

Eugene Douglas Shaw, Ph.D., Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, Retired. In World War II, Shaw was a Sergeant in the 28th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division. Eugene Shaw, known to his friends and family as Pete, passed away on March 9, 2015 in the 89th year of his life. Born and raised in Burlington, Iowa, he was a veteran of WWII, awarded the Bronze Star for actions in the Heurtgen Forest/ Battle of the Bulge, Combat Infantry Badge and numerous other campaign battle stars. Dr. Shaw was a nationally known virologist in the military and later in civilian life. He was well known for recovering and patenting the A-2 plaque virus as the agent that caused Viral Hepatitis and for developing the kit for detection of Haemophilus Influenzae type b. Pete was active throughout his life in the Lion's Club, serving as an officer, a Director and Mentor. He held numerous positions in local and national Veteran's groups, including his role as a charter member of Plainsboro-West Windsor V.F.W. Post 925 and as Post Commander, 1986-1987. LTC Shaw was also American Legion Post 76 Commander, 1990-1991.

Star incised by Pietro del Fabro in loving memory of Pete Shaw. I first met Lieutenant Colonel Shaw in 1987, when he was appointed Chairman for the West Windsor Township Veterans' Monument Building Committee. We remained close over the years and in November of 2011 he invited my wife, Maria, and I to go to Washington to an event at Arlington Cemetery. Pete was past Grand Commander, Grand Pup Tent of Massachusetts, Military Order of the Cootie. The Military Order of the Cootie is a Veterans Service Organization, known as "The Honor Degree of the VFW" and their members are comprised of the officers and leadership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. For a number of years Pete had the honor of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. during the Military Order of the Cootie Annual Trek to Arlington National Cemetery. Below are photographs of Pete at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier wreath laying ceremony (he is center forward) and relaxing after the ceremony with Maria.



