

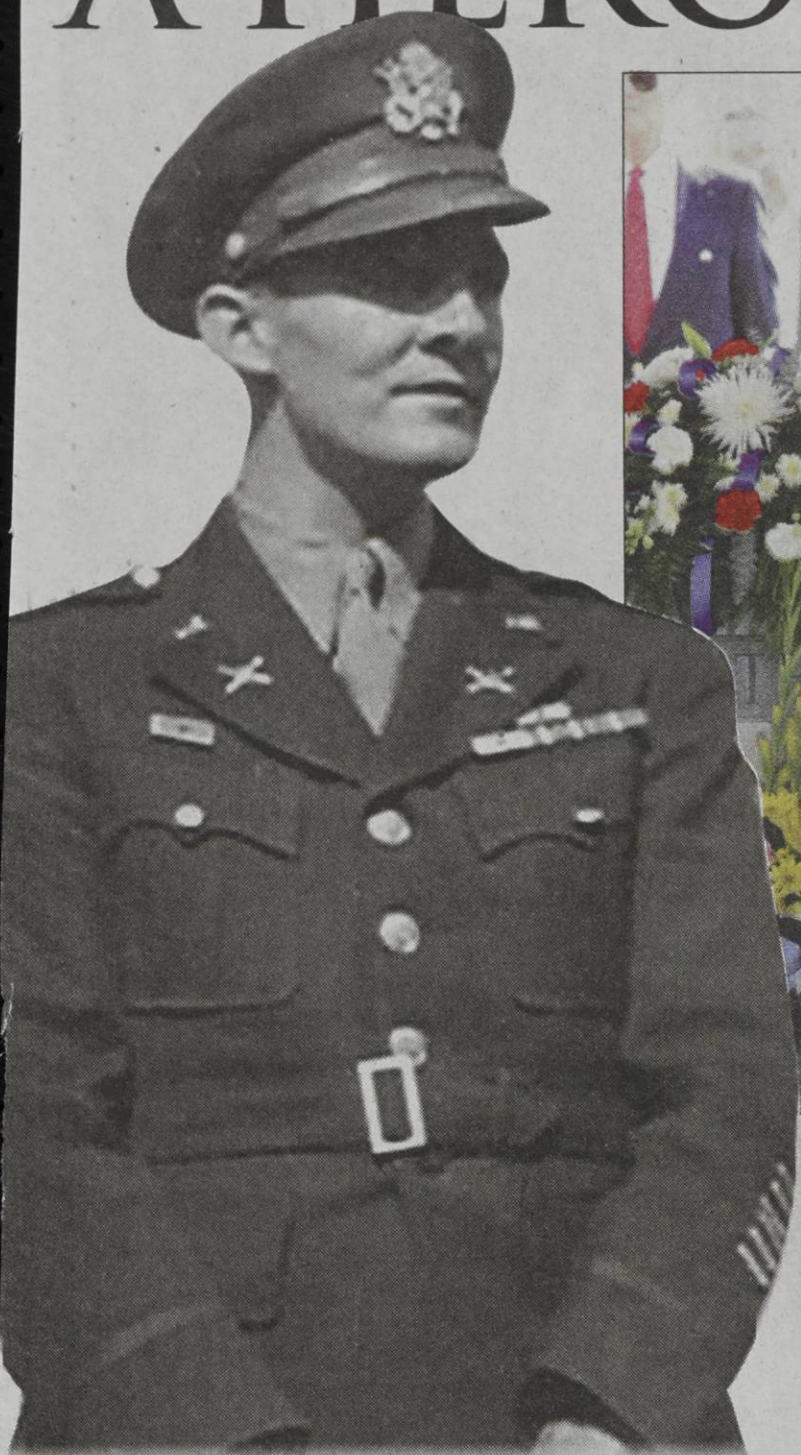


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## A HERO'S FAREWELL



Above, Maj. Gen. Jeffery N. Colt, deputy commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division, presents the American flag to family members at the funeral of World War II veteran Elton Dewitt "E.D." Winstead held at Maplewood Cemetery Saturday. Left, March 31, 1945 receiving the key to the city of Wilson. Gray Whitley | Times and Contributed Photo

## Veterans, friends and family honor Lt. Col. E.D. Winstead's legacy of service

By Olivia Neeley  
Times Staff Writer

The sun beamed down from the Carolina blue skies. Several American flags blew in the wind. It was fitting for a man remembered not only as a war hero, but someone deeply loved and respected by the Wilson community.

