Post 347 honors members for continuous Legion membership

By LILY STANFORD

The VILLAGES—Withing in a railroad in the vicinity of the Battle of the Bulge, the close calls were too close for comfort for Pfc. Joseph Fowler.

The Village of Rio Grande resident said while his job entailed giving signals to the train cars outside, there were times when the bomb hit a little too near.

“We got stuck inside a week at a time,” Fowler said.

But, the three weeks were lucky. It did not happen, then.

Serving in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany from 1943 to 1946 during World War II, Fowler

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Top left: Richard Cappardell displays Thursday a photograph of himself from his enlistment in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1953 at his home in the Village of Gentrywood. Middle American Legion Post 547 honors several American Legion members Wednesday for their continuous membership of at least 50 years in the organization. Right: Katherine Rasmussen and several amigos members Wednesday.

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The Villages-USF partnership provides promise of superior health care offerings

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STAFF REPORT

The VILLAGES — Pat Rasmussen will be honest with you.

In her name by herself to The Villages, she said the lifestyle was “magnificent, but she was a little bit reluctant” when it came to how good health care would be.

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Homestar project — it is intended to provide benefits that range from improved health care to the access and delivery of health care to us and future generations,” Hahnfeldt said. He said last week’s partnership is remarkable and will continue to grow.

Villages-USF Health partner — Garnett Burgess said he likes the idea that community aligning itself with one of country’s leading research universities, which he thinks can only work for the benefit of The Villages, but the rest of the nation too.

“I can only imagine that this is not only going to be beneficial for The Villages, but the rest of the nation,” he said.

His commissioner colleagues, Doug Gilotty, also supports the partnership.

“This is just a step in the right direction,” Burgess said.

Villages resident Don Burgess, who represents his community and country by serving on the Summer County Commission, is another who sees a favorable future for health care.

“I feel from the standpoint of The Villages, we’ve made a real home run in getting together with the University of South Florida. I just think it’s something we need to pursue,” Bur-}

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“Just trust a lot of decisions from patient to patient, isn’t it? We want to hear from everyone — the feedback on the survey will determine what programs, services and resources we want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in this,” said Wixted.

Daniel Hahlfeldt is another Villagers resident involved in his community. He’s the recent past president of the Villages Homeowners Association.

Hahnfeldt said he understands the value of the partnership and its survey.

The participation of Villages in the USF Health survey — America’s Healthiest Homeowners Association.

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