



*Missouri State Society Daughters of the  
American Revolution*

Patriot of the Month; October 2008

**Don F. Magruder**

Don served in as a Private First Class in World War II; a member of the Army Company I, 303<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 97<sup>th</sup> Division. He served in Europe and also in Japan from July, 1943 to March 1946.

Don's Honors and Citations include:

- Bronze Star
- Good Conduct Medal

- American Defense Medal
- ETO Ribbon
- Asia-Pacific Ribbon
- Combat Infantry Badge
- Victory Ribbon

After his discharge, Don became a mail carrier for thirty-three years. He is a Shriner, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite and the AAD Grotto. He is a member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Don and his wife, Edna (a member of the Poplar Bluff Chapter), have six children between them and too many grandchildren and great grandchildren to count. Today Don works on historic preservation in his community by serving as a volunteer cleaning and preserving Butler County Records. He also has written a book about a settlement near Poplar Bluff, *"A History of the Cane Creek District Baptist Association of Southeast Missouri"*.