



**OBJECT ID**

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**OBJECT NAME**

Overcoat

**OBJECT DESCRIPTION**

Military green overcoat worn by Stafford James Machas. He served as a Private First Class in the 7th Armored Division of the US Army. He served at the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944/45 when the Nazis surrendered. He received an honorable discharge in 2/14/1946 and returned home to finish high school and attend the Illinois Institute of Technology, using the GI Bill for his education. The coat is a thick wool overcoat with six brass buttons, three on each side. The buttons depict the Eagle with a victory torch and olive branch for peace. The patch on the left shoulder is the "2nd infantry division indianhead" patch, commemorating the division that created the patch in WW1. The patch on the right shoulder is the patch for the 7th armored division, which he was apart of. 19 in shoulders 25 in sleeves 49 in length total.

**CITATION**

Overcoat, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/26/24.