

2010 Memorial Day Parade Honorary Grand Marshal



John F. Taylor
U.S. Air Corps
World War II Veteran

John Taylor was born and educated in Cohoes, New York. He attended St. Joseph's Academy and Cohoes High School. He also attended Siena College.

John was enlisted in the USA Air Corps and attained the rank of 2nd Lieuenant. John served with the US Army Air corps – Aviation; 306 Bomb Group from July 5, 1945 through September 12, 1945, and the 423 Squardon. He participated in Cadet Training – Pilot, from July 17, 1942 through February 25, 1944. He trained in AAF San Antonio, Texas; Western Flying Training CMD, and Bombardier Training USAAF. He was in the European Theater including Normandy, and also Southern and Northern France. He earned an Air Medal – 1 Oakleaf; Purple Heart, P.O.W., Good Conduct Medal. He was also in the European Theater – African-Middle Eastern Theater, Campaign Ribbon and 3 Stars.

John belongs to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veterans of Lansingburgh. John also belongs to the Speigletown District Fire Company.

John is married to his wife Mildred M. Taylor, and they have four children – Jacqueline, Jason, Jonathan, and James.