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Award: Honoring Our Veterans

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United States Navy

James Edward Blakely, a native of Thabas, Arkansas, joined the United States Navy in September 1939. He is a true World War II hero. Members of the armed forces like Mr. Blakely, who serve so valiantly and honorably in times of conflict when our country's freedoms are at stake, deserve special recognition from all residents of our nation. For his service, Mr. Blakely cannot be sufficiently extolled for his dedication and service to his nation.

Mr. Blakely served with courage and dignity, earning the Unit Commendation from the Commander of the Pacific Fleet. He also received Commendations for the Iwo Jima and Lingayen Gulf campaigns.

James Blakely served admirably with the rank of United States Navy Cook First Class.