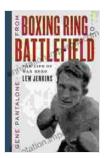
# The Life of War Hero Lew Jenkins: A Journey of Courage, Sacrifice, and Resilience



In a world often shadowed by conflict and despair, the life of Lew Jenkins emerges as a radiant beacon of hope and inspiration. His unwavering courage, selfless sacrifice, and unwavering resilience in the face of adversity have left an indelible mark on the annals of military history. Through his extraordinary service in World War II, Jenkins became a symbol of the indomitable spirit that resides within us all.

#### Early Life and Education

Lew Jenkins was born on October 11, 1920, in Bedford, Indiana. Raised in a humble farming family, he developed a strong work ethic and a deep sense of patriotism from a young age. After graduating from high school, Jenkins briefly attended Indiana University before deciding to enlist in the United States Army in 1941, shortly after the outbreak of World War II.



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### **Military Service**

Jenkins' military career began with basic training at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. He quickly distinguished himself as a skilled and dedicated soldier, rising through the ranks and eventually earning the position of platoon sergeant in the 29th Infantry Division. In 1944, Jenkins and his division were deployed to Europe, where they would face some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

Jenkins' courage and leadership were first put to the test during the Battle of Normandy. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, he led his men ashore at Omaha Beach, one of the most heavily defended sectors of the invasion. Despite facing intense enemy fire, Jenkins pushed forward, inspiring his troops with his unwavering determination.

In the aftermath of D-Day, Jenkins and his division fought their way across France, Belgium, and into Germany. During the Battle of the Bulge, Jenkins' platoon was tasked with holding a critical crossroads against a determined German counteroffensive. Jenkins and his men fought valiantly, repelling wave after wave of enemy attacks. For his actions during the battle, Jenkins was awarded the Silver Star, one of the highest military honors for gallantry.

On April 9, 1945, Jenkins' unit was engaged in heavy fighting near the town of Merkers, Germany. As his platoon advanced, they came under intense fire from a German machine gun nest. Without hesitation, Jenkins charged forward, using his body to shield his men from the deadly hail of bullets. Jenkins was severely wounded, losing his right arm and suffering multiple other injuries. Despite his wounds, he refused to be evacuated until he was sure his men were safe.

For his extraordinary heroism, Jenkins was awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration for valor in the United States. He was one of only 473 soldiers to receive the Medal of Honor during World War II.

#### **Post-War Life**

After the war, Jenkins returned to the United States a hero. He was celebrated for his bravery and sacrifice and became a sought-after speaker and author. Jenkins used his platform to advocate for peace and reconciliation, sharing his wartime experiences and promoting the importance of tolerance and understanding.

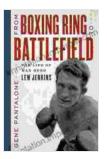
In 1946, Jenkins married his sweetheart, Mary Lou, and they had three children together. He worked as a successful businessman and became involved in various civic and charitable organizations. Jenkins remained dedicated to serving his community and country, inspiring countless others with his message of hope and resilience.

#### Legacy

Lew Jenkins passed away on August 2, 2012, at the age of 91. His legacy as one of America's greatest war heroes continues to inspire and motivate people around the world. The Lew Jenkins VFW Post 907 in Bedford, Indiana, is named in his honor, and the city of Bedford has erected a monument in his memory.

Jenkins' life is a testament to the indomitable spirit that resides within us all. In the face of adversity, he displayed unwavering courage, selfless sacrifice, and unwavering resilience. His legacy is one of hope, inspiration, and a profound belief in the power of the human spirit.

Through his extraordinary service and sacrifice, Lew Jenkins became a symbol of the best of humanity. His unwavering courage, selfless sacrifice, and unwavering resilience inspired countless others and left an indelible mark on the world. The life of Lew Jenkins is a timeless reminder that even in the darkest of times, the human spirit has the power to prevail.

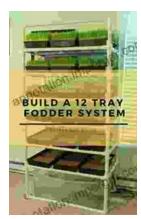


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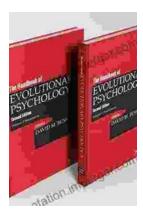
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