

# OF WAR AND LOVE

## OKLAHOMA HONOR FLIGHT



**OKLAHOMA HONOR FLIGHTS TRIP TO WASHINGTON GIVE PAULS VALLEY VETERAN OF THREE WARS A CHANCE TO SHARE ABOUT FRIENDS AND FAMILY.**

WASHINGTON — Three wars, one special friendship and 58 years of marriage.

Although Retired U.S. Army Col. John R. Burks is legally blind, the 91-year-old saw all three clearly in Washington.

Burks, who served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam, was among 82 veterans taking Wednes-



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day's Oklahoma Honor Flights trip to the nation's capital to visit the memorials.

### **War comes calling - three times**

In World War II, Burks flew 40 missions as a ball turret gunner in a B-24 bomber. Then in Korea, he was a communications officer and artillery battery commander. In Vietnam, Burks

