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Patriot of the Month

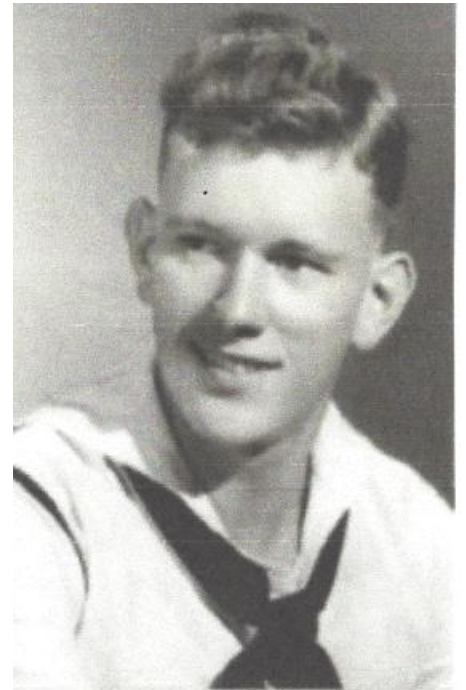
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Rex Dunwoody

United States Navy

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Rex graduated in 1945 from high school. He enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1946, and went to boot camp at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, California. He was then assigned to the *USS Landing Ship Tank 933 (USS LST-933)* and went to Charleston, South Carolina for the decommissioning of the ship. Then, he was assigned to the *USS Tarawa (CV-40)* going all over the South Pacific to China, Japan, Hawaii, Saipan and Guam before returning to San Diego. The ship and crew were then ordered out to sea to train a group of pilots for landing and taking off on the aircraft carrier. Every two weeks, they would train a new group of pilots in landing and taking off the ship with this mission lasting for three months and at the end of the three months the ship returned to the Naval Training Center in San Diego.

While on the *USS Tarawa*, Rex witnessed some horrible accidents involving the planes taking off and landing on the ship. After returning to San Diego, Rex was honorably discharged in November 1947, with the rank of Seaman First Class. He received the American World War II Victory Medal.

Rex returned to Missouri after being discharged from the Navy and farmed with his Dad. He married Rosemary and they had five children, eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Rosemary has passed away.

Rex worked for a gas service company and then a pipeline company for over 30 years and is now retired. In 1952, he bought a 160 acre farm. He farmed the land until he sold the farm. He is a member of the St. Pius X Catholic Church and is a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Armstrong Daughters extend their gratitude and thanks and are proud to honor and recognize Rex Dunwoody as Patriot of the Month for his service to our great country.