



**Missouri State Society
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Revolution**

**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH
William G. "Bill" Adair**



One December Sunday in 1941, Bill Adair returned to his family home in Henry County from rabbit hunting to find his parents listening to the radio and reports of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Bill's life and those of millions of other men and women drastically changed on that December day.

Bill was accepted into the cadet program with the Army Air Corps and selected to fly fighters. After training at Mustang Field in Oklahoma, Strother Field in Kansas, and Foster Field in Texas, he graduated in February 1944. Given a 10-day leave, he headed for Oklahoma City where he married Mary Armstrong. Bill was selected to be an instructor in the AT-6 and spent the next 21 months training pilots. When the Army Air Force began closing down the flying schools, Bill was selected to go to the Pacific Theater and the 39th Fighter Squadron in Okinawa. Bill left the service in April 1946.

He received the following honors/citations:

- ◇ American Theater Service Medal
- ◇ Asiatic Pacific Service Medal with 4 Bronze Stars
- ◇ WWII Victory Medal

Bill returned to Henry County and the family farm. He is a respected farmer and rancher in the area. Bill was proudly nominated for Patriot of the Month by the Udolpho Dorman Chapter, Ann Park, Regent. His wife, Mary, is a loyal member of the chapter.



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