

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



**Patriot of the Month  
November 2016**



## **Jack Sandwith United States Army**

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Jack Sandwith grew up in Southeast Kansas. He entered the United States Army in December of 1943 at Camp McCune, Mississippi. He trained in Fort Pierce, Florida and Fort Pickett, Virginia. He was shipped out from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey to England. The 149<sup>th</sup> Engineers, Jack's group, were quartered in homes in Peyton, England. They prepared for D-Day, with a map, memorizing specific locations. He was shipped to Europe on D-Day and was on an amphibious boat that was to go in first and clear the beach, but, due to heavy fog, they landed at the wrong location.

Jack fought with the 89<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division as a 30 caliber machine gunner in the Normandy Landings, Rhineland, Northern France, Central Europe, and the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded twice and received many medals, including the Purple Heart Medal, Victory Medal, Freedom of France Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged after recovering from his wounds in Kennedy Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

After the war, Jack worked on a Dredge Boat all over the world, even the North Pole. He married Laura from North Dakota and they had five children. Laura is now deceased.

Jack has traveled on the Honor Flight to Washington DC and to several reunions at Omaha Beach. He attended the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary when President Obama spoke.

Arrow Rock Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Jack Sandwith as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude and appreciation for his patriotic service and dedication to our great nation.