

Do you have a tattoo related to your military service?

For two years, photojournalist Kyle Cassidy has been traveling across the country photographing veterans tattoos and collecting their stories for a coffee table book entitled *War Paint* scheduled to come out fall of 2011 from Schiffer Books. Portraits take about 15 minutes, stories take as long as you want to talk. Arrangements can be made to visit the homes of vets who can't make it out. Find out more about the book here: kylecassidy.com/warpaint



"I got this [paratrooper] tattoo after D-Day. Me and Johnny Martin got a pass for London. When you go on a pass overseas in England you hitchhike. All the trucks are going your way, they take you, then you get off and another truck picks you up. We wound up at an Air Force base, a U.S. Air Force base. We got something to eat and a couple of pilots come over to us and started talking to us and they said "You want to come to Scotland?" — "You gotta be kidding!" — They were fighter pilots, they had these jets, so Johnny got in one and I got in the other one. It took about twelve minutes, we got to Edinburgh Scotland. That's when we got the tattoos. Drunk as a skunk. If I was sober I never would have gotten it, but I was drunk. We had a good time up there. Edinburgh, 1944. Right after D-Day. This one here [left arm], you can just about see, it's a cross and it's got my brother's name on it, -- Dunc, that's my brother who was killed in Italy that was his nickname "Dunc", that's like a cross with a wreath on it. He's buried in Cassino, Italy. That's the last one I got done."

"Wild" Bill Guarnere, United States Army
Easy Company, 2nd Battalion,
506th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR)
101st Airborne Division - 1942-1945

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