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Event to Honor Veteran's Service in World War II

SPEARVILLE - Congressman Jerry Moran announced today that he will present Edward Lutz of Spearville with medals from his service in World War II, including the Bronze Star. This ceremony will mark the first time that Lutz has received his awards. The medals to be presented are the Bronze Star, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Silver Star attachment and Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, World War II Honorable Service Lapel Button, and Marksman badge and rifle bar.

"I am pleased that we are finally able to correct this oversight and present Mr. Lutz with the medals that he has earned and deserves," Moran said. "I have been to the beaches of Normandy and can only imagine what it would have been like to live through that event. These brave men are called the Greatest Generation for a reason, and Edward Lutz exemplifies what it means to be a part of that heroic group."

The awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, August 25, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the Flagpole and Veterans Plaque at Spearville Park in Spearville.

Moran will be joined by members of the Spearville VFW and by members of the Lutz family. Lutz served in the Army as a truck mechanic. Upon returning home to Spearville, Lutz married Eleanor Downey on November 19, 1946, and they were married until her death in December 1994. Eleanor and Edward have one daughter, Sandy (m. Gilbert Ackerman) and two grandsons, Cory and Scott Ackerman. Lutz worked as a mechanic for Duesing Implement in Spearville and then for Dodge City Implement in Dodge City.

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