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## Arthur Seidman

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Mr. Seidman served in the Army from 1941-1946. He fought in the Pacific Theater, including in New Guinea and the Philippines. He was in training for the invasion of Japan when the Japanese surrendered. Mr. Seidman landed in Japan days after the surrender and served in the occupying forces.

Mr. Seidman earned special commendation for his courage, initiative, and resourcefulness while under heavy fire during the Battle of Luzon. His counterpart in an accompanying battalion was seriously wounded and knocked out of action. Knowing that this loss put

many other soldiers' lives at risk, Mr. Seidman placed himself in harm's way, took over operations and successfully eliminated several enemy artillery positions.

His exemplary actions earned Mr. Seidman many awards and accolades, including the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal.

Following his military service, Mr. Seidman worked in the New York City garment center for 50 years. Since 1996, he has volunteered at North Shore University Hospital, spending time in the cancer center and surgical waiting room helping patients and their families. Hospital officials stated that Mr. Seidman has donated over 14,000 hours of volunteer service. Mr. Seidman's devotion to serving his country and community exemplify the greatness of his generation.

Mr. Seidman resides in Great Neck and recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He is the proud father of two children, Jane and Steven, and loving grandfather of three grandchildren, Kim, Kyle and Margot.