



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Patriot of the Month; January 2010 James Clellon Harris



The Missouri State Society NSDAR is pleased to honor James Clellon Harris as a Patriot of the Month for January 2010.

James graduated from Moberly High School in 1934 and began working for Southwestern Bell in 1937. He was drafted into the Army on May 17, 1945, and received basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, where he trained for the infantry. He then went to Ft. Riley, Kansas, and Ft. Meyer, Virginia, where he received training as a Military Policeman (MP).

He worked as an MP at the bus station and Walter Reed Military Hospital in Washington, D.C. After a brief period of time, he was moved to the ceremonial detachment as a MP, which was taking care of the funerals in Arlington Cemetery and consisted of serving on the honor guard, firing squad and being a casket

bearer. During his military service, James was checked by the FBI and received clearance to work as a MP at the White House, but was never called to do so. James continued with these duties until discharged at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, on July 20, 1946, as a PFC, and returned to Moberly and continued working for Southwestern Bell for a total of 40 years and retired on February 1980.

James was married to Ruth L. Beach of Armstrong, Missouri on August 9, 1941. They had two children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. After 48 plus years of marriage, Ruth passed on January 2, 1990. James then married Norris Walkup of Armstrong, Missouri on April 11, 1991.

James is a member of Carpenter Street Baptist Church and enjoys doing some trap shooting and fishing.

The Armstrong Chapter proudly nominated James Harris as Patriot of the Month.