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Father Moritz Fuchs

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The child of Swiss immigrants, Father Moritz Fuchs grew up in Fulton, New York. He was drafted into the United States Army in September 1943 and completed his initial training at Fort Benning. After training Mr. Fuchs became a replacement for the 1st Infantry Division, 26th Regiment, 3rd Battalion.

After arriving in Europe, Father Fuchs engaged in the Battle of Hurtgen Forest, the longest battle fought on German ground during World War II, and the longest single battle the US Army has ever fought. Fighting against German soldiers, nearly every member of his squad

was injured or killed.

At just age 19, Father Fuchs courageously continued and soldiered on through some of the most horrific fighting of World War II. He reached the rank of Staff Sergeant, and earned many commendations, including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, and was selected to serve as bodyguard to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief prosecutor of the Nuremberg Trials.

Shortly after returning from the War, Father Fuchs entered seminary school and went on to serve in several parishes throughout the Oswego region. Today, he is enjoying his retirement and resides in his hometown. Father Moritz Fuchs continues to volunteer at local parishes and is never seen without the Infantry insignia pinned to his lapel.

Father Moritz Fuchs served his country with bravery and honor and continues giving to his community through his dedicated volunteerism. He is a hero not only to our country, but also to Oswego County. We thank him for his courageous service to our nation and his continued commitment to his fellow veterans and community.