Missouri State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

Patriot of the Month, November 2006
John R. "Bud" Cox

Bud Cox entered the US Army in December 1945. He served in the 136th Infantry in the South Pacific in the Philippines, in Luzon, and in Japan, until September 1946. He received the Liberty Ribbon from the South Pacific and two Bronze Stars from Luzon.

Like many of the men and women who served during World War II, Bud Cox returned home, married, had children, worked hard, and did everything he could to make the area in which he resided, a better place to live. Bud married Bette Sue and they had four sons. Bud was owner and part owner of Wren Oldsmobile-Buick-GMC, Inc. in Fulton for 42 years.

Bud became involved with many civic organizations in his community. He is a Past President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Fulton Jaycees; a Past President of the Breakfast Optimist Club of Fulton; a Past President of the Kingdom of Callaway Supper; the Past Quarter Master and Commander of the VFW Post #2657 of Fulton, and a Past Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Fulton #105.

Bud is currently a member of the Masonic Lodge, AM-FM #48; a member of the Moolah Shrine of St. Louis; and a member of the Scottish Rite Temple of Columbia. He has served with Meals on Wheels for numerous years. He is currently working part time at Baumgartner's Furniture of Auxvasse.

Bud and Bette Sue have 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. They are members of the United Methodist Church of Fulton.

Dorothy Baumgartner nominated Bud for Patriot of the Month. She wrote that Bud has always been an ambitious man who is well respected by members of the community, and that the list of his services to the town of Fulton and Callaway County could go on and on.

Dorothy and the members of Charity Stille Langstaff Chapter proudly nominated John R. "Bud" Cox for Patriot of the Month.