



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
May 2013



William T. Minor

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William "Bill" Minor graduated from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College and served in the U. S. Army Air Corps from September 1942 until October 1945. He trained in various locations in the United States to fly and co-pilot the B-24 Bomber. He was based in England and flew five missions between November 1943 and January 5, 1944. On his fifth mission his plane was shot down near Kiel, Germany. He was taken captive by the Germans and spent the next year and a half in a POW Camp. In May 1945, the prisoners in the camp were liberated by the Russians.

Medals and citations Bill received include:

- ★ POW Medal
- ★ Air Medal
- ★ European Theater of Operations Medal with Bronze Star
- ★ Three Overseas Service Bars
- ★ WWII Victory Medal
- ★ National Defense Medal
- ★ Commendation Medal
- ★ Reserve Medal
- ★ Expert Aerial Medal
- ★ Unit Citations of 445th Bomb Group Eighth Air Force

Back in civilian life, Bill completed his master's degree in Industrial Education at Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. Bill began his teaching career at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State University), becoming an professor of electronics. While teaching, Bill was very involved with the U. S. Air Force Reserve, holding positions of Flight Commander, Flight Instructor, and Squadron Education, and Training Officer. He was promoted to Lt. Col., and during these years received two letters of commendation for excellent instruction.

Bill and Delores O'Conner Minor have been married nearly sixty-five years, and have four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They are members of the Catholic Church and the Adair County Historical Society. Besides many other activities and organizations, Bill has participated and he was a member of Phi Delta Kappa National Honor Society in Education, the Iowa State Industrial Education Honor Society, and Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology.

The members of the Ann Haynes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are pleased to honor William Minor as the MSSDAR Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude and thanks for his service to our country.