



## SMSgt Blaine D. Hall

*August 7, 1923 – October 15, 2004*

Blaine enlisted in the Army on March 3, 1942, and was assigned as a member of the original Cadre of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment Company B. He was one of very few to have survived a low-level jump when his parachute failed to open from 700 feet. He was a part of the forces that invaded France and suffered injuries during small arms fire with the Germans. Following active duty, and a stint as a cab driver, Blaine joined the Ca. Air National Guard in 1949 in the 144<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Wing followed by the 129<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Group and later the Aerospace and Recover Group. He retired on August 7, 1978, after 36 ½ years of faithful service in various capacities most notably as a Superintendent of the Life Support Division in his unit.

He leaves behind his loving wife Dorothy, sons Blaine Jr., Kevin and predeceased son Randy, daughter Jeannine, six grandchildren and one great grandson.