



National Disabled Veterans

Winter Sports Clinic

Skier Profile

Ted Hubbard – A Three-War Veteran

Losing his eyesight more than a decade ago did not stop Ted Hubbard, an 82-year-old Army veteran, from Seattle, Wash., from participating in the 2007 National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic for the first time. “I enjoyed every bit of it,” said Hubbard, a veteran of three wars spanning WWII, Korea and Vietnam.



Serving his country for more than 30 years, from 1945 to 1977, Hubbard made the Army his career. Despite being wounded three times, he continued fighting for his country and served not one, but two tours in Vietnam.

While on patrol in Korea, north of the 38th parallel, Hubbard was injured when the platoon he was leading ran into an ambush. “It was a pretty good firefight and seemed like it lasted for hours,” said Hubbard, who was the platoon sergeant. Shot in the right elbow, he was quickly patched up and back in the fight. In amazing humility, he says, “We didn’t lose a minute’s work over it.”

Later in Korea, Hubbard’s platoon was ordered to take a hill after another platoon had already been wiped out trying to take it. The group of 19, what was then left of the platoon, crossed a river and dug in for the night before attacking in the morning, following an artillery barrage that was not very effective. “Nine of us walked off that hill, and we were all wounded,” Hubbard remembers. “We were pulling the rest of the platoon, who were dead.” During that battle, Hubbard was wounded in the left hip.

The third time was the worst, when a mortar round hit a friend next to him. Hubbard was hit right in the abdomen and almost lost his right hand. He spent a year in a hospital recovering from his injuries and then, incredibly, he rebounded.

About the Clinic itself, Hubbard said, “The National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic is the greatest thing and it gave me hope. Because of this experience, I tell others not to hold back, regardless of their disability. There are people at the Clinic who will help them.”

Even among this year’s extraordinary group of more than 400 veterans signed up to attend the 2008 event, Ted Hubbard is one impressive man himself.

[Above information provided by veteran.]

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