

# *The Way We See It*

## **Just like Patton in Italy, our vets came through**

During World War II, General George S. Patton was told that quickly marching into Palermo, Sicily, was an impossible task for he and his tank crews - given the terrain, the weather and the time constraints his corps faced.

But Patton and his boys went ever-forward, recapturing the city and furthering the war effort.

As several of our local veterans can also attest, there were doubts galore when Operation Overlord was launched - beginning the invasion of the European continent by Allied troops on D-Day.

**The Way We See It**, when push came to shove, our fighting men and women have always gotten the job done.

And, **The Way We See It**, modern-day Greene County is no different.

Several months ago, the cry went out for funds to help purchase a new van to carry our veterans to and from doctors' appointments at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Indianapolis.

The van being used is simply worn out. However, at the time, the Greene County Veterans' Council didn't have an extra \$25,500 or so just laying around the office.

Top that off with the fact that Greene County's governmental structure is in a budget crisis, and the outlook for a new van looked grim last winter.

Then, the call went out to veterans throughout the county for their help and support.

Every single veterans' organization in Greene County, a number of private citizens and businesses all banded together and in a little less than 90 days, more than enough money was raised.

**The Way We See It**, the band of brothers (and sisters) living and working in Greene County showed what community and solidarity is all about.

**The Way We See It**, our military men and women saw that their fellow soldiers, sailors and Marines were in need and they came storming in.

However, **The Way We See It**, now is not the time to rest on our laurels.

**The Way We See It**, these same organizations, people and politicians, must begin planning for four or five years down the road when another new van will again be needed.

**The Way We See It**, Gen. Patton's march across Europe would have been much easier had the sun been shining.

**The Way We See It**, the sun is shining now in Greene County and we should keep our advance on the next Veterans' Council van always in sight.