

"Fellow Montaup member and distinguished WW II veteran Arthur Medeiros was honored today by having a film crew and reporter from WPRI-TV, Channel 12, follow him for nine holes and interview him on camera on the tenth tee today. The segment will be shown this Friday evening at 6 PM on WPRI-TV Channel 12.

For those who do not know Mr. Medeiros, he will be celebrating his 98 th birthday next week and still quite capable of shooting in the 80's. He is a WW II vet who earned a silver star, bronze star and several purple hearts in addition to other European campaign medals as an infantryman (machine gunner) with the 79 TH Army Division while fighting its way from the beaches of Normandy into Germany and surviving the battle of the bulge and the bone numbing winter cold and snow in the northern Ardennes.

The cameraman walked with Arthur's foursome filming and interviewing along the way. The one time he did not have the camera rolling was when Arthur sunk a 25 foot birdie putt from off the 8 th green. Arthur was good enough not to make liars out of the guys in his group after we had boasted how he still shoots in the 80's, despite his age of 98. He shot 89 today with more than just a couple of shots he would have loved to be able to retake. He was wired for sound, interviewed and filmed at length as we made the turn on the 10 th tee. The inconvenience that might have been caused to the players coming up behind us was understandable and easily tolerated by them under the unique special circumstances.

It was a special day for a special man who is most deserving of the special recognition shown him as a truly heroic member of what has been described as this nation's greatest generation. There are not too many of his kind left. We are all blessed to have an Arthur Medeiros in our midst.

You just have to love and respect this legitimate American hero. Those of us who play with him every week and are proud to call him friend very much do."

Best to all,

Pete Hewett