

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Alden G. Hacker

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Alden graduated from the University of Science and Technology with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering (with high grades) and immediately went into the Army as a second lieutenant. He entered the service on October 8, 1941, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He then trained for combat landing in the Pacific area where he served for another two years making combat landing on the hostile islands. His service jobs and duty locations included: platoon commander in Ukon Territory, operations officer en route to Hawaii, operations officer en route to Leytee, operations officer en route to Okinawa, occupations officer en route to Inchon, Korea, and Pusan, Korea. He served his country for four years and a half. He helped to build the Alcan Highway. While in the service, he came home on leave and married Eileen Smith. He was discharged at Jefferson Barracks on February 4, 1946. His service awards include: American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, one Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation with 2 Bronze Stars, 1 Bronze Star for Ryukyus Campaign, Bronze Invasion Arrowshead for Leyte.

After being discharged, he and Eileen took a long vacation and then settled into a small town in Indiana where he was employed. He immediately began his life long role of helping others by joining service organizations. A transfer to St. Louis made many new friendships possible, and he continued with his active presence in the Army Reserves and found innumerable ways to continue being a force of active participation in service to others (i.e. elder, deacon, trustee at church). He had a successful career: metallurgical engineer at McQuay-Norris Mfg. Corp., Manufacturing Manager, Vice President, McQuay-Norris, Board of Directors member, Director of Engineering for Caton Corp., General Manager of St. Louis Eaton Plant. He taught in the Command and General Staff School on his summer vacations. His service organization memberships: Military Order of World Wars, Chapter and District Region Commander, Retired Officers Association (MOAA), Boy Scouts District Commander, Director of Leadership Conference MOWW for ten years.

Upon retiring, he volunteered at the Missouri History Museum where he has served as a docent for thirty-two years. He has been married to Eileen for seventy-one years. He is proud of his daughter who is a journalist, brilliant granddaughter who is a college coordinator, and now a beautiful great granddaughter has arrived. He takes time to reflect on an active, useful life and takes joy with family and friends. He stays current on world events.

The members of the St. Louis-Jefferson Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Alden G. Hacker as Patriot of the Month and extend gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.