

Ring belonging to WWII veteran KIA returned to family
(KMZA)--Seventy-eight years after he was killed in action during World War II, a gold ring worn by an airman from Centralia has been returned to his surviving family members.

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran presented the ring to the family of Sgt. Carol Eugene Domer during a ceremony Monday at the Nemaha County Veterans Memorial in Seneca.

Domer died at the age of 22 on January 1, 1943 after being trapped inside when the plane in which he was serving as a tail gunner was ditched in the South Pacific while returning from a bombing mission.

Moran and the Domer family have been working since 2003 to recover Sgt. Domer's remains and return them to his final resting place.

The ring was recovered in 2016. It could not initially be connected to Domer, but three years later a family photo taken in 1942 was discovered that showed Domer wearing the ring. On the basis of that photo, the U.S. Army determined the ring definitely belonged to Domer.

Moran also on Monday presented his family with the U.S. flag that was flown over the Capitol in Washington D.C last year to honor the 100th anniversary of Domer's birth.