

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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David Neal Gladhart

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I was born and raised on a farm in Brown County, Kansas. I walked to a one room school house for my elementary education and graduated from Robinson High School. The Korean Conflict was going on, and I enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1952. After completing boot camp in San Diego, California, I was stationed at the Alameda California Naval Air Station, where I received training in personnel and office management. I was assigned to the Alameda Fleet Air Commander's office to work with personnel. While there, I was later assigned to the Amphibious Aircraft Patrol Squadron 47, serving two months in Honolulu, Hawaii, and then to Atsugi Naval Air Station in Southern Japan. Our planes flew off the coast of Korea searching for Russian submarines. While in Japan I took leave to tour the shrines in Tokyo and Hiroshima, where the atomic bomb was dropped in 1945. I spent time on Midway and Wake Island, later returning to Alameda Naval Air Station. I was discharged in April 1956. During those four years I attained the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class (E-5) and was awarded the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. My time in the service was very beneficial, and I enjoyed interacting with fellow sailors and was gratified in performing my duties as a personnel man.

I returned home and began working in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office in Hiawatha, Kansas. In June of 1957 I married Marion Ruth Hazlett of Edna, Kansas, where Marion was the high school Home Economics teacher. In January of 1959 we moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where I became a student at Kansas City Business College, training to be a certified court reporter. Upon graduation I passed my Missouri Certification Test and went to work for a Free Lance Firm in Kansas City, Missouri.

In July of 1961 we came to Moberly, Missouri, where I accepted a job from Judge Samuel E. Simple to be the 14th Judicial Court Reporter for Randolph and Howard Counties. Upon his retirement I served Judge Channing D. Blaerer in this capacity until my retirement in 1997, after completing thirty-seven years of this service.

While in Moberly, I became a member of the Moberly Jaycees, the Moberly Lions Club; many years a member of the Missouri State Court Reporters Association, serving as president; long time member of my church, serving in various capacities; and Moberly Rotary Club, as president.

We have five children, nine grandchildren, and one great grandson.

One of my life's great experience, in November 2014, was going with 69 other veterans to Washington, D.C., on the Honor Flight from Columbia, Missouri.

- David Neal Gladhart

The Daughters of the Margaret Miller Chapter DAR are proud to nominate David Neal Gladhart as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.