

*Ceremony honors WWII veteran posthumously*

**TEMPE** - U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell today presented the Purple Heart and other military medals and awards posthumously to Frank Robert Nystrom, who died in combat during World War II. Nystrom's sister, Marilyn Munkachy of Tempe, accepted the medals on his behalf.

"This weekend, we celebrate the independence of our nation," Mitchell said. "Our independence would not be possible without the sacrifice of the heroes who fought to defend it. At long last, one of those heroes, Seaman Nystrom, is being awarded the honors he deserves, and I am very privileged to present his medals to his family."

Seaman First Class Frank Robert Nystrom served on the Submarine USS Albacore in World War II which was sunk by a mine off the coast of northern Japan and declared lost in late autumn of 1944. Nystrom was originally from Bessemer, Michigan and would have been 85 years in this October.

In addition to the Purple Heart, Munkachy received Nystrom's World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 bronze stars, Presidential Unit Citation and Combat Action Ribbon. Munkachy will also receive a Gold Star Lapel Button that she can wear which symbolizes that she had a family member who died while in service to the country.

Mitchell is a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and serves as Chairman of its Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

For more information on Seaman Nystrom, [click here](#).