Joe Mehelich, a resident of Shoreline, passed away December 20 at age 99. He would have been 100 next month.

His WWII service is remarkable. He started with General George Patton in North Africa followed by the invasion of Sicily, in the first wave at Omaha Beach on D-Day, with Patton again through France, Battle of the Bulge and met the Russians at River Elbe. He has five stars in his Europe-Middle East-Africa campaign ribbon and received the Silver Starr, Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. I can’t imagine there were many who participated in all those battles and survived.

I was honored to meet Joe a couple of months ago.  There will be a memorial service in February and I will keep you informed. Below is an article by Jerry Picard about Joe's remarkable service to his Country that was written in *Shoreline Area News* 5 years ago when he turned 95.

[https://www.shorelineareanews.com/2018/01/joe-mehelich-american-hero-of-ww-ii.html](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.shorelineareanews.com%2F2018%2F01%2Fjoe-mehelich-american-hero-of-ww-ii.html&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cd39eb27b3d0847027d1508daeb829b87%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638081243428764322%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GEwTSzMhnljhNVpatUn0i1XgmGKGTozwetZCWm%2BQfPk%3D&reserved=0)