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## Movie Star Highlights Crowd of 400 At Honor Ball

COLUMBIA - More than 400 people packed a ballroom on Saturday night to dance and dine with American heroes and rub elbows with a Missouri-grown movie star.

At the first ever Honor Ball, The Andrews Sisters took the crowd back to the 1940s, local veterans squeezed into old World War II uniforms to jitterbug and Ron Brockman's Memories Orchestra provided the beat. In addition to recognition for Mid-Missouri veterans, the Honor Ball included an impressive collection of World War II memorabilia from Normandy Drop Zone Tours and a movie star, author and decorated war veteran who went to school at Mexico's Missouri Military Academy: Dale Dye.

"Many of my major pictures, including 'Saving Private Ryan,' 'Band of Brothers' and the new HBO mini-series we're about to premier beginning in March, have to do with World War II," Dye said. "I see this as an opportunity to honor those folks who built our nation [and] gave me the opportunity to do what I do."

The Honor Ball benefited Central Missouri Honor Flight, which flies aging and terminally ill veterans to see their memorials in Washington, D.C.

The next flights will run on Oct. 27 and Nov. 10 with another 150 veterans.

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