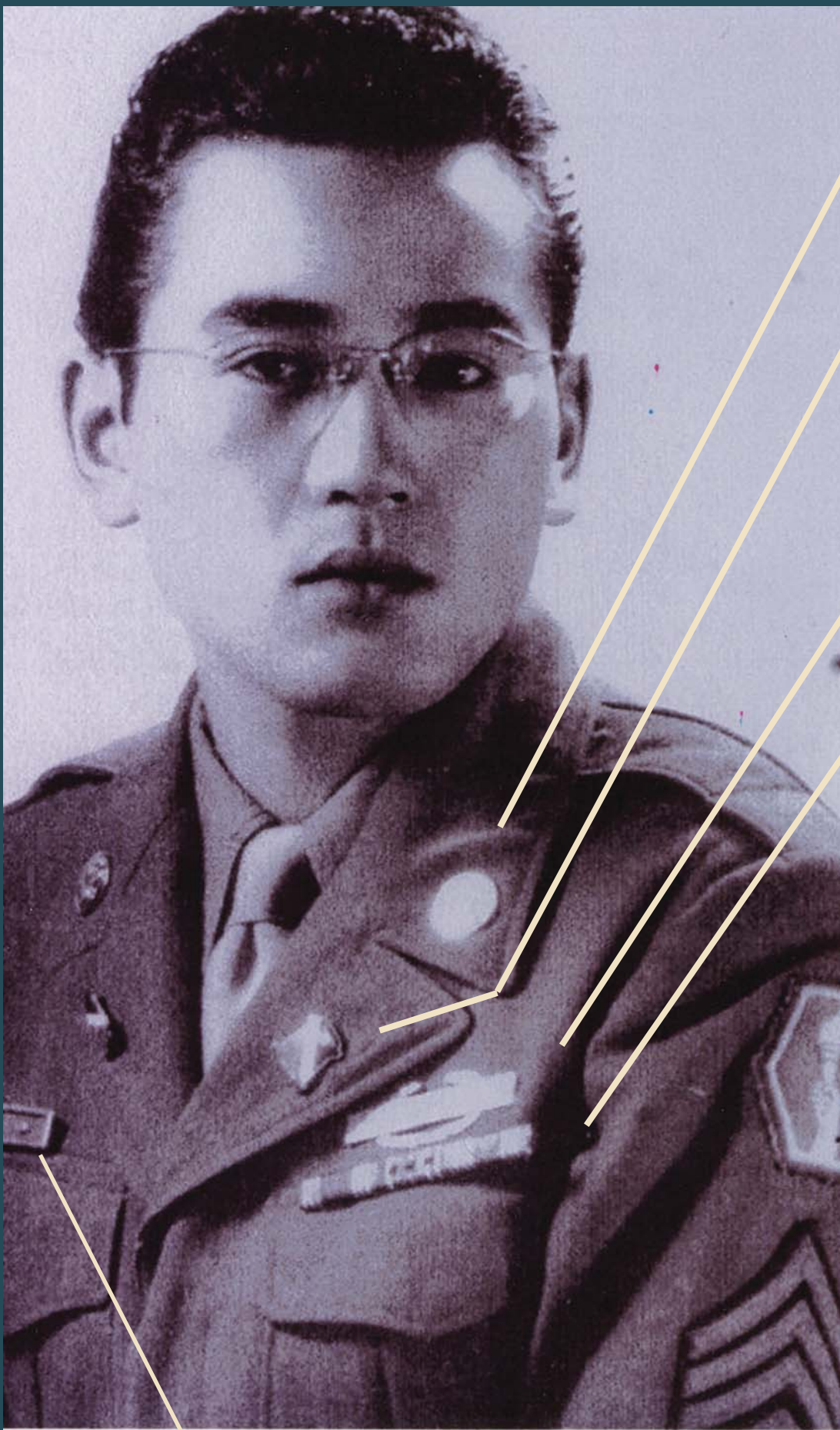


TOM YOSHIKAI

Tom Yoshikai grew up in Salem and served in the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 442nd. His WWII uniform, displayed here and visible in the photograph below can tell you a lot about his service.

Tom T. Yoshikai, July 1946

Courtesy of the Yoshikai Family



Presidential Army Unit Citation

This award shows that his unit, the 442, was honored for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy

HOW TO READ THE UNIFORM

Collar Insignia

Indicates he was a member of the infantry in the U.S. Army.

Distinctive Unit Insignia

Signifies 442nd Regimental Combat team and includes their motto - Go for Broke and an illustration of a Mississippi steamboat to signify place the unit was activated

Combat Infantry Badge

Indicates that he served in active ground combat with the infantry

Ribbons

The three ribbon bars show that he served in the European Theater during World War II and in the occupation forces after VE Day. The three stars show he served in three combat campaigns

Unit Patch

The hand with the torch is the insignia for the 442nd Regiment Combat Team

Chevrons of Grade

Shows rank. Mr. Yoshikai was a sergeant

"Ruptured Duck"



This patch indicates he was honorably discharged. It does not appear in the 1946 picture as he was still in the service