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Local World War II Veteran to be Honored Today At Fairborn High School

Local WWII Veteran Lowell Freeman will be honored today, November 9th, at a ceremony at Fairborn High School. The ceremony is at 12:30 and will feature a garden dedication to Mr. Freeman.

Freeman is a highly-decorated WWII Veteran and is believed to be the last living member of the Darby Rangers. The Darby Rangers, named after Major William Darby, was the 1st Ranger Battalion formed shortly after the United States entered the second World War.

Members of the Darby Rangers were the first American unit to see combat in the European theater, participating in the raid on Dieppe, France in 1942. Later, the Darby Rangers were sent to North Africa, where they participated in the landings in Algeria and fighting in Tunisia in 1943.

While Freeman is believed to be the last living member of the original Darby Rangers, the unit lives on today as the 75th Ranger Regiment with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mr. Freeman is currently a resident of the Community Living Center at the Dayton VA Medical Center.

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