

Name:

Myers R. Kurtz

Branch of Service:

U.S. Army

Years of Military Service:

25 years (1942-1967)

Rank upon discharge:

Lt. Colonel

Specialties:

Medical Service Corps - Hospital Administrator

Foreign countries where veteran was stationed:

Ellice Islands, Funafuti; Gilbert Islands, Apamama; Marianas Islands, Saipan; Ryukyus Islands, Okinawa and Ieshima; Germany

Medals/Honors Received:

Legion of Merit; Soldiers Medal; Army Commendation Medal with Cluster; Good Conduct Medal; American Campaign Ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 3 battle stars; National Defense Medal; WWII Victory Medal; Army Reserve Medal and Army of Occupation Medal (Germany).

Highlights of military service:

Served as an enlisted Medical Corpsman for 2 1/2 years in the Pacific Theatre of Operations from summer 1943 until November 1945; Received direct commission as a 2nd Lt. in Feb. '51 and served as an aid to a Brig. General; served as a Medical Company Commander in the 1st Infantry Division, Wurzburg, Germany and later as the adjutant of the 10th Field Hospital; served two separate tours at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; selected by the Army to attend Indiana University to earn an MBA Degree followed by a five year tour at the Pentagon assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General; retired August 1967.

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