

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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Leonard A. Smith

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Mr. Leonard Smith served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a corporal from June 1949 until March 1952. His service jobs included rifleman and lineman, and his duty locations were Long Beach, California, South Korea, and North Korea. He was wounded in North Korea. His medals and awards/citations received include: Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon (Marine), Presidential Unit Citation (Marine), Marine Corps Good Conduct, National Defense Ribbon, Japanese Occupation Ribbon (Marine), Korean Campaign Ribbon with three stars, Korean Presidential Citation (with gold frame), United Nation Ribbon, and the Korean Service Ribbon.

After discharge, Leonard became a postal carrier for thirty-five years. He volunteered teaching for nineteen years and taught reading to first graders. He is married to Mary Joan Van Vickle Smith, who is currently the chaplain for the St. Joseph Chapter DAR. He is active in his grandchildren's lives, and he has twelve grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. At almost eighty-four years old, Mr. Smith feels that his priorities are family and church. He is an active member at the Baptist Church, in giving to mission work, and youth activities. He supports sports in St. Joseph and especially the baseball team, the Mustangs. He always buys season tickets. He designed and built his home and is very proud of this accomplishment.

The Daughters of the St. Joseph Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Leonard A. Smith as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.