



**Donald  
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*Army*

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

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**DIVISION:** Army, 82nd Airborne - 508th Parachute  
Infantry

**THEATER OF OPERATION:** European

**SERVED:** 1944 - 1945

**BATTLE:** D-Day

**HONORED BY:** The Eisenhower Foundation

### **BIOGRAPHY**

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Jakeway jumped with the Army 82nd Airborne's 508th Parachute infantry into Normandy 15 minutes after midnight on June 6, 1944. Storms of flak rocketed through the sky around Jakeway as he parachuted down. He landed in a tree in a churchyard. It took him 10 days to reunite with his company, during which time he traveled with the British and another US company. Jakeway fought through Normandy for 37 days, until a sniper bullet struck him in the chest on Jan. 31 1945. He recovered in an English hospital and was sent home. "Courteous of The Columbus Dispatch"