Elton Dewitt "E.D." Winstead was laid to rest with full military honors in a moving Saturday afternoon ceremony. Family, friends and veterans gathered by the graveside at Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson.

Winstead, who died March 25, became a war hero from Wilson during World War II and later rose to lead the math department at Atlantic Christian College, which was later renamed Barton College. He was 99.

"The community should understand they lost a great hero that meant an awful lot to this



Military honors are presented at the funeral ceremony of World War II veteran Elton Dewitt "E.D." Winstead. Gray Whitley | Times

community," said Eddie Price, chairman of the Wilson Committee on Patriotism, WWII veteran and friend. "He was well respected by everybody at the college. He was well respected by everybody in this community. And I loved him very much."

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Jeffrey N. Colt attended Winstead's funeral and burial Saturday.

In an intimate moment, Colt knelt down and quietly spoke to the family as he presented them with the folded American flag that had been draped over Winstead's casket.

Colt's most recent assignment was as deputy commanding general (support) for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

"It's the first time I've ever

been to a funeral where a major general was there," Price said. "That shows you how important he was. After all, (Winstead) was commander of a base himself in Panama. That was his last assignment."

Price became overwhelmed with emotion as he continued to discuss the "powerful" moment of the major general's presence at Saturday's services. He added that it also reflected what Winstead meant to the Army and his to his country.

Colt has severed in range of command and staff assignments, including troop commander in the 10th Mountain Division, company and battalion commander in the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, squadron commander in the 82nd Airborne Division and the brigade commander of the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade. His overseas assignments range from Germany to operational deploy-

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## Person, sheriff's K-9 shot Sunday

By Corey Friedman  
Times Online Editor

A person was shot below the neck and a sheriff's K-9 was shot during a chase through the woods in separate Wilson County incidents early Sunday.

Sheriff's deputies investigated a shooting at a home at 6545 Good News Church Road, which is north of Saratoga and has a Stantonsburg address. Paramedics rushed the victim to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville and emergency dispatchers said he or she had been shot just below the neck.

Medics secured the victim on a stretcher and wheeled the person to a Wilson County Emergency Medical

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## Wilson County EMS adds 14th ambulance to fleet

By Corey Friedman  
Times Online Editor

When minutes mean the difference between life and death, paramedics can't afford an ambulance that stalls or sputters.

Wilson County Emergency Medical Services is adding a brand-new ambulance to its 17-vehicle fleet this week. The 2012 Chevrolet chassis with an Osage ambulance body sold for \$135,000 and cost an extra \$65,000 to equip.

"The chances of a critical

failure when we're responding to a call are a whole lot less because we've got newer vehicles on the road," said Maj. Alan Parnell, Wilson County EMS operations officer.

The county has 13 transport ambulances and four quick-response vehicles — SUVs for supervisors and commanders — on the road. The new ambulance will increase the fleet to 18 and allow emergency medical technicians to put fewer

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Wilson County paramedics Lee Robinson and Adam Hopkins stock and check equipment on a new ambulance. Brad Coville | Times

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ments for Operation Prime Chance in the Persian Gulf, Operation Just Cause in Panama, Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

## 'HE ENDURED'

After graduating from Charles L. Coon High School, Winstead enlisted in the Army where he served 24 years before retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He returned to Wilson and attended Atlantic Christian College, where he graduated with a degree in mathematics and science in 1960. He also attended Duke University and earned a doctorate degree. Winstead became a math professor and chairman of the mathematics department at ACC, later renamed Barton College.

