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## WWII combat veteran to 'meet and greet' at Barley Oak in Mandeville

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We Heart Veterans, a nonprofit organization that assists veterans and their widows, will host a "Guard Your Heart" meet and greet with Captain John Rogers, a retired World War II combat veteran. The event, taking place at The Barley Oak in Mandeville, will allow the public to meet and visit with Captain Rogers, who served as Sherman Tank Company Commander under General Omar Bradley and General George Patton. He is expected to share his experiences, including details of the Battle of the Hedgerows and Battle of the Bulge.

The nonprofit "We Heart Veterans" group recently held **its second annual fundraiser**, also hosted by Barley Oak, on April 18. According to the organization's digital content manager, Stacy Harter, proceeds from the successful event will be used for "more wheelchair ramps and non-medical home care services for our veterans and widows of veterans."

Harter said the main reason for the "Guard Your Heart" meet and greet with Captain Rogers is because he is now the new We Heart Veterans spokesperson, and it is a great way for the community to become acquainted with him. She said he plans to "tell stories of battles he was in," as well as of "the many people he met during his travels." She also added he is a regular volunteer at the World War II museum in New Orleans.

"Guard Your Heart" is scheduled for June 18 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Barley Oak, 2101 Lakeshore Dr., Mandeville. For more information, visit the website at [Wehrtvets.org](http://Wehrtvets.org).

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