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Washington DC – Medal of Honor recipient and East County San Diego resident John Finn died today at the age of 100. Finn received the Medal of Honor for actions during Pearl Harbor and was recognized as the oldest living recipient of our nation’s highest military honor.

“This is a sad day for our nation and the San Diego community,” said Congressman Hunter. “John was humble, never considering himself much of a hero but, to everyone else, he was part of a special class of American heroes who will forever be remembered for their service and sacrifice. His story will continue inspiring generations to come while also reminding us all about the contributions and sacrifices of America’s greatest generation.

“I am proud to have called John a friend and greatly appreciate the opportunity to have represented him in Congress.”

John Finn was stationed at Kaneohe Bay Naval Air Station during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Despite being severely wounded, he fired a .50-caliber machine gun from an exposed position for more than two hours.