

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



Patriot of the Month

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David Nolting

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David Nolting entered the U.S. Navy at the age of twenty-one. He served from October 1, 1942, until January 26, 1946. He was sworn into service at the Federal Building in St. Louis, Missouri. He went to St. Petersburg, Florida, for amphibious training. His rank was Motor Machinist's Mate, Second Class, *MoMM2c*. David left no sweetheart behind. He said, "At that time, many girls wanted to marry servicemen in order to receive \$10,000.00, if the men did not return."

David served in the Pacific on a dry goods ship which provided clothing, food, and provisions to the fleets. Because the ship he was assigned to failed the knot speed test, meaning it only traveled at 13 knots, instead of the required 17 knots, the ship was used to provide provisions to the fleets. The ship was typically two weeks in travel time behind the fleet. The dry goods ship would travel to California for resupplying and then return to the fleet for dispensing of supplies. David was the first in port, because he was the anchorman on the ship. And he was the last man out, because he also served as the steering engine man. He also served in Tokyo on the battleship USS Missouri for two weeks after the armistice was signed.

After his service, David worked as a mechanic with industrial lift trucks. He is a member of the Lutheran church and contributes a lot to the church community. He has been married to his wife, Norma, for fifty-two years.

The Daughters of the Valley of the Meramec Chapter DAR are proud to nominate David Nolting as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.