



Michael Richard "Dick" O'Mahony
Staff Sergeant
U.S. Army – World War II

Michael Richard "Dick" O'Mahony was inducted into the U.S. Army on January 27, 1943 and left for basic training at Camp Swift, Texas and then was transferred to amphibious training in Florida. Staff Sgt. O'Mahony was assigned to the 147th Engineer Combat Battalion and shipped out to England, the first leg of his experiences in World War II.

On the night of June 6, 1944, he and his company were one of the first wave of troops to land on Omaha Beach at day break. The landing was a nightmare caused by machine gun nests which were in the hills facing the beach. Landing craft attempting to land were being viciously strafed by these "gun nests" and it was part of the task of Staff Sgt. O'Mahony and six members of his platoon to infiltrate the enemy line and wipe out these nests. After 24 hours of fierce battle, O'Mahony and the others were leaving one of the disabled gun nests when a land mine exploded injuring O'Mahony's right leg and foot. He was sent back to England and spent the next 5 ½ months in the Army Hospital. Upon healing he went back to his Company in Belgium and fought at the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.

Staff Sgt. O'Mahony was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the American Theatre Service Medal, the EAME Theatre Service Medal with 5 Bronze Stars and the Bronze Victory Medal.

Michael Richard "Dick" O'Mahony separated from the Army in November, 1945 and, along with his wife Nancy, raised a family of 5 children – Margie Miller married to Bob Miller, Hermitage, PA; George Richard O'Mahony, married to Susan, Murrysville, PA; Lynn Plummer Trestrail, married to Jim, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Kim Hofstetter, married to Gary, Erie, PA; and Lori Rudert, married to Evan; Erie, PA. His family is complimented by 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Further, he served as the Postmaster of the Mercer Post Office, was active in the VFW and was a lifetime member of the Mercer Post of the American Legion.