Sun City resident's first book receives top honors

By Linda A. Thornton

Tom Mitchell was astonished to receive an email that his new book Word, Wars and Warriors: Sun at Normandy, Warsaw and Inchon has been named one of the first books to receive a 2021 National Book Award.

"It was a shock," he said, "but it was a great honor for me and my wife. This is the first book that I have written, and it was an opportunity to reflect on my experiences in World War II and to share them with others.

The book is a memoir of Mitchell's experiences in World War II, including his service in the United States Navy and his role in the invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. It also includes accounts of his experiences in the wars in Europe and Asia, as well as his later career as a teacher and writer.

Mitchell said he was inspired to write the book because of his desire to share his experiences with others and to help them understand the significance of World War II.

The National Book Awards are among the most prestigious literary awards in the United States, and they are given to authors whose work is deemed to be of exceptional merit. Mitchell said he was thrilled to receive this honor, and he said he was grateful to his family and friends for their support.

Mitchell plans to use the proceeds from the book to support his work as a teacher and writer, and he said he hopes to use his experiences to inspire others to pursue their dreams.

The book is available on Amazon and other online retailers.