



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Patriot of the Month  
October 2013**



**Harry Parks Barber**

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Harry Barber joined the United States Air Force in August, 1942. He was trained as a gunner and assigned to the 448<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group, 8<sup>th</sup> Air force as a Staff Sergeant. He served on a B-24 stationed near London. He flew 13 missions, one on "D" Day. On June 29, 1944 his plane was hit near Berlin but went down in Holland. He and the crew were captured by the Germans and interrogated for several days. They were loaded into a cattle car and transported to Stalag Luft IV, a POW Camp of 10,000 prisoners. They were held captive for eleven months. Near the end of the war the Germans were afraid the Russians were coming so they evacuated thousands from the camp. They walked for about six days with only one meal consisting

of potatoes and bread per day. They slept on the ground in snow, sleet, and rain. They finally learned the war was over May 2, 1945.

Harry earned eight medals including two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

He is married to Judy Fewel Barber and they have two children, three grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

The Henry County Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is proud to nominate Harry Parks Barber as their Patriot of the Month, and thank him for his dedicated service to our country.