From Honor to Medal: The Story of Garlin M. Conner documents life of Kentucky WWII veteran who saved his platoon

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This film tells the story of Lt. Garlin Conner, whose exploits in World War II made him among the most decorated soldiers in American history, and the Kentucky community that refused to let his sacrifice be forgotten.

From Honor to Medal: The Story of Garlin M. Conner airs Monday, May 25, at 8/7 pm on KET and Monday, May 25, at 10:30/9:30 pm on KET2.

In 1945, Kentucky soldier Garlin M. Conner offered the ultimate sacrifice. Finding himself behind enemy lines in the French province of Alsace, he called in artillery on his forward position, hoping to save his battalion.

Conner somehow survived that day. He would ultimately become one of the most decorated American soldiers of World War II, but his story of heroism went undocumented — that is until his Kentucky community refused to let his sacrifice be forgotten.

After Conner's death in 1998, his community rallied to bring his story to light. And in 2018, President Trump presented the Medal of Honor to Conner’s widow, who still lived on their Clinton County farm.

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