



Stanley Raymond Sechler
Technician 5 U.S. Army
13 October 1941 – 29 December 1945

Stanley was born at home on 17 February 1919 in Upper Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. He attended grade school in Fogelsville, Pennsylvania, from 1925 to 1933, and then worked as a Farm Hand on his family's 80-acre farm on Grange Road and on various other farms in Upper Macungie, Lower Macungie, and Maxatawny Townships in Pennsylvania until 1940. He then went to work as a Glazier at Topton Sash Company in Topton, Pennsylvania, glazing windows for Mack Truck Company buses until he was drafted into the Army on 13 October 1941. He entered the Army as a Private at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, where he underwent basic training. He was then assigned to the Engineer Corps. He left Fort Meade for the Panama Canal Zone on 22 December 1941, arriving five days later, and was assigned to the 1562nd Engineering Depot Company. He served there as a Light Truck Driver. On 7 December 1943, Stanley and his Company left for Camp Stoneman, California, where they boarded Troop Ship *USAT David C. Shanks* bound for the Pacific Theater. On 4 January 1945 they sailed from Camp Stoneman for the Philippine Islands via Finschaven and Hollandia, New Guinea. They arrived at Leyte Gulf in the Philippines on 2 February 1945, where Stanley continued to serve as a Light Truck Driver, hauling troops, supplies, and small ammunition under hazardous war zone conditions in the Southern Philippines Campaign until 15 November 1945. He left for the States on that date, arriving a month later for further transfer to Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in Pennsylvania for discharge. He was discharged at Indiantown Gap as a Technician 5. Stanley was awarded the American Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with 1 bronze star), World War II Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal (with 1 bronze star). He returned home to the family farm and resumed working for Topton Sash Company. On November 1946, Stanley married **Ruth Emily Marsteller** (1 March 1923 – 28 March 1992) at St. John's Reformed Church Parsonage in Fogelsville. In January 1947, they moved to Wescosville to live in the old Wescosville School House on Brookside Road in Lower Macungie Township. Stanley then went to work for General Electric Company in Allentown for a year before he and Ruth moved in 1948 into a house that was located at the site of present-day Tilghman Square Shopping Center in South Whitehall Township in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Stanley was then hired by Joseph I. Haines Appliances in Cetronia, Pennsylvania, for whom he delivered and installed appliances until he underwent open heart surgery in 1973; he retired at that time. He and Ruth had moved from the Tilghman Square location to Cetronia in 1954. In 2005, Stanley relocated to Cedar View Apartments in South Whitehall. Stanley was a charter member of the Cetronia Ambulance Corps and a member for 20 years. He has been a member of the Cetronia Fire Company for 38 years, serving 14 of those years as Vice President and a number of terms as President; he is presently serving as President since 2004. Stanley and Ruth had three children; a son, **Paul Stanley**, who lived for only one day, and two daughters, **Linda Elaine** and **Connie Eileen**. Stanley's parents were **Albert Llewellen Sechler** (30 Aug 1875 – 21 February 1961) and **Lizzie Mary Ann Yeager** (2 Feb 1890 – 29 Nov 1970), who had six other sons and three daughters. Two of Stanley's brothers, **Clarence Charles** and **Clinton Albert**, also served in the Army during World War II. Clarence was killed in action in Germany on 15 September 1944 as his Regiment was advancing into the Huertgen Forest.



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