



Army Lt. Col. Eric Frank, 95, looks at the Thank You America certificate presented to him by Philippe Vinogradoff, Consul General of France in Miami, and Brigitte van den Hove-Smith, president of the French-American Chamber of Commerce in Naples.

D-Day vet honored by French

Army Lt. Col. Eric Frank, 95, was one of 20 D-Day veterans honored, June 6, by the French Community Association of Naples.

Frank was presented a "Thank You America" by Philippe Vinogradoff, consul general of France in Miami, and Brigitte van den Hove-Smith, president of the French-American Chamber of Commerce in Naples.

Frank was born and raised

in Germany, however, at the age of 30 he joined the American Army to fight against the Nazis. He served as a paratrooper in 17th Airborne Division, was shot down in Europe and earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals.

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