

# *Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution*



## **Patriot of the Month**

April 2016



*Edwin M. Newcomb*

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Westport Chapter



Ed Newcomb enlisted on October 1944 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to serve our nation during WWII. His basic training was at Camp Robinson in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was then deployed to Oahu, Hawaii, and shipped out to Okinawa, Japan, as a replacement for the 7th Division 32 Infantry Company E. He was a rifleman and 60MM mortar man. Ed fought on the front lines on Okinawa, one of the bloodiest battles during the Pacific Campaign.

Ed received the Bronze Medal for Combat and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged at Fort Sheridan, outside of Chicago, Illinois, on November 1946.

After World War II, Ed attended Kansas City Junior College for two years. His junior and senior years, he attended the University of Kansas and then attended the Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City. Upon graduation he began his own practice for forty-three years, treating many of the athletes on the Kansas City sport teams. In addition, Dr. Ed taught at the Cleveland Chiropractic College for twenty-three years.

Dr. Ed is a member of the American Legion. He is retired, plays golf, loves music, and likes to read. He has three daughters, four grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. His wife, Marteena, and his son are deceased.

Mary Lynn Mars Tolle, MSSDAR Honorary State Regent and past Vice President General, is proud to nominate Ed, stating, "Dr. Ed, as he is known in our area, is a true patriot. Ed retired and moved to my community where I met him as my neighbor. After his wife passed away the ladies in the neighborhood adopted Ed, and he calls us his 'harem.' Before Ed moved from our community, I had the honor of being his guardian on the Heartland Honor Flight in May 2014. He still talks about the Honor Flight. It was a fantastic day. On behalf of the Westport Chapter and myself, it is an honor and privilege to nominate Edwin M. Newcomb for the MSSDAR Patriot the Month. We extend our gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation."