

102-Year-Old Radio Man Was At Crossroads Of World War II

Cliff Kayhart
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Cliff Kayhart has had a love affair with radio since he was a young boy.

He built his first radio in 1920 at the tender age of 9. And in 1937, he received his ham radio operator's card.

Today, at age 102, Kayhart remains active on the ham radio airwaves. His call sign is W4KKP.

The centenarian also remains physically active. He celebrated his 100th birthday two years ago by taking a ride in a "powered parachute."

Born Oct. 14, 1911, in Bloomingdale, N.J., Kayhart grew up not far across the Hudson River from New York City.

As World War II approached, Kayhart found himself working the night shift at Bendix Aviation, inspecting and testing aircraft instruments. However, his love



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Charles "Cliff" Kayhart, age 102, is shown seated in this photo with his Quilt of Valor. Daughter Pam Fyffe is seated with him, and daughter Susan Mallini stands at left. Standing at Susan Mallini's left are Cliff Kayhart's friends Peggy and Gordon Wigle, Dee Nelson and John Beagan.