burn, the mother of the Tennessee legislator that cast the deciding vote to ratify the Constitutional amendment allowing women's suffrage. Further, in an audiovisual program presented dozens of times throughout Tennessee and Alabama, Johnson-Nichols discusses her presence during the examination by Smithsonian forensic anthropologists of a Giles County Civil War soldier buried in a metal coffin (www.claudiajohnson.blogspot.com).

A former president of the 1,000-member Giles County Historical Society, her activities have included The Upper Cumberland Heritage Foundation, The Tennessee Preservation Trust, the Auburntown Historical Society and the Old Walton Road Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Johnson-Nichols is an outspoken advocate of preservation of historical resources, penning numerous articles and speaking extensively on the subject.

“Her commitment to preservation of historic buildings and artifacts and more than two decades experience in promoting history will serve the Foundation well as we remain engaged in a struggle to save the original York Agricultural Institute building,” observed Dr. Michael Birdwell, curator of the Alvin C. York papers and history professor at Tennessee Tech University. “Additionally, Claudia's extensive background in marketing, writing and editing along with her vast network of contacts make her the perfect choice to lead the Foundation in the accomplishment of our goals.”

Johnson-Nichols is available to speak at no charge to groups desiring to learn more about the legacy of Sgt. York and the Foundation's commitment to the principles that defined his life.

Contact Johnson-Nichols at 931-347-2664 or via E-mail at syppdirector@gmail.com.

Sergeant York Says...

During World War II Sergeant Alvin C. York worked in a number of ways for the war effort. He chaired the Fentress County Draft Board, visited training camps across the United States and hosted a weekly radio program entitled **Tennessee Americans**. Additionally, York lent his name to a nationally syndicated column, **Sergeant York Says**, that helped inspire citizens to do their part in the war effort. The Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation's newsletter is named **Sergeant York Says** as a reminder of the work he did at another time America was at war. The year is 1942:



Pall Mall, Tenn., Dec. 31 – We've got an old grumbler up here who knows it all, and what he don't know he suspicions. When the war's pushing along in high gear he says just you wait and see.

So we were sitting around the barber shop in Jimtown the other day chewing the rag and, as usual, this man wasn't satisfied with the war. We asked him to put his finger on the flaw. He just shook his head and went out.

One of the boys was minded of an old woman who lives near him. Said she took pride in her miseries. One fine spring day he asked her how her rheumatiz was. Not hurting. Her back was all right, too. And her sciatica and other complaints seemed to be resting. But she brightened up a little and groaned. The feller asked her what on earth now. She says, "Oh, but such suffering I'm a-going to have next fall when I ketch my head cold!"

Pall Mall, Tenn., Jan. 1 – For years little Joe Goebbels has been hard at convincing the German people that it was going to be a quick victory and then the pie'd be out. He really sold them the bill of goods.

But now Hitler & Co. is fresh out of quick victories. So little Joe has got to take the road and tackle the hardest job any drummer ever had. The boss has ordered him to unsell that cash and carry victory order and put it on the slow note footing - with delivery not guaranteed.

It's going to be right interesting to see how Joe goes at it. So far the best he's done is tell the Germans how fine it is to die young for Hitler. Of course, it is better to die young or not be born than have to live under Hitler. But there's just about as much honor to it as getting cut up in a drunken crap game brawl.

– Contributed by Dr. Michael Birdwell, curator of York papers

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VISIT OUR ONLINE STORE AT WWW.SGTYORK.ORG. JOIN THE FOUNDATION OR MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION AT EITHER LOCATION – ONLINE OR IN PALL MALL.

*The Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation
Invites you to become a Member*

Founded in 1993, the Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation is a non-profit corporation funded by voluntary contributions. It serves to continue historical research, preserve the Sgt. York homeplace, farm and artifacts, restore York Institute and to improve education.

Membership opportunities:

Recruit: Membership Certificate and Quarterly “Sergeant York Says” Journal, \$25

Private: Membership Certificate, Quarterly Journal and Sgt. York t-shirt, \$50

Corporal: Membership Certificate, Quarterly Journal and the book Sgt. York and His People, \$100

Sergeant: Membership Certificate, Quarterly Journal, the book Sgt. York and His People and Sgt. York DVD (both signed by a Sgt. York family member), \$500

Medal of Honor: Membership Certificate, Quarterly Newsletter, copy of Sgt. York DVD, book signed by a Sgt. York family member and a Sgt. York print signed by artist Butch Hodgkins, \$1,000



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