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"If you never been there, you don't know what it is - you don't know how to explain it," said England in the video. "There's a few people, you'll see them, they'll brag

about it, they love it. But I'm not a glory hound. Never have been, never will be."

Continued England: "I loved shooting, and I loved to be a good shot, because

being a good shot makes a better Marine. I wanted to be a good Marine, which I considered myself better than the average Marine because I could shoot better than the average Marine."

Outside of combat, England won countless medals and awards in national and international shooting competitions during his 24 years on the Marine Corps Shooting Team.

Last year, alongside his cousin and fellow Marine Zell Miller, England became one of 17 Georgia veterans inducted into the 2017 Class of the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

England's military career began when he joined the Marines in 1950. He became a national rifle shooting champion by the age of 19 in 1952, and a long-range champion by 1968, using a Winchester Model 70 30.06.

He currently holds the record as one of five American service members with the highest number of confirmed combat kills, even more than legendary "American Sniper" Carlos Hathcock.

Master Sgt. England's proficiency with a rifle during the Vietnam War earned him a job as a scout sniper and tactical weaponry instructor, and he trained his fellow patriots.

The United States is undoubtedly a safer place today thanks to the hard work and dedication of Master Sgt. England, who taught many Marines how to shoot and many more how to shoot better.

"If I'd never went in the military, I'd have never been nothing," said England in December. "The military helped me. It really helped me, the Marine Corps did, it helped me. It made me what I am. I'm a Marine and I'm proud of it."

England holds several world marksmanship records, including the men's National Marksmanship Unit record at Fort Benning in Georgia, which he established in 1968.

The retired master sergeant has also represented his country by participating on two Olympic shooting teams.

He is the subject of a

book called "The Phantom of Phu Bai," by Dr. J. B. Turner, which details England's time in Vietnam, his years in competitive shooting, and what he learned about shooting

growing up in the North Georgia Mountains.

Information regarding funeral arrangements for England can be seen on page 6B.

The North Georgia News and Towns County Herald would like to thank Mr. England for his service to the country.



Eric England receiving his Quilt of Valor in 2013.

## Union General Hospital Auxiliary raising funds for student scholarships

Union General Hospital's Auxiliary will be hosting MASQUERADE for our second fundraiser in 2018, on Thursday, April 19, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Friday, April 20, from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. They have enlarged their number of sale items, jewelry and accessories, all items are \$5! This is our most popular sale! They have all types of jewelry and other items, you don't want to miss this sale! This fundraiser will be

at the Union General Hospital, in the Old Lobby, Deep South Farm Road side of the building. Sponsored by the UGH Auxiliary (volunteers), to raise funds for student scholarships who are training in a health care related field of study, and possible needs at the Nursing Home.

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