

# REP. POLIQUIN PRESENTS PURPLE HEART, MULTIPLE OTHER MEDALS TO WORLD WAR II VETERAN BERNARD ADAMS

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***The Oxford County Veteran served in the Normandy invasion and was wounded twice during the war***

**CANTON, Maine** – Yesterday, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) presented the Purple Heart and a number of other medals to World War II Veteran Bernard Adams.

Congressman Poliquin released the following statement:

“More than 70 years ago, Mr. Bernard Adams selflessly and courageously fought in the Normandy campaign that led to the Allied victory in Europe,” **said Congressman Poliquin**. “I am profoundly grateful for the honor of presenting the Purple Heart and a number of other medals to you in recognition of your sacrifices and service.

“Our Nation is forever grateful to the selfless men and women of the Armed Services, past and present, and their families for their service and sacrifices; without them, we don't have freedom and we don't have a country. Thank you, Mr. Adams, for your years of service to your Nation, to your community, and to your family.”



Yesterday, Adams was presented the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and Bronze Star with Attachment (Triple), the World War II Victory Medal, and the Honorable Service Lapel Button by Congressman Poliquin.

Adams served in World War II and was part of the Normandy invasion in the Summer of 1944. He was wounded twice during the war—in Normandy by a mortar shell and in Germany less than six months later. Adams was born and raised in Canton, Maine and was married for 64 years to his wife Mabel, together having two children: Charles and Joan. After his service, he returned to Canton where he served on the planning board for 31 years and as a Town Selectmen for five years. He owned a construction business, worked on the family farm, and built his own sawmill and skidders.

Maine 2nd Congressional District Veterans and their family members may request military medals or assistance with VA services and benefits by contacting Congressman Poliquin's Congressional District Offices in Lewiston (784-0768), Bangor (942-0583) or Caribou (492-1600).