

## Warrior Warren

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A Tribute for World War II Veteran Warren J. Koepke buried in Camp Butler National Cemetery

A June baby,  
The 28th brought 23 special years and started with 1921,  
I sang my sentimentality away and painted with my palette.  
Walking the halls of Von Steuben proudly.  
1 step at a time for 2 blocks for 4 ruminations until 3 minutes remained on North Rockwell.

An October oasis opened,  
Only 2 decisions in 1942.  
Sergeant Koepke of the 136th Infantry 33rd Division the others had called me.  
I wore the blue shield, saltire, and Rex Montis proudly in my blood.

Morotai brought mourning,  
Days and nights had passed,  
The stars solaced the blood,  
Stalemate subverted my abdomen with a bright bullet and left me with 4 thoughts in January.  
The Japanese jolted through the jagged jungles.  
My soldiers, my friends, my family stuttered away into the light,  
I held dearly to my 3 stripes of Red, White, and Blue.

Camp Butler was bliss on the 21st with 1949 memories in February's fleeting breeze.  
I've walked a Sergeant, I've slept a Warrior, and now I rest a Hero in the warmth of my country.  
The Latin Cross above my body boldly blesses me.  
My beloved Fathers and Mothers will be proud.

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