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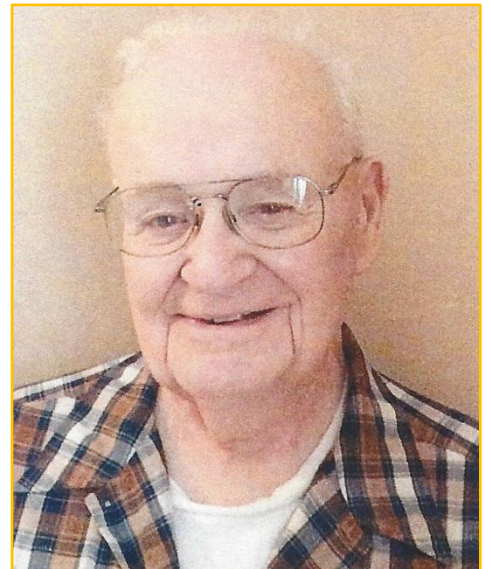
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Donald Hull

United States Army

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Donald graduated from high school in 1943, and was then drafted into the United States Army. During his 16 weeks of basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, Donald was trained in mechanics. He was then transferred to California for nine weeks prior to his transfer to the Hawaiian Islands, Saipan, Okinawa, and Korea. He was on the way to attack Japan when the Atomic Bomb was dropped. In Okinawa Donald received artillery training.

Donald was in Korea when he was told he would be returning to the United States to be discharged. After docking in Seattle, Washington, he was sent to a base north of Chicago, Illinois where he was discharged in August, 1945. After his discharge, he returned to his home via bus, where he was met by his mother and sister.

Donald received the Good Conduct Medal, Okinawa Combat Medal among other medals that he does not remember which ones he received or that he does not have.

Donald recalls a few experiences while serving his country. One being on the way to Okinawa, one time while he was shaving he saw the mirror vibrate and could also feel vibration in his feet. He finally heard that the destroyers traveling alongside their ship for protection had sighted some Japanese submarines in the area and the ship was dropping depth charges. The other time he remembers is while spending time on Okinawa on their way to Japan where he had artillery training. He and four other men were sent to the front line. Two men on the front lined had been killed and two

of their men were to take their places. They were told that they would only be there four hours; however, they were there all night and well after the sunrise the next morning. There was a lot of fighting and gun fire at this time. He also encountered a typhoon while living in a tent on Okinawa.

After returning home to the family farm, Donald helped his father farm for two years and then decided farm life was not for him. He purchased a semi-truck and worked at over the road trucking for 42 years, hauling lumber and building supplies all over the United States.

Donald is a member of the American Legion and presently resides in a Veterans Home. He enjoys the good care and fellowship with other veterans and staff.

Donald was married for many years prior to his divorce and he never married again. He has two daughters and two sons.

Missouris Shoal Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Donald Hull as Patriot of the Month for his patriotic service and dedication to our great nation.