During WWII, Winstead fought at the Battle of Corregidor in the Philippines. After Corregidor fell, he became a prisoner of war.

"Very few people in our country had to serve as a prisoner for three years by the Japanese," Price said. "To think that he endured what he had to endure ... It was amazing that he pulled through it like he did."

Winstead's wife, Josephine, and their baby son were evacuees who returned to Wilson from the Philippines just before the war started. During the first year of her husband's captivity, Josephine Winstead didn't know whether he was dead or alive.

After Winstead was rescued, he returned to his Wilson home with a hero's welcome. He was presented with a key to the city in 1945.



A 21-gun salute honors WWII veteran Elton Dewitt "E.D." Winstead at funeral ceremonies held Saturday at Maplewood Cemetery. Gray Whitley | Times

The city of Wilson and the Wilson Committee on Patriotism also remembered him 50 years later. March 31, 1995, was proclaimed "E.D. Winstead Day" in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII. Winstead was also a post commander of Fort Davis in the Panama Canal Zone guarding part of the canal during the Korean War.

Winstead, who remained active well into his 90s, most recently lived in Brevard with his son, Edward

D. Winstead.

## 'A GREAT PERSON'

While many tears were shed Saturday, a peace overcame many knowing they were able to share in Winstead's memory.

Ray Chambers had never met Winstead, but he wanted to be a part of the service Saturday. Chambers, commander of Wilson's Disabled American Veterans and a retired U.S. Navy sailor, said Price told him about Winstead's life

and legacy.

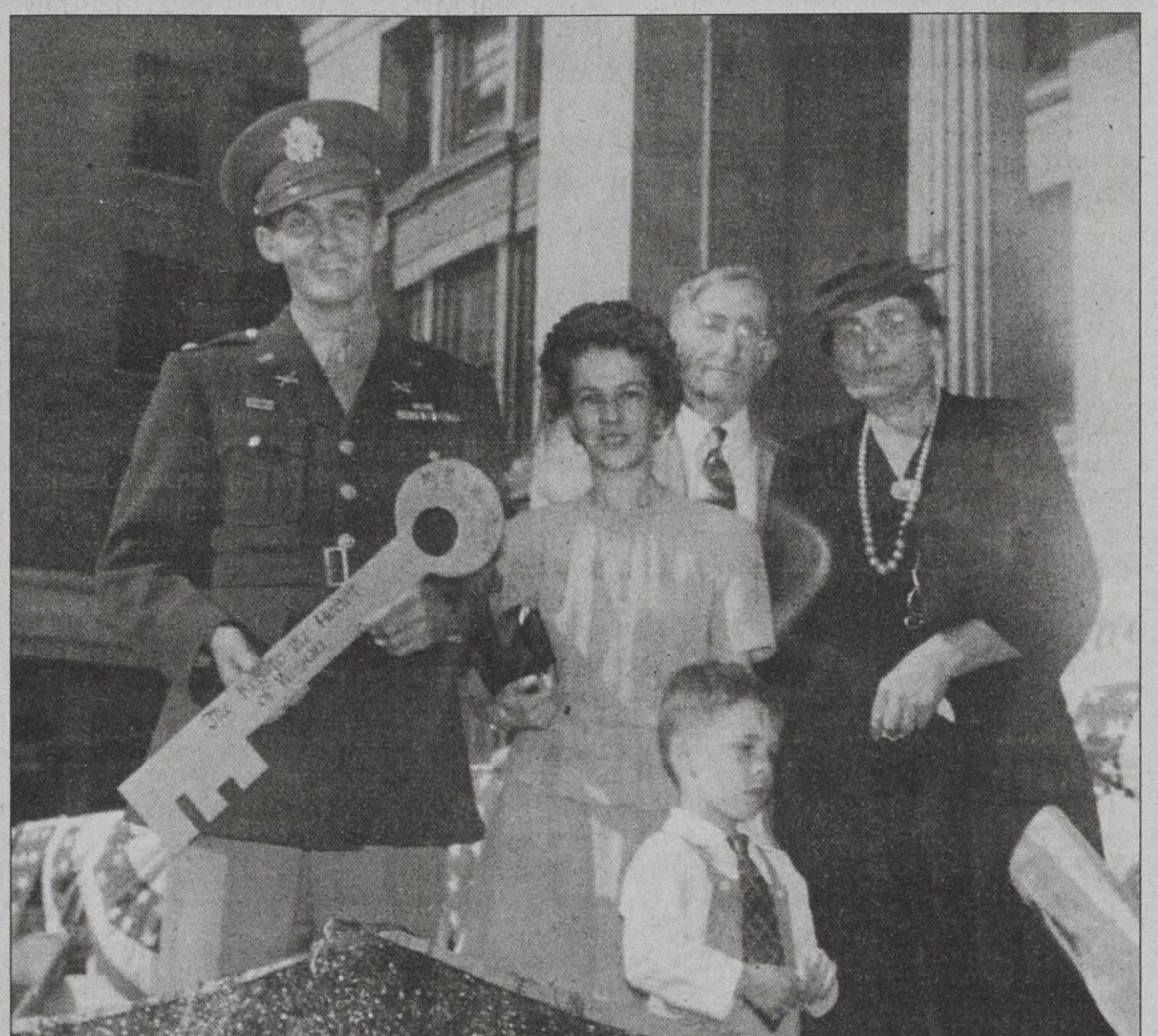
"He had tears in his eyes telling me about his friend that had just passed away," Chambers said. "When he told me the story about all the things he had done, I told Eddie I had to go to his funeral. I had to come. I knew he had to have been a great person."

