



**Missouri State Society
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PATRIOT OF THE MONTH: Charles Renner



Charles Renner joined the US Army in January, 1943, and received training at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. He joined the paratroopers there, and was sent to Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Camp McCall, North Carolina. He served at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, for three months before being sent overseas in August, 1944. He was serving in the Third Army under General Patton, with the 17th Airborne Engineers when he was shot down by a German sniper near the German-Luxembourg border.

After numerous surgeries during three years and eight months in several different hospitals, his leg was amputated at the hip. He eventually recovered, and was discharged from the service in August, 1948. It was impossible for Charles to wear a prosthesis, but he was able to use crutches and became an avid golfer, hunter, and fisherman. He was always very independent.

Charles received the Purple Heart and European Theater medal with two stars.

He married Anice Loyd in June, 1954. They have four children, ten grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He is a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church in Hannibal. He is active in Masons, Scottish Rite, and Kiwanis. He served as Missouri Veterans Service Officer, helping veterans and their dependents with benefits they were entitled to as members of the armed forces.

His niece, Victoria Gordon, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, proudly nominates her uncle, Charles Renner, for Patriot of the Month.



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