

Tom Marlowe Galloway grew up on the streets of Mobile and attended Murphy High School where he graduated in 1940. While at Murphy he played football, was an usher, was active in Hi-Y and was also a member of the Hobby club.

Upon graduating from Murphy Tom attended Auburn University where he joined ROTC. During the first semester of his senior year at Auburn, Tom was sent to officer candidate school where he trained as an artillery officer and a forward observer. While stationed at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, Tom heard about D Day. A few days later his Colonel called him in and said that he was going overseas as a replacement. Shortly afterward, Tom and his 28<sup>th</sup> division landed and worked their way through France until they found themselves near Paris. A friend of his indicated that they were within 20 miles of Paris and that they should go to Paris because they may never get another chance. Tom and his friend spent the night celebrating in Paris in September of 1944 --apparently the recently liberated capital of France was in full swing and was quite an eye opener for a 20 year old boy.

Tom's division was the first to cross the border into Germany and in November 1944 Tom survived one of the most terrible battles in the war which took place at the Hurtgen Forrest, east of the Belgium border. Tom escaped this battle with frozen feet and minor shrapnel injuries. He ultimately received the Purple Heart. Galloway's unit was then sent to Luxemburg where Tom turned 21; two days after Tom's birthday, the Battle of the Bulge began near where Tom was located and three days after the battle began, Tom was captured and placed ultimately in a prison war camp in Hammelburg, Germany. Tom escaped from the POW camp due to a raid in which the US Army attempted to rescue General George Patten's son-in-law. Unfortunately, Tom was recaptured shortly thereafter. However, Tom and a friend escaped again as they were being marched back to the POW camp. Tom and his friend traveled at night, stealing food, clothes and eating raw potatoes from the fields. Tom stumbled upon US troops and reconnected with his unit to their great surprise.

Soon after, Tom returned home to the United States and upon returning finished his degree in Aeronautical Engineering and then pursued a law degree at the University of Alabama. After a brief stint in Montgomery as an assistant to the Attorney General, Tom returned home to Mobile and opened a law firm. He finally retired from the practice of law approximately 7 years ago, around age 87. Tom married his wife, Alma, on December 21, 1946, They were married for 71 years and have 3 sons, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

While carrying on an active law practice, Tom has been involved with the community as a Commander of the American Legion, President of the Civitan Club of Mobile, President of the St. Joan of Arc PTA, Member of the Mobile Bar Association, Member of the International Association of Defense Counsel and Member of the St. Ignatius Church.

Because of Tom's outstanding sacrifices for this Country, and his contributions to the Mobile community, we are proud to induct TMG into the Murphy Alumni Association Hall of Fame.