To learn more about Winstead and view historical photographs, visit [www.raywinstead.com/edw](http://www.raywinstead.com/edw).

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Maj. Gen. Jeffery N. Colt, deputy commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division, is present at the funeral of WWII veteran Elton Dewitt "E.D." Winstead. Gray Whitley | Times



Elton Winstead is shown on March 31, 1945 after receiving the key to the city of Wilson. Contributed Photo

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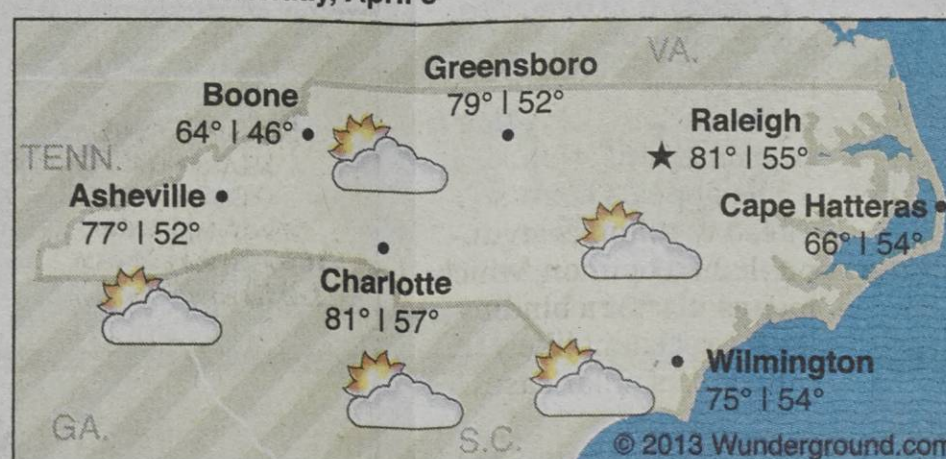
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## Today's Forecast

Forecast for Monday, April 8

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Tuesday High: 80 Low: 59 Rain: 0%

Wednesday High: 83 Low: 60 Rain: 0%

Thursday High: 80 Low: 64 Rain: 40%

Friday High: 77 Low: 49 Rain: 50%

### Local Readings (through 7 a.m. Sunday)

Precipitation: 0"; High: 71, Low: 35  
Buckhorn Lake: +1.44"  
(Reading based on level above or below full pond)  
Normal temperature: 70 | 42  
Record high: 88 in 2001; Low: 23 in